

Urban Update



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New Subdivision Regulations

The Subdivision Regulations, 2014 came into effect, on July 18, 2014. The new regulations accomplish three major objectives:

1. Performance of regulatory review and update to ensure the regulations align with *The Planning and Development Act, 2007* and *The Statements of Provincial Interest Regulations*.
2. Adoption of a new fee schedule, phased in over three years, that will approach cost-recovery for reviewing subdivision applications.
3. Efficiency improvements that will improve the timely review of subdivisions.

Some of the more significant changes:

- Removal of outdated sections and improved modernization.
- Revised information that the applicant is required to submit to the approving authority for applications.
- Clarification of what information is required to complete an application.
- Introduction of formal procedure to close inactive applications.
- Adoption of a new fee schedule that will approach cost-recovery.
- Implementation of *The Statements of Provincial Interest Regulations* into the regulations.
- Requiring new residential development to locate at least 457 metres from new or existing sewage lagoons (previously 300 metres).

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FAQs on Municipal Governance

Question:

What is a council's responsibility respecting road conditions?

Answer:

A municipality has the direction, control and management of all streets within the municipality and all roads, other than provincial

- Requiring new development to locate 125 metres from existing oil or gas wells and facilities in order to ensure public safety is protected. This distance may be increased or decreased by the approving authority as required after consultation occurs with the Ministry of the Economy.

highways. ([Read the full answer.](#))

SUMA Classifieds

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Town of Cabri: Chief Administrative Officer (August 11)

Town of Gravelbourg: Chief Administrative Officer (August 15)

City of Yorkton: City Controller (August 22)

Resort Villages of Thode and Shields: Maintenance Foreman (August 29)

Town of Eastend: Community Grant Writer and Liaison Officer (September 9)

Town of Biggar: Town Foreman (When Filled)

RM of Frenchman Butte: Assistant Administrator (When Filled)

Town of Cupar: Public Works and Utilities Person (When Filled)

Town of Hepburn: Administrator (When Filled)

Town of Duck Lake: Administrator (When Filled)

Village of Marcelin: Public Works Relief Operator (When Filled)

City of Melfort: Director of Community Services (When Filled)

Illustrating Aging Infrastructure

The story of municipal infrastructure troubles is not new, but we want to paint a clear picture of the situation in Saskatchewan. We need your pictures! [Email Libbey Morin](#) the pictures of the infrastructure problems in your municipality.

From potholes and aging water treatment plants to sad spray parks and bridges in need of a touch up - we need to see it all. Your photos will help us advance your infrastructure interests.



Updated Agenda for P3 Summit

The Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce, the Saskatchewan Construction Association, and the Saskatchewan Heavy Construction Association have an [updated agenda](#) full of exciting speakers for the Saskatchewan P3 Summit 2014 on **September 9** at the Delta Regina Hotel.

Learn about the Public-Private Partnership model, what is involved in participating in one, and what it takes to partner successfully. Ensure you get a seat at the table by [registering today!](#)

Heritage Grant Deadlines Fast

Approaching

Each year, the Saskatchewan Heritage Foundation (SHF) strategically invests hundreds of thousands of dollars in projects that help preserve and promote our collective heritage.

Does your project qualify?

- [Built Heritage Community Partnership Program](#): SHF actively partners with municipalities, non-profit organizations, incorporated aboriginal groups, private individuals, and corporations to invest in Municipal or Provincial Heritage Properties.
- [On-Site Archeology/Paleontology Community Partnership Program](#): SHF actively partners with archaeologists and paleontologists conducting original research in the province. The work must contribute to our understanding and interpretation of the site, with a focus on understanding those sites that are threatened.

Both programs have an application deadline of **September 1, 2014**. Program details can be found on [the SHF website](#) or by calling 306-787-4188.

City of Regina: Director of Roadways and Transportation Services (When Filled)

City of Regina: Director of Facilities Management Services (When Filled)

City of Regina: Director of Parks and Open Space (When Filled)

City of Regina: Director of Development Services (When Filled)

For a full listing of ads, visit the *SUMA Classifieds* under the Urban Marketplace tab.

Consultation: Pest Control Products Regulations

The Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture is revising its pest control products regulations. The ministry is seeking any feedback and comments, with revisions to be implemented in the late fall of this year.

Changes affecting pesticide application may affect or be of interest to your community, particularly the following:

1. Applicators who use equipment that have GPS will need to keep their GPS records and upon request provide them to the ministry.
2. Applicators will need to provide supply records to the ministry within a two week time frame when requested

Available Grants

Grants with upcoming deadlines:

- *Built Heritage Grants* (September 1)
- *On-Site Archeology/Paleontology Community Partnership Program* (September 1)
- *Building Community through Arts and Heritage* (September 30)

Grants with continuous intake:

- *CMHC Seed Funding Program*
- *Family Violence Initiative*
- *Green Municipal Fund*
- *Northern Capital Grants Program*
- *SaskEnergy Community Fund*
- *Skills Link*

to do so.

3. Applicators will have an increased duty of care when supervising untrained workers.
4. Increased insurance amount requirements for aerial applicators for pesticide drift and chemical trespass.
5. A requirement for training and certification of mixers and loaders for aerial application services and as a result additional cost.
6. A five-year license would be implemented to reflect that pesticide applicator training in Saskatchewan is valid for five years, which would in turn result in an increase in initial licensing costs (although no increase in overall cost over five years).

We emailed a [consultation document](#) earlier this month, and want to remind you of the **Thursday, August 14** deadline for responses to SUMA. Please email your responses to [Steven Dribnenki](#). We will compile the responses from our members and submit them to the ministry.

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.

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Nominate to Celebrate!

Show gratitude to long-serving municipal [employees](#) and [elected officials](#) by nominating them for awards presented at the President's Banquet during [Convention 2015](#).

You can also recognize an individual for [outstanding service in municipal government or administration](#) on a local, provincial, and national basis.

Take the time to celebrate the successes, innovations, and excellence in your municipality through a nomination for the [Saskatchewan Municipal Awards](#).

Nominations for all awards are open until **Thursday, September 18**.

Did You Know...

The town of Nokomis was briefly known as Junction City. At the time, some hoped it would become Western Canada's largest city.