

Urban Update



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SUMA Gets Social

SUMA is proud to announce that you can now also keep up with all our news on social media. You can follow us on Twitter [@SUMA_amplify](#), and [like us on Facebook](#).

We've already received a warm welcome on social media, and we look forward to lots of interaction during #SUMA2014! We hope to see plenty of you in person, and on that hashtag, plus we're running a Twitter contest (more details below) so we can get the conversation started!

Convention 2014: Reminders

109th Annual SUMA Convention
Sunday, February 2 - Wednesday, February 5, 2014
Queensbury Convention Centre, Regina, SK

- *Before you leave:* Remember your reusable water bottle/travel mug to use during Convention. Check [the agenda](#), or download the mobile Eventbase app (available for Blackberry, Android, and iOS devices) to plan your days.
- *Check the busing:* If you are staying in a hotel where shuttle service is provided, check your hotel lobby for the stop location and approximate departure time. There will also be a listing at the entrance to the Queensbury for end-of-day departures.
- *Register:* Registration will open at February 2 at 11:00 a.m. at the Queensbury. When you arrive, find the

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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 is the administrator accountable to?

registration desk at the top of the escalators, and register by the **first letter in the name of your municipality**.

- *Check your envelope:* This is where you will find your name badge, agenda card and event tickets.
- *Check your bag:* It holds a number of important information items, like the convention handbook where you will find the Resolutions and the Tradeshow Exhibitor listings.
- *Watch the screens:* Keep an eye on the screens in the main hall to see what's happening each day.
- *Visit the Tradeshow:* Our sold-out Municipal Marketplace is an event in itself. Make sure you take the time to walk through and visit the exhibitors.
- *Network:* Convention is a time to not only come together with your council, but also with your counterparts from across the province.
- *Remember courtesy:* Please remain quiet during sessions so all delegates can hear. Also remember to put your cell phone on vibrate/silent, or turn it off before entering the sessions!

Most importantly, *enjoy yourself!*

Convention 2014: Collect The SUMA Board Twitter Contest

Can you snap a photo of five SUMA Board members during Convention and post it to your Twitter account? There's a \$50 gift card on the line, so here's what you need to do to be eligible.

1. Make sure your real name is included in your profile. (We can't give you a prize if we don't know who you are!)
2. Find five separate SUMA Board members from February 2-5, and take their photo.
3. Upload each photo to your Twitter account separately, including the Board member's name. You don't have to upload all five at once - just put them up as you Collect The SUMA Board.
4. Make sure you mention the SUMA Twitter account ([@SUMA_amplify](https://twitter.com/SUMA_amplify)), and include the contest hashtag:

- A. The mayor
- B. The council, the public, the legislation, and their profession
- C. The Ministry of Government Relations
- D. Only ratepayers

Answer:

- B. The council, the public, the legislation, and their profession

Upcoming Grant Deadlines

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

Town of White City: Town Foreman (January 29)

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

City of Lloydminster: Traffic Branch

#CollectSUMABoard

We will contact the winner via Twitter after Convention 2014 wraps up, so keep your eye out for a mention from us. We will also announce the winner in an upcoming edition of Urban Update.

New SUMA Staff

January has been a busy time at SUMA, not just with Convention preparations, but with some changes to our staff!

Bev Betteridge has joined us as our new Manager of Financial Services. Bev started with us at the beginning of January, and has a long and successful work history with one of the top international accounting firms.

You may have already encountered **Heather Vanderaa**, our new Executive Assistant; she joined us January 8. Heather is very familiar with the work of municipal associations, having spent many years with our sister association in the Northwest Territories.

We also have the pleasure of announcing that **Libbey Morin** is now a permanent member of the SUMA staff. She started at SUMA in May 2012 as a summer student, but has agreed to stay with us permanently as our Administrative and Research Assistant.

Today will mark the first day for **Steven Dribnenki**, our new Policy and Legal Advisor. Steven has practiced law in civil litigation and criminal law, and has represented clients at all levels of court in Saskatchewan. In addition to his policy duties, Steven will be working with Sean McEachern, Director of Policy and Communications, to develop a legal services program for members.

Convention 2014: Busing

Convention 2014 busing is sponsored in part by the City of Regina and First Canada. First Canada is the new busing provider this year so be sure to **look for the yellow school**

Manager (When Filled)

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

Town of Whitecourt: Development 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 week and we welcome your comments.

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Did You Know...

Cumberland House, first settled in 1774 as an HBC outpost, is the oldest continuously occupied settlement in Saskatchewan.

From The Saskatchewan Book of
Everything

buses! Be mindful that the busing schedules may run less frequently than in previous years. First Canada also has to get children to school each weekday morning so we have worked together to accommodate each other's needs.

Busing schedules will be available in your hotel lobby or you can [click here](#) to access your hotel's bus schedule in advance.

Busing is provided from the following hotel locations only:

- Ramada
- Delta
- DoubleTree by Hilton
- Hotel Saskatchewan
- Wingate Inn
- Quality Hotels
- Travelodge
- Executive Royal
- Sandman
- Chateau Regina

Free on-site parking is available at the Queensbury Convention Centre.

Convention 2014: Social Events

Please note that the event tickets for Sunday's Urban Discovery and Tuesday's Presidents Banquet are **not sold on-site**. You must have a ticket to get into these events. The Sunday evening event is sold out, but as in years past there will be a message board on-site for people looking to sell or purchase Sunday night or banquet tickets.

There is also a hospitality night hosted by FirstOnSite at the Ramada Plaza in the Canadian Ballroom. This event will be held on Monday February 3 from 8:00-12:00 p.m. You do not have to buy tickets to attend. You are invited to come and enjoy yourself.

Infrastructure Survey

The Government of Canada announced the New Building

Canada Plan, a renewed infrastructure program in their 2013 budget. They are working with the provinces on the program parameters and cost-sharing allocations for the new Building Canada Fund. This is an important process to ensure funding is properly allocated.

SUMA needs to know how you think the funding should be allocated. Please [complete our survey](#) to tell us which options you would support for the new Building Canada Fund. This information will help us finalize details with the province.

Upcoming Deadline for Bridge Funding Program

The deadline to submit documentation for the second round of the 2013 Municipal Recycling Bridge Funding Program is fast approaching. SUMA must receive all documentation by Wednesday, February 19, 2014. A complete submission includes a [Receipt Submission Form](#) and actual tonnage information from July 2013 to December 2013. Remember, you must submit all of this information by the deadline to receive the \$150 bonus payment. Late and incomplete submissions will be ineligible to receive the bonus payment. Please also note that the program only reimburses for paper and cardboard recycled in 2013.

For more information you can [visit the website](#) or contact recycle@suma.org.

Light the Savings

Would you like to have your community's seasonal displays bright and festive for the 2014 holiday season *and* use only a fraction of the electricity? SaskPower will be accepting applications for the Municipal Seasonal Lighting (MSL) Program until March 1, 2014. If you participate, you will receive your free LED light bulbs in fall 2014.

SaskPower is giving all Saskatchewan municipalities the chance to have a more energy-efficient option for next year - at no additional cost! Light emitting diode (LED) seasonal light bulbs

will help your municipality reduce power usage and maintenance costs, and SaskPower is offering all Saskatchewan municipalities free LED seasonal light bulbs to replace seasonal incandescent light bulbs. The entire cost of the MSL Program - light bulb upgrade and delivery - is covered by SaskPower.

Seasonal LED light bulbs are up to 15 times more energy efficient and use 90 per cent less electricity than seasonal incandescent light bulbs. The seasonal LED light bulbs can also last up to 60 times longer than seasonal incandescent light bulbs, reducing your need for regular maintenance and saving you money.

To participate in the MSL program, call 1-888-757-6937 or email customer_programs@saskpower.com. To learn more about the program, please visit saskpower.com/save_power and click on the business tab, or visit booth #113 at the Municipal Market Tradeshow during Convention 2014.

ACHIEVE Training Centre presents the following workshops in Saskatchewan

For detailed information visit our [Saskatchewan schedule](#)

Emotional Intelligence - Value in the Workplace

Regina - February 19, 2014

Saskatoon - February 20, 2014

Conflict Resolution Skills

Saskatoon - March 20, 2014

Regina - March 26, 2014

Mediation - An Informal Process for Conflict Resolution

Regina - March 27-28, 2014

Dealing with Difficult People

Regina - April 16, 2014

Saskatoon - April 17, 2014

For more information:

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