

# Urban Update



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## MMRP Set to Begin January 15, 2015

Saskatchewan has some of the most successful industry-led recycling programs in the country. Following in the same footsteps, the new Multi-Material Recycling Program (MMRP) for household packaged goods and paper is set to begin January 1, 2015. MMRP will help to divert 40 per cent of household waste from landfills.

MMRP is a cost-sharing recycling initiative between businesses and municipalities that will provide more recycling options for Saskatchewan households. MMRP will help ensure the protection of our environment keeps pace with our growth.

The program will be operated by [Multi-Material Stewardship Western \(MMSW\)](#), which developed a stewardship plan approved by the Minister of Environment and aligned with *The Household Packaging and Paper Stewardship Regulations*. Businesses that sell or distribute packaged goods or paper to Saskatchewan residents may be obligated to help pay to recycle these materials.

MMSW will be holding an information session and webinar on **March 18, 2014** to provide details of the program and its small business policy as well as an opportunity for feedback. Details on how to register for the session are coming from MMSW. MMSW is committed to making participation in this program an easy transition for small businesses. For more information, visit [www.mmsk.ca](http://www.mmsk.ca).

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### SUMA Classifieds

#### POSITIONS AVAILABLE

[Village of Prud'homme: Village Works Superintendent \(When Filled\)](#)

[Town of Eckville: Operations Team Lead \(When Filled\)](#)

[City of Meadow Lake: Bylaw Enforcement Officer \(When Filled\)](#)

The Ministry of Environment is committed to ensuring that residents of our province continue to benefit from a healthy environment and economy.

## CFIB Report on "Rich Municipalities" Misleading

The Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB) recently released a report entitled "[Municipalities Are Richer Than They Think](#)." The report argues that municipalities receive 15 cents of every tax dollar collected in Canada, disputing the FCM's analysis which states that municipalities receive 8 cents of every tax dollar.

The difference between the report's numbers and the FCM's analysis is that the CFIB focuses on all revenue received by all municipalities (including federal and provincial transfers) while the FCM calculates tax dollars directly collected by municipalities from their ratepayers.

The CFIB report is misleading. The only revenues that municipalities can rely on are municipal tax revenue. Transfers are unpredictable, usually require matching funds, and are targeted for specific projects in specific municipalities. Municipal governments must stretch revenue collected by limited tax options to ensure safe drinking water, roads, public safety, and waste management, while meeting the challenges of increased regulation and citizen demands for more and better quality services.

(A more detailed analysis is [available on the SUMA homepage](#).)

## Lowering Flags to Commemorate Afghanistan Mission

On Wednesday, March 12, the flags at the Saskatchewan Legislative Building will begin the day at half-staff, in commemoration of the final time the Canadian flag will come down on the Canadian base in Kabul. At 1:00 p.m., the flags

[Town of Eastend: Public Works Operator](#) (When Filled)

[Town of Strasbourg and RM of McKillop: Administrator](#) (When Filled)

[Resort Village of Cochin: Maintenance Foreman](#) (When Filled)

[Saskatchewan Construction Safety Association: President](#) (When Filled)

[Village of Avonlea: Village Maintenance Operator](#) (When Filled)

[Town of Wainwright: Public Works Foreman](#) (When Filled)

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

## Upcoming Grant Deadlines

[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.

## Labour Standards and WCB

## Workshops

Next month, the Urban Municipal Administrators' Association (UMAAS) and Rural Municipal Administrators' Association (RMAA) are conducting a series of one-day Labour Standards and WCB WorkSafe Workshops for CAOs, administrators, and elected officials serving municipalities.

Dates, locations, and the registration form are [available on the UMAAS 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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### Did You Know...

The first inland Hudson's Bay Company trading post was built at Cumberland House. Samuel Hearne built the post in 1774, also marking the first permanent settlement in what

will be raised to full-staff, and there will be a ceremony to recognize the Saskatchewan Forces members who have lost their lives in Afghanistan. Of the 45,000 Canadians who took part in the mission, 162 died, with 17 from Saskatchewan, including a journalist.

Minister of Government Relations Jim Reiter is encouraging municipalities to follow the Government of Saskatchewan's lead to recognize the significance of the day's events.

## Information on Dangerous Goods Passing In/Near Your Community

The national registry for emergency planning officials is now accepting names for officials wishing to receive annual reports on dangerous goods passing near or through their community by train. Provide the following information to the Canadian Transport Emergency Centre: name, title, organization, address, email address fax number, telephone number and cell phone number of the emergency planning official designated by your municipality. Send the above information to:

Canadian Transport Emergency Centre (CANUTEC)  
Place de Ville, Tower C 330 Sparks Street, 14th Floor,  
Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0N5

Attention: Mr. Angelo Boccanfuso, Director of CANUTEC  
Or by email to [CANUTEC@tc.gc.ca](mailto:CANUTEC@tc.gc.ca)

Information for 2013 will not be automatically supplied to municipalities. However, you can contact rail companies directly to request the information once your emergency planning official has been designated and registered.

## Agenda Available for Municipal Infrastructure Conference

There is just over a month until the 2nd Annual Municipal Infrastructure Conference in Kindersley. [The agenda is now available](#) for the April 15-16 conference, and includes speakers from all three levels of government, engineering, law and

consulting firms, and more.

Don't miss this opportunity; [register now](#). You only have nine more days to secure your spot! Registration is limited to 200 attendees, and is open until **March 19**.

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