

# Urban Update



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## Bonus *Urban Voice Article*

The spring issue of Urban Voice hit mailboxes last week, and it was chock-full, but we also have [a bonus article from SaskPower](#) available on our website. In *Powering our Future*, you can read about the challenges SaskPower faces as Saskatchewan grows, and how they are tackling those challenges.

## Mayors Summer School

SUMA is gauging interest in a Mayors Summer School, a leadership development session for mayors. We plan to hold it on the University of Regina Campus the third week of August, but are still working out the details.

We invite all mayors to complete [this survey](#) to tell us if they are interested, and help us shape the event. Your feedback is important; please fill out the survey to help make this event the best it can be.

## Flood Preparedness Program Announced

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### Quote of the Week:

**Seek not greatness, but seeks  
truth and you will find both.**

**Horace Mann**

### SUMA Classifieds

#### POSITIONS AVAILABLE

*Village of Creelman: Administrator (April 8)*

*Town of Ituna: Administrator (April 12)*

*Village of Lestock: Administrator (April 15)*

The Government of Saskatchewan announced the 2013 Emergency Flood Damage Reduction Program last week. The program will provide engineering and technical assistance to municipalities, while sharing the cost of flood prevention works - both permanent and temporary.

Level of coverage varies depending on the work, from 50 to 100 per cent. Projects must be approved by the Saskatchewan Water Security Agency to qualify for funding. You can call the nearest Water Security Agency office or 1-866-727-5420 to request assistance through the program.

More details on the program are available in [the press release](#) and on [the Water Security Agency website](#).

*Town of Lumsden: Project Coordinator (April 19)*

*Town of Lumsden: Finance Officer (April 28)*

*Town of Valleyview: Engineering Assistant/Construction Manager (Until Filled)*

*Town of Arcola: Town Administrator (Until Filled)*

*Town of Southey: Town Foreman (Until Filled)*

*REACT: Operations Foreman (Until Filled)*

*Village of Fillmore: Administrator (Until Filled)*

*Village of Dinsmore: Public Works Foreman (Until Filled)*

## FOR SALE

*Equipment for Sale by Tender (April 9)*

*Flood Protection Equipment for Sale (April 28)*

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

## Share Your Convention Theme Ideas

We are looking for a theme that will set the tone for the 2014 SUMA Convention. The 2013 theme was actually based on a suggestion submitted by one of our members! Your suggestions are greatly valued!

Keep in mind some hot topics that municipalities are being faced with that could possibly spark a theme idea:

- Local Capacity
- Infrastructure
- Growth Challenges and Opportunities
- Municipal Operating Grant
- Environmental Issues
- Recreation
- Economic Development
- Immigration

If you submit a theme idea you will be entered to win two complimentary tickets (value of \$110) to the Presidents' Banquet held the Tuesday night of the 2014 Convention. To submit an idea email [mwasylyniuk@suma.org](mailto:mwasylyniuk@suma.org).



## Mayor's Housing Summit

Mayor Michael Fougere welcomes your attendance at the 2013 Mayor's Housing Summit taking

We look forward to hearing from you!

place in Regina on May 13 and 14.

## Provincial Legislation Changing to Impose Regional Planning

Last week, the provincial government introduced amendments to *The Planning and Development Act, 2007* that will allow the Minister of Government Relations to impose regional planning authorities. Where municipalities are unable to agree on joint regional planning priorities, the province could step in and create regional planning authorities with representatives from affected municipalities and the province.

More information on the changes are available in the [government press release](#).

The summit theme Housing in a Growing Economy will focus on the following areas:

- Supply: Rental and Affordable Housing
- Innovation in Housing
- Partnerships

The Summit brings together senior levels of government, private industry, and the non-profit sector to provide input, make recommendations and resolve practical issues with innovative initiatives and global best practices.

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The price offered exclusively to SUMA is \$31.99 plus GST for a 12-month subscription. To take advantage of this offer, please fill out [this form](#) and return to SUMA no later than April 30, 2013.

The goal of the Summit is also to align and coordinate housing challenges and opportunities with the City of Regina's Comprehensive Housing Strategy recommendations on a local basis and to continue the dialogue necessary to address housing concerns on a provincial and national basis. The Summit will feature speakers offering expert knowledge, experience, innovative ideas and fact-based analysis on a variety of housing topics.

For more information on the Summit including the agenda and how to register, visit [the event website](#) or email [mayorshousingsummit@regina.ca](mailto:mayorshousingsummit@regina.ca).

## UMAAS Convention

# Municipal Infrastructure Conference

The Municipal Infrastructure Conference April 24 and 25 is just two short weeks away. Municipal leaders from across the province are registered. Are you?

The conference theme is Learn. Lead. Grow. The agenda is packed with timely topics and expert presenters. You'll hear from:

- Casey Vander Ploeg, a Canada West Foundation senior policy analyst, and one of Canada's foremost experts in urban finance and infrastructure.
- Eric L. Anderson, Prosperity Saskatchewan, will tie Saskatchewan's mining, oil and gas sectors, economic opportunity and infrastructure all together
- John Lee, President, Communities of Tomorrow will call us to action and ask us to consider bold new leadership, collaboration and taking a few risks.

We'll also hear from Saskatchewan leaders who'll share their municipal infrastructure experiences in terms of asset management, project development, innovation, and sustainable long term solutions.

The Municipal Infrastructure Conference promises to be an exciting event. You won't want to miss it - register today!

You can find the conference agenda, registration details and accommodation information at the [Municipal Infrastructure Conference website](#).

See you in Humboldt April 24 & 25 2013!

Registration is now open to Urban Municipal Administrators Association of Saskatchewan (UMAAS) members and associate members for the 2013 UMAAS Convention. Under the theme Moving Forward Through Challenges and Opportunities, the convention will run June 4-7 in Saskatoon.

The agenda and registration form are available [on the UMAAS website](#). Your 2013 UMAAS membership must be paid to attend.

## 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...

Canada's first successful kidney re-transplant was performed in Saskatoon, at the Royal University Hospital in 1964. At the time, only five kidney transplants of any kind had been performed in Canada. The Saskatoon team performed 10 of the first 100 kidney transplants in the country.

## 2013 SUMA Golf Tournament

Plan to join your fellow SUMA members and staff at the 25th Annual SUMA Golf Tournament, to be held

in Shaunavon July 11-12, 2013.

Registration is now open! [Download the 2013 pamphlet](#)  
today for the registration form, accommodations, and  
other important details.