

Urban Update



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Convention 2015: Evaluation

Thank you to all the delegates at Convention 2015. We appreciate the patience you showed with the hiccups we faced this year. It was a bumpy road, but we made it through, and now we are looking for your feedback - the good and the bad.

The [Convention 2015 evaluation](#) is open to all delegates. We made it a bit shorter than previous years so we could narrow the focus to the most important information and responses. Thank you in advance for taking the time to help us improve future SUMA conventions.

Convention 2015: Presentations Up Next Week

As we mentioned at the education sessions and in the official opening, we will once again have several of the Convention 2015 presentations available online. We will post them on [our YouTube page](#) next week, then include links to them on the [SUMA Presentations page](#) of our website.

Convention 2016: Ready to Book for Next Year?

Yes, you read that right - Convention 2016. We have hotel blocks set aside at [several Regina hotels](#), so you can book now for next year. We look forward to seeing you there!

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FAQs on Municipal Governance

Question:

How does the calculation of off-site fees work?

Answer:

Off-site fees must reflect the municipality's actual capital costs associated with providing various services. For

Time to Renew: VFF Insurance

[Volunteer Firefighter Insurance](#) renewal is due soon. All participating municipalities received renewal invoices in early December. The deadline to renew coverage is February 28, 2015. If you plan on renewing this coverage and have not already done so, please send a copy of your invoice along with your payment to the SUMA office. Late renewals will result in a lapse in coverage, so get your renewal in today!

Survey on Performance Evaluations

The Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators (CAMA) is working to improve the performance evaluation of municipal chief administrative officers across Canada. They are asking elected officials to complete a [brief survey](#) before Friday, February 13. Your feedback will help CAMA develop a tool to help all municipalities with the process of performance evaluation.

Housing Outlook Conference

The Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) is hosting a Housing Outlook Conference for Saskatchewan on February 19, in Regina. You can check [the brochure](#) on their website for more information.

This event always fills up quickly, so CMHC encourages you to register early. Special group pricing, and early bird pricing are both still available. [Secure registration](#) is available online.

Age-Friendly Communities Workshop

The City of Weyburn and the Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism (a SUMA partner) are sponsoring an Age-Friendly Communities workshop in Weyburn on Wednesday, February 25. This free workshop will run from 10:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. at the

example, a municipality may require a new sewage lagoon to accommodate future growth. The total cost of the upgrade is proportioned...([Read the full answer](#))

SUMA Classifieds

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

[Town of Elrose: Administrator](#) (February 9)

[Village of Buchanan: Village Administrator](#) (February 27)

[Town of Norquay: Administrator](#) (March 6)

[City of Cold Lake: Strategic Initiatives Manager](#) (March 9)

[Town of Regina Beach: Manager of Public Works and Utilities](#) (When Filled)

[RM of Beaver River: Chief Administrative Officer](#) (When Filled)

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

Grants

Upcoming Deadlines:

- [Municipal Cultural Engagement and Planning](#) (February 15)

McKenna Auditorium. You can register by Thursday, February 19 by calling 306-757-1898 or [emailing Rosemary](#). More details are available in [this brochure](#).

Homelessness Partnering Strategy - Rural and Remote Funding

On behalf of the Government of Canada's Homelessness Partnering Strategy, the YMCA of Regina is issuing the 2015-2016 Call for Proposals for Rural and Remote Saskatchewan. There is \$240,735 in funding available through this HPS funding cycle. The call is open to individuals and organizations working to alleviate homelessness in Rural and Remote Saskatchewan. Funding will be issued to projects in the following five areas:

- Support Services
- Coordinate Resources and Leveraging
- Capital Investment Projects
- Housing First
- Data Collection

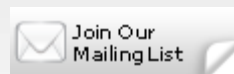
The call remains open until February 27.

[Application Guide](#)

[Application Package](#)

- [*Transit Assistance for People with Disabilities Program*](#) (February 28)
- [*Built Heritage Grants*](#) (March 15)
- [*One-Time Grant for Non-Designated Commercial Heritage Property*](#) (March 15)

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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Urban Update Advertisement

CODE 2015 - Contractors and Suppliers, Owners, Developers and Architects, Engineers

March 18, 2015
Delta Regina Hotel

As public owners, municipalities are invited to join the Regina Construction Association for this inaugural construction symposium.

Last fall, the RCA conducted industry focus groups to determine the biggest challenges facing the industry. **CODE 2015** is the result.

The day's agenda is industry driven and developed in response to feedback received. Presentations will

Did You Know...

The Village of Caronport gets its name from its time as a World War II British Commonwealth training base for pilots near the hamlet of Caron - that is, the Caron Airport. The airbase was only open for a couple years, but it left a legacy in the village. The layout of the rest of the village is all based on the placement of the original runways (though the runways are now defunct).

address the most pressing issues including: Effective Hiring, Integrated Project Delivery, Identifying and Minimizing Risk, and Improving the Quality of Construction Documents.

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