

Urban Update



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SUMA Executive Elections

The positions of SUMA President, Vice-President of Towns and Vice-President of Villages, Resort Villages and Northern Municipalities are up for election at Convention 2013. If you are interested in seeking a position, visit the [Convention 2013 page](#) on the SUMA website for information on the nomination eligibility and deadlines, and the election rules and procedures.

Resolution Packages

Watch the mail for the resolution package for your council; we put them in the mail to administrators two weeks ago. If you haven't received one, [email Sean McEachern](#). It is also available [on the website](#).

Ministry of Environment Changes

The Water Security Agency was formed late last year, which led to some shuffling at the Ministry of Environment. Staff from the former Municipal Branch involved in the Municipal Waterworks and Sewage Works regulatory programs moved over to the new agency.

The Landfill and Waste Stewardship/Recycling programs, previously part of the Municipal Branch have now

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Quote of the Week:

A thousand words will not leave so deep an impression as one deed.

Henrik Ibsen

SUMA Classifieds

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

[Town of Foam Lake: Director of Leisure Services \(January 21\)](#)

[Town of Marshall: Chief](#)

been moved over and amalgamated with the industrial Branch to form what is now the Environmental Protection Branch. [This updated branch description](#) includes a breakdown of the various sections, office locations and staff contact information. If you have any further questions, you can contact Wes Kotyk (Executive Director, Environmental Protection Branch) at 306-933-6542 or Wes.Kotyk@gov.sk.ca.

[Administrative Officer \(January 31\)](#)

[Town of Oxbow: Chief Administrative Officer \(Until Filled\)](#)

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

Changes to Occupational Health Officers' Authority

The Government of Saskatchewan has released new legislative amendments to *The Summary Offences Procedure Regulations* which authorize Occupational Health Officers to issue tickets for non-compliance with *The Occupational Health and Safety Act, 1993* or *The Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, 1996*.

The intention is to use summary offence ticketing as a deterrent to employers and employees not following occupational health and safety laws in Saskatchewan workplaces and to keep workers in the province healthy and safe. Voluntary payment amounts range from \$250 to \$1,000.

The Regulations will come into effect on January 1, 2013. However, the Government has advised that Officers will not begin issuing tickets until July 1, 2013, after a six-month grace period. Officers will continue to prosecute violations of occupational health and safety legislation during the grace period.

A copy of *The Summary Offences Procedure Amendment Regulations, 2012* can be found at page 804 of the [November 9, 2012 Saskatchewan Gazette](#).



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Memberships Due

Now that the calendar has moved to 2013, administrators may need to renew their membership with the Urban Municipal Administrators Association of Saskatchewan. The [application/registration form](#) is available on their 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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Upcoming Grant Deadlines

Several grants [listed on our website](#) have deadlines coming up quickly. Check them out to see if your community qualifies

Did You Know...

The Kenaston Chamber of Commerce began calling the village the Blizzard Capital of Saskatchewan after a

for a little financial help.

[Celebrate Canada Program](#) (January 15)

[Heritage Conservation Grant](#) (January 15)

[Heritage Promotion and Education Grant](#) (January 15)

[Heritage Publications Grant](#) (January 15)

[Heritage Research Grant](#) (January 15)

[Heritage Special Projects Grant](#) (January 15)

[Summit Action Fund](#) (January 15)

[Building Communities through Arts and Heritage](#) (January 30)

[Community Grant Program \(CIF\)](#) (February 1)

[Municipal Cultural Engagement & Planning](#) (February 15)

1978 blizzard that storm-stayed more than 100 people. They eventually built a 5.5 m fiberglass snowman on the west end of the village to commemorate the title.