

# Urban Update



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## Emergency Resources

Emergencies can strike at any time. SUMA has a collection of websites and online resources to help you prepare for or deal with emergency situations in your community. [The Emergency Resources page](#) is available on our website under the Resources tab.

If you know of any other resources that other urban municipalities may find useful, please email them to [Tiffany Wolf](#).

## The SUMA Team

We're pleased and excited to tell you about the two new folks who have joined the SUMA team!

On July 2, [Lindsay Peel](#) joined as the new Manager of Financial Services. Lindsay has a vast amount of experience behind her thanks to her work with Access Communications, and from her management experience with the Qu'Appelle Daycare. She is also familiar with board governance operations.

[Mike Dundas](#) also came on board this month as SUMA's Municipal Procurement Consultant. Mike has been contracted to design and implement the municipal procurement program, bringing 14 years of public and private procurement experience. Mike holds an associate degree in Business Administration, Bachelor of Science degree majoring in Finance, and holds the Supply Chain Management Professional

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### FAQs on Municipal Governance

#### Question:

Is a municipality required to mail a copy of the audited financial statements to its taxpayers?

#### Answer:

There is no requirement in

(SCMP) professional designation.

We are proud to welcome Lindsay and Mike to the team.

## Last Chance to Register Mayors

Registration closes on **Wednesday, July 16** for the second annual Mayors Summer School. Visit [the event page on our website](#) now to get all the details, and to register!

This exciting and unique two-and-a-half-day workshop will boost your confidence in your role as a mayor as well as fill your tool kit with new skills, knowledge and networks. Join your colleagues at the University of Regina Campus on August 17-19, 2014.

## Community and Economic Development Survey

The Saskatchewan Economic Development Association (SEDA) invites you to participate in their [2014 Community and Economic Development Organization Survey](#). This annual survey is the only one of its kind in Saskatchewan and provides data to assist municipalities and community economic development organizations in their operational and human resource planning. The survey is open until **July 28, 2014**.

All respondents who provide contact information will be entered into a draw for a free registration to [SEDA's 2014 Creating Intersections for Growth Conference](#) "The D.I.Y. Economy" November 19-20, 2014 in Saskatoon.

## Nominate Your Municipality!

Is your municipality doing something new, innovative, ahead of the curve - maybe even award worthy? Are you working with neighbouring municipalities? Submit a nomination for the eighth annual Saskatchewan Municipal Awards! This is your chance to be recognized in front of your peers at our next convention.

legislation to mail a copy of the audited financial statement to taxpayers of a municipality. ([Read the full answer.](#))

## SUMA Classifieds

### POSITIONS AVAILABLE

*RM of Mariposa: Administrator* (July 31)

*Town of Edson: Chief Administrative Officer* (July 31)

*City of Saskatoon: Chief Financial Officer/General Manager of Asset and Financial Manager* (August 1)

*Town of Elrose: Town foreman* (August 11)

*Village of Dysart: Public Works Foreman* (When Filled)

*Town of Biggar: Town Foreman* (When Filled)

*RM of Frenchman Butte: Assistant Administrator* (When Filled)

### FOR SALE

*Street Sweeper* (When Sold)

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

## Revitalize Your Downtown with

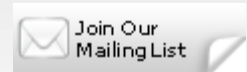
# Main Street Saskatchewan

Hooray for historic infrastructure! Last week, the provincial government announced that the Main Street Saskatchewan program is now an ongoing program. But you'll need to act quickly: if you want to use this program to revitalize your historic downtown or commercial district, you may need to register for a workshop by **Thursday, July 24**. More details on the program are available in [the grant summary](#).

## Grants with continuous intake:

- [CMHC Seed Funding Program](#)
- [Family Violence Initiative](#)
- [Green Municipal Fund](#)
- [Northern Capital Grants Program](#)
- [SaskEnergy Community Fund](#)
- [Skills Link](#)

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



## About Us

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

For more information on the Saskatchewan Municipal Awards (SMAs), [visit their website](#). You'll find past success stories, and everything you need to know to submit your nomination today. Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate municipal success!

## Awards for Long Service and Outstanding Service

Recognize your long-serving employees and elected officials by nominating them for the [Meritorious Service](#) or [Honorary Membership](#) Award.

If you know of an individual who deserves to be recognized for outstanding service in municipal government or administration on a local, provincial, and national basis, nominations are also open for the [Scoop Lewry Award](#).

Award recipients will be honoured at the President's Banquet at [Convention 2015](#) in Saskatoon.

## Segway Consultation

A business has approached SGI requesting changes to *The Traffic Safety Act* allowing Segways to travel on public roads, for the purposes of guided tours.

Municipalities would retain the ability to control Segway travel on sidewalks and bicycle paths through bylaws, with any legislative changes aimed specifically at usage public roads.

SUMA members are encouraged to send any comments or concerns about Segway use to SGI. More information is available in [SGI's consultation document](#).

## SaskPower Launches 'Powering the Future' Interactive Tour

As SUMA members are well aware, aging infrastructure and

record growth present a serious challenge for our province. To educate the public about Saskatchewan's power infrastructure challenge and the work underway to rebuild the province's aging power grid, SaskPower has launched a public outreach tour. It's fun and fully interactive, exploring topics such as: How long do you have to pedal a bike to power a TV? Where does your power come from and how much will Saskatchewan need in the future? How much power did the average family use in the 1950s compared to today?

The experience is exciting, but the issues are very real. It addresses the work that has been done so far and the road that lies ahead for Saskatchewan. It will visit locations throughout Saskatchewan throughout the summer and into the fall. There are experiences built for both adults and children; all ages welcome!

To learn more about SaskPower's infrastructure challenge and see upcoming tour dates, visit the [Our Power Future page](#) on their website. Like SaskPower on [Facebook](#) and follow them on [Twitter](#) for updates and tour details.

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### Did You Know...

There is an exact, 1/38-scale model of the Eiffel Tower in the Village of Montmartre. The steel structure is an homage to the hilltop district in Paris the village is named for, and the village brand: *The Paris of the Prairies*. It is made up of 32 pieces, and took 1,000 kilograms of steel to construct.