

Urban Update



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MMRP Sign Up Due May 15

Do you have a residential recycling program? You may be eligible to receive up to 75 per cent funding for your residential recycling program, but you have to register by **Thursday, May 15**.

Multi-Material Stewardship Western (the agency leading the MMRP) is preparing for MMRP to start on January 1, 2015. For more information about the initiative, you can visit www.multimaterialsw.ca, contact MMSW at info@multimaterialsw.ca, or contact Steven Dribnenki at sdribnenki@suma.org.

Are you interested in setting up a residential recycling program? Apply for the [Recycling Infrastructure Grant Program](#) for funding to acquire bins, bailers, and mobile scales.

SUMA Legal Services

SUMA has initiated a Legal Services program to provide assistance to administrators, city managers, and chief administrative officers and keep members up to date on decisions and trends in municipal law.

Services include:

1. A "First Call" call-in service where you can have a 15-

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SUMA Classifieds

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

[Town of Norquay: Maintenance Man \(May 12\)](#)

minute conversation with SUMA Legal Services or send an email for assistance with a municipal law problem.

2. Legal resources, accessible to members, including case commentaries on new court decisions that may affect your community.
3. A referral service to suggest law firms experienced in municipal law issues.

This service does not create a solicitor-client relationship, nor is it intended to replace your community's solicitor, but is to help identify an issue on a timely basis or stop problems before they occur.

For more information, contact Steven Dribnenki at 306-525-4389 or sdribnenki@suma.org.

Rail Safety Update

The Honourable Lisa Raitt, Minister of Transport, recently introduced a Protective Direction removing the oldest and least crash-resistant DOT-111 train cars from dangerous goods service, and requiring the retrofitting of the remaining DOT-111 cars being used to transport crude oil and ethanol to present-day safety standards, within three years.

Compulsory changes to railway company operations were also introduced, limiting the speed of trains carrying dangerous goods, and requiring emergency response assistance plans for crude oil, gasoline, diesel, aviation fuel, and ethanol.

The introduction of these protective directives are a major milestone in SUMA and FCM's ongoing lobby for increased rail safety operations in Saskatchewan, and throughout Canada.

Tell Us What You Think: Partners' Program Survey

As part of our annual convention, SUMA offers a program for partners who will be in town for the convention, but not attending the daytime activities. We want feedback from our members specifically on the partners' program to make sure

[Town of Eston: Chief Administrative Officer](#) (When Filled)

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

[Town of Nipawin: Utilities Operator](#) (When Filled)

[RM of Frenchman Butte: Assistant Administrator](#) (When Filled)

For Sale

[Street Sweeper](#) (When Sold)

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

Grants

Upcoming Deadlines:

[Creative Partnership Program - Innovations](#) (May 15)

[Agrispirit](#) (June 12)

Continuous Intake:

[CMHC Seed Funding Program](#)

[Family Violence Initiative](#)

[Green Municipal Fund](#)

[Northern Capital Grants Program](#)

[SaskEnergy Community Fund](#)

[Skills Link](#)

we can plan the best possible events. Please take a few minutes to complete the [short, anonymous survey](#).

Mayors, Save the Date!

We are already ironing out the details on our next Mayors Summer School, so be sure you set aside the time to attend. Prepare to (re)live the university experience on the University of Regina Campus from August 17 to 19. Watch Urban Update, and [the Mayors Summer School page](#) on our website for details as they become available; we'll let you know when registration opens.

So mark your calendars for those three days this summer. As one of last year's attendees said, "*Where can you get this much information in such a short span of time?*"

Gather to Golf

Summer is coming (we think). So get ready for golfing season, and take the time to visit with fellow members. SUMA's annual golf tournament will be **July 17-18**, hosted by White City at the Aspen Links Country Club. See [the event page on our website](#) for more information and to get your registration form.

SUMA partner, the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association, will have their golf tournament at the Unity Golf Club on June 6. Details and registration forms are available on [the SPRA website](#).

Disability Strategy Consultations

Consultations have begun on a disability strategy in Saskatchewan. These meetings are an opportunity for your municipality to:

- identify issues and solutions specific to your community;
- discuss future service delivery needs required to meet strategy goals; and
- give your perspective on components of the strategy.

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

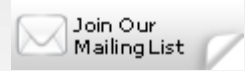
Employment Act Enacted

Last week *The Saskatchewan Employment Act* and associated regulations came into effect. There are several new provisions in the act and regulations, so you may want to [review the changes](#). You can also contact the Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace safety if you need more information.

Finance Conference

The Government Finance Officers' Association of Western Canada is holding its 2014 conference in Calgary, Alberta on October 8th - 10 at the Fairmont Palliser Hotel. This year's topics include sessions on Disaster Planning, Business Leadership, Budgeting and Accounting, all relevant topics for a wide variety of municipal officers. For more information on this year's conference check [the event website](#).

More information on consultations in your area, and other ways to get connected are available on the [Saskatchewan Disability Strategy website](#) .



Regional Recreation Collaboration Research

SUMA has entered a partnership with the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association (SPRA) to collect information on Saskatchewan practices for regional collaboration on recreation services and to develop a guide to help local governments establish regional partnerships. We have contracted independent firm HJ Linnen Associates to conduct the research.

This research project has **three key objectives**:

- Gather province-wide information outlining the needs and current practices around collaborating to operate and program community recreation services and facilities.
- Develop a resource to guide communities' collaboration discussions with other local governments.
- Establish a comprehensive communications strategy to support the use and distribution of the research findings and implementation of the resources.

To get more details on this initiative, [visit SUMA's 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...

When settlers first arrived in the Lumsden area, it was called Happy Hollow. The name was eventually changed to Lumsden in honour of a senior engineer with the railroad, Hugh Lumsden.