

Award Nomination Deadline Approaching

The nomination deadline for the Meritorious Service, Honorary Membership, and Scoop Lewry is coming up quick on September 19, 2012!

Do you have long serving and dedicated municipal employees and elected officials that deserve to be recognized for their outstanding service in the municipal field? Give credit where credit is due by nominating these individuals for awards.

Information and nomination forms are available on [the SUMA website](#). 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 from February 3-6, 2013 in Saskatoon.

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

What's on the Agenda for MCDP Inter-municipal Conference?

The [agenda](#) is now available for the MCDP Inter-municipal Conference November 28-29, 2012 in Regina.

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Quote of the Week:

**One new perception,
one fresh thought,
one act of surrender,
one change of heart,
one leap of faith,
can change your life forever.**

Robert Holden

SUMA Classifieds

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Town of Kindersley: Director of Finances and Business Planning (September 10)

Town of Gull Lake: Skating Rink Caretaker (September 21)

Town of Kamsack: Public Service Workers (September 21)

Village of Riverhurst: Village Maintenance/Public Works Employee (October 4)

Town of Eston: Chief Administrative Officer (October 5)

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

The conference will feature keynote presentations on regional planning, and breakout sessions covering housing, economic development, water and wastewater infrastructure, and solid waste infrastructure. Municipalities will also have the chance to talk with their neighbours about local issues during regional discussion sessions held at the end of each day.

The first day of the conference will focus on figuring out the challenges for municipalities in the four areas. The second day will focus on proactive discussion to achieve regional solutions and best practices.

The conference is almost a third full already, so [register today!](#)

If you are not from a municipality but wish to attend, please contact Tanya Doucette at tdoucette@sarm.ca or 306-761-3735.

Strengthen Local Government Leadership This Fall

The [fall sessions](#) of the Municipal Leadership Development Program (MLDP) are now open for registrations. The MLDP is a series of six modules, or workshops, that target specific issues of importance to northern, rural and urban municipalities. Mayors, reeves, councillors and municipal staff can all benefit from the program.

On top of the 10 sessions offered in November, the Municipal Leaders Roles and Responsibilities module will be held the Sunday before the SUMA convention in Saskatoon. Registration information for the Sunday, February 3, 2013 session will be available later this fall.

SUMA: Your Source for Election Supplies

The SUMA Election Supply program provides a one-stop shop.

Do You Know a Deserving Volunteer?

Saskatchewan has the highest rate of individual volunteerism in Canada; do you know a volunteer that deserves a medal for their commitment to volunteering?

The Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal is one way to recognize appreciation of volunteers. You can nominate someone you consider deserving of the medal until October 18. Posthumous nominations, however, are not accepted.

We provide the assurance that supplies will be up to date and a staff member available to answer questions, or refer you to the appropriate contacts at the Ministry of Government Relations.

SUMA offers:

- ballots - white and coloured;
- forms;
- cardboard ballot boxes;
- template for blind voters;
- pencils;
- cardboard polling stations;
- metal seals; and
- paper seals.

Discounts are offered on ballot boxes and polling booths for quantities over 50. Inquire to the SUMA office for pricing.

Order forms are available on the SUMA website. Contact Tania Meier if you have any questions: 306-525-4379 or tmeier@suma.org.

Grand Coulee Hosting Sewage Treatment Demo

A new sewage treatment clarifier is having a demonstration in Grand Coulee until October 1. Individuals or groups are welcome to visit the site for the next three weeks.

For more information, or to book a time to visit, contact Leroy Starkes at 306-550-7987 or lstarkes@cwcti.ca.

More information, including the nomination form, is available [here](#).



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...

Sylvite (potash) is Saskatchewan's official mineral.

The large deposits of sylvite found in Saskatchewan came from the evaporation of a Devonian seaway.