

Urban Update



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Convention 2014: Registration Opens Thursday

Registration for the 2014 SUMA Convention opens this week!

On **Thursday, November 7** SUMA will email the link to the online registration system directly to your municipality's main contact inbox. We will also post the link on the [Convention 2014 page on our website](#) on Thursday.

To get a snapshot of what to expect at Convention 2014, [check out the brochure](#), which we will also send you on Thursday. If you know of any partners who may want to attend the Partners' Program, they can [check out those details too](#).

If you have any questions about registration, email registration@suma.org.

Congratulations SMA Winners!

SUMA wants to congratulate the winners of the seventh annual Saskatchewan Municipal Awards (SMAs), celebrating excellence and innovation in Saskatchewan local governments. This year the SMAs are being awarded for four submissions that cover 15 municipalities.

First Place: Harvest for Hunger (Towns and RMs of Churchbridge and Langenburg)

Winning Practice: A one-day event coordinated by more than

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FAQs On Municipal Governance

We got such a great response on these in the last issue, that we thought we'd run them one more time!

- [Can a mayor or reeve vote on resolutions at a council meeting?](#)
- [When paying their property taxes, can a taxpayer specify that they are only paying the municipal portion of their taxes, but not their education taxes?](#)

400 volunteers, attended by roughly 6,500 people, and which raised \$40,000 for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank while raising awareness about the ongoing issue of global hunger.

Second Place: Anti-Bullying Bylaw (Town of Eston)

Winning Practice: An anti-bullying bylaw that can be used by the town, school, and local RCMP to educate, raise awareness, prevent bullying, and create concrete enforcement tools.

Third Place: Logan Green Water Management System (City of Yorkton)

Winning Practice: An innovative, environmentally friendly, and cost-effective new water treatment plant that created 210 acres of green space while ensuring a 25-year supply of water for the city.

Regional Cooperation: Twin Lakes Community Planning Association (Towns of Carrot River, Choceland, and Nipawin, Villages of Codette and White Fox, Resort Village of Tobin Lake, RMs of Moose Range, Nipawin, and Torch River)

Winning Practice: A regional planning association that became a formal planning district, giving communities more opportunities to work together on issues of mutual interest and benefit.

We will present the awards to the 10 winning urban municipalities at Convention 2014 in February. The winning rural municipalities will receive their awards Wednesday at SARM's Midterm Convention. Congratulations to all the winners!

Still Time to Register for MLDP!

It's not too late for mayors, councillors, administrators and chief administrative officers to register for a Municipal Leadership Development Program (MLDP) fall module.

Whether you are interested in attending your first MLDP module or you're getting close to completing the program, there's still plenty of room for you! Registrations for the fall modules will be accepted up to one week prior to the scheduled date of the module, but we encourage you to register as soon as possible.

- [Can a municipality discontinue water service if a utility bill remains unpaid?](#)
- [Is a municipality required to tender a construction project?](#)
- [When the administrator is away, may the Mayor or Reeve and Deputy Mayor or Deputy Reeve sign cheques for the municipality?](#)
- [Does a municipality have a duty to maintain its roads in good condition?](#)
- [Can a council have an "in camera" session prior to a council or council committee meeting?](#)

Upcoming Grant Deadlines

Community Rink Affordability Grant
(November 30)

Museum Grant Program
(November 30)

For a full listing of grants, check the Grants section on *our website* under the Events tab.

SUMA Classifieds

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Town of La Ronge seeks Chief Administrative Officer
(November 4)

Town of Spiritwood: Public Works Labourer (November 4)

A listing of the [dates and locations for modules](#) are available on the MLDP website, along with [information on how to register](#).

If you have any questions, please contact Teresa Edwards, MLDP Administrator, at 306-761-3725 or mldp@sasktel.net.

Don't Miss This Opportunity!

MCDP's Inter-municipal Conference is still open for registration. Check out [the event page](#) for more details.

This two-day conference (**December 2-3, 2013**) is a great venue for urban and rural municipalities to learn about regional opportunities in alternative enforcement options, emergency management, and recycling and regional waste management. Municipalities who attend will have the chance to collaborate with neighbors to solve common issues, share experiences, and develop tools to begin inter-municipal cooperation.

Day one will offer a variety of presentations on the above topics. Day two will allow participants to break into smaller groups and attend workshops to learn about group structures, inter-municipal agreements, and community action planning. For more information on the conference content, check out [the agenda](#).

Inter-municipal cooperation is an effective way for municipalities to succeed. MCDP's Inter-municipal Conference is the perfect opportunity for municipalities to make connections and develop skills to build capacity for a sustainable future.

Start Rolling on Resolutions

The deadline to have your resolution on the floor of Convention 2014 is coming up quickly! Have your council discuss and endorse the resolution, and submit to SUMA by **November 22**.

You can find the full details on submitting a resolution in

RM of Pipestone: Manager of Public Works and Infrastructure
(November 8)

Northern Village of Denare Beach: Public Works Employee
(November 12)

City of Estevan: Chief of Police
(November 15)

Town of Canora: Leisure Services Director (November 27)

Town of Esterhazy: Secretary/Treasurer (November 15)

City of Estevan: City Manager
(November 22)

Town of Esterhazy: Public Works Maintenance Operator/Labourer
(November 30)

Town of Wainwright: Chief Administrative Officer (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

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

Saskatoon Regional Growth Summit

Get your tickets now to the Saskatoon Regional Growth Summit on November 20-21!

Saskatoon and regional rural municipalities (RMs), cities, towns and villages are experiencing levels of growth like never before! Saskatoon is leading Canada in GDP growth and population growth and is forecast to continue for many years.

The Summit features speakers from across North America sharing best practices about growth and Regional planning.

For full information and tickets [visit the summit website](#).

week and we welcome your comments.

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Did You Know...

Canada's largest Tyrannosaurus Rex was discovered thanks to Robert Gebhardt from Eastend.

Then a high school teacher, Gebhardt joined paleontologists from the Royal Saskatchewan Museum on a prospecting expedition in 1991. He found a tooth and a vertebra from the tail.