

Urban Update



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Welcoming New SUMA Staff

May has been a busy month, with two new members joining the SUMA team.

Scott Meger joined SUMA as our new Group Benefits Administrator, with roughly 15 years' experience in group benefits with Great-West Life. Scott will be working with Shauna Audette and Tauna Kupiec in the Group Benefits and Insurance Services Department.

Sean McKenzie has also joined us as a Policy Advisor, after several years working with the Emergency Management and Fire Safety Branch within Government Relations. Sean joins the Policy and Communications team, working with Sean McEachern, Che-Wei Chung, Tiffany Wolf, and Libbey Morin.

Getting Started With Asset Management

Local governments in Saskatchewan now have the [Asset Management Getting Starting Guide](#) to help them understand what asset management is, and how important it is in planning for the future. With SUMA, SARM, and the Ministry of Government Relations all encouraging local governments to start practicing asset management, they came together to build the guide.

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Quote of the Week:

Change your life today. Don't gamble on the future, act now, without delay.

Simone de Beauvoir

SUMA Classifieds

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

With TCA reporting as a good first step in the process, local governments began asking where to start with asset management. The guide was a response to that question, and will help municipal leaders build a solid understanding of what to do, and where to go from here.

Municipal Recycling Bridge Funding to Launch in July

Not only has the Municipal Recycling Bridge Funding Program been extended into 2013, but the program will also be accepting **new applicants!** The 2013 program is due to launch in early July. If your municipality is interested in applying, keep watching Urban Update for the program launch. At that point, we will outline the eligibility and application requirements for entrance to the program.

Re-introduce Yourself to MCDP

The Municipal Capacity Development Program (MCDP) is reaching out to local governments to get elected officials - new and experienced - familiar with what MCDP is, and how they can serve you.

As part of that effort, they would like you to read [this letter](#), and consider whether your community can benefit from their services. Contact them if you'd like to get started working with your neighbours.

Speakers Confirmed for Finance Conference

The program for the Government Finance Officers Association of Western Canada 2013 Conference is under construction with two speakers already confirmed.

- Tim Beauchamp, Director of the Public Sector Accounting Board of Canada

[Town of Wolseley: Administrator \(May 24\)](#)

[Village of Buena Vista: Summer Students \(May 25\)](#)

[Village of Buena Vista: Public Works Employee \(May 25\)](#)

[Town of Langham: Administrator \(May 31\)](#)

[Town of Big River: Administrator \(June 30\)](#)

[Villages of Albertville and Paddockwood: Administrator \(Until Filled\)](#)

[Village of Young: Public Works Foreman \(Until Filled\)](#)

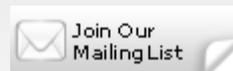
FOR SALE

[Kubota Riding Mower For Sale \(Until Sold\)](#)

SEEKING

[Village Goodsoil: Used Fire Truck \(Until Found\)](#)

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



Join Us For a Round in Shaunavon

Anne Spray Kinney, Director of Government Finance
Officers Association's Research and Consulting Center

Register now for [the conference](#), happening September 17-20 in Saskatoon.

Grant Deadlines Approaching

Now that Victoria Day has passed, and we are past the unofficial start of summer, take the chance to see what grant deadlines are coming up before summer really gets started.

[Community Demonstration Grant](#): For communities to undertake projects using recycled tire products.

Deadline - May 31

[Agrispirit](#): For communities with less than 100,000 residents, to support community improvement projects

Deadline - June 18

Calling All Saskatchewan Mayors!

Are you ready to embrace a one-of-a-kind university experience? Canada's first-ever Mayors Summer School is now accepting [registrations](#)!

Be a part of this exciting and unique two-and-a-half-day workshop August 18-20, 2013 at the University of Regina Campus. This workshop will boost your confidence in your role as a mayor as well as fill your tool kit with new skills and knowledge.

More information, including a draft agenda, is available on [our website](#).

Itching to get on the greens this summer? Want to mix and mingle with your fellow SUMA friends? Interested in getting to know members of the SUMA Board of Directors? Or maybe just looking for some good old-fashioned fun?

[Register now](#) for the 25th Annual SUMA Golf Tournament! Join us in Shaunavon July 11 and 12. More information is available on [our website](#).

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...

W.O. Mitchell, a writer and teacher from Weyburn, has nine honorary degrees. The first came from the University of Saskatchewan, Regina Campus in 1972.