

Urban Update



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Debt Limit Regulation Changes

SUMA has been working on the topic of debt limits for several years, so we are excited to tell you about these new changes! Urban and rural municipalities can now apply to the Saskatchewan Municipal Board (SMB) for a debt limit different from the limit set in section 161 of *The Municipalities Act* (i.e., your own-source revenues for the preceding year). Changes to *The Municipalities Regulations* recently approved by government set out the process for a municipality to seek its own debt limit. Note: this is optional; municipalities are not required to seek an individual or unique debt limit; many municipalities are capable of operating within the legislated limit.

If your council believes you need a different debt limit in order to respond to existing and future needs, you can find the process in section 38.3 of the regulations. This process involves a resolution of council, public notice providing the amount of and reason for the debt limit, and application to the SMB.

The regulations are available in [Volume 110 of The Saskatchewan Gazette](#). You can get ore information about the application by contacting the SMB.

MLDP Fall Modules Reminder!

Don't forget to register for the fall Municipal Leadership Development Program (MLDP) modules scheduled around the province during the last two weeks in November:

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FAQs on Municipal Governance

Question:

Can an existing building bylaw become outdated and require updating?

Answer:

Yes, old bylaws adopted by municipal council before *The Uniform Building and Accessibility Standards Act* became effective on

[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

Visit [the MLDP website](#) for more details, or contact Teresa Edwards, Program Administrator, at mldp@sasktel.net or 306-761-3725 if you have questions.

Space is limited to 30 participants at each workshop, so [register today!](#)

June 6, 1988, should be updated. All new building bylaws and amended building bylaws, must be submitted for ministerial approval. ([Read more FAQs.](#))

SUMA Classifieds

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

City of Regina: Regional Planning Coordinator

(October 6)

Town of Arborfield:

Administrator (October 7)

Resort Village of Manitou

Beach: Public Works

Maintenance Person (October 15)

Town of Langham: Assistant

Foreman (October 16)

Hudson Bay: Recreation

Facilities Maintenance

Manager (October 17)

Town of Moosomin: Director of

Public Works and Utilities

(October 20)

Northern Village of Denare

Beach: Foreman (October 20)

RM of North Qu'Appelle and

Resort Village of Fort San:

Administrator (October 24)

City of Moose Jaw: Director of

Engineering Services (October 25)

Equipment Operator Course

SUMAssure is presenting Powered Mobile Equipment Operator Courses across the province. We encourage you to send municipal staff to attend the course to reduce your exposure to losses. Those with three years of experience on the equipment can become certified to train others. Those with fewer than three years of experience should still attend, but will not be certified to train others following the course.

There are six sessions, held at locations around the province:

October 14 - Melfort

October 15 - Martensville

October 16 - Meadow Lake

October 21 - White City

October 22 - Shaunavon

October 24 - Carlyle

Enrollment Fee:

Free for SUMAssure subscribers!

Non-SUMAssure subscriber: \$300/person

See [the event poster](#) for more details. Space is limited to 20 people per course, so [register today!](#)

The SUMAssure Insurance Reciprocal is a not-for-profit reciprocal insurance exchange owned by its subscribing urban municipalities. SUMAssure is devoted exclusively to providing Saskatchewan's urban municipalities with the best possible insurance program at the lowest possible cost. For more information, visit [the SUMAssure website](#).

Convention 2015: Farewell, Partners' Program

Due to declining participation, SUMA's Convention Planning Committee decided to cancel the Partners' Program. We plan to include information on the host city's attractions in the convention handbook for partners' reference. We mentioned this in the June edition of the [President's Update](#), but with preparation for Convention 2015 beginning in earnest, we wanted to remind you.

Another Round for Community Rink Grants

Does your municipality own a skating or curling facility? The Community Rink Affordability Grant is back for another year, offering \$2,500 per ice surface; if your facility includes skating and curling rinks, you could qualify for \$5,000! You can use the funds for operating costs or small capital expenditures.

Registration is open until Friday, December 12, 2014.

More information on the grant is available on [the summary sheet](#) on our website.

Mayor's Housing Summit: Register by October 16

[City of Melfort: Director of Community Services](#) (When Filled)

[Village of Lipton: Public Works and Utilities Person](#) (When Filled)

[Town of Duck Lake: Administrator](#) (When Filled)

[Village of Edam: Administrator](#) (When Filled)

[Town of Biggar: Economic Development Officer](#) (When Filled)

[Town of Milestone seeks Town Foreman](#) (When Filled)

[Village of Borden: Administrator](#) (When Filled)

[Town of Oxbow, RM of Enniskillen: Community Development Officer](#) (When Filled)

[Resort Village of Cochin: Administrator](#) (When Filled)

[Town of Shaunavon: Administrator](#) (When Filled)

[Town of Blaine Lake: Assistant Maintenance Person](#) (When Filled)

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

Grants

Upcoming Deadlines:

- *Community Grants Program*
(October 31)
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- *Creative Partnership Program: Explorations*
(November 15)
- *Museum Grant Program*
(November 30)

For a full listing of grants, check the Grants section on *our website* under the Resources tab.

The Mayor's Housing Summit, taking place October 21 at the Delta Regina Hotel, is quickly approaching. Focussing on progress and practical solutions, participants will measure housing progress and work towards identifying housing solutions in the Regina region.

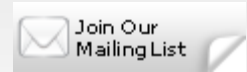
Featured presentations include:

- Social and Economic Context;
- Municipal Case Examples;
- Case Studies in Aboriginal Housing; and
- an update on the City's Comprehensive Housing Strategy.

Praxis Research Strategy will lead facilitated sessions that identify housing issues and potential solutions as well as discussing the city's housing strategy and ideas.

To ensure there is no barrier to attendance at the summit, registered, non-profit housing organizations, to a maximum of two representatives from each organization, can register free of charge.

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



TD Green Streets Program

Is your community working on a municipal forestry project? TD Green Streets is the flagship program of Tree Canada, and you may be eligible for for funding up to 50 per cent of the cost.

The program encourages and supports the adoption of leading edge practices in municipal forestry including:

- innovative urban forest planning;
- single-tree and forest-stand innovation demonstration projects;
- policy and best management practices workshops;
- outreach and educational activities on innovative practices including arboricultural practices;
- innovative management tools to protect and maintain the urban forest;

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...

Cumberland House is the oldest settler community in Saskatchewan.

- innovative urban design which showcases "green infrastructure;" and
- innovative planting techniques.

Details on eligibility and funding are available on the [grant summary on our website](#).