

Urban Update



The bi-weekly e-newsletter from the Voice of Urban Saskatchewan

Issue No. 13-15

July 15, 2013

New Ways to Save with SUMA

The Corporate Services area has been busy developing a group procurement project as initiated by [a resolution](#) at Convention 2013. We are very excited to announce two programs under this initiative:

The first partnership to be launched under this program is an exclusive partnership with [SaskTel](#) as the provider of choice for long-distance, cellular and Internet services. SaskTel has been a long-time supporter of SUMA through sponsorship of the annual convention, and has a history of delivering the best products and services at the best prices. Further details of the partnership will be sent out via email to your offices in the next two weeks.

The second partnership is with [First Data](#), as the provider of choice for credit and debit card merchant services. SUMA completed research among members and discovered there was varying costs charged on credit and debit card transactions. With this data SUMA issued an RFP and we chose First Data as the exclusive supplier. With this new partnership in place pricing will remain competitive, and there will be standard pricing for all SUMA members that choose to partake in the program. Further program details will be launched in the coming weeks.

If you are ready to begin offering your residents the ability to pay via credit and debit card or to switch providers contact Tania Meier at the below contact details and she can put you in touch with a First Data representative.

In This Issue

[New Ways to Save with SUMA](#)

[SEDA Seeking Information](#)

[SUMA's Municipal Policing Forum](#)

[Register Now for GFOA Conference](#)

[Grants to Help the Homeless](#)

[Two Weeks Left on Property Tax Consultation](#)

[New! FAQ on Municipal Governance](#)

[Classifieds](#)

[New saskdocs Newsletter](#)

[Are You Getting Paid for Your Recycling Program?](#)

[Did you know...](#)

New! FAQ on Municipal Governance

Question:

Can a mayor vote on resolutions at a council meeting?

Answer:

Yes! In fact, they are required by legislation to vote. ([Read the full answer.](#))

If you have any questions regarding these partnership announcements please contact Tania Meier, Event & Corporate Services Manager at 306-525-4379 or tmeier@suma.org.

SEDA Seeking Information

The Saskatchewan Economic Development Association (SEDA) is collecting information for a provincial best-practices resource on economic development related concessions. The information will update a document listing:

- tax incentives and rebates;
- infrastructure and/or land incentives;
- labour market initiatives; and
- other incentives designed to impact community growth.

These concessions may be municipal, regional or other.

SEDA is looking for information on economic-development-related concessions in your community or region, and/or examples of concessions or initiatives that may be included in the resource material.

Please send this information at your earliest convenience or before July 30 to nolan.fox@seda.sk.ca. If you have any questions or need further information, you can call 1-877-551-SEDA.

Once all the information is compiled, the manual will be made available to the public.

SUMA's Municipal Policing Forum

Invitations went out last week for SUMA's Municipal Policing Forum. Registration is by invitation only, and limited to mayors, reeves, councillors, municipal administration staff (Administrator, CAO, City Manager), and members of a municipality's Board of Police Commissioners. The fee to register is \$136.50 (including GST) per person.

SUMA Classifieds

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

District of West Kelowna: Water Operator III (July 15)

Town of Assiniboia: Chief Administrative Officer (July 22)

Town of Westlock: Chief Administrative Officer (July 24)

Town of Porcupine Plain: Town Foreman (July 25)

Town of Arborfield: Administrator (July 25)

City of Moose Jaw: City Manager (July 26)

Town of Springside: Administrator (July 31)

Town of Turtleford: Public Works Employee (August 2)

Town of Wolseley: Administrator (August 16)

District of Katepwa: Bylaw Officer (September 30)

Town of Arcola: Town Foreman (When Filled)

FOR SALE

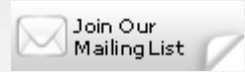
Equipment for Sale by Tender (July 16)

For more details on these ads, visit the *SUMA Classifieds* under the Urban

The forum is a chance for local governments and police forces, including the RCMP, to talk about the issues affecting your communities. [The event page on SUMA's website](#) includes all the key information you need:

- Draft agenda
- Session descriptions
- Accommodation information

Invited guests can [register now](#).



New saskdocs Newsletter

The latest edition of the [newsletter from saskdocs](#) is now available. It includes information on recruitment and welcoming efforts, a message from their CEO, and the story of a doctor born and raised in Eastend, now working in Swift Current.

Register Now for GFOA Conference

Registration is still open for the Government Finance Officers Association of Western Canada Conference. Saskatoon will play host to finance officers September 17-20.

Attendees will see Wendy Mesley deliver her keynote address, and see speakers Anne Kinney and Tim Beauchamp. Social events and the chance to visit special Saskatoon sites are also in the works. More information is available on [the event website](#), and in [the conference brochure](#).

Be sure to [register soon](#) - September will be here before you know it!

Getting Paid for Recycling?

Does your municipality offer a recycling program? Are you taking advantage of the Saskatchewan Municipal Recycling Bridge Funding Program? The program has launched for another year, and is also taking on new applicants.

Don't miss the chance to get funding for your existing recycling programs! More information is available on the [program website](#), including application forms in [Word](#) and [PDF](#).

Grants to Help the Homeless

Up to \$25,000 is available to those working with the homeless or those at risk of being homeless in off-reserve communities with a population under 25,000.

Under this call for proposals, you can submit an application for small capital expense projects (repairs, renovations, and/or replacement of facility equipment) up to \$25,000 and up to \$10,000 for local homelessness plan development.

The grant pages on our website include more information on how you can submit your application for [this program](#).

Two Weeks Left on

Property Tax Consultation

Deadline for submission on the Ministry of Government Relations' review and consultation on local property tax tools is July 31, 2013. The Ministry is consulting with business and municipal-sector stakeholders to develop a long-term policy for limiting local property tax tools, to take effect in 2014. More information on the consultation is available in a letter from Minister Reiter, and in an email SUMA sent you in late June.

SUMA encourages you to send your comments and suggestions to the Ministry or to SUMA. If you wish to send comments directly to SUMA via email, please send them to [Libbey Morin](mailto:Libbey.Morin).

About Us

We'd like to thank you for reading the Urban Update this week and we welcome your comments.

SUMA

200-2222 13th Ave.

Regina, SK S4P 3M7

suma@suma.org

<http://www.suma.org>

Did You Know...

In 1910, the film of a boxing match became the first motion picture banned in the province. Today, the Saskatchewan Film and Video Classification Board (part of the Ministry of Justice) is responsible for providing film and video classification documents in Saskatchewan.