

Urban Update



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Convention 2015: Registration Begins Next Month

We will be kicking off registration for Convention 2015, *The Urban Heartbeat*, on Tuesday, November 4. On that day, expect an invitation to register at the email address that serves as the main contact for your municipality. In the email will be the link to register all of the delegates for convention, instructions on how to register, and the convention brochure. It is important to designate one person in your municipality, such as an administrator, to register all delegates in your municipality. The early bird deadline is December 23, 2014. After that, prices go up. Watch your inboxes on November 4!

Congratulations, Sean McEachern!

Our very own Director of Policy and Communications, Sean McEachern, is being honoured by his alma mater this week. On Wednesday, Sean will receive the [Dr. Robert and Norma Ferguson award for Outstanding Service](#) from the University of Regina.

We are excited to see Sean recognized for his commitment to public service. Congratulations!

Lac Mégantic Disaster Report Released

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FAQs on Municipal Governance

Question:

Is it difficult to obtain approval of a building bylaw?

Answer:

No. Municipalities can simply submit two certified true copies of adopted bylaws to the Building Standards and Licensing Branch. Municipalities may also submit

On August 19, 2014 the Transportation Safety Board (TSB) released its long-awaited report on the Lac-Mégantic disaster . The report identifies numerous factors related to the crash, including lax safety standards, and poor employee monitoring and maintenance practices by the company. The TSB also highlighted safety standards for DOT-111 tanker cars, which Transport Canada is already addressing through car retirement or retrofitting of all current DOT-111 cars to meet new safety standards.

The report also targets the self-regulating regime that Transport Canada has instituted for railway companies, noting that while the railway company involved in the disaster was required to file their "Safety Management System" with Transport Canada, the government did not adequately investigate whether the railway company was actually following those procedures.

The report did not lead to any immediate actions from the federal government, but the Federation of Canadian Municipalities is using the TSB's report as evidence of the need for increased regulation and oversight for the railway industry. SUMA will continue to work with the provincial government to ensure that any regulations adopted federally are also applied provincially to short-line railroads carrying dangerous goods.

Keeping Up With saskdocs

The [latest newsletter from saskdocs](#), the doctor recruitment and retention program, is now available. The fall issue includes information on emergency medicine in the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region, the success of an externship program for physicians in rural and remote areas of Saskatchewan, and an article on physician recruitment and retention from the Canadian Journal of Rural Medicine.

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:

draft copies for comment before municipal adoptions. The turnaround is approximately 30 days. ([Read more FAQs.](#))

SUMA Classifieds

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

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)

Town of Battleford: Chief Administrative Officer
(November 14)

Town of Battleford: Assistant Administrator (November 14)

Town of Milestone: 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)

[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!](#)

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

Village of Caronport: Public Works Superintendent (When Filled)

Town of Spiritwood: Town Foreman (When Filled)

Town of Dalmeny: Administrator (When Filled)

Town of Arborfield: Administrator (When Filled)

Village of Lang: Permanent Part-Time Administrator (When Filled)

Town of Rosetown: Superintendent of Public Works (When Filled)

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

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.

Urban Update Advertisement

Grants

Upcoming Deadlines:

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



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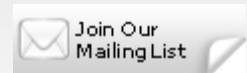
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*Museum Grant Program
(November 30)*

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...

The village of Ebenezer is named after an Old Testament location mentioned in the Books of Samuel.