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Convention Reminders

108th Annual SUMA Convention Sunday, February 3 - Wednesday, February 6, 2013 TCU Place - 35 22nd St. E, Saskatoon, SK

- Before you leave: Remember your reusable water bottle/travel mug to use during Convention. Check <u>the</u> <u>agenda</u> to plan your days.
- *Register:* When you get to TCU Place, find the registration desk and register by the first letter in the **name of your municipality**.
- *Check your envelope:*This is where you will find your name badge, agenda card and event tickets.
- Check your bag: It holds a number of important information items, like the convention handbook where you will find the Resolutions and the Tradeshow Exhibitor listings.
- *Watch the screens:* Keep an eye on the screens in the main hall to see what's happening each day.
- Visit the Tradeshow: Our sold-out Municipal Marketplace is an event in itself. Make sure you take the time to walk through and visit the exhibitors.
- *Network:* Convention is a time to not only come together with your council, but also with your counterparts from across the province.
- Remember courtesy: Please remain quiet during sessions so all delegates can hear. Also remember to put your cell phone on vibrate/silent, or tun it off

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Quote of the Week:

Only those who will risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go. T. S. Eliot

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before entering the sessions!

Most importantly, enjoy yourself!

Candidates for SUMA Executive Committee

There are two candidates for SUMA President:

- Debra Button, Mayor of Weyburn
- Allan Earle, Mayor of Dalmeny

There are two declared candidates for SUMA Vice-President of Towns:

- Lloyd Gwilliam, Mayor of Grenfell
- Rodger Hayward, Mayor of Naicam

There is one declared candidate for SUMA Vice-President of Villages, Resort Villages, and Northern Municipalities:

• Barry Gunther, Mayor of Sun Valley

Evening Events Sold Out!

Social events at Convention 2013 proved popular. The Sunday night Fire & Ice event, and Tuesday night's President Banquet and Awards Ceremony are both sold out. However, you can use the for sale/wanted message board at the registration desk if you are looking for tickets - or to sell any you can't use.

Shuttle Service: Cancellation

Shuttle service to the Best Western Harvest Inn was cancelled, as no delegates were booked at that hotel.

For those booked into <u>these hotels</u>, watch the signs in your hotel's lobby for the bus stop location and approximate departure time from each hotel. There will also be a listing at TCU Place in the lobby by the front doors for end-of-day departures.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

<u>Town of Marshall: Chief</u> <u>Administrative Officer (</u>January 31)

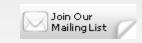
<u>Town of Pilot Butte: Municipal Planner</u> (January 31)

<u>City of Warman: City Clerk (January</u> <u>31)</u>

<u>Town of Oxbow: Chief Administrative</u> <u>Officer (Until Filled)</u>

<u>Village of Fillmore: Administrator</u> (Until Filled)

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



Natural Gas Information Session

On March 6, the Saskatchewan Trucking Association (STA) and SaskEnergy are hosting a one-day session on using natural gas in your fleet instead of diesel. Making the change in vehicles like waste haulers and heavy duty trucks can save on fuel costs and reduce emissions. More information, and a registration form are available on the STA website.

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 <u>the website</u> for more information, and the <u>Receipt Submission Form</u>.

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 <u>recycle@suma.org</u> if you have questions about the program.

Apply for the CAP Airport Infrastructure Grant

SUMA has long advocated for sustainable funding for community airports. In 2010, the SUMA Board of Directors endorsed a policy advocating for additional funding for airport infrastructure in southern Saskatchewan. The Community Airport Partnership (CAP) program has since received a much-needed boost to continue building links among Saskatchewan and national and international markets. Please take advantage of this program for your regional community airport. Our members identified the renewal of this program as a priority, and so we want to make sure that all of the available money gets used up.

The deadline for CAP applications is **Monday April 1, 2013**. Further detailed information on the 2013-2014 CAP Program and Application Guidelines is <u>available on the Ministry of</u> <u>Highways and Infrastructure website</u>.

Physical Activity Grants Available

Understanding the Property Assessment Appeal Process

Government Relations has updated their brochure on the property appeal process. It is <u>available on their</u> <u>website</u>, and you may print copies from there as necessary.

Housing Outlook Conference

The Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) is hosting a Housing Outlook Conference for Saskatchewan on February 14, in Regina. You can check <u>the brochure</u> <u>on their website</u> for more information.

This event always fills up quickly, so CMHC encourages you to register early. Special group pricing, and early bird pricing are both still available. <u>Secure registration</u> <u>is available online</u>.

About Us

We'd like to thank you for

You can submit your application now for the Physical Activity Grant Program. The program supports strategic local, regional and provincial projects and initiatives that will advance the physical activity movement in Saskatchewan and increase the level of physical activity of Saskatchewan people. Guidelines for this program are designed to encourage collaboration among local, regional and provincial physical activity partners across the sport, culture and recreation networks.

More information on the program, including guidelines and application forms, is available on <u>the Community Initiatives</u> <u>Fund website</u>.

reading the Urban Update this week and we welcome your comments.

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Did You Know...

Three of Saskatchewan's borders fall directly on lines of latitude and longitude. Only the eastern boundary does not.

> From The Saskatchewan Book of Everything