

# Urban Update



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## Mayors Went Back to School

Mayors from more than 30 of Saskatchewan's urban municipalities attended the second Mayors Summer School August 17-19. The mayors got a one-of-a-kind university experience, with classes held on the University of Regina campus, and with many staying on campus in student residence!

There were presentations on leadership and governance, gaining complete trust in staff so mayors can focus on defining policy, legal tangles, and public relations/media training - and that was just Monday! Tuesday included a session on motivating the community, a discussion with several ADMs, and a full-group discussion to wrap up the experience.

Thanks to all mayors who attended! You can check out pictures in our [Facebook album](#), and read more about the program in [this Leader-Post story](#).

## Prepare Your Nominations

Behind every great municipality is a multitude of great people. Do you have any long-serving municipal employees and elected officials you can recognize? Nominations for [Meritorious Service](#) and [Honorary Membership](#) awards are open for [Convention 2015](#).

Is someone in your community exceptional, even without having served more than 20 years? [The Scoop Lewry Award](#)

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### FAQs on Municipal Governance

#### Question:

Who is responsible for ensuring compliance with the building code?

#### Answer:

The owner as defined in The Uniform Building and Accessibility Standards Act (UBAS Act). ([Read more FAQs.](#))

## SUMA Classifieds

### POSITIONS AVAILABLE

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

Town of Elrose: Utility Person  
(September 8)

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

Town of Marshall: Chief  
Administrative Officer (September  
15)

Village of Clavet: Administrator  
(September 26)

RM of Frenchman Butte: Assistant  
Administrator (When Filled)

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

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)

Village of Semans: Assistant  
Administrator (When Filled)

accepts nominations for outstanding service in municipal government or administration on a local, provincial, and national basis.

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

## New SMA Selection Committee

The Saskatchewan Municipal Awards (SMAs) are excited to have a fresh-faced, new selection committee!

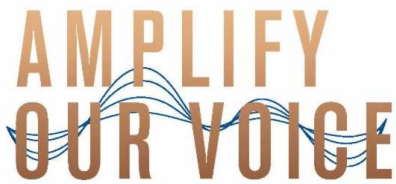
- **Ken Engel:** former Executive Director of SARM
- **Jim Scarrow:** former mayor of Prince Albert, and former Vice-President of Cities for SUMA
- **Gordon Barnhardt:** President of the University of Saskatchewan, and former Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan
- **Neal Hardy:** former President of SARM
- **Jeff Mulligan:** managing partner of AHHA Moments Inc., former mayor of Lloydminster

Welcome to all the new committee members, and a reminder to municipalities to [submit your nomination](#) by September 19!

## 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.



## Finance Officers Conference

This is a reminder to all finance people in Saskatchewan - the Government Finance Officers Association of Western Canada will be holding its annual meeting in Calgary, Alberta on October 8-10. This year's keynote speakers include Mayor of Calgary, Naheed Nenshi, and Retired General Rick Hillier, plus there will be numerous opportunities to meet like-minded people and opportunities for learning. Registration is still open, so don't hesitate. Come prepared to learn, have fun and meet great people.

For more information, and to register visit [the GFOAWC website](#) today!

## Speakers Announced for P3 Summit

The date for the Saskatchewan P3 Summit is approaching quickly - don't be left out in the cold! The 2014 speaker lineup includes:

- **Tom Loo:** Executive Director, Partnerships Procurement, Alberta Infrastructure;
- **Kees Cusveller:** VP, Alternative Procurement and Delivery, Graham Construction;
- **Mark Romoff:** CEO, The Canadian Council for Public-Private Partnerships;
- **Judy Ferguson:** Acting Provincial Auditor, Government of Saskatchewan;
- **Alan Humphries:** Strategic Executive Advisor, Alberta Infrastructure;
- **Michael Atkinson:** President, Canadian Construction

Village of Semans: Town Maintenance/Water/Wastewater Operator (When Filled)

RM of Montrose: Administrator (When Filled)

### FOR SALE

Street Sweeper (When Sold)

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

## 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

Association;

- **Michael Ferguson:** Auditor General, Government of Canada;
- **Perrin Beatty:** President, Canadian Chamber of Commerce;
- **Allan Neill:** CEO, Capital City Link General Partnership;
- **Jim Cahill:** Senior Vice President, AON Risk Solutions;
- **Murray Totland:** City Manager, City of Saskatoon;
- **Rupen Pandya:** President and CEO, SaskBuilds;
- **Larry McCabe:** CAO, Town of Goderich, Ontario;
- **Leon Friesen:** Westridge Construction;
- **John McBride:** CEO, P3 Canada;
- **Gianni Ciuffo:** Partner, Deloitte; and
- **Scott Matheson:** PCL.

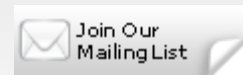
Learn how to:

- measure money for value in P3 projects;
- make smaller municipal P3 projects work;
- identify issues and navigate contracts;
- bundle projects; and
- access new infrastructure money.

See the full program, including session topics, and register today on [the summit website](#).

- [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.

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## Did You Know...

Saskatchewan musicians abound on the Grammy-nominated album *Dueling Polkas*, by Walter Ostanek & his band, and Brian Sklar & the Western Senators. Band members have lived in Prince Albert, Regina, Killaly, Yorkton, Lumsden, and Grayson.