

# Urban Update



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## Register for Regionals

President Button and the SUMA staff are ready for another tour across Saskatchewan for SUMA's 2014 Regional Meetings! These meetings are an invaluable opportunity to gain knowledge, discuss hot topics and challenges within your region, get up to date with what SUMA has been up to, and network with your region, as well as SUMA.

Region	Date	Director	Location
Central	September 29	Ron Osika	Lumsden
East Central	September 30	Randy Goulden	Langenburg
Southeast	October 1	Mike Strachan	Radville
Southwest	October 2	Barry Rudd	Maple Creek
West Central	October 6	Al Heron	Wilkie
Northwest	October 7	Ben Buhler	Dalmeny
Northeast	October 8	Glenn George	Melfort

See the agenda, register, and get more details on [the Regional Meetings page](#) of our website.

## Only 10 Days Left!

Two important deadlines are coming up next week, and we don't want you to miss out on a chance for recognition.

Has your municipality gone the extra mile? The [Saskatchewan](#)

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### FAQs on Municipal Governance

#### Question:

Why is the local authority (municipality) responsible for enforcement of the building code?

#### Answer:

The responsibility of municipalities is based on common law practice that expects a local government to have a "duty of care" to the people who live,

[Municipal Awards](#) (SMAs) are a great chance to have your municipality recognized for innovation and excellence. [Submit your nomination](#) now - winners will be announced in November, and winning urban municipalities will receive their award at Convention 2015.

work and travel through the geographical area. ([Read more FAQs.](#))

## SUMA Classifieds

### POSITIONS AVAILABLE

*Town of Elrose: Utility Person*  
(September 8)

*RM of Laird: Administrator*  
(September 10)

*Ministry of Government Relations:  
Municipal Administration Advisor*  
(September 14)

*Town of Marshall: Chief  
Administrative Officer* (September 15)

*City of Melville: City Manager*  
(September 15)

*Woodlands County: Director of  
Corporate Services* (September 17)

*Village of Clavet: Administrator*  
(September 26)

*Town of Wadena: Chief  
Administrative Officer* (September 30)

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

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

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

*Do you have long-serving municipal employees or elected officials?* They may be eligible for an award to be presented at the President's Banquet at Convention 2015. The [Meritorious Service](#), [Honorary Membership](#), and [Scoop Lewry](#) awards are all open for nominations. All the details on eligibility are available on the nomination forms.

Nominations for all the above awards are due in 10 days! Submit your forms by **September 18**.

## Full SMA Selection Committee

In the last Urban Update, we told you about the Saskatchewan Municipal Awards' five new selection committee members. But wait...there are six! Let's try this again.

- **Keith Schneider:** former Executive Director of SUMA and Principal with ADVOCO Consulting
- **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. and former mayor of Lloydminster

Welcome to all the new committee members!

## Grant for Reducing Pollutants to Lake Winnipeg

The Lake Winnipeg watershed expands far beyond Manitoba; it covers approximately **one million square kilometers**,

stretched [over four provinces and four states](#). And urban and rural sources are negatively affecting the lake with an excessive amount of nutrients. The second phase of the Lake Winnipeg Basin Initiative has committed \$7.4 million to fund projects that will reduce nutrient loads and improve the lake and watershed's ecological sustainability.

This fund is available to municipalities, with a good list of eligible projects. Find more details in [the grant summary on our website](#).

## MLDP: New Facilitator and Fall Modules

The Municipal Leadership Development Program (MLDP) committee is pleased to announce that Jeff Mulligan has joined the MLDP team of facilitators. Beginning this fall, Jeff will be presenting the Strategic and Financial Planning for Municipalities module and with Jeff's financial background and municipal experience, he is sure to be a great addition to the program.

Registrations are now being accepted for the fall session.

### **Strategic and Financial Planning for Municipalities Module**

North Battleford - November 18

Wynyard - November 26

### **Municipal Economic Development Fundamentals**

#### **Module**

St. Walburg - November 24

Ituna - November 27

### **Public Relations and Communications for Municipalities Module**

Manitou Beach - November 19

Stoughton - November 27

### **Community and Land Use Planning Module**

Elrose - November 18

Melfort - November 25

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

Village of Semans: Assistant Administrator (When Filled)

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

RM of Montrose: Administrator (When Filled)

Town of Biggar: Heavy Equipment Operator (When Filled)

Spiritwood Area Recreation, Culture and Sport Inc.: Arena Operator/Parks Coordinator (When Filled)

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

RM of Tecumseh: Administrator (When Filled)

Town of Spiritwood: Foreman (When Filled)

### **FOR SALE**

Street Sweeper (When Sold)

Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Equipment (When Sold)

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

## Grants

For more information about the modules or to register for a fall workshop, [visit the MLDP website](#). If you have any questions about the program, feel free to contact Teresa Edwards, Program Administrator, at [mldp@sasktel.ca](mailto:mldp@sasktel.ca) or 306-761-3725.

## Regional Planning for Growth Summit

Attend the 2014 Regional Planning for Growth Summit November 17 and 18 in Regina.

Community leaders and their staff are invited to engage in facilitated discussions and interactive presentations on the future of the Regina region. Hear from local leaders who have successfully developed and implemented regional visions and plans.

The Summit will focus on the overarching theme of "building the regional framework" for the Regina region by exploring possible opportunities for cooperation and identifying a vision for the Regina region that would benefit all municipalities through complimentary growth and servicing. Key Summit themes include (1) Leadership (2) Practice and (3) Participation.

The Summit will include a combination of presentations and expert Q&A panels addressing the needs and opportunities of our region. A facilitated workshop session on day two will explore further opportunities for regional cooperation.

For more information or to register today, [visit the summit website](#).

### Urban Update Advertisement

#### Upcoming Deadlines:

- [\*Building Community through Arts and Heritage\*](#)  
(September 30)
- [\*Cenotaph and Monument Restoration Program\*](#)  
(October 1)
- [\*Community Grants Program\*](#)  
(October 1)
- [\*Lake Winnipeg Basin Stewardship Fund\*](#) (October 1)

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

### Save on Tires



We hate to say it, but winter is coming. Luckily, you can save on Michelin X SNOPLUS tires for your grader or loader.

[See the savings today](#), and act quickly. The sale runs until November 28.

Winter is inevitable, but paying full price for snow tires doesn't have to be!



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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...**

The blog "[Railway & Main: Small-Town Saskatchewan Hotels](#)" chronicles hotels around the province. From Limerick and Dilke to The Commercial Hotel in Maple Creek, it's an interesting browse for history buffs.