



Keeping you informed



President's Update

June 28, 2013

Notes From the Board Meeting

The SUMA Board gathered in Regina over three days last week. We spent Thursday evening, and our day Friday working toward a **strategic plan** to guide SUMA's work through to 2015. When our consultant has the plan ready for us, we will share it with you via email and it will have a place on the SUMA website.

On Friday evening, the Convention Planning Committee gathered and made several decisions for **Convention 2014**.

- Randy Goulden will be Convention Chair, and Ted Zurakowski is the new Vice-Chair.
- The theme for Convention 2014 was selected. Watch Tuesday's Urban Update for more information.
- The committee approved the move to an online registration system beginning with Convention 2014. More details on how to register will be available later this year.
- The Sunday night event will be held at the Saskatchewan Science Centre.
- Convention dates were chosen through to 2019. They are listed at the bottom of the [Convention 2014 page](#) on the website.

On Saturday, we gathered for our **quarterly Board meeting**. Here are some of the highlights:

- The Board approved two recommendations by the **Corporate Services Committee** to launch two new programs under the group procurement project. (Further details will be rolled out to the membership on both programs in the next month.)
 - Partnership with SaskTel to provide reduced costs on long distance, internet and cellular.
 - Partnership with First Data to provide reduced

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- SUMA will issue a letter of support for the 2014 budget and 2014-2017 financial plan for the Saskatchewan Asset Management Agency (SAMA). The support, however, hinges on the province meeting SAMA's funding requests.
- We affirmed the **Public Safety and Health Committee's** decision to send a letter recommending photo radar be implemented where it could directly benefit public safety. The letter went to the Special Committee on Traffic Safety.
- Formal support went to amendments to several pieces of legislation: *The Assessment Act*, *The Cities Regulations*, and *The Municipalities Act*. However, a letter of support for *The Municipalities Act* amendments will note that we do not support the amendments that would require forensic audits at the municipality's cost, as a result of a community petition.
- The Board endorsed amendments to *The Used Oil Collection Regulations* to include anti-freeze, anti-freeze containers, and diesel fuel filters. This change in regulation will help to remove these harmful items from local landfills.
- The Board received an update on the Waste Packaging and Paper Product Management Plan (aka MMRP). SUMA will continue to work with partners to ensure an effective recycling program is implemented in Saskatchewan.
- An update on planning for the **Municipal Policing Forum** was shared. This event will be an excellent opportunity for urban governments to learn about the changing world of policing and to discuss their concerns regarding policing in their community.