

Urban Update



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Convention 2014: Resolution Packages

Watch the mail for your council's resolution package - they hit the mail just before Christmas. Take time to review the 15 resolutions before Convention 2014, **happening February 2-5** in Regina.

If you haven't received or seen a resolutions package, you can [view the document](#) on the Convention 2014 page of our website, or [email Sean McKenzie](#).

Register Now for MLDP

The Municipal Leadership Development Program (MLDP) **February 1** workshops are fast approaching. Don't miss out - if you have not already registered and are planning to do so, you will need to complete an online registration form before **January 24**.

There are still spaces available in all of the modules scheduled for February 1 which include:

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

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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 are the Statements of Provincial Interest (SPI)?

- A. A provincial infrastructure plan
- B. A planning document for

The workshops will be held at Evraz Place - Queensbury Convention Centre in Regina from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

All the information you need to register can be found on the [MLDP website](#) under [Register](#). Contact Teresa Edwards, MLDP Administrator, at 306-761-3725 or mldp@sasktel.net if you have any questions.

Thanks From MCDP

Thank you to everyone who attended the 2nd Annual MCDP Inter-Municipal Conference. We truly appreciate your contribution to the discussion of Alternative Enforcement Models, Emergency Management, and Recycling and Waste Management. Sharing perspectives in an open and frank environment is a great way to learn. We hope that this conference provided you this opportunity to learn and you are encouraged to attend again next year.

We also appreciate the energy and enthusiasm you brought to our workshops on Building a Group Structure, Resource and Cost Sharing, and Community Action Planning. If you need any advice or hands on help with building inter-municipal cooperation in your area, please contact MCDP.

In early January we will post all the conference presentations on [our website](#). If you forgot to fill out your conference evaluation that was included in your binder, please help us improve and send it to us by fax at 306-761-0284 or email it to info@municipalcapacity.ca.

Thank you again; we could not have a great conference without great support from you.

New Year Reminders from SPRA

Education and Training

The 2014 Spring Education and Training Symposium is quickly approaching! It will be held in Humboldt at the Humboldt Uniplex, **April 13-17, 2014**. There will be 10 courses available; course content is coming soon.

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- C. An optional planning document for local governments to follow
- D. A regulation linking provincial and municipal objectives for land-use planning and development

Answer:

- D. A regulation linking provincial and municipal objectives for land-use planning and development

Upcoming Grant Deadlines

TD Green Streets (January 10)

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

City of Humboldt: City Manager
(January 15)

Brochures and Registration Forms will be available by the end of January. Electronic registration will also be offered this year on [the SPRA website](#).

For more information, contact Kelly Skotnitsky, SPRA Consultant - Recreation Facilities, by phone at 306-780-9324, or [by email](#).

Leadership Development Grant

SPRA offers a Leadership Development Grant to help active SPRA members develop recreation opportunities within their communities by increasing the skill level of volunteers and recreational staff.

Check out the [Leadership Development Grant Brochure](#) or contact SPRA at 1-800-563-2555, for more information, or for clarification of any information pertaining to this grant program. We welcome your feedback on this and other SPRA programs and services.

All applications must be received at the SPRA office, or be postmarked on or before the **February 1, 2014** deadline.

More With MEPP

Does one of your New Year's resolutions involve getting a better handle on your finances? Understanding your pension plan is a major part of making your money work for you.

The Municipal Employees' Pension Plan (MEPP) has retirement-planning sessions called *RetireWithEase* that will help you plan for retirement at any age. There are plan-sponsored workshops available at 10 locations around the province between now and June. You can also host a session for employees - on your own, or by working with other municipalities in your area. All the information on [RetireWithEase](#) is available on the MEPP website.

A MEPP representative will also be at the Convention Tradeshow, **February 3-4** in Regina.

SPRA: Field Consultant - La Ronge
(January 24)

City of Lloydminster: Traffic Branch
Manager (When Filled)

Village of Prud'homme: Village
Works Superintendent (When Filled)

Radville-Laurier Regional Park seeks
Facility Manager (When Filled)

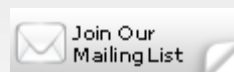
FOR SALE

Fire Truck (When Sold)

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

UMAAS Renewal Reminder

The calendar has turned over to 2014, so administrators should be sure they have [renewed their membership](#) with the Urban Municipal Administrators Association of Saskatchewan (UMAAS).



About Us

We'd like to thank you for reading the Urban Update this week and we welcome your comments.

Development Appeals Board Workshop

In late November we told you about some workshops around the province on development appeals boards, the quasi-judicial boards that hear appeals on decisions made by councils and development officers.

The Saskatchewan Professional Planners Institute is offering another workshop in Prince Albert on **Tuesday, January 14**. Registration deadline is this **Friday, January 10**. More details, including a registration form, are available on [their website](#).

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Did You Know...

Saskatchewan adopted the white birch (also known as the paper birch) as the official tree in 1988.