

## Saskatchewan Municipal Awards Luncheon - May 11<sup>th</sup>

Save the date and plan to attend the 6<sup>th</sup> annual awards luncheon to see what municipalities around the province are accomplishing.

The Selection Committee has met, reviewed each unique nomination, and made their selections. This year's independent selection committee consists of: Senator Pamela Wallin; Bob Linner (former City Manager, City of Regina); Murray Mandryk (Political Columnist, Regina Leader Post); Holly Hetherington (Senior Partner, Executive Source); and Jim Angus (Administrator, RM of Harris No. 316).

Tickets for the luncheon are \$25.00 each and are available from [awards@municipalawards.ca](mailto:awards@municipalawards.ca) or 306-525-4398.

## 2012 UMAAS Local Government Election Workshop

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs (Advisory Services) in cooperation with the Urban Municipal Administrators' Association of Saskatchewan (UMAAS) has scheduled a series of workshops dealing with the upcoming local government general election.

Registration deadline prior to April 30, 2012. Full details [here](#).

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### Quote of the Week:

"A creative man is motivated by the desire to achieve, not by the desire to beat others."

Ayn Rand

### SUMA Classifieds POSITIONS AVAILABLE

*[Town of Shellbrook: Administrator \(May 7\)](#)*

# SUMAdvantage Partner

## Connect Energy's Annual Offer

Connect Energy, a SUMAdvantage partner has sent out their annual offering to SUMA members detailing three competitive ways to take advantage of today's low market prices to manage your future natural gas costs:

1. Secure a 1-year fixed price until the fall of 2013 that is lower than SaskEnergy's recently reduced rate and is more than 20% lower than what you paid this past winter.
2. Opt for Connect Energy's Wholesale Flex Plan that uses the actual wholesale spot price for natural gas to determine the amount you pay for the natural gas you consume. There is no long term commitment and the cost savings on this option have averaged 15% over SaskEnergy's rate over the last 3 years.
3. Lock-in a guaranteed rate for the next 5 years at a rate that is 16% lower than SaskEnergy's average price over the past 5 years.

With Connect Energy you can choose the rate plan that makes sense for your municipality.

Connect Energy is locally-owned and dedicated to serving municipal, commercial, institutional, and industrial natural gas users right here at home in Saskatchewan. Their team has 50+ years of combined energy experience in the province and is looking forward to the opportunity of putting that expertise to work for your Municipality. Call E.J. Babey, Marketing Manager 306.979.0493.

More information on this program [here](#).

## Win Two Tickets to the 2013 Convention Banquet!

We are looking for a dynamic convention theme for the 2013 SUMA Convention. Below is a list of hot topics for the upcoming year that may assist you in coming up with a theme suggestion:

- Municipal Elections
- Local Capacity

Village of Sedley: Public Works Foreman (When Filled)

Town of Wadena: PW1 Position (April 22)

Town of Kerrobert: Assistant Administrator (May 15)

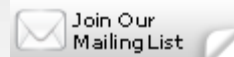
Village of Riverhurst: Notice of Tender (May 4)

Town of Churchbridge: Public Works Foreman (When Filled)

City of Melville: Water Treatment Plant Operator (When Filled)

Town of Shellbrook: Town Administrator (May 7)

For more details on any of these ads, visit the [SUMA Classifieds](#) under the [Urban Marketplace](#) tab.



### About Us

We'd like to thank you for reading the Urban Update this week and we welcome your comments.

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### Did You Know...

- Infrastructure
- Growth
- Property Revaluations
- Municipal Operating Grant
- Environment

Everyone who submits a theme suggestion will have their name put into a draw for two tickets to the President's Banquet.

Please submit theme suggestions to: [mwasyluniuk@suma.org](mailto:mwasyluniuk@suma.org)

The Royal Saskatchewan Museum (RSM) has identified a new species of prehistoric birds, based on fossils discovered in Grasslands National Park in southwest Saskatchewan.

Saskatchewan's economy continues to show its underlying strength as the number of people receiving Employment Insurance (EI) decreased to 9,610, a 13.7 per cent drop, in February 2012 compared to the same month in 2011.

The Saskatchewan Transportation Company (STC) released its 2011 Annual Report highlighted by an increase in ridership of more than 7.0 per cent, or almost 20,000 riders when compared to the previous year.

## Process for review of 2012 Census Population and Dwelling Counts

On February 8, 2012 Statistics Canada released the 2011 census population and dwelling counts. If your council is concerned the data being provided by Statistics Canada is incorrect, a formal review can be requested. The deadline to submit a request for a formal review is December 31, 2012.

Information on the Statistics Canada policy regarding the review process, required information and contact for the regional Statistics Canada census representative office can be found at: [www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/2011/ref/requests-demands-eng.cfm](http://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/2011/ref/requests-demands-eng.cfm)

If your community is requesting a formal review, SUMA would appreciate being notified of your request, accompanied with a brief description of your concerns with the data.

You can send this information to Sean McEachern via e-mail at [smeachern@suma.org](mailto:smeachern@suma.org).

## Municipal World Offer

Municipal World Magazine brings you the latest information, news, views, and trends in local government. The price offered exclusively to SUMA members is \$31.99 plus GST for a 12 month subscription. If you would like to take advantage of this offer print and fill out the form found [here](#) and return to SUMA by Wednesday May 2, 2012 via fax at 306-525-

4373, scan and email to [mwasylyniuk@suma.org](mailto:mwasylyniuk@suma.org) or mail to  
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