

Urban Update



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Convention Wrap Up

Thanks to everyone who attended Convention 2014 in Regina. It was a full fourdays, but we still have a few more items before it can all be wrapped up.

Tell Us What You Thought

We moved to an online-only survey this year, so [fill it out today](#) and you'll have a chance to win a gift certificate.

Collect The SUMA Board Twitter Contest

We'd also like to say a special thank you to everyone who engaged with us on [our new social media channels](#) during Convention 2014. It was exciting to get immediate feedback and we are glad those who couldn't be with us got to follow along on Twitter.

We also ran a contest to Collect The SUMA Board on Twitter, and we're pleased to announce the winner is Michael Hotsko, Melfort's City Manager. Congratulations Michael - your \$50 gift card will be in the mail soon!

Video Available Next Week

Several of the sessions at Convention 2014 will have video versions available next week. We will post them on [our YouTube channel](#) and include links on the [SUMA Presentations page](#) of our website. This means you no longer need to order

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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](#).

Does the public have the right to find out the salaries of municipal employees and the remuneration paid to council members?

CDs with audio recordings, but please be patient while we get the files ready and posted.

Grey Cup Photos

If you had your photo taken with the Grey Cup on Monday morning in the tradeshow, you can find your photos in [this photo album](#).

Municipal Infrastructure Conference in Kindersley

Plan. Prepare. Execute is the theme of the 2nd Annual Municipal Infrastructure Conference to be held April 15-16, 2014 in Kindersley. This year's event will provide both technical skills and proposed solutions to communities at various stages of the infrastructure needs assessment spectrum.

Registration is now open and is limited to 200 attendees. Advance registration discount ends March 19. Information on the conference, including a preliminary agenda can be found on the official conference website at www.municipalinfrastructureconference.ca

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.

- A. Only the mayor's remuneration amounts
- B. No, this is private information
- C. Only salary ranges, not the exact amount paid to an employee
- D. Yes, salaries paid to employees and remuneration paid to council can be accessed.

Answer:

- D. Yes, salaries paid to employees and remuneration paid to council can be accessed.

Upcoming Grant Deadlines

Creative Partnerships Program
(February 15)

Municipal Cultural Engagement & Planning (February 15)

Transit Assistance for People with Disabilities Program (March 1)

Built Heritage Grant (March 15)

On-Site Archaeology and Palaeontology Research Grant
(March 15)

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

SUMA Classifieds

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Village of Avonlea: Village Maintenance Operator
(February 28)

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

Apply Now for Saskatchewan Heritage Foundation Grants

Through its Community Partnership Programs, the Saskatchewan Heritage Foundation strategically invests in projects that help preserve and promote our collective heritage.

The Foundation has two partnership programs with an application deadline of **March 15** and **September 1** each year. Their Built Heritage Partnership Program invests in the conservation, stabilization and restoration of designated heritage properties, while their Archeology/Paleontology Partnership Program supports important on-site research projects.

Need more information? Why not join the Foundation and the Honourable Kevin Doherty, Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport, for a wine and cheese reception and have your questions answered by Foundation staff? The event will be held Thursday February 20, 2014 at St. John's Anglican Cathedral, 816 Spadina Crescent East, Saskatoon at 7 p.m. The event is timed to compliment Heritage Week celebrations and the Municipal Forum. Can't make it? [Check them out online](#) or call 306-787-2105.

Proponent Handbook

The Ministry of Government Relations has released the Proponent Handbook - Voluntary Engagement with First Nations and Métis Communities to Inform Government's Duty to Consult (Handbook). The final version was informed by a series of engagement sessions held in the fall of 2012, and written comments received up to July 2013.

The Handbook provides clarity to proponents who voluntarily engage with First Nation and Métis communities on what projects have the potential to trigger government's duty to

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.

Prepare for Convention 2015

Are you ready to book your hotel for Convention 2015 in Saskatoon? Well you're in luck, because we've got [the list of participating hotels](#) all ready and posted on our website.



About Us

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

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consult, what information is relevant to government's duty to consult, and how to document information in a way that is useful. The Handbook, which falls under Saskatchewan's First Nation and Métis Consultation Policy Framework, also provides guidance on building relationships and facilitating productive meetings with First Nations and Métis communities. Government encourages proponents to engage early with First Nations and Métis communities to build relationships which will provide opportunities to discuss a full range of interests.

Any questions on the Handbook may be directed to the [Ministry of Government Relations, Lands and Consultation Branch](#).

Did You Know...

Saskatchewan has more golfers per capita than anywhere in the world. According to *The Saskatchewan Book of Everything*, 33 per cent of Saskatchewan residents over the age of 12 play six or more rounds of golf each year.