

# Urban Update



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## Convention 2014: Event Tickets Going Fast

The social activities for Convention are proving to be popular once again. The Sunday night event, *Urban Discovery*, is now **sold out** of tickets. If you want to be added to the waiting list for this event please contact Laurie at the SUMA office at 306-525-4385 or [lbryant@suma.org](mailto:lbryant@suma.org).

Tickets are still available for the President's Banquet and Awards Ceremony, but purchase quickly as tickets are limited.

## Convention 2014: Resolution Packages

We mailed out resolution packages to your council just before Christmas. Be sure you 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](#).

## Convention 2014 at Your Fingertips

We told you about it in the Urban Voice, and want to remind you that this year you can download a free mobile app that

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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](#).

contains everything you need to know about Convention 2014.

The Eventbase app is available in the app store for iPhone, iPad, Blackberry OS, and Android users. Once you've downloaded Eventbase, make sure you're connected to a wi-fi network for your first foray into the system. Then open the app and search for SUMA. Watch for the blue SUMA logo! When you tap the SUMA logo, you go to the basic information about Convention, including a short description and the dates. Tap Launch Event Guide, and you're off to the races.

After your first visit, you can check Eventbase online or offline, with wi-fi, or whatever network your smartphone uses for data. Check the app often, because we'll be updating it from now until Convention begins!

If you can't download the app for some reason, you can also check out the [mobile-optimized website](#) to get all the same information.

## Deadline Coming Up for Recycling Funding

The 2013 Municipal Recycling Bridge Funding Program is approaching the second payment round deadline. SUMA must receive complete submissions by **February 19, 2014**. Don't forget: to get the \$150 bonus payment, you must submit all the required documentation on time.

A complete submission includes a completed [Receipt Submission Form](#) and actual tonnage information, including receipts, from July to December 2013. Please contact [recycle@suma.org](mailto:recycle@suma.org) or Libbey Morin at 306-525-4399 if you have any questions.

## Volunteer Firefighter Insurance Renewal Reminder

Reminder: Volunteer Firefighter Insurance Renewal is due

### What is a municipal reserve?

- A. Land reserved for parks
- B. Land dedicated for public parks and facilities such as schools, natural area, and public services
- C. A parcel of land reserved for future mail development
- D. Land reserved for bus lanes

#### Answer:

- B. Land dedicated for public parks and facilities such as schools, natural area, and public services

### 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

*City of Humboldt: City Manager*

soon. All participating municipalities received renewal invoices in early January. **The deadline to renew coverage is February 28, 2014.**

If you plan on renewing this coverage and have not already done so, please send a copy of your invoice along with your payment to the SUMA office. **Late renewals will result in a lapse in coverage!**

## SaskPower Programs for Municipalities

SaskPower wanted to help municipalities find all the customer programs available to them quickly and easily, so they created [a two-page brochure](#) outlining programs that you can access now - including the municipal seasonal lighting program, and the municipal ice rink program. Check out the brochure, and see what SaskPower can offer you today!

## Housing Outlook Conference

The Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) is hosting a Housing Outlook Conference for Saskatchewan on February 13, in Regina. You can check [the brochure on their website](#) for more information.

This event always fills up quickly, so CMHC encourages you to register early. Special group pricing, and early bird pricing are both still available. [Secure registration is available online.](#)

## Grant for Defibrillators

The Heart & Stroke Foundation has a national program to get automated external defibrillators (AEDs) available to the general public and users of facilities. The Canadian government has committed \$10 million over four years to put AEDs in hockey arenas and community centres, and train or re-train staff on how to use them. The details on this grant are available in [the grant summary](#) on our website.

(January 15)

Town of Fort Qu'Appelle: Chief Administrative Officer (January 17)

Town of White City: Town Foreman (January 29)

Town of White City: Manager of Public Works (February 7)

City of Lloydminster: Traffic Branch Manager (When Filled)

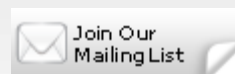
Village of Prud'homme: Village Works Superintendent (When Filled)

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.



### About Us

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

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# Keeping Up with saskdocs

The [latest newsletter from saskdocs](#), the doctor recruitment and retention program, is available on their website. The December issue includes talk about a Saskatchewan doctor returning to her roots, the importance of a "soft landing" when a doctor comes to a new community, and more. Check it out today!

## Did You Know...

Saskatchewan was the first province in the country to complete its stretch of the TransCanada Highway.