

Urban Update



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Register Now for Convention 2014

Last week we emailed the link to the online registration system to your municipality's main email address. As in previous years, your municipality must register as a whole and not by individuals so please be sure to have all information gathered before registering: all the registrants' education choices, voting delegate designations, number of event tickets, Partners' Program selections, etc. If anyone in your group is interested in attending **Sunday night's Urban Discovery event**, act quickly; tickets to the event are limited.

You can also find the link to register and other important information, such as the Convention brochure and a guide on how to register on the [Convention 2014 page of our website](#). Now that registration is open, you should also be sure to book accommodations at any of the [host hotels](#).

If you have any questions, please email registration@suma.org or call 306-525-3727.

Advocacy Successes: SUMA Welcomes Recycling Expansion

Beginning January 1, 2014 new regulations will come into effect, expanding to include the recycling of petroleum products including antifreeze, antifreeze containers, diesel exhaust fluid

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FAQs On Municipal Governance

The next few questions will be multiple choice, and are pulled from the Ministry of Government Relations section of the [Ask an Expert panel at Convention 2013](#).

[What happens when a council](#)

(DEF) containers and diesel fuel filters. SUMA welcomes these changes, as they align with our effort to advocate on behalf of our members for better recycling programs.

Urban governments have long lobbied for better recycling programs to divert waste from landfills, protect our environment and ensure that disposal of waste does not lead to environmental contamination. The expansion of the current used oil program, managed by the Saskatchewan Association for Resource Recovery Corporation (SARRC), will provide a safe avenue for residents to recycle their used anti-freeze and divert this harmful substance from our environment.

Light the Savings with SaskPower

The holiday season is now upon us. This year you may light your community with seasonal incandescent light bulbs, but SaskPower is giving all Saskatchewan communities an opportunity to have a more energy efficient option for next year. Light emitting diode (LED) seasonal light bulbs will help your municipality reduce power usage and maintenance costs.

Seasonal LED light bulbs are up to 15 times more energy efficient and use 90 percent less electricity than seasonal incandescent light bulbs. Seasonal LEDs also last up to 60 times longer, and reduce your maintenance needs.

The entire cost of the program - the cost of the light bulb upgrade and delivery - will be covered by SaskPower.

They will accept applications until March 1, 2014, and **this is the final year the program is offered.**

To learn more about the program, please [visit the SaskPower website](#). To get your new lights, contact SaskPower by calling 1-888-757-6937 or customer_programs@saskpower.com.

Do You Want to Retire *WithEase*?

Retirement may seem like it's light years away (especially on a Monday morning), but it's never too early for you to start planning for your own retirement. The Municipal Employees'

member will be away at the time of the next council meeting?

- A.** The meeting cannot take place.
- B.** The meeting can take place; however, council cannot pass any bylaws at the meeting since all members are not present.
- C.** Council may put procedures in place to allow council members to attend meetings electronically.
- D.** Too bad, so sad, they have to miss the meeting.

Answer:

- C.** Council may put procedures in place to allow council members to attend meetings electronically.

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

City of Estevan: City Manager
(November 22)

Town of Eston: Chief Administrative Officer

Pension Plan (MEPP) is here to help by offering sessions on retirement planning, called RetireWithEase.

There is one more plan-sponsored session this year, and more are in the works for 2014. The most up-to-date information is [available on MEPP's website](#), and you can also host a session for employees, either on your own, or with other municipalities in your area.

FCM's Sustainable Communities Conference

FCM's national municipal sustainability conference is back again this year, and we encourage you to attend. The 2014 [Sustainable Communities Conference and Trade Show](#) will bring together hundreds of municipal professionals to discuss how to build resilient communities that can adapt to extreme weather and overcome today's challenges to local sustainability.

It runs from February 11-13 in Charlottetown, PE, and early-bird savings are available if you register by December 9. So don't miss it!

Regional Growth Summit This Week

The Saskatoon Regional Growth Summit is happening this Wednesday and Thursday (November 20-21), so don't miss the chance to attend.

Rural municipalities, cities, towns, and villages around Saskatoon are growing like never before. Saskatoon is leading Canada in GDP and population growth, and is forecast to continue for many years.

Speakers from across North America will be at the Summit sharing best practices around growth and regional planning. For full details, and to register, [visit the Summit website](#).

Development Appeals Board

(November 25)

Town of Canora: Leisure Services Director (November 27)

Resort Village of Candle Lake: Public Works/Maintenance Manager (November 29)

City of North Battleford: City Manager (November 29)

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

Town of Canora: Community Development Officer (December 4)

Town of Langenburg: Administrator (December 6)

Village of White Fox: Administrator (December 10)

Town of Lashburn: Public Works and Utility Position (December 16)

Town of Wainwright: Chief Administrative Officer (When Filled)

Town of Rosthern: Public Works Operator (When Filled)

City of Lloydminster: Traffic Branch Manager (When Filled)

FOR SALE

Stores Inventory Items (November 29)

Workshops

The Saskatchewan Professional Planners Institute is offering workshops on development appeals boards, the quasi-judicial boards responsible for hearing appeals on decisions made by councils and development officers. Administrators should consider attending [the workshops](#). If you have time tomorrow, there is one in White City, and another on December 17 in Moose Jaw. They run from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., with registration starting at 8:30 a.m.

If you have questions, want to register, or suggest a location for an upcoming workshop, contact Marilyn Steranka at msteranka@sasktel.net or 306-584-3879.

Garbage Truck (When Sold)

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

Urban Transportation and Design

On January 24, a one-day conference will bring together government officials, engineers, city planners, and academics in Saskatoon. Attend and join the discussion on topics such as transportation and urban sprawl. More information is available on [the conference's Facebook page](#).

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The world's first co-operative oil refinery opened in Regina in 1935, and the first provincial credit union opened in 1937.