

Urban Update



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Convention Wrap Up

Another successful convention wrapped up last week in Saskatoon. Thanks to all who attended. Check out the next few items to catch the remaining Convention coverage.

We Want to Know What You Think!

[Fill out the Convention 2013 survey](#), and you'll be entered to win one of four copies of keynote speaker Darci Lang's book, *Focus on the 90%*, or a gift certificate to the Saskatoon Sheraton Cavalier Hotel.

See What You Missed or Get More of What You Liked

Check the [SUMA Presentations page](#) on the website to see the notes from some of the sessions. These will be posted as they become available, so check regularly.

You can also [order CDs](#) with audio recordings some of the presentations from Inland AV.

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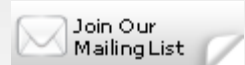
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Quote of the Week:

What we need is more people who specialize in the impossible.

Theodore Roethke



Get Prepared for Convention 2014

The [list of participating hotels for 2014](#) is now available on our website if you're ready to book for next year.

More Inter-Connections

The Municipal Capacity Development Program (MCDP) has released a new issue of its newsletter, Inter-Connections. The January 2013 issue includes articles on transitioning inter-municipal success into regional planning, a recap of November's MCDP Inter-Municipal Conference, opportunities to get grants and funding, and more.

[You can read the newsletter on the MCDP website.](#)

Municipal Infrastructure Conference

On April 24-25, Humboldt is hosting the first conference dedicated to municipal infrastructure issues in Saskatchewan communities and rural municipalities with populations of less than 40,000.

The conference is themed Learn. Lead. Grow. and promises a packed agenda. Mark your calendars and watch [the conference webpage](#) for more information.

Revitalize Your Downtown

The Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport is hosting its annual Heritage Forum for Municipal Officials. This free forum, entitled Strategies for Downtown Revitalization: Leveraging Community Heritage Assets will feature presentations and a workshop delivered by an internationally recognized expert in downtown revitalization and the economics of heritage conservation.

This FREE event is being held:

Friday, February 22, 2013

9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Lunch Provided)

Ramada Hotel and Convention Centre in Regina, SK.

For more details or to register, please visit the [Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport's 2013 Heritage Forum for Municipal Officials webpage](#).

Registration deadline is February 16, 2013

in motion Community Challenge

Your community can bring in \$10,000 by being the most active March 1-15, 2013.

Saskatchewan in motion wants your community to get up and get moving with the 2013 *in motion* Community Challenge. See [the website](#) to see how you can register, and get in on the action!

About Us

We'd like to thank you for reading the Urban Update this

Fire Suppression & Vehicle

Extrication Services Rates - 2013

SGI presented SUMA, SARM, The Saskatchewan Fire Chiefs Association and The Saskatchewan Volunteer Fire Fighters Association with the 2013 rates for Fire Suppression and Vehicle Extrication. Effective January 1, 2013 the hourly rate for a productive call is \$839 and the hourly rate for a non-productive call is \$503.

The increase is based on the Saskatchewan Consumer Price Index of 1.6 per cent for 2012. Last year's rates were \$825 and \$496, respectively.

Free LED Seasonal Lighting

The deadline for the Municipal Seasonal Lighting Program from SaskPower is coming up soon! Submit your order form by March 1, 2013 to replace your old incandescent seasonal lighting with free commercial-grade LED seasonal lighting. LED seasonal lighting is up to 15 times more energy efficient, uses 90 percent less electricity and lasts 60 times longer than incandescent seasonal lighting.

For more information, or to request your free bulbs, check [the program website](#).

week and we welcome your comments.

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Did You Know...

The provincial flower is the western red lily (*Lilium philadelphicum*). It became the provincial flower in 1941. The red flower appears on the Saskatchewan flag, and is a protected species. It can be found in moist meadows and semiwooded areas.

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