

Urban Update



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Sorry We're Late!

This edition of Urban Update is arriving a bit late this week, as the service provider we use to send it had some technical difficulties on Monday and Tuesday. Thanks for your patience, and enjoy!

First Phase of Environmental Code Comes Into Force in 2015

On November 3, Saskatchewan announced that the first phase of the new Environmental Code has been adopted. Chapters relating to forest management will come into force January 5, 2015, and the remaining chapters (which include new water and sewer main construction standards for municipalities with a population over 5,000) will be in effect on June 1, 2015. Activities not included in this version of the code - including landfills and transfer stations, and water and wastewater treatment - will continue to be regulated as before.

The code adopts a results-based approach to environmental regulation in which outcomes are defined, but the specific method to achieving the outcome is left to the regulated community. We expect additional chapters will be announced as the code continues to evolve, and will keep members updated whenever we have new information.

More information on the new code is available on the [Ministry of Environment website](#).

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FAQs on Municipal Governance

Question:

Can a building official work for more than one local government?

Answer:

We Want to Hear From You: Landfill Survey

SUMA has embarked on a research project to help understand the costs involved with meeting the standards we expect in upcoming chapters of the Environmental Code. To do that, we need you to fill out a survey telling us about your landfill.

The survey asks for quite a bit of information, so we suggest looking [at the questions in advance](#) and gathering the answers before you fill out [the online survey](#). We will need several hundred fully complete surveys by **Friday, December 5**, so please take the time to fill it out. This will help us understand what it will cost municipalities to get landfills up to code. Thank you in advance for your help. If you have any questions, contact Steven Dribnenki at sdribnenki@suma.org or 306-525-4389.

Congratulations Winners!

Last week, the winners of this year's Saskatchewan Municipal Awards were announced. The Selection Committee's chosen projects covered 14 municipalities.

- **1st Place - Regional Municipal Plaza:** RMs of of Baildon, Hillsborough, Rodgers, Moose Jaw, and Caron
- **2nd Place - Revitalization of Merchants Bank of Canada Building:** City of Humboldt
- **3rd Place - Water Conservation Measures Bylaw:** Town of Lumsden
- **Regional Cooperation Award - Moose Jaw - Regina Industrial Corridor Committee Inc.:** Cities of Moose Jaw and Regina, Town of Pense, Villages of Grand Coulee and Belle Plaine, and RMs of Sherwood, Pense, and Moose Jaw

Winning RMs received their awards last week at SARM's Midterm Convention. Winning urban municipalities will receive their award at Convention 2015. Thanks to our title sponsor, Affinity Credit Union, whose support is critical to this program.

Well done to all winning municipalities! Check out [the SMA](#)

Yes, two or more local authorities can either appoint a building official separately or enter into an agreement for building official services to be provided to both authorities. ([Read more FAQs.](#))

SUMA Classifieds

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

City of Humboldt: Accountant Supervisor (November 21)

Northern Village of Denare Beach: Foreman (November 24)

City of Yorkton: Assessment and Taxation Manager (November 28)

MCDP: Project Facilitator (December 1)

RM of Prince Albert: Administrator (December 3)

Town of Hudson Bay: Director of Public Works (December 12)

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

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

Village of Bjorkdale: Administrator (When Filled)

[website](#) for more details.

Convention 2015: Resolution Reminder

If your council is meeting this week, remember that Friday is the deadline to submit a resolution for Convention 2015. You may want to review our updated [resolutions policy](#) or review [past resolutions](#). All the details on submitting a resolution are available in the [call for resolutions](#).

Convention 2015: Did You Get Your Registration Email?

SUMA launched registration for Convention 2015 on November 4. The main email contact for your municipality should have received an email inviting you to register. If you did not receive an email, please email registration@suma.org.

Second Round for Recycling Infrastructure Grant Program

Didn't apply for Recycling Infrastructure Grant funding in June? Funding is still available, so SUMA will be accepting a second round of applications for eligible projects.

Applications will be judged as soon as they come in, so send your application in quickly.

You can find the program guidelines and application form on [the program page](#) on SUMA's website. To get the wheels turning, here are some examples of eligible projects:

- Large bins for depot collection
- Bailers
- Trailers for collection and shipping of recyclables
- Mobile scale to weigh recyclables

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

[Town of Eastend: Public Works Operator](#) (When Filled)

[Town of Regina Beach: Supervisor of Utilities](#) (When Filled)

[Town of Shaunavon: Superintendent of Public Works](#) (When Filled)

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

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

Grants

Upcoming Deadlines:

- [Creative Partnership Program: Explorations](#)
(November 15)
- [Museum Grant Program](#)
(November 30)
- [Community Rink Affordability Grant](#)
(December 12)

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

[Applications](#) will be received up to December 31, 2014, or until funding is all used up, so don't delay!

Convention 2015: Sunday Night Details

We've mentioned that the Sunday night event for Convention 2015 will be scaled down from previous years. Join us for an informal welcome reception at TCU Place. There will be appetizers and a cash bar. You can network with peers and SUMA Board members, and enjoy as Stephen Maguire and the Memory Lane Band perform hits from the 40s, 50s, and 60s. Tickets are only \$15, and with your ticket you also get an entry to win a trip for two. For details on everything happening at Convention 2015, check [the event page on our website](#).

Settlement and Immigration Summit

The Saskatchewan Association of Immigrant Settlement and Integration Services (SAISIA) held its first Settlement and Immigration Summit on September 24-25, 2014, to identify gaps in existing newcomer programming and potential solutions. SAISIA created [a summit report](#) to capture the summit's events and discussions for interested members.

reading the Urban Update this week and we welcome your comments.

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Did You Know...

Fort San is well known for being the site of a sanatorium, but it was also home to the Saskatchewan Summer School of the Arts, the HMCS Qu'Appelle Cadet Summer Training Centre, and the Echo Valley Conference Centre.