

Urban Update



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Urban Update Schedule Change

Our regular publishing schedule would see the next issue of Urban Update arrive in your inbox on Monday, December 31. We don't want you to think you're missing anything, so please note: that issue will arrive on January 7 instead.

In the spirit of holiday indulgence, we have a jam-packed issue this week, so we hope it will hold you over until the new year!

Convention 2013 Roundup!

Registration Deadline

The early-bird registration deadline for Convention 2013 is this Friday, December 21. Registration forms for [Convention](#) and the [Partners' Program](#) are available on the website.

Sunday Night Social Event

Tickets for the Fire & Ice event are available for \$35 - and you have to purchase them in advance, as they won't be sold on site. Get your tickets today to see fire dancing, hear live music from Kirby Criddle, watch close-up illusions from a strolling magician, and see the wares from Saskatchewan vendors like Golden Prairie Wild Boar, Quirks & Twists Jewelry, and LB Distillers.

When you arrive, you will receive an ice cube. Once it melts, you could be the lucky winner of a trip to the destination of

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Quote of the Week:

Patience and time do more than strength or passion.

Jean de La Fontaine

SUMA Classifieds

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

[Town of Eston: Public Works Superintendent \(December 21\)](#)

your choice.

President's Banquet

On Tuesday night, enjoy a night of celebration to acknowledge the dedication of long-serving elected officials and municipal employees. Then stick around to hear comedian Kelly Taylor. Originally from Prince Albert, Kelly has performed across Canada and overseas, and placed second in the *Just for Laughs Homegrown Competition*.

Have a Question? Ask an Expert!

We are still taking questions for the specialists at Sunday's Ask an Expert panel. Give them a chance to research and prepare for your question by submitting it in advance to cchung@suma.org.

[Town of Eston: Water Treatment Plant Operator \(December 21\)](#)

FOR SALE

[Used Speed Bumps \(When sold\)](#)

[Folder/Stuffer \(When sold\)](#)

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

Saskatchewan Municipal Awards Making Changes

Normally at this time of year we are reminding our members to apply for the Saskatchewan Municipal Awards. This year, however, we are excited to tell you that the Awards are undergoing some changes. Beginning this fall, awards recognizing municipal excellence and innovation will be presented at the SARM midterm convention and SUMA annual convention instead of a luncheon in the spring.

More details will be available later in 2013. In the meantime, take this opportunity to think about what kind of initiatives your urban government is involved with that might make good submissions. For more information about the Saskatchewan Municipal Awards contact awards@municipalawards.ca.

Funding to Celebrate Canada

Funding is available for activities delivered from June 21 until July 1, 2013, celebrating National Aboriginal Day, Saint-Jean-Baptiste Day, Canadian Multiculturalism Day, and Canada Day.

Though the final deadline is Tuesday, January 15, 2013, the department encourages you to send your request as soon as

Winter 2013 MLDP Modules

The Municipal Leadership Development Program (MLDP) is accepting registrations for the winter 2013 modules. All the modules are scheduled for Saskatoon, with five happening Saturday, February 2 - the day before Convention 2013 begins.

Winter modules tend to fill up quickly, so if you'd like to attend, send in your [registration form](#) as soon as you can! Full information about dates and locations for the sessions are available on the [MLDP website](#).



About Us

Premium Pricing on Pins



SUMAdvantage partner Laurie Artiss is offering new, even lower pricing on pins for SUMA members. Laurie Artiss is a long-standing SUMAdvantage partner, and has been designing and producing custom lapel pins for more than 30 years. The [new price list](#) is available on our website.

Keeping Up With saskdocs

Fresh off the presses - saskdocs just released its [latest newsletter](#). Check it out to see what's happening with physician recruitment and retention across Saskatchewan.

this week and we welcome your comments.

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Did You Know...

Eastend Saskatchewan - the *southwest* Saskatchewan town home to Scotty the T. Rex - is so named because it's at the east end of the Cypress Hills.