

June Board Meeting

The SUMA Board of Directors met June 22 and 23 in Regina. Highlights from the meeting include:

- The theme for Convention 2013 will be Dynamic Communities, Dynamic Leaders.
- SUMA staff will work with SARM on member concerns about annexation.
- Plans for a Health Care forum focusing on doctor recruitment and access to health care.

More details are available on [the SUMA website](#).

MCDP Inter-municipal Conference Save the Date!

MCDP will be hosting Saskatchewan's first inter-municipal conference on November 28 and 29, 2012 at the Ramada Hotel and Convention Centre in Regina. The conference will bring rural and urban municipal councils and administrators together to discuss shared challenges and build regional solutions on:

- regional planning;
- economic development;
- housing;
- water and waste water infrastructure; and
- solid waste.

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Quote of the Week:

What you do today is important because you are giving a day of your life for it.

Author Unknown

SUMA Classifieds

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Town of Neepawa, MB: Chief

Your municipality should attend if you would like to:

- build capacity for a sustainable future;
- collaborate to solve common issues;
- learn about regional opportunities for shared solutions;
- develop a tool kit to begin inter-municipal cooperation; and
- share experiences with other Saskatchewan municipalities.

Conference details and agenda are coming soon to the [event website](#).
Early bird registration will start at the beginning of August.

We Want to Hear From You

The federal government's recent budget reductions mean the end of the Joint Emergency Preparedness Program (JEPP) and the Canadian Emergency Management College (CEMC). Funding for these programs will no longer be available as of January 1, 2013.

These programs provided critical funding for emergency response infrastructure and training to urban governments in Saskatchewan. SUMA will communicate our concerns about this decision to the federal government.

If your municipality has ever received funding from JEPP or took part in any CEMC training programs, SUMA would like to hear from you. Please email smceachern@suma.org with the following information:

- What year(s) you received funding or took part in CEMC training.
- How much funding you received from JEPP or what training you took at the CEMC.
- The project or event funded by JEPP (for example, a command centre vehicle).

Your information will be useful in developing a clear understanding of the impact this decision will have on emergency response capacity in this province.

Nominations Now Open

Scoop Lewry was a long-serving mayor of Moose Jaw who dedicated his career to improving his community with a kind and humanitarian spirit. If you know an individual that exudes this type of character, nominate them for a **Scoop Lewry**

Administrative Officer

(Until Filled)

City of Melville: City Manager (July 6)

Town of LeRoy: Town Foreman and Assistant Foreman (July 16)

FOR SALE

High-dump Sweeper for Sale (Until Sold)

Garbage Truck and Grader for Sale by Tender (July 9)

For more details on these ads, visit the SUMA Classifieds under the Urban Marketplace tab.

Bridge Funding Program Accepting New Applicants

The 2012 Municipal Recycling Bridge Funding Program will be accepting new applicants until July 31, 2012.

SUMA is one of three organizations helping the Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment administer this program. (The other organizations are the Saskatchewan Association of Rehabilitation Centres and the Association of Regional Waste Management

Award in recognition of outstanding service in municipal government or administration, on a local, provincial, and national basis. Those eligible for nomination are elected officials, administrators, SUMA officials, and personnel in Municipal Affairs, First Nations, and Métis Relations.

Nominations are now open! Download the Scoop Lewry Award nomination form [here](#).

**Please note this form has been revised from prior years to include more detailed questions about the nominee's municipal involvement. SUMA now requires that the nomination be approved by resolution at council to ensure all members of council are aware of the nomination.

The deadline for nominations is **September 19, 2012**. Please send completed nomination forms, biographies, and photos to suma@suma.org. Award recipients will be honoured at the President's Banquet held in conjunction with the Annual SUMA Convention February 3-6, 2013 in Saskatoon.

Questions? Please call 306-525-4398 or email mwasyluniuk@suma.org.

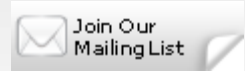
2012 National Infrastructure Summit

The 2012 National Infrastructure Summit, set to take place September 10-12, hosted by the City of Regina, is quickly approaching. The Summit will feature a continuation of the five themes from the first Summit but will focus on practical, innovative, global approaches to infrastructure solutions, rather than the theoretical approaches in 2011. The 2012 Summit will also offer the opportunity to lead by example, with two urban renewal competitions entitled "Morph My City" and provide delegates with an Invitational Innovative Showcase. For further details on Summit themes, to view the agenda, guest speakers and to register, visit the [2012 Summit website](#).

Safely Dispose of Septic Waste

Authorities of Saskatchewan.)
SUMA administers funding to independent municipal recyclers.

Information about the program and forms are available on the [Municipal Recycling Bridge Funding Program website](#).



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...

The northern end of Last Mountain Lake was set aside by the federal government as **North America's first bird sanctuary** in 1887.

Now administered as Last Mountain Lake National Wildlife Area, the sanctuary is a haven for more than 280 species of birds that enjoy its shallow wetlands, grasslands, and trees. During fall migration, the lake is used as a staging area for thousands of sandhill cranes, Canada geese and snow geese on their journey south. Endangered whooping cranes also stop here during their migration.

When liquid domestic (septic) waste is not disposed of properly, it can damage the environment and pose health and safety issues for residents. All Saskatchewan sewage haulers must hold a Ministry of Environment permit and use appropriate disposal methods.

It is illegal to dump septic waste in places where it will impact surface water or ground water. Improper disposal causes damage to environmental quality and poses health and safety issues for people, pets and livestock.

The Ministry of Environment has proposed new rules to manage septic haulers, which will require haulers to develop disposal management plans and safe land-spraying sites. In some instances, haulers will be required to take the waste to approved facilities operated by urban governments.

For more information about hauling and proper disposal of septic waste, or what to do if you see illegal dumping, see [this septic waste disposal fact sheet](#) on the Ministry of Environment's website. More information on the waste management section of draft Environmental Code is available [here](#).