

Urban Update



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See You in the New Year

Our regular publishing schedule would see the next issue of Urban Update arrive in your inbox on Monday, December 30. We don't want you to think you're missing anything, so please note: the next issue of Urban Update is coming to you on **January 6.**

Convention 2014: Registration Deadline

This is your last week to qualify for early-bird registration for Convention 2014. The deadline is this Friday, December 20. You can find all the information you need in an email from SUMA dated November 7, or on the [Convention 2014 page](#) on our website under Events.

Convention 2014: Don't Forget Event Tickets!

Remember to act quickly to ensure you can get tickets to the Urban Discovery event on **Sunday, February 2**, and the President's Banquet and Awards Ceremony on **Tuesday, February 4.**

Urban Discovery

A lively evening at the Saskatchewan Science Centre, Urban

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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.](#)

Who may attend and observe a council meeting?

- A. Anyone
- B. No one

Discovery promises to be a packed event. Tickets are \$35, and going fast. The Sunday night event sold out at Convention 2013, and we have a limited number available this year. Get your tickets now!

President's Banquet and Awards Ceremony

Enjoy a night of celebration to acknowledge the dedication of long-serving elected officials and municipal employees. Then stick around to hear award-winning comedian Darrin Rose.

This year, you also have the option of reserving a table of eight at the banquet, so if you're interested, check the [registration tutorial](#) for more information on that option.

MLDP Winter Modules - Reminder

We announced the dates and locations for the Municipal Leadership Development Program (MLDP) winter session in the last SUMA Update. Just a reminder, five workshops have been scheduled from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Queensbury Convention Centre in Regina on **Saturday, February 1** and **Monday, March 10**.

- Strategic and Financial Planning for Municipalities
- Municipal Economic Development Fundamentals
- Human Resources in the Municipal Workplace
- Public Relations and Communications for Municipalities
- Community and Land Use Planning

[Online registration](#) is available on the [MLDP website](#). If you need more information or have questions, please contact Teresa Edwards, MLDP Administrator, at 306-761-3725 or mldp@sasktel.net.

Community Initiatives Fund Grant Programs - Changes and Congrats

Last week, the Community Initiatives Fund announced the recipients of almost \$4 million in grants, along with upcoming changes to their grant program.

- C. Property owners only
- D. Canadian citizens only

Answer:

- A. Anyone

Upcoming Grant Deadlines

Celebrate Canada Program

(January 15)

Building Communities through Arts and Heritage - Festivals and Community Anniversaries grants

(January 30)

CIF Community Grant Program - summer grants (February 1)

Creative Partnerships Program (February 15)

Municipal Cultural Engagement & Planning (February 15)

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

SUMA Classifieds

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

SUMA: Policy Advisor (December 24)

City of Humboldt: City Manager (January 15)

SPRA: Field Consultant - La Ronge (January 24)

Town of Maidstone: Assistant

Congratulations to [all the recipients](#), from Blaine Lake to Wadena. The CIF approved 226 grants covering a huge variety of projects.

If you are interested in applying for a grant in your community, these details are for you. The CIF will be broadening their Community Grant Program to accommodate more initiatives, and include aspects of several of its previous grant programs. They will also be replacing the Community Vitality Program with the new Community Places and Spaces Program.

The changes are effective April 1, 2014, but first you'll have a chance to apply for the summer [Community Grant Program](#) by **February 1, 2014**. Details on the changes are available on the [CIF website](#).

UMAAS Newsletter Now Available

The November/December 2013 issue of the UMAAS Newsletter went out on November 26, and is also [available on their website](#). This issue covers the 2014 salary guidelines, disciplinary policy, and includes several columns. If you haven't read it yet, check it out today.

Prepare for Winter Power Outages

Did you know that roughly 35 per cent of power outages in Saskatchewan are caused by weather? Winter is here to stay for a while, so be sure your municipality - the office(s) and your residents - is ready, should your power go down.

SaskPower is offering tips on what to do *before* the power goes out. All the tips are [available on their website](#) (along with general information about power outages), but here are a few of the important points:

- Know the number to call if your power goes out (310-2220 - no need to dial 306 on this toll-free number, and you can call at any time).
- Have an emergency kit ready.
- Turn off all your appliances, electronics, and lights except one light inside and one outside.

[Administrator](#) (When Filled)

[City of Lloydminster: Traffic Branch](#)

[Manager](#) (When Filled)

[Village of Paynton: Administrator](#)

(When Filled)

[Village of Prud'homme: Village](#)

[Works Superintendent](#) (When

Filled)

FOR SALE

[Fire Truck](#) (When Sold)

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



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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...

Former Governor of the Bank of Canada Gordon Thiessen, was raised in Saskatchewan. He received an Honours BA and an MA in economics from the University of Saskatchewan. He

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university in 1997.