

Urban Update



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See You Next Year!

Once again, we are saving you the guilt of ignoring our last Urban Update of the year while you celebrate the holidays. Our December 29 edition of Urban Update will be saved until January 5, 2015.

So however you celebrate, SUMA wishes you a safe and happy holiday season - see you in 2015!

Convention 2015: Early-Bird Registration Ends Next Week!

Time is running out to take advantage of the early-bird pricing to attend Convention 2015. These rates are only available until **Tuesday, December 23**, so register soon! All the details should have come to the main email contact for your municipality with an invitation to register. The initial email went out November 4, and a reminder went out earlier this month. If you haven't received an email about registering for Convention 2015, please email registration@suma.org.

Be sure to book your hotel rooms too; several hotels have already sold out their blocks. Check the [Convention 2015 page](#) on our website for details on accommodations.

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FAQs on Municipal Governance

Question:

Our lagoon is running out of space. What can we do?

Answer:

Municipalities have the authority to require a servicing agreement with

Although tearing into a beautifully wrapped gift seems like an irreplaceable part of the holiday season, consider the waste we will generate in the next two weeks:

- Between shopping bags and wrapping paper, we create four million tons of waste. If everyone in Canada wrapped just three gifts in reused paper or gift bags, it would save enough paper to cover 45,000 hockey rinks.
- Each year in North America, roughly 33 million live trees are used to deck the halls for Christmas. If your community doesn't have a mulching program, think of how much ends up in your landfill.

This waste has a direct affect on municipalities running landfills. We are still looking for responses to [our landfill survey](#) so that we can effectively represent your interests in upcoming chapters of the Environmental Code. Consider your response our holiday gift for 2014.

Property Assessment and Taxation Workshop

A workshop geared to the needs of elected officials and administrators will be held on Sunday, February 1, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. in Centennial Hall B at TCU Place in Saskatoon just prior to the SUMA Convention.

Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency (SAMA) will be providing an 'Assessment 101' workshop that will act as a refresher for those familiar with property assessment processes. Current topics such as SAMA's new maintenance fee and initial trends for the 2017 Revaluation will also be discussed. Assessment valuation is critical to the development of municipal budgets.

The Ministry of Government Relations Advisory Services Branch will discuss the municipality's role in assessment, percentage of values and property taxation, including a municipality's ability to use different tax tools to meet local needs.

subdivision applicants. These agreements allow municipalities to collect money for the capital costs of infrastructure needed to support the subdivision and future growth, such as lagoon expansion, water lines, and pump houses. ([Read more FAQs.](#))

SUMA Classifieds

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Town of Wakaw and RM of Fish Creek: Chief Administrative Officer
(December 17)

City of Yorkton: Assistant City Clerk (December 19)

Town of Herbert: Town Foreman (December 29)

RM of Prince Albert: Administrator (January 16)

City of Regina: Senior Advisor
(February 7)

Town of Ituna: Town Foreman
(When Filled)

Village of Edam: Administrator
(When Filled)

Village of Lebreton: Administrator
(When Filled)

Town of Lanigan: CAO (When Filled)

City of Cold Lake: Engineering

There's no need to pre-register for this session - just arrive ready to learn!

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

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

Save on Snow Tires in 2014



The savings on snow tires from Michelin have been expanded through the rest of 2014! You can get special price reductions on Michelin X SNOPLUS tires for your grader or loader through the SUMAdvantage program. See the [promotion flyer](#) for pricing, and contact [your nearest Michelin dealer](#) to get in on the deal today.

Pre-Convention MLDP Sessions

We announced the dates and locations for the pre-Convention

[Manager](#) (When Filled)

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

Grants

Upcoming Deadlines:

- [Cenotaph and Monument Restoration Program](#) (January 2)
- [Celebrate Canada!](#) (January 15)
- [Building Community through Arts and Heritage](#) - Festivals and Community Anniversaries (January 30)
- [Community Grants Program](#) - Summer Grants (February 1)
- [Municipal Cultural Engagement and Planning](#) (February 15)
- [Transit Assistance for People with Disabilities Program](#) (February 28)

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.

SUMA

Municipal Leadership Development Program (MLDP) workshops in the last Urban Update. You can now register for the five workshops scheduled at TCU Place in Saskatoon on Saturday, January 31:

- Strategic and Financial Planning for Municipalities
- Municipal Economic Development Fundamentals
- Human Resources in the Municipal Workplace
- Public Relations and Communications for Municipalities
- Community and Land Use Planning

[Online registration](#) is available on [the MLDP website](#) . If you need more information or have questions, please contact Teresa Edwards, MLDP Administrator, at 306-761-3725 or mldp@sasktel.net.

FCM Seeking Members for GMF Council

FCM is launching a call for expression of interest for three municipal elected officials for the positions of GMF Council Chair (one position) and GMF Council member (two positions).

If you are interested in one of these opportunities, please refer to the call for expression of interest under the [Member Opportunities](#) section of the Careers page of the FCM website. Comments, inquiries and suggestions can be directed to [Debbie Miller](#).

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Did You Know...

The world's largest oil can in Rocanville was erected to commemorate the Symons Oiler Factory. The factory produced more than one million oil cans during the Second World War.