

Urban Update



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SUMA Executive Elections Upcoming Deadline

It's once again time for Executive Elections at Convention. The deadline for nominations for the position of SUMA President is this **Sunday, January 20 at 11:45 a.m.** Candidates for Vice-President of Towns and Vice-President of Villages, Resort Villages and Northern Municipalities have until 9:00 a.m. on Monday, February 4 to submit their nomination form.

If you are interested in seeking a position, visit the [Executive Elections 2013 page](#) on the SUMA website for information on the nomination eligibility and deadlines, and the election rules and procedures. When they are available, platform documents for the candidates will also be posted.

Review Resolutions

The resolution packages went out several weeks ago. Be sure to review them with your council before Convention. If you haven't received your package, [email Sean McEachern](#). It is also available [on the website](#).

MLDP Modules

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Quote of the Week:

Be like a postage stamp. Stick to one thing until you get there.

Josh Billings

SUMA Classifieds

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

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](#).

Newly Elected Workshop 2013

Registration deadline for the Newly Elected Workshop (also known as the Municipal Leaders' Roles and Responsibilities module) is **Wednesday, January 16**. This half-day workshop is offered on Sunday, February 3 at TCU Place. The agenda and registration form are [available on our website](#).

First Time at Convention?

SUMA is offering a Newcomers' Orientation session at Convention 2013. The session will be on Sunday, February 3 at 4:20 p.m., in Centennial Hall B. You will get an overview of how Convention works, what's on the agenda, and how to get the most out of your three days. We've also created a first timers' guide, which you can read [on our website](#).

Have a Question? Ask an Expert!

What are the differences between a subdivision and infill? What do municipal governments consider an asset? What do MRMR, MA and TAPD mean for my council?

Do you have these kinds of questions? SUMA is bringing a panel of specialists to Convention 2013. To help them answer your questions, please [email them in advance to Che-Wei Chung](#).

Town of Foam Lake: Director of Leisure Services (January 21)

Town of Marshall: Chief Administrative Officer (January 31)

Town of Pilot Butte: Municipal Planner (January 31)

Town of Oxbow: Chief Administrative Officer (Until Filled)

Village of Fillmore: Administrator (Until Filled)

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



Save on Shipping

SUMAdvantage
Your first call for savings

"In using SUMAdvantage's bulk shipping labels, the City of Humboldt will realize a significant savings on our common shipping costs, some as high as 60 per cent, while reducing our staff time involved in purchasing the required labels." Steve Brown, Director of Finance - City of Humboldt

In partnership with Canada Post SUMA provides pre-paid Xpresspost (1-3 days) or Priority Post (next day)

Bridge Funding Deadline

The deadline to submit your information for the second payment of the 2012 Municipal Recycling Bridge Funding Program is **February 18, 2013**. Participants must submit their Receipt Submission Form and tonnage receipts for the months of July 2012 to December 2012 in order to receive reimbursement. Please see [the website](#) for more information, and the [Receipt Submission Form](#).

Failure to submit required documentation by the deadline will result in delayed payment. SUMA reserves the right to withhold payments until all necessary documentation is received.

Please contact recycle@suma.org if you have questions about the program.

shipping labels that can be used to ship water samples or any other items you need to ship. They also come in two weights: up to 1.36 kg and up to 5 kg.

Purchasing through the program saves you 30-44 per cent off regular price. In 2012 if you purchased a 1.36 kg Xpresspost label at your local Canada Post outlet you would have paid \$12.43 plus the fuel surcharge (which varies throughout the year but let's say 12.75 per cent). The label costs you \$14.01. Through SUMA you could have purchased that same label at \$9.54.

SUMA buys the labels in bulk throughout the year so the price varies depending on what the fuel surcharge is at the time the labels are ordered. Each year Canada Post increases their pricing in January so labels are purchased before the price increase which allows even greater savings.

Look into your current shipping practices and see if purchasing Canada Post shipping labels through SUMAdvantage saves your municipality money as it did for the City of Humboldt.

Order forms are [available on our website](#).

Gas Tax Calculator

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) has created a [Gas Tax Fund Calculator](#) to show how federal funding has helped communities across Canada. The calculator is part of FCM's campaign for renewed federal funding for municipal infrastructure.

FCM is asking for everyone's help leading up to the 2013 federal budget; we encourage you to try out the Gas Tax Fund Calculator, and share the results with the elected officials for your area in all orders of government. All you have to do is type the name of your municipality, and it will show you how much the Gas Tax Fund has spent in your community, and which projects it financed.

Try out the calculator today, then tell [your MLA](#) and [your MP](#) what a difference funding has made for your community.

Sustainable Communities Conference and Trade Show

Discover how your community can deal with the waste challenge at FCM's 2013 [Sustainable Communities Conference and Trade Show](#) February 13 - 15 in Windsor, ON. [Register today!](#)

The deadline to reserve hotel rooms is **January 14**. Availability or special rates cannot be guaranteed after the deadline.

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...

Wollaston Lake is the largest lake in the world to drain naturally into two different oceans.