

Urban Update



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MMRP Launch Delayed

As we told you in late December, Multi-Material Stewardship Western (MMSW) [delayed the launch of the Multi-Material Recycling Program \(MMRP\) and cancelled municipal funding agreements](#) after the province [announced changes to the MMRP](#).

SUMA engaged all players in this issue immediately, and we are working to get the MMRP launched as soon as possible with all the previously registered municipalities receiving funding. We will continue to keep you up to date with our progress and the latest news.

If you have any questions, contact Steven Dribnenki at sdribnenki@suma.org or 306-525-4389.

2014 Wrap Up

Though we're now in 2015, we thought this issue of Urban Update would be a good chance to look back at some of the initiatives SUMA worked on through 2014.

Representing Members' Interests:

- Engaged at the national and provincial level to increase rail safety standards
- Successfully negotiated for a greater share of municipal funds from the New Building Canada Fund
- Participated in more than 25 new and ongoing

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FAQs on Municipal Governance

Question:

What is a servicing agreement and what does it do?

Answer:

A servicing agreement is a legal contract that a municipality may require with a subdivision applicant. Under the agreement, a municipality accepts long term responsibility for maintaining the infrastructure in a new subdivision in exchange for the developer

consultations on issues such as boundary alteration compensation, *The Local Government Elections Act*, SGI payout rates for motor vehicle collision callouts, and immigration settlement

- Continued to work with SARM and the Association of Regional Waste Authorities to see the full implementation of the MMRP in 2015 (see above for current status of the MMRP)
- In partnership with the SPRA, led the development of an Inter-Municipal Collaboration in Recreation guide for urban municipalities
- Initiated a landfill research project to determine the current state of landfills and determine true costs that local governments may incur to comply with upcoming Environmental Code standards
- Played a major role in the development of a new alternative enforcement option for local governments to address concerns with the enforcement of bylaws and other minor infractions
- Raised SUMA's voice and profile at FCM Convention with a strong delegation
- Randy Goulden ran as a very strong candidate for 3rd VP of FCM, and six members of our Board now sit on FCM Board/Committees
- Stronger engagement with provincial partners (Saskatchewan School Board Association, Sask Chambers of Commerce and Consulting Engineers of Saskatchewan)
- Signed a partnership agreement with the Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism to help advance public policy issues of mutual interest and foster greater public awareness of urban government roles in building healthy, safe, and age-friendly communities
- Administered the delivery of the \$500,000 Saskatchewan Recycling Infrastructure Grant Program to help municipalities purchase recycling infrastructure prior to the implementation of the MMRP
- Launched our social media initiative ([Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)) at Convention 2014
- Held a two-day Advocacy Days event at the Legislature where board members discussed issues with Cabinet Ministers and MLAs
- Organized two successful City Mayors' Caucus meetings that involved the Minister of Government Relations, Federal Minister of Agriculture, and provincial

installing that same infrastructure needed for the subdivision. A servicing agreement is a method to address the capital cost of new infrastructure that services a subdivision without increasing taxes. ([Read more FAQs.](#))

SUMA Classifieds

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

RM of Enterprise and Village of Richmond:

Administrator/Assistant
(January 7)

SUMA: Convention and Events Coordinator (January 8)

RM of Prince Albert:
Administrator (January 16)

Town of Unity: Director of Culture, Parks, and Recreation
(February 2)

City of Regina: Senior Advisor
(February 7)

Town of Lanigan: CAO (When Filled)

City of Cold Lake: Engineering Manager (When Filled)

FOR SALE:

Garbage Truck and Bins
(February 20)

Street Sander (When Sold)

government and opposition MLAs

- Initiated the development of a professional multi-media presentation that will tell the urban story - to be used by SUMA and our members to educate the public and other elected officials about urban governments
- Met with the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce's Environment and Investment and Growth committees to present and discuss on issues related to infrastructure, environment and municipal financing
- Sponsored the 2014 Municipal Infrastructure Conference - with presentation from our CEO Laurent Mougeot
- Strategic plan adjustment: in June, the Board decided to re-focus its partnership activities and initiative with willing partners who share joint interests.

Helping Members Save Money:

- Launched research and development for SUMA's central municipal procurement services
- Hired a procurement specialist to work on a strategy to increase group procurement opportunities
- Administered group purchasing for para-transit vehicles and breathing apparatus for firefighters
- Members of the SUMAdvantage Advisory Committee mapped out the future of SUMAdvantage
- SUMAssure: Program grew from 162 to 182 subscribers in 2014, making it the highest annual growth since its inception
- Held power mobile equipment workshop in six locations (complimentary to SUMAssure subscribers)
- SUMAssure marketing strategy developed to increase subscriber base - efforts are already showing payoff
- Held second successful Mayors Summer School
- Launched casual legal services

Giving Members Access to Resources:

- Launched forum for Mayors Summer School Alumni
- Great 2014 Annual Convention, offering sessions on inter-municipal collaboration, public safety, workplace safety, planning, and communication
- Continue to work closely with SARM on the operation of the Municipal Capacity Development Program (MCDP)
- Performed another successful round of regional meetings in the fall of 2014 providing learning opportunities on

Water Pumps (When Sold)

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

Grants

Upcoming Deadlines:

- *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.

Are You a Waste Minimizer?

The Saskatchewan Waste Reduction Council (SWRC) is seeking nominations for the Saskatchewan Waste Minimization Awards for 2014. If you know of an individual, business, municipality or community

procedural fairness, conflict of interest and the Municipal Finance Corporation

- Legal and procurement presentations delivered at Regional Meetings
- New facilitators and enhancements to the Strategic and Financial Planning for Municipalities and Human Resources in the Municipal Workplace modules of the Municipal Leadership Development Program (MLDP)

Other initiatives:

- Engaged with FCM on international projects in four countries on three continents: Ukraine, Indonesia, Colombia, and Peru
- Provided Governance coaching and training to Nunavut Association of Municipalities
- Continued engagement with SUMAssure in designing and implement strategic initiatives
- Mobile app launched at Convention 2014
- Launched online registration for Convention 2014

Last Chance on Landfill Survey: Extended

Thank you to everyone who filled out [the online survey](#) telling us about their landfill. This information will help us represent your interests with the provincial government and help them understand the costs of landfills in Saskatchewan.

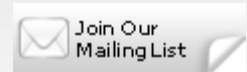
While we appreciate the responses we have received, we wanted to take one last opportunity to ensure everyone had a chance to take part.

If you have not yet responded, we would love to hear from you - but we need your response by **Friday, January 16**. 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](#).

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organization who should be recognized for their waste minimization efforts, you can [submit your nomination online](#). Help the SWRC celebrate the good things happening in Saskatchewan!

The awards ceremony will be held in conjunction with the SWRC's 2015 Waste ReForum conference April 22-24 in Saskatoon. Watch for registration information for this event on [their website](#).



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...

Candle Lake got its name from a Cree Legend that says flickering lights appear near the north end of the lake. There are claims that the lights continue to be seen even now.

Convention 2015: Resolution Packages

Be sure your council reviews the resolution package so you are prepared for the resolutions session at Convention 2015!

The packages were emailed last month, so you won't receive a physical copy in the mail. You can also [see the document](#) on the Convention 2015 page of our website, or email [Sean McKenzie](#).