

# Urban Update



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## Don't Miss These Deadlines

We have so many upcoming deadlines, and we want to be sure you don't miss any. Please get your reservations, entries, nominations, and registrations in now!

### Municipal Policing Forum

Have you registered for SUMA's Municipal Policing Forum yet? **Today is the last day to reserve a room** from our block at the Ramada, where the forum is happening. Check [the event page](#) on our website for all the information on reserving a room or, if you're an invited guest, submitting a registration.

### Long Service and Outstanding Service Awards

Do you know someone who deserves to be recognized for outstanding service in municipal government or administration, or is a long-serving municipal employee or council member? You have until September 19 to submit nominations for the **Meritorious Service Award, the Honorary Membership Award, and the Scoopy Lewry Award**. More information on the awards, including nomination forms, are available on [Convention 2014 page](#) on our website.

### Saskatchewan Municipal Awards

This is your chance for your municipality to get recognized for excellence and innovation. **Nominations close September 19** for the seventh annual Saskatchewan Municipal Awards (SMAs). The awards program has changed this year, so check the [SMA website](#) for all the information, then get [your nomination](#) ready.

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### FAQ on Municipal Governance

#### Question:

Is a municipality required to tender a construction project?

#### Answer:

Tendering is always good procurement practice; however... ([Read the full answer.](#))

## MLDP Fall

## Urban-only Ridings on the Way

Last week, the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Saskatchewan had its final report tabled. The new federal electoral map will have five urban-only ridings (two in Regina, and three in Saskatoon). Of the other seven districts, six will "contain at least one small- to medium-sized urban centre."

We consider this a win for SUMA's advocacy efforts, as **we asked the commission in April 2012 to create strictly urban ridings** in Saskatchewan's two largest cities. Thank you to the commission for recognizing the importance of the urban voice in Saskatchewan.

## Thanks and Reminders for Recyclers

The 2013 municipal bridge funding program is off to a successful start. We'd like to thank participants who submitted on time and will receive the \$150 bonus payment - 94 per cent of you - when we start issuing reimbursements in the next couple of weeks. We'd also like welcome the 14 new participants to the program.

If you have not yet submitted your tonnage receipts, please contact SUMA as soon as possible. If you have any questions about the program, visit [the website](#), or email [recycle@suma.org](mailto:recycle@suma.org). The deadline for the second round of payments will be in February 2014.

Please remember that the bridge funding program is a short-term financial support for local governments. The plan for a long-term, province-wide Multi-Material Recycling Program (MMRP) has been submitted to the Minister of Environment, but is not yet approved. We urge any local governments who want to participate in the MMRP to start exploring its requirements and conditions. The program plan is available on the [Multi-Material Stewardship Western website](#), or you can email [policy@suma.org](mailto:policy@suma.org) for more details.

## Another Advocacy Success

## Modules

The Municipal Leadership Development Program (MLDP) fall modules have been set for November 13 - 28, at locations around the province. MLDP is a series of six workshops for elected officials and municipal staff designed to strengthen local government leadership.

Dates are listed on [the MLDP page](#) on SUMA's website. Registration for the modules will open in September. More information about the modules will be available in the coming weeks on [the MLDP website](#).

## Upcoming Grant Deadlines

*Homelessness Partnering Initiative*  
(September 6)

*Built Heritage Grants*  
(September 15)

*Building Community through Arts and Heritage* (September 30)

*Community Grants Program*  
(October 1)

For a full listing of grants, check the Grants section on [our website](#) under the Events tab.

## SUMA Classifieds

## POSITIONS AVAILABLE

*Northern Municipal Services:  
Manager of Northern Municipal  
Administration* (September 8)

*District of Katepwa: Bylaw Officer*  
(September 30)

*Town of Kamsack: Town  
Superintendent* (When Filled)

*Town of Kamsack: Recreation  
Director* (When Filled)

*Village of Drake: Maintenance  
Foreman* (When Filled)

*Town of Wadena: Director of  
Public Works and Utilities* (When  
Filled)

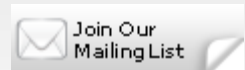
*Resort Village of Aquadeo:  
Administrator* (When Filled)

*Village of Dinsmore: Administrator*  
(When Filled)

## FOR SALE

*Garbage Truck: By Tender*  
(September 5)

For a full listing of ads, visit the [SUMA  
Classifieds](#) under the Urban  
Marketplace tab.



## About Us

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

In 2010, SUMA lobbied the Government of Saskatchewan to establish a provincial athletics commission, in advance of planned changes to the Criminal Code that would legalize professional boxing and mixed martial arts contests in Canada. Such a commission would allow urban governments to answer their residents' increasing demand for mixed martial arts and experience the potential economic benefits of hosting events without leaving the municipality liable for any injuries sustained by athletes.

Our lobby efforts were rewarded earlier this month. The Government of Saskatchewan announced on August 14 that a provincial athletics commission will be operating by summer 2014, sanctioning professional combative sports in the province - including mixed martial arts events - and ensuring safety standards are correctly enforced. The province has also entered into an agreement with the Saskatchewan Martial Arts Association to have them similarly sanction amateur combative sporting events.

**We are pleased to know that SUMA's voice has been heard by the provincial government**, and will continue to work as the voice of urban municipal governments in Saskatchewan.

## Mayors Summer School Was a Hit!

Mayors from across Saskatchewan gathered at SUMA's Mayors Summer School from August 18 to 20. The workshop was the first of its kind in Canada and was met with an overwhelmingly positive response.

Everyone gathered at the University of Regina campus where they experienced for the first time or relived the glory days of university, as they stayed in residence, learned in a lecture theatre, and ate their meals in the University Club dining room. Mayors from communities of various sizes networked, supported, collaborated, and shared knowledge with each other. The Former Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan, Gordon Barnhart, joined the mayors to share the story of his career and provide advice on effective leadership. Highlights included sessions that actively engaged mayors on how to

handle the media, engage your council and communities, and overcoming challenges.

SUMA extends a big thank you to all the mayors that joined us for the first ever Mayors Summer School.

## Get Green for Going Green

Through the Green Municipal Fund, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities can help fund municipal environment initiatives - specifically plans, studies and projects.

Funding can go to brownfields, energy, transportation, waste, and water. Most municipalities are facing costs on one of those sectors, and with **up to \$400,000 in grants and up to \$4 million in loans**, applying for funding is time well spent.

Check out the information on [FCM's website](#), and [apply for funding](#) so you can get some green for going green.

week and we welcome your comments.

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### **Did You Know...**

The walleye is Saskatchewan's fish emblem. A province-wide vote was held in 2005, in recognition of Saskatchewan's centennial year.