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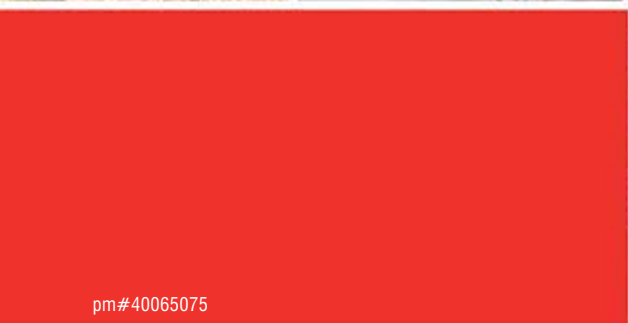
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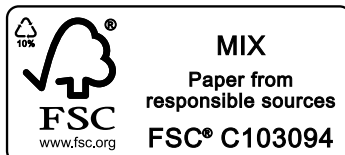
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THESE ARE 'DYNAMIC' TIMES

Allan Earle, President

You've already started to see it, on the brochure and on the SUMA website: the theme for Convention 2013 is *Dynamic Communities, Dynamic Leaders*. The theme speaks to how our communities continue to grow and flourish under the leadership of urban governments.

The word dynamic generally means strong, forceful and energetic. I can think of no better way to describe the communities across our province and the people elected to lead them. No other level of government has such a strong impact on our citizens, and we live and work among them. We strive to be strong and responsive in our communities. We have much invested in making our communities the best they can be.

"The theme speaks to how our communities continue to grow and flourish under the leadership of urban governments."

Convention is a perfect opportunity to emphasize the leadership in our communities, and to foster advancement for our members. Looking at dynamic leaders and dynamic communities will help strengthen and build on the growth in Saskatchewan.

There's no doubt that this growth presents great opportunities, and great challenges. That's part of the strength of Saskatchewan, and of SUMA. We band together to help each other. SUMA is the voice of urban Saskatchewan; we use our strength in numbers to make our members' voices even stronger, and more forceful. We are made up of many great communities, with fine leadership.

It's especially important to emphasize our leaders at this convention. The face of urban governments has changed across the province. Not just because of October's elections, but also thanks to previously elected officials growing into their roles as our province grows. We're part of a new Saskatchewan, an increasingly urban Saskatchewan. People are excited to move to our province, and when they do, they are moving to our cities, towns and villages, because they are great places to live, work, and play.

It's an exciting time for all of us. Let's keep that excitement top of mind as we meet, learn, and grow together at Convention 2013. ■



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Convention Chair's Voice

Rodger Hayward, Convention Chair

Here we are again, time to gear up for convention. This will be the 108th SUMA Convention, and yet it never gets old. As the Chair of this year's Convention Planning Committee, I can tell you that SUMA staff and the committee are committed to making convention a good experience for everyone. Planning and executing this annual event is a lot of work, but it is worth every bit of effort.

When we gather in Saskatoon in February, it will be great to see familiar faces in the crowd, but I am also looking forward to seeing those new to convention, and urban government. Convention is a great opportunity for all elected officials (newly elected, and seasoned veterans), and the administrators that support them. You get to come out and meet the people who are working toward the same goals you are: making your community the best it can be.

It is also a time to learn how to best serve your community, and perhaps deal with some of the challenges that come with being a part of urban government. You will have an opportunity to learn new things, build strength in what you want to do, and bring back to council a renewed sense of excitement and commitment.

We have a full agenda this year, starting with education sessions on Sunday and breakout sessions for the various sectors on Tuesday. You'll have the chance to join the dialogue with ministers, attend the Bear Pit with Cabinet, and hear from a variety of speakers. And of course, the excitement of election year carries over to convention with elections to the SUMA executive.

This year there will be two keynote speakers to teach and motivate attendees. Saskatchewan success story **Darci Lang**

will be there to share her *Focus on the 90%* philosophy. **George Cuff** will share his municipal expertise, talking about how to make sure your council functions at the highest level possible.

Convention is what you make of it, so take advantage of the opportunities to make connections with other delegates, at sessions, and during the various activities that are part of convention. Sunday night's Fire & Ice event, the Hospitality Night on Monday, and the President's Banquet on Tuesday will give you a chance to rub shoulders with your colleagues, enjoy convention, and make new connections.

If you haven't already registered, registration forms are on the Convention 2013 page of the SUMA website. Send yours in soon. I look forward to seeing you in Saskatoon. ■

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Inter-municipal Connections at Convention

By Tanya Doucette, Municipal Capacity Development Program

The SUMA Convention is just around the corner and municipal leaders will soon have a chance to network with each other and learn about a number of relevant municipal topics. Networking and education are two of the key ingredients for inter-municipal co-operation.

To build inter-municipal co-operation municipal leaders need to interact with each other; conventions provide a neutral, casual setting to meet other leaders in your area and talk about the current topics on the agenda. These networking opportunities over coffee, lunch, or after an educational breakout session provide the foundation to foster trusting relationships.

It is important to seize these opportunities, branch out and begin to build bridges with neighboring municipalities. Most relationships are built over time and begin with a conversation, whether on important municipal issues or simple topics like

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OTHER AT CONVENTIONS,
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Saskatchewan winters. Without a healthy, open relationship, co-operation on joint projects and initiatives can be bogged down by mistrust and transparency issues.

Convention breakout sessions and keynote speakers provide information that can widen your knowledge of municipal topics. Most of these topics are concerns many municipalities face; these shared issues could be solved by a regional solution with surrounding municipalities. Knowledge is power. The more information municipalities gain from speakers and each other at conventions, the greater the possibilities.

So how can you gain the most from your convention experience?

- Attend sessions that are of interest to your municipal priorities. Participate in discussions and ask questions.
- Talk with municipal leaders who have found solutions to similar priorities. Learn the process they used, what challenges they faced and where they had success.
- Meet with municipalities from your region to discuss how you can implement joint solutions to common issues. Schedule a meeting to have further discussions within the next two months.

If your municipality is interested in working together with other municipalities but don't know where to start, the Municipal Capacity Development Program (MCDP) can help! MCDP can facilitate regional discussions, provide education workshops, and help you create an action plan.

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2013 Convention Agenda

TCU Place, Saskatoon, SK

Sunday, February 3, 2013

11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Registration
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Education Sessions E1: Public Advocacy: How to effectively lobby your local MLA E2: Labour Law: What you should know E3: The Ask an Expert Panel E4: Emergency Planning for Your Community E5: Safeguarding Your Financial Assets E6: The Untold Story of Recycling
2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	Refreshment Break
2:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	E7: City Dialogue Session
2:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	Education Sessions (repeated) E8: Public Advocacy: How to effectively lobby your local MLA E9: Labour Law: What you should know E10: The Ask an Expert Panel E11: Emergency Planning for Your Community E12: Safeguarding Your Financial Assets E13: The Untold Story of Recycling
4:20 p.m. – 5:20 p.m.	SUMAssure Registration and AGM
4:20 p.m. – 5:20 p.m.	Newcomers' Orientation
8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.	<i>Fire & Ice</i> , TCU Place

Monday, February 4, 2013

8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.	Light Continental Breakfast and Tradeshow Viewing
8:45 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	Official Opening Ceremonies
9:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	President's Address
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Keynote Address – Darci Lang
10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Break – Dedicated Tradeshow Viewing
11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Premier's Address
11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	PRESIDENTIAL SPEECHES and ELECTION OF PRESIDENT
12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Delegate Luncheon
1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Minister of Government Relations
2:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.	FCM Address
2:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Break - Dedicated Tradeshow Viewing
3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Results of Presidential Election, AGM and MLDP Certificate Presentation
8:00 p.m.	Hospitality Night, Sheraton Cavalier

Tuesday, February 5, 2013

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Light Continental Breakfast and Tradeshow Viewing
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	City Sector Meeting and REGINA/ SASKATOON EXECUTIVE MEMBER ELECTION Town Sector Meeting and ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT OF TOWNS Village, Resort Village, and Northern Sector Meeting and ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT OF VILLAGES <i>(Northern delegates to participate in Village Sector meeting and those that have bought memberships in SUMA will also be able to vote for the Vice-President of Villages)</i>
10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Break – Dedicated Tradeshow Viewing
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Keynote Address – George Cuff
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Delegate Luncheon
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Resolutions and Results of Vice-President Elections
2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	Break
2:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	Breakout Sessions: Cities Towns and Villages – Populations over 500 Towns and Villages – Populations under 500 Northern Regional Meeting and ELECTION OF NORTHERN DIRECTOR
7:00 p.m.	President's Banquet and Awards Ceremony, TCU Place
9:00 p.m.	Entertainment – Kelly Taylor, Comedian

Wednesday, February 6, 2013

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Sector Reports
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Dialogue with Ministers
10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Refreshment Break
10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Bear Pit with Cabinet
12:00 p.m.	Closing Ceremonies

Session descriptions available in the convention brochure at www.suma.org

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Get inspired and expand your knowledge with Keynotes at Convention



Monday, February 4 – Darci Lang

Author, entrepreneur, professional speaker, and Saskatchewan success story Darci Lang will share her *Focus on the 90%* philosophy.

Darci's philosophy drills down to the basics and challenges each of us to look in the mirror and reflect on what we have, what we can change and what we really need. She believes that one simple tool can change the way we look at life and how we deal with the challenges we face every day.

Her narrative style connects with people from all walks of life, in all stages of life. She is a real woman who has faced challenges, walks the fine line of home and work life balance and using her magnifying glass, sees a way to focus on the 90 per cent that is right about her world.

We choose how to view our circumstances; Darci will challenge you to think about where you put the focus in your life. Learn how to build positive relationships, cope with negative people, become a positive uplifting influence, and discover your strength to move forward.

Thanks to a generous sponsorship by SaskWater, Darci will speak to SUMA delegates Monday morning at 9:30 a.m. Don't miss it – Darci's presentation has something for everyone.



Tuesday, February 5 – George Cuff

George Cuff has a Canada-wide reputation among municipalities, crown agencies and other public sector bodies as an advisor, consultant and author on the art and principles of governance and the elements of effective organizations. He has been involved with local governments since the 1970s, has written articles and books on related topics, and is a regular consultant and public speaker.

He has worked with organizations, and within them. He has worked at an administrative level, and as a leader. He has a Bachelor of Arts (Recreation Administration) – with distinction – from the University of Alberta, and has worked in the public and private sectors.

His presentation will focus on council's role in municipal governance, the difference between governance and administration, why that difference is important (and what happens when you mix them), and the characteristics of a healthy council.

See George's presentation on Tuesday morning at 11:00 a.m. and learn how to make the most of your council. ■

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Misconceptions About Convention

There's no doubt that SUMA's annual convention is a critical event, giving our membership a chance to get together, debate resolutions, identify issues shared by our urban governments, and to foster unity among Saskatchewan's cities, towns and villages.

It might seem like Convention just happens, but **Tania Meier** is well aware of all the details that need to be taken care of in order for the annual event to run smoothly. As the Event and Corporate Services Manager at SUMA, Tania oversees everything Convention – though she's first to make it clear that she doesn't do it alone. It's a group effort for SUMA staff, and there is a Convention Planning Committee as part of the SUMA Board of Directors. The Committee approves the major parts of convention, like keynote speakers and education sessions. But Tania is the person behind making sure that the event looks seamless for delegates, meets the membership's strategic needs, is financially viable, and that no detail is missed.

What can we look forward to at Convention 2013?

Because this is the first year after a municipal election, there's lots going on, including the SUMA Executive elections. We'll have many people at Convention attending as first-time elected officials, so that is going to be exciting, too. Education is an important part of Convention, so on top of the regular education sessions, we will also have the Newly Elected Workshop, and on the Saturday before Convention begins, the Municipal Leadership Development Program will be offering other modules.

You survey delegates to see what they thought of Convention each year; what do you do with all the feedback?

After it's compiled, it's summarized and reported back to our Board of Directors. From there, the Convention Planning Committee takes the feedback into consideration, making changes where possible for the following year. For example, delegate feedback led us to create the First-Timers' Guide, to help those new to Convention learn the ins and outs.

Certainly, we can't make every change that is asked for, but we make every effort to deliver a good, quality program, and delegate feedback is extremely important.

It seems that a lot of the feedback is tied to food! What's your take on this?

There are significant costs associated with food and other materials we require for convention. It's definitely not cheap to host an event at a facility like TCU – or anywhere else, for that matter. To put things in perspective, our breakfast costs are \$11.50 per person per day, and lunch costs are approximately \$18.00 per person per day. Our coffee and tea expenses for the breaks are nearly \$11,000.

We do receive a lot of feedback about food. And, while there are likely those that would be willing to pay more for meals, we must make every effort to keep Convention accessible and affordable for everyone. The goal is to keep registration affordable to provide an opportunity for all of our members to attend.

Aside from the food costs, are there some other expenses that you think would surprise people?

Well, I think it's important to note that even the things we really don't think



Tania Meier

about cost money. For example, the screens that appear in the main convention hall are \$800 per screen per day to rent, so our total costs on that are almost \$13,000.

Bussing is another significant cost at \$25,000, a cost that is offset with a grant from the host city. We could increase service and have buses running all day and going to more hotels, but it would be quite easy to double the cost of this service. These are just a couple of examples, but the bottom line is that everything costs money – and costs continue to rise every year.

“WE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO DELIVER A GOOD, QUALITY PROGRAM, AND DELEGATE FEEDBACK IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT.”

We've also been asked why we don't consider other locations like Prince Albert or Moose Jaw. How do you respond to this?

Firstly, there are really only a few facilities in the province that can accommodate our needs. There are TCU Place and Prairieland Park in Saskatoon. In Regina, our options are the Queensbury Centre and the Conexus Arts Centre. We need a meeting room for about 1,200 people, a large tradeshow space and various other meeting rooms.

As for other cities hosting, in addition to the convention facility issue, there would simply not be enough hotel rooms for us. Most hotels in Regina and Saskatoon are full around the time of our convention, and while it would be nice to offer another city the opportunity to host, we would not put ourselves into a situation where we couldn't accommodate all delegates. And, I don't know anyone that wants to camp in Saskatchewan in February! (Laughs)

How important are sponsorship and the Municipal Marketplace tradeshow to the success of the event?

The tradeshow always gets great reviews, and I think that people understand the revenue that the tradeshow generates, and also the valuable connections that it provides for our members and partners. In addition to the delegates liking the tradeshow, our exhibitors are really happy, too.

Wherever possible, we look to offset costs through sponsorship. For example, our education session speakers are usually there for free and come on their own time. We pay for the keynote and entertainer, and again, offer these up as sponsorship opportunities to offset costs. We also provide other options, such as the opportunity to address delegates and handbook advertising.

Putting this convention together is an incredible amount of work. Which part is most rewarding?

I think the fact that most everything is planned in house, by staff. We generate a lot of work out of our small office, and I may be biased, but I think that we

"I MAY BE BIASED, BUT I THINK THAT WE DELIVER EXCELLENT VALUE TO OUR MEMBERS."

deliver excellent value to our members. We do contract one person to manage tradeshow, sponsorship and advertising because we don't have the capacity to

handle that, and we pay a relatively small fee to contract the Partners' Program, but otherwise, it's 13 of us. Everyone works hard, and I'm really proud of our team. ■

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First-timers' Guide to Convention

If this is your first time attending a SUMA convention (or even if you are a returning delegate), read on for tips on anything from registration to shuttle services.

What does my registration fee include?

Your convention registration includes:

- admission to all of the education and breakout sessions (though you choose which to attend);
- both keynote presentations;
- admission to the tradeshow, with time set aside to visit on Monday and Tuesday;
- scheduled shuttle service to and from host hotels;
- a light continental breakfast and lunch Monday and Tuesday;
- refreshment breaks;
- a chance to mingle with fellow delegates;
- the chance to dialogue with provincial cabinet ministers; and
- the opportunity to network with other municipal leaders.

Events that require additional fees are Sunday night's Fire & Ice event, the President's Banquet and the Partners' Program.

Where do I register at TCU Place?

When you get to TCU Place, swing by the Registration Desk; it will be at the entrance of the main doors.

The Registration Desk is where you get your convention envelope (including your name tag, agenda card, voting information, pre-purchased event tickets, and Partners' Program packages). Your nametag is your admission ticket to the sessions and luncheons, so it is a must-wear item during convention. At the end of convention, these badges and holders will be collected by SUMA to reuse and your name will be entered into a draw for a prize.

Each registered delegate will also receive a bag with the convention handbook. This handbook is an invaluable resource for every delegate, containing transportation information, facility floor plans, session details, resolutions, and day-to-day agendas.

The registration desk will be open:

- Sunday, February 3:
11:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- Monday, February 4:
8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, February 5:
8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, February 6:
8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

What should I wear?

Casual business attire is recommended for daytime activities. The Sunday night event is casual attire, and the President's Banquet is business formal.

Please remember that you are representing your community, so put your best foot forward while at convention – you will be networking with urban governments from across the province, and will be in the presence of many provincial and national dignitaries. Please refrain from ball caps, sweat pants, ripped jeans, and other unprofessional attire.

What about the food?

A light continental breakfast will be available in the tradeshow area on Monday and Tuesday. A lunch buffet will be served in the Grand Salon on Monday and Tuesday. Refreshments are available in the tradeshow area Monday and Tuesday morning and in the foyer of the Grand Salon Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning.

Appetizers and a cash bar will be provided at the Sunday night event, and a buffet dinner will be served at the President's Banquet. Tickets must be purchased in advance for these two events.

When are the SUMA Executive elections taking place?

The Presidential election will take place on Monday, February 4 at 11:45 a.m. Each candidate will be given time to speak and immediately following you will be able to cast your vote. Each elected official will be eligible to cast one ballot upon presentation of his/her convention delegate badge.

The Vice-President of Towns and the Vice-President for Villages, Resort Villages and Northern elections will take place during the sector meetings on Tuesday,

February 5 at 9:00 a.m. Each elected official will be eligible to cast one ballot for their respective sector Vice-President upon presentation of their convention delegate badge.

If required, the Saskatoon/Regina Executive member will be elected by the delegates from Saskatoon and Regina at the City Sector meeting on Tuesday, February 5 at 9:00 a.m.

When is the AGM?

The AGM will be held Monday, February 4 at 3:00 p.m. Any elected official whose municipality is a member of SUMA can vote during the AGM.

What are Sector Meetings?

Sector meetings give delegates a chance to meet with colleagues from other urban governments in the same sector. The meeting is a chance to discuss current issues and for discussion items from the floor. They will be held on Tuesday, February 5 at 9:00 a.m. and split into the following groups:

- Cities
- Towns
- Villages, Resort Villages, and Northern Municipalities

You are only able to vote in the sector to which your urban government belongs.

What is the deal with resolutions?

The resolutions session will be held on Tuesday, February 5, at 1:00 p.m.

The resolutions will be summarized in your convention handbook, provided on-site when you register. Only delegates with BLUE (voting delegates) name badges are able to vote on resolutions.

As per SUMA Bylaws, the number of voting delegates assigned to a municipality is based on population size. Each resolution will be moved by the Chair, and a member of the sponsoring council must second it (or it will fail). The seconder will be given three minutes to speak to the resolution. The Chair will then ask for anyone who wishes to speak against the resolution. If there is no opposing view, then the question will be called. If someone wishes to speak against the resolution then normal debate occurs. Speakers are given two minutes. The seconder will then be allowed one minute to close debate.



Voting will be by a show of blue voting cards, unless 25 voting delegates request a vote by ballot. Any call for a ballot vote must come before the call for votes in favour. In the case of a ballot vote, the ballots from delegates from the cities of Regina and Saskatoon will be counted as seven votes. Procedural challenges will be resolved through consultation with our parliamentary advisor(s).

What are breakout sessions?

Breakout sessions are sessions that are split between the below groups and focused on a topic of particular interest to each group.

- Cities
- Towns and Villages with populations below 500
- Towns and Villages with populations above 500
- Northern (This session acts as the Northern Regional Meeting, and in 2013 delegates will elect the Northern Regional Director to serve on the SUMA Board of Directors.)

Breakout sessions will be held on Tuesday, February 5 at 2:45 p.m.

What happens at the Dialogue with Ministers and the Bear Pit?

Only those delegates that have BLUE (voting delegate), YELLOW (delegate)

or ORANGE (municipal employee) badges are able to ask the ministers questions. You are only able to ask one question, and statements are prohibited. To allow as many questions as possible, you will be given 90 seconds to ask your question and you will be timed.

Municipal Marketplace Tradeshow

The Municipal Marketplace Tradeshow is held in conjunction with the annual convention. There will be more than 155 exhibitors offering products and services that are relevant to municipal needs on a daily basis. Time is set aside for you to visit the exhibitors. Remember to enter your name into the

prize draws – SUMA delegates are lucky people, and you don't know what prizes you could take home! The ballot entry forms are contained within the handbook.

Anything else?

Watch for SUMA staff members – we'll be the ones with red nametags. Please do not hesitate to come over to say 'hello' or let us know if we can be of assistance. We love to hear from our members!

A Newcomers' Orientation session will be held on Sunday, February 3 at 4:20 p.m. You will get an overview of how convention works, the agenda, and how you can get the most out of it. ■

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Policy Opportunities at Convention

SUMA was founded in 1906. Our Association exists to promote, protect, and defend the interests of our members. The primary way we represent these interests is by advocating on behalf of the 448 cities, towns, villages, resort villages, and northern municipalities that are members of SUMA.

For more than a century, SUMA has worked to better understand the interests of our members. We are always looking for new ways to engage with you, learn from you, and deliver victories for you. But we can't ignore the tried and tested ways, like our annual convention.

Each year SUMA members come together at convention to discuss the important issues of the day. Convention offers delegates multiple opportunities to have direct input into SUMA's policy development and advocacy work. To prepare you for Convention 2013, let's explore these opportunities. We want you to know how you can most directly influence the work we are doing on your behalf.

Resolutions

The Tuesday afternoon resolutions session gives delegates the chance to influence SUMA's policy directions by adopting resolutions for the Board of Directors' consideration. These resolutions help guide the Association's strategic priorities for the next year.

Sector Meetings

This year, the sector meetings on Tuesday morning will include elections. However these meetings will also provide delegates with sector-relevant updates on key policy files. Delegates will have the opportunity to ask questions and provide suggestions for new policy priorities.

Annual General Meeting

At SUMA's formal AGM on Monday afternoon, delegates will receive a report on our activities in the past year. This session also gives delegates the chance to ask questions about SUMA's advocacy priorities and our progress in advancing the interests of our members.

Ministerial Dialogue Sessions

Wednesday morning's dialogue sessions with provincial cabinet ministers are a key opportunity to ensure your voice is heard. SUMA



has invited eight members of cabinet to participate in this year's dialogue sessions. These sessions allow delegates to ask specific questions to ministers in a more focused way than the Bear Pit allows.

The Bear Pit

The Wednesday morning Bear Pit session is the final event of the SUMA convention and is often the highlight. With the Premier, Cabinet, and members of the media attending, delegates have the chance to ask questions about their priorities and get answers directly from the provincial decision-makers.

Meetings with Ministers

On top of scheduled events, many cabinet ministers are willing to meet with individual SUMA member governments during the convention. If you are interested in meeting with a particular minister during Convention, contact the minister's office directly, or call SUMA and we will point you in the right direction.

Electing Board Members

SUMA members will finalize the election of the Association's Board of Directors, as this is the first convention since the municipal elections. On Monday, delegates will elect the President, and on Tuesday several Vice-Presidents and the Northern Director will be elected. These board members, along with those elected through their regions, are responsible for representing your interests over the next four years. Finding out more about the candidates is one way to ensure that your voice will be heard and your interests represented.

Meeting with Board Members & Staff

Finally, SUMA members are encouraged to get to know your board members and the staff members of SUMA during Convention. We are here to represent you, and we want to get to know you. While we may not have time for a formal meeting at Convention, we would love to chat informally, exchange contact information, and plan to connect following the event.

There are many opportunities to influence the policy and advocacy work of SUMA at our annual convention. This is an opportunity for you, and a necessity for us. Active engagement of our members is the only way we can be the voice of urban Saskatchewan. ■



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Education Sessions

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Public Advocacy: How to effectively influence your local MLA

This session will show you how to advance local issues with your MLA and other provincial officials. Learn the secrets of effective advocacy and get some valuable tips and tools for future success. The session will also cover how you can get involved with provincial advocacy efforts coordinated by SUMA.

Labour Law: What you should know

Council is responsible for the overall governance of a municipal government. This includes making sure the municipal administration follows provincial labour legislation.

This session focuses on the current labour laws that a council needs to know. What are the minimum labour standards your municipality must follow? The session will also cover legal trends in today's labour laws, with information on what council must include in its human resources policy.

The Ask an Expert Panel

Do you have a question about community planning, municipal administration, or environmental regulations? Maybe you can get the answer at Convention 2013! At this session, a panel of municipal experts will be there to answer your questions. Learn from masters in solid waste management, water/wastewater systems, community planning and municipal administration.

If you already have a question in mind, you can submit it in advance – however delegates are welcome to ask the speakers directly at the session. Submitting your question now to cchung@suma.org will allow our experts to research and prepare an answer to your question.

Emergency Planning for your Community

Every moment is critical in an emergency, and municipalities need to be able to share and find information as quickly



as possible. Federal, provincial, and territorial ministers for public safety identified the need for a cross-country system where emergency responders can share information. This led to the Operation Pilot of the Multi-Agency Situational Awareness Systems National Information Exchanges (www.MASAS-X.ca) in November 2011. Since the pilot launched, more than 300 agencies and municipalities have joined.

During this session, attendees will learn about MASAS, how their municipality can benefit from its use, and the long-term prospects for management and funding. Attendees will also learn about the importance of developing and updating an emergency plan for their community.

Safeguarding your Financial Assets

Employee theft from a municipality can be devastating to the community, more than perhaps any other sector. Saskatchewan municipalities are not immune. This session will shed light on just how big the problem is and give both staff and elected

officials invaluable practical knowledge on detecting, controlling and preventing these types of criminal losses.

The Untold Story of Recycling

Many urban governments provide recycling programs, but do you know the story past the recycling bins? Can you tell citizens what happens to the materials they recycle?

Hear the untold story of recycling from storytellers who work in the recycling business. Speakers will cover the steps your recycling takes: from collection to separation, selling the salvageable material to what your recycling turns into after it leaves your recycling bin.

City Dialogue Session

This session is for delegates from cities only. This is a chance for the Saskatchewan City Mayors' Caucus (CMC) to review its work from the previous year. At this session you will hear a report from the CMC, and have a chance to identify high-priority items for the coming year's work.

Newcomers' Orientation

If this is your first time at convention, check out this session. There will be an overview of how convention works, the agenda, and how you can get the most out of it as a delegate.

Tuesday, February 5

Cities

Public and stakeholder engagement can lead to situations of high emotion, conflict or controversy. You may wonder what role the public can play when making complicated and challenging decisions. When, where and how to begin consultations? What happens if things get emotional? Do you have the tools to diffuse potentially explosive situations?

This session will cover how to engage the public in meaningful conversations for better results. The session will help local councils take away proven practices to make and carry out decisions with effective engagement.

Towns and Villages with Population over 500

Keynote speaker, George Cuff, will also be at this session, sharing his expertise on transforming council administration working relationship.

The session will start with an overview of operational vs. governance council model and traits of an operational council. George will explain the advantages of a governance council, and suggest ways for council to build a better working relationship through this model. He will offer steps for council to work toward a successful governance model.

Towns and Villages with Populations below 500

As an elected member of council it is your responsibility to serve your community's interests. Your decisions impact current and future residents.

Council must plan for the future to ensure a safe, healthy, and vibrant community. Planning is an important part of governing your community; it helps establish priorities and a direction for the work of council. This session provides insight into the fundamentals of planning, and offers attendees information

on the tools and resources available to help you plan.

Northern Regional Meeting

During the regional meeting delegates from northern municipalities will elect the individual who will represent them on the SUMA Board of Directors for the next four years. Only elected mayors and

councillors from SUMA member northern municipalities are eligible to vote and seek election.

After the election, this session will involve dialogue with provincial officials about an issue of primary importance to northern municipalities. This issue will be determined through SUMA consultation with New North and its members. ■

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Executive Elections

Convention 2013 will see plenty of new faces, and that includes elections for three SUMA Executive Committee positions:

- President
- Vice-President of Towns
- Vice-President of Villages/Resort Villages/Northern Municipalities

You can submit your nomination immediately. Nominations for the President must be returned to the SUMA office by 11:45 a.m. on Sunday, January 20, 2013. Sector Vice-President nominations can be submitted before Convention, or onsite until 9:00 a.m. on Monday, February 4, 2013. Nominees for all positions must be elected officials of a SUMA member council in good standing.

Any elected official from a SUMA member municipality in good standing is eligible to run in the Presidential election. The election will happen on Monday.

To run for Vice-President of Towns, you must be an elected official from a town council that is a SUMA member in good standing. Nominees for the Vice-President of Villages, Resort Villages and Northern Municipalities must be an elected official from a village, northern town, northern village, northern hamlet or resort village council that is a member of SUMA in good standing.

Any unsuccessful candidate for the position of President can notify the returning officer by 9:00 a.m. on Monday, February 4, 2013, if they wish to run for Vice-President of the appropriate sector without having to file new nomination papers. The elections for the Vice-President positions will happen at the sector meetings Tuesday morning.

The Vice-President of Cities is the Chair of the City Mayors' Caucus, and depending on election results, a Regina/Saskatoon Executive Member may be selected at the City Sector Meeting on Tuesday morning. Those individuals will make up the SUMA Executive Committee for the next four years.

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Don't be fooled by the amazing sculptures on display – they really are made of ice! The sculptures will be created by the talented people of Fire & Ice Creations, led by **Peter Fogarty** and located in the heart of Saskatoon.

Super Ron, a strolling magician who is also a local Saskatoon product, will wow delegates with close-up illusions right at their tables.

Back by popular demand, Saskatchewan vendors will be on hand showing off their wares. Watch for details to see what vendors will be joining us and you can indulge your taste buds!



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Fire & Ice will be held Sunday, February 3 from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m. in the Grand Salon at TCU Place. It will feature light appetizers and a cash bar. Tickets must be purchased in advance for \$35. Those in attendance will have the chance to win a trip to escape from the ice of winter and into the scorching heat of a land far away! ■



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President's Banquet and Awards Ceremony

Each year, SUMA is proud to celebrate the achievements, dedication and enthusiasm of elected urban officials and municipal employees, during the President's Banquet. At Convention 2013, the awards celebration will be held Tuesday, February 5, 2013 at the TCU Place in the Grand Salon in Saskatoon.

Nominees have demonstrated a commitment to outstanding service, improved the quality of life for residents of their communities, and contributed to the advancement of local government in Saskatchewan.

Meritorious Service awards are presented to municipal staff members nominated by their municipalities, honouring career success, loyalty and involvement in their communities.

This year's **Meritorious Service** nominees are:

Carol Boxall (Nipawin)
Yvonne Boyer (Meadow Lake)
Denise Cooke (Kindersley)
Ted Czemerer (Lanigan)
Rick Dabek (Nipawin)
Rick Fries (Kindersley)
Randy Gross (Nipawin)
Jenette Heffley (Swift Current)
Doug Hildebrandt (Swift Current)
Stuart Kyle (Swift Current)
Marcel Lalonde (Meadow Lake)
Lorianne Lemay (Swift Current)
Greg Litvanyi (Yorkton)
Gary Neumiller (Kindersley)
Brian Nielsen (Yorkton)
Alvin Nutbrown (Marsden)
Bert Olfert (Luseland)
Al Parchoma (Nipawin)
Wayne Patience (Creighton)



Kelly Taylor

Glenys Roberts (Yorkton)
Lorne Tarasoff (Wynyard)
Barry Thies (Yorkton)

The event also celebrates elected officials who have served their communities, demonstrated leadership, and made their mark in improving local governments.

Nominees for the **Honorary Membership Award** for 2013 are:

Elwyn Beeler (Watrous)
John Boehmer (Lebret)
Larry Harland (Paradise Hill)
Sandra Herman (Paradise Hill)
Jim Krushelnitzky (Pierceland)
Norman Oliver (Wawota)
Darcy Peakman (Delisle)
Gordon Stewart (Ogema)
Garth Walls (Battleford)

Congratulations to all award nominees, and thank you for your part in increasing excellence amongst urban municipalities.

Entertainment

After the awards are handed out, stick around to hear from Prince Albert's own **Kelly Taylor**, who claims he is the province's second best export after wheat. After giving up his "unexceptional" career in hockey, Kelly decided that comedy was the way to make his mark.

He hit the comedy world by storm, placing second in the prestigious *Just for Laughs Homegrown Competition*, and headlining at some of the trendiest clubs, corporate events, and festivals across North America. He has also gained interest from NBC Universal, Happy Gilmore Productions, and Jimmy Kimmel.

But don't think Kelly's comedy stops at North American borders — in July 2012, he had the chance to 'yuk it up' on the other side of the world when he was invited to visit troops in Afghanistan. He performed as part of the entertainment group for the Canada Day celebration held for those serving overseas. ■



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- Sandman Hotel
- Travelodge
- Best Western Harvest Inn

Central

- Holiday Inn Express
- Ramada Hotel and Golf Dome

For those attendees who want to attend Sunday's Newly Elected Workshop, shuttle service will be provided beginning at 7:30 a.m. For those attending Sunday education sessions, a continuous shuttle circuit from hotels will begin at noon and continue as required.

Monday through Wednesday shuttles will run delegates to TCU Place in the morning and return them to hotels in the afternoon. Bussing will be provided for the Sunday evening Fire & Ice event and the Tuesday evening's President's Banquet.

There will *not* be continuous shuttle service during the day Monday–Wednesday.

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Partners' Program

While council members, administrators and other staff attend the sessions at Convention 2013, their partners will have no shortage of enjoyable activities to fill their time with, thanks to the Partners' Program.

The Partners' Program has a new twist this year – the program will be offered on Monday, February 4 and attendees will be whisked away for the day. (Tuesday will be free for partners to see the sites of Saskatoon.)

A “rolling breakfast” will start off the day on wheels – on the bus! Partners will be bussed to Watrous on Monday morning, and then the real fun begins.

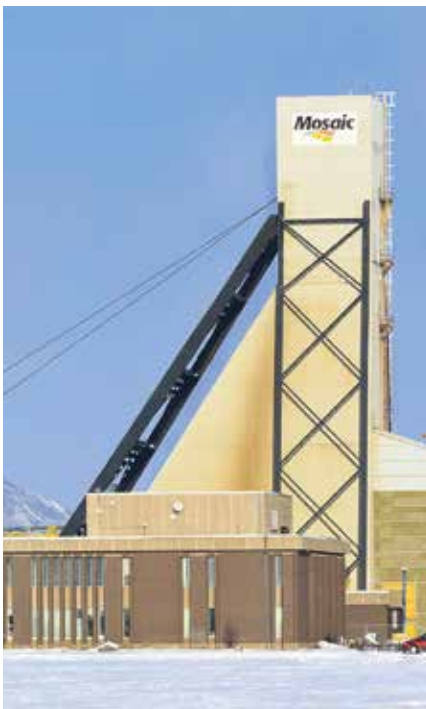
A tour of what goes on underground at the Mosaic Potash Mine, soaking in the Manitou Springs Mineral Spa, putting the creative mind to work with art classes, testing your taste buds with wine tasting, and a lunch date at Danceland are among the activities to choose from for the day.

There is a limit of 40 people on the

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Sunday, February 3, 2013, TCU Place, Saskatoon, SK

Registration Fee: \$63.00 per person, includes breakfast and lunch

Registration form available at www.suma.org

7:45 a.m. Registration Opens and Hot Breakfast

8:30 a.m. Opening Remarks

8:35 a.m. Urban Councils and Council Meeting

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9:15 a.m. The Council-Administration Dynamic

The council-administration relationship may be the most essential one to the success of your urban government. Understanding the role and responsibilities of the council as policy makers and how it differs from the role of your administration, goes a long way to making this relationship work.

10:00 a.m. Break

10:15 a.m. Municipal Law

Understanding the key elements of law that may impact your urban government is an important step in getting comfortable as a new member of council. This section will include discussion on liability, conflict of interest, and other relevant legal issues.

11:00 a.m. Wise Stewardship

Council is responsible for being a wise steward of your urban government's assets. This section will explore what this means, and how you can contribute to building a better future for your community.

11:30 a.m. SUMA and UMAAS

This section will involve a brief discussion on the roles that SUMA and UMAAS play, and how these two associations can help you to be more effective in leading your urban government.

12:00 p.m. Boxed Lunch

Shuttle service provided starting at 7:30 a.m. from convention hotels.

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Sunday, February 3 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon TCU Place, Saskatoon

Strategic and Financial Planning for Municipalities

Saturday, February 2 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. TCU Place, Saskatoon

Monday, March 11 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Prairieland Park, Saskatoon

Municipal Economic Development Fundamentals

Saturday, February 2 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. TCU Place, Saskatoon

Monday, March 11 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Prairieland Park, Saskatoon

Human Resources in the Municipal Workplace

Saturday, February 2 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. TCU Place, Saskatoon

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Public Relations and Communications for Municipalities

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The year for

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Rodney Audette, President

Well, it is easy to say that 2012 has been a busy year for municipal offices across the province. Councils and administrative staff have dealt with community development, zoning policy issues, asset management, and preparing for 2013 reassessment, just to name a few things.

All of these issues, and others, require a great deal of time and effort to understand, to analyze, and to prepare information for elected officials to make informed decisions. It is extremely important that councils are presented with good, well-reviewed and well-presented information to make decisions on behalf of the electorate. It is just as important in ensuring that the administrative staff at the municipality is well trained and given the opportunity for further education and development.

The current economic engine in the province of Saskatchewan has provided for a time of growth and expansion in our municipalities that has not been seen in more than half a century. The impacts of community growth have enhanced the stresses on municipal staff to ensure community development meets established planning and zoning requirements that are in place.

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It means ensuring development agreements between municipalities and developers are fair and consistent, and provide for a level of responsibility to fund current and future infrastructure upgrade needs. It means providing a constant review of municipal service and policy delivery in the municipality. It means ensuring that administrative staff members are able to take on these challenges and are provided with the tools they need.

As with any business, training and education of staff is the key component to a successful work place environment. In the municipal setting, we must keep up with changes to provincial legislation, enhance our relationships with other municipal jurisdictions, and plan municipal infrastructure management and growth. Administration

staff has to be well informed. There are a number of avenues available for municipalities to keep administrative officials informed and better educated on these matters.

The Ministry of Government Relations, UMAAS, SUMA and other fraternal organizations hold a variety of education workshops and sessions across the province each year. These workshops play a vital role in providing up-to-date information on key municipal issues and in turn, are so very important for administrative staff in increasing and diversifying their knowledge base.

Further to this are the annual SUMA and UMAAS conventions. These annual conventions, through sessional workshops and plenary sessions provide for further education of administration officials. Not only do the education sessions allow administrative staff to enhance their knowledge base, they also provide a formal and informal avenue for information sharing between colleagues.

As the issues around all municipalities become more complex, the work necessary to accommodate responses to the issues becomes greater and more compound. I would encourage all municipal councils to prioritize and support training and ongoing education of administrative officials as we all work together to provide our taxpayers with efficient service delivery and good governance. ■

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The current assessments in Saskatchewan use June 30, 2006 for a base date. January 1, 2011 will be the base date for the upcoming 2013 Revaluation. We want 2013 Revaluation to accurately capture the substantial growth in real estate values between 2006 and 2011 for our client municipalities.

ASSESSED VALUES FOR 2013

The province of Saskatchewan has experienced unprecedented economic growth, and the value of property in the province is no exception. The result of this active and strong real estate market in Saskatchewan will bring with it significant increases to property assessments that will be reported with the 2013 Revaluation.

Based on provincial averages, initial numbers show residential and resort residential properties will – on average – approximately double over their assessed values from the 2009 Revaluation. Specific local increases in residential assessed values may vary from this, depending on the overall trend in local market values between June 30, 2006 (the base date for the 2009 revaluation) and January 1, 2011 (the base date for the 2013 revaluation).

Agricultural land will see an increase of approximately 50 per cent to assessed values, which reflects the change in the provincial average selling price of agricultural land. Heavy industrial property, such as mines, and oil and gas wells will see an increase of between 10 and 15 per cent, while overall commercial property assessment trends indicate average increases of 55 per cent – though there will be significant variations from that average depending on local market strength.



LOOKING FORWARD TO 2013

SAMA submitted preliminary assessment values to the province in April 2012, and began distributing preliminary values to municipalities in June. SAMA encourages municipalities to contact us should you have any questions or concerns about your preliminary assessment notices.

The Agency will complete final assessments and be prepared to send out updated values by the end of 2012. SAMA will work closely with our client municipalities to meet their needs regarding these new assessed values.

In an effort to improve the transparency of assessments to the public, the Agency is revamping our SAMAView web application to allow the general public access to individual property assessment details for all SAMA client jurisdictions for January 31, 2013.

QUESTIONS ON THE 2013 REVALUATION?

If you would like more information, please see the Revaluation 2013 section at www.sama.sk.ca, or contact us by phone at 306-924-8000 or 1-800-667-7262, or by email at info.request@sama.sk.ca.



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On October 1, 2009, SUMAssure began operations as the first-ever Saskatchewan-domiciled insurance reciprocal. For years, reciprocals based elsewhere in Canada have operated in Saskatchewan protecting organizations like our universities and hospitals. Since the late 1980s insurance reciprocals for local governments have been well established in other provinces. Those groups have years under their belts and war chests full of money. Saskatchewan appears to be catching up!

Great...but what exactly is an insurance reciprocal?

Let **Jason Minvielle** explain. Jason is one of the many Regina- and Saskatoon-based employees of Aon Risk Services that work on the SUMAssure Insurance Reciprocal.

"The entity is called a reciprocal because each urban municipality shares reciprocal agreements of indemnity with the other urban municipalities," Jason says. "Basically, they agree to mutually share in each others' losses up to a certain point. All risk over the limit that the group assumes in the reciprocal is transferred to excess insurers.

"Originally SUMAssure was structured for the subscribers to absorb the first

\$250,000 in liability claims and the first \$250,000 in property claims, the maximum possible exposure for the group being \$500,000 that first year. The program has already evolved to where the group can now absorb a combined total of property and liability losses of \$750,000.

"That amount essentially acts as a large group deductible to save premium dollars by providing a buffer between our municipalities and the insurance marketplace. Anything over and above the annual aggregate is transferred to excess insurers. Before we even start a new policy period on October 1 of any given year, we can pretty much determine our year-end profit within just a few dollars."

Today, the total combined insurable value of SUMAssure's subscribers is well over a billion dollars. When SUMAssure comes knocking, looking to place excess insurance coverage for the group, even Bay Street takes notice. By placing excess insurance coverage together as a group, the smallest resort village in Saskatchewan can have marketing power that was impossible alone in the traditional insurance marketplace.

Aon manages both the day-to-day operations of SUMAssure, and the financial and regulatory requirements required by various statutes. SUMAssure is regulated by *The Saskatchewan Insurance Act* via the Superintendent of Insurance, and governed by a Board of Directors – the majority of which is made up of administrative and elected officials from SUMAssure's subscribing municipalities.

Aon's job is no small task, as it not only manages the Guarantee and Reserve Funds required by the Act, but also has to manage the group's ever-growing surplus funds. "It is nice when I can go to a council meeting and I can actually quantify the equity any town or village

has in SUMAssure after only a few years," says Jason. "I was attending an evening council meeting a few weeks ago and another broker was pitching an alternative insurance quote to the town. Although the premium was about \$40 lower annually, it was from a traditional insurance program based in Ontario."

Jason was able to illustrate to council that the municipality had already earned over \$18,000 in equity in the SUMAssure program. He estimated that the equity would increase by another \$12,000 by October 31, 2012. "It kind of made the decision a no-brainer for council when they realized they would be walking away from \$30,000 to save \$40."

What to do with those ever increasing surplus funds is a decision that the SUMAssure board will address over time. Aon is advocating a "stay the course" direction for SUMAssure but there is increasing pressure from subscribing municipalities to begin issuing dividends already.

Jason shares Aon's position that dividends should not be issued until the group's surplus funds exceed \$5 million or perhaps even \$10 million.

"The point of SUMAssure's establishment was to stabilize insurance rates and provide a level of budget predictability and not become a revenue stream for subscribers. However, all that being said, we do take our direction from the subscribers through their Board of Directors so if that is the decision, we will abide by it.

"The money belongs to the subscribers, not Aon, not SUMA and certainly not the insurance companies. It is a good problem to have and I am pleased to see the financials so strong for the group. We continue to grow on all fronts – better coverage, membership and surplus funds. More municipalities are embracing the

reciprocal concept so those surplus funds are really going to have a snowball effect and grow at an even faster pace. The dividends will come but we want our group to be prepared for the next inevitable spike in insurance rates. That day *will* come and SUMAssure will be ready. Our members can rest assured that they are building a house of stone and not straw,” says Jason.

As Jason continues, he explains how rewarding it is for him to meet with a council that fully understands the significance of what SUMAssure is working toward. Even more rewarding for him is when the local insurance broker from a town or village is actually a member of council and fully supports the program. “When you have the local broker stand up and say ‘*Hey, I simply cannot offer the same level of coverage for the same price and, at the same time, have my municipality earn equity in SUMAssure to secure a better future for my municipality*’. It is their community too after all and you can’t help but respect a business person that can appreciate the bigger picture like that.”

SUMAssure’s membership base continues to grow. Originally set up with 132 municipalities including one city, SUMAssure has grown to include 56 towns, 79 villages, 15 resort/northern villages, two utilities and four cities.

Interest from the other larger centres is growing rapidly. The cities of Meadow Lake and Humboldt are some of Saskatchewan’s larger centres to recently subscribe to the SUMAssure Program. **Steve Brown**, Director of Finance for the City of Humboldt, was so impressed with SUMAssure that he has become its newest board member.

“Risk management and loss prevention are key areas that SUMAssure will be concentrating on in the near future while investigating innovative ways to add value for subscribers,” Steve says. “Rather than just paying premiums and waiting for a claim to possibly happen, SUMAssure is proactive and attempts to prevent losses before they happen. Recently, SUMAssure has provided seminars and risk management bulletins on managing special events, environmental impairment liability for

the public sector, insuring to value and has an upcoming seminar on preventing crime losses. The additional training and communication provided by SUMAssure was additional value received by the City of Humboldt in addition to the competitive pricing and improved insurance coverage.”

Brown and the rest of the SUMAssure Board of Directors are excited about the future of SUMAssure as the group now has more funds to embark on further risk management initiatives beginning in 2013 with full risk control and loss prevention assessments on SUMAssure’s top 120 exposures to loss.

“Essentially, every facility that the group insures over \$2 million in value will be professionally inspected and, next year, we hope to inspect another 50 sites. SUMAssure is putting its money where its mouth is and is investing in our subscribers. Every member, not just the municipalities that own them, benefits from preventing loss at those locations. It’s more money in everyone’s pocket at the end of the day,” Steve says. “That’s the benefit of subscribing to SUMAssure.” ■

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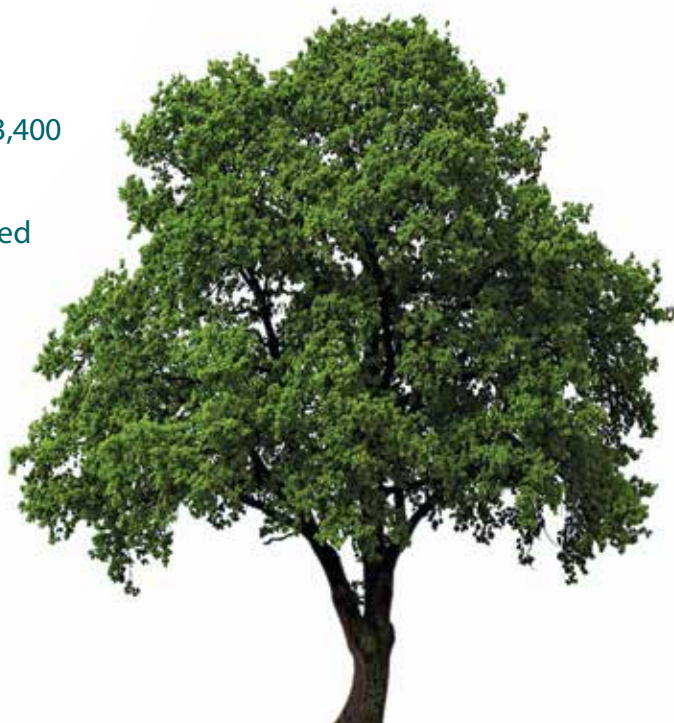
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Sharon Armstrong, Fred Clipsham, Barry Gunther, Laurent Mougeot, Gordon Stomp, and Bobby Woods will all receive a medal at the beginning of December, though the recipients were announced in September. President Allan Earle was slated for a nomination, but he had already been nominated, and received his medal in September.

Sharon Armstrong

Elected to Wynyard Town Council in 1982, Sharon served four years as Alderman for Recreation, and as mayor for another 26 years. On top of her duties as mayor, she served on the SUMA board for 17 years.

Fred Clipsham

Fred served on Regina City Council from 1994 until 2012. He was a member of the SUMA Board of Directors from 2001 until this year, spent time on the Executive committee, and chaired the Environment Committee.

Barry Gunther

In 1985 Mayor Gunther became the Mayor of the Resort Village of Sun Valley and continues to hold this position. He has served on the SUMA Board since 1987, including many years as Vice-President of Villages, Resort Villages, and Northern Municipalities.

Laurent Mougeot

Laurent's 35-year professional career has focused on working with local governments. He began his career at the University of Saskatchewan. He then worked with the RMs of Prince Albert and Buckland, and the City of Prince Albert, before becoming CEO of SUMA in 2005.

Gordon Stomp

Mayor Stomp is serving his eleventh term as mayor for the Northern Village of Air Ronge. He has been Mayor since the village was created in 1983. Prior to serving as mayor, he served on the Local Community Authority and on the Local Advisory Council.

Bobby Woods

Bobby was mayor of the Northern Village of Buffalo Narrows for many years. He also served as director on the New



North Board and sat on the SUMA Board from 2006-2010, representing the interests of northern governments.

SUMA wants to congratulate all six medal recipients and thank them for their many years of service. ■

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