

# Urban Update



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## Register for Regional Meetings

Regional meetings start next Tuesday, so make sure you're registered to attend the one in your region. This is a perfect opportunity to get the latest on what's happening with SUMA, and meet attendees from other urban municipalities in the area.

Dates, agendas, and registration information are all available on the [Regional Meetings page of the SUMA website](#). Don't miss out; get your registration in soon. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Convention 2014: Call for Resolutions

You are welcome to submit resolutions to SUMA anytime throughout the year, but the deadline for council resolutions for Convention 2014 is **Friday, November 22, 2013**. Submit them via email to [smckenzie@suma.org](mailto:smckenzie@suma.org).

The Resolution Committee and SUMA's policy committees will review the resolutions, combine similar ones, and provide a package to all members before Monday, December 31, 2013. Late resolutions will be reviewed by the Resolutions Committee but only those considered to be newly emergent and urgent will be presented to the Convention as emergency resolutions. Other late resolutions could be sponsored by the Board of Directors or considered after Convention.

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### FAQ on Municipal Governance

#### Question:

Does a municipality have a duty to maintain its roads in good condition?

#### Answer:

The municipality has a statutory duty to maintain its roads in a reasonable state of repair. ([Read the full answer.](#))

[The Call for Resolutions](#) includes the full details on submitting a resolution for Convention 2014, and for a basic template for creating your own resolution. Examples of past resolutions are available on the [Resolution Database](#).

## Don't Miss the Early Bird Pricing!

Does your municipality have concerns with bylaw and traffic enforcement, landfill capacity and related changes to legislation, wild and structural fire management, and/or mutual aid agreements? The Municipal Capacity Development Program (MCDP) is pleased to offer an opportunity to learn more about these hot topics.

You are invited to attend the Inter-municipal Conference held by the MCDP on December 2 and 3 in Regina!

This is a great venue for rural and urban municipalities to come together to learn about recycling and solid waste, alternative enforcement models, and emergency management. Explore regional opportunities, collaborate to solve common issues, and develop tools to begin inter-municipal cooperation.

Early bird registration is open until **Tuesday, October 1**. To register now, and see full details on the agenda, [visit the conference website](#).

## New Gas Tax Gazette Available

The September 2013 issue of the Gas Tax Gazette went out to participating municipalities last week, giving you the latest on the federal Gas Tax Fund. You'll find important tips, information, updates, and reminders. [Back issues are also available](#). The newsletter is issued twice a year by the New Deal Secretariat.

## Financial Support for Foreign Direct Investment

### Upcoming Grant Deadlines

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

*Community Grants Program* (October 1)

*PAGP Physical Activity Grant* (October 1)

*Problem Gambling Prevention and Treatment* (October 1)

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

### SUMA Classifieds

#### POSITIONS AVAILABLE

*Town of Lafleche: Town Foreman* (September 23)

*RM of Biggar: Administrator* (September 23)

*Town of Wynyard: Waterworks Assistant* (September 24)

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

*Town of Whitewood: Public Works Labourer* (October 4)

*RM of Rosthern: Administrator* (October 4)

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

*Village of Dinsmore: Administrator*

Is your municipality looking to attract, expand, or retain foreign direct investment? You can apply now for financial support to do that through Invest Canada - Community Initiatives (ICCI).

The ICCI is one of the three components of the Global Commerce Support Program established by the Government of Canada in 2008. Several Saskatchewan communities received the funding in 2012, including the City of Prince Albert and Town of Tisdale.

Applications must be submitted before midnight (Pacific Time), on **Friday October 25, 2013**. Full details on the program, including the full application are available on [the ICCI website](#).

## SaskCulture Consultations

Are you seeing changes in the diversity of your community? Are you interested in ensuring your programming is more culturally inclusive? SaskCulture, a non-profit cultural organization, is seeking input on the province's changing demographics and its effect on the delivery of cultural programs and services in communities across our province. They are holding community consultations around the province in October.

- October 1 - Weyburn
- October 2 - Yorkton
- October 7 - Prince Albert
- October 16 - Saskatoon
- October 17 - North Battleford
- October 22 - Regina
- October 23 - Swift Current
- October 29 - Humboldt

More [details on the consultations](#), and how northern communities can participate, are available on the [SaskCulture website](#).

(When Filled)

*City of Warman: Finance Manager*

(When Filled)

*Village of Edam: Administrator*

(When Filled)

**FOR SALE**

*Fire Truck* (When Sold)

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 week and we welcome your comments.

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### Did You Know...

The first female Governor General of Canada was from Saskatchewan. Jeanne Mathilde Suavé was born in Prud'homme.