

Urban Update



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Convention 2015: Taxi and Parking Reimbursement

As we mentioned during the opening ceremonies of Convention 2015, SUMA will arrange to compensate delegates who had to pay for parking or taxis due to the lack of bussing on Monday, February 2. If you have not yet done so, please send in a copy of your receipts, along with your name, mailing address, and phone number by **Monday, March 2**. You can send in scanned copies to suma@suma.org, or mail your receipts to our office: 200 2222 13th Avenue Regina, SK S4P 3M7.

Convention 2015: Last Chance for Evaluation

Have you completed our [simplified evaluation survey](#) for Convention 2015? This week is your last chance to complete the evaluation and get your name entered into a draw for one last prize! Ensure you've submitted your [evaluation](#) by **Friday, February 27**.

Last Chance to Register for March 9 MLDP Sessions

Friday, February 27 is your last chance to register for the Municipal Leadership Development Program (MLDP) March 9

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FAQs on Municipal Governance

Question:

What about development levy agreements? How are these different from servicing agreements?

Answer:

workshops at Prairieland Park in Saskatoon.

- [Strategic and Financial Planning for Municipalities Module](#)
- [Municipal Economic Development Fundamentals Module](#)
- [Human Resources in the Municipal Workplace](#)
- [Public Relations and Communications for Municipalities Module](#)
- [Community and Land Use Planning Module](#)

All of the workshops run from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and the cost to register is \$125.00 plus GST which includes lunch and materials. [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.

New Host Hotels



SUMA is pleased to announce our partnership with four hotels to offer members discounted rates in Regina and Saskatoon. The 2015-16 rates are effective March 1.

Saskatoon:

Park Town Hotel - rates starting at \$155/night

Travelodge - rates starting at \$144/night

Regina:

DoubleTree by Hilton - rates starting at \$152/night

Travelodge - rates starting at \$129.95/night

You can use the hotels when travelling for business or leisure. If asked to provide a membership card at check in, use your 2014 membership card until the 2015 membership card arrives.

For full details on the program, including links to the hotels' websites for more details on their properties, visit the pages for the [Saskatoon Host Hotels](#) and the [Regina Host Hotels](#).

Both are tools to help recover the costs of development, but there are a few important things to consider...

[\(Read the full answer\)](#)

SUMA Classifieds

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Village of Buchanan: Village Administrator (February 27)

Estevan Chamber of Commerce: Executive Director (February 27)

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

Town of Cabri: Chief Administrative Officer (March 20)

Town of Wynyard: Superintendent of Public Works (March 31)

FOR SALE

Street Sweeper (March 31)

Snow Blower (March 31)

Loader (March 31)

Pump (March 31)

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

Municipal Infrastructure Conference

April 21-23, 2015

The Town of Nipawin is proud to host the third annual conference providing multiple learning opportunities in an interactive plenary and concurrent session format. Early bird registration deadline is **March 13, 2015**. Register before this date to be entered into a draw for an iPad. Visit [the conference website](#) for a preliminary agenda and to register.

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!

2015-16 Community Airport Partnership Program

SUMA has long advocated for sustainable funding for community airports. In 2010, the SUMA Board of Directors endorsed a policy advocating for additional funding for airport infrastructure in southern Saskatchewan. The Community Airport Partnership (CAP) program has since received a much-needed boost to continue building links between Saskatchewan and national and international markets. Please take advantage of this program for your regional community airport. Our members identified the renewal of this program as a priority, and so we want to make sure that all of the available money gets used up.

Eligible community airports apply for an infrastructure grant. If recommended by a review panel of aviation experts, a project is cost-shared 50/50 between the community and the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure (MHI) to a maximum contribution by MHI of \$275,000. The deadline for CAP

Grants

Upcoming Deadlines:

- [*Built Heritage Grants*](#) (March 15)
- [*One-Time Grant for Non-Designated Commercial Heritage Property*](#) (March 15)
- [*Community Airport Partnership*](#) (March 31)

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 train station in Eatonia was featured on the cover of the Eaton's catalog in 1955 because the town was named after John Craig Eaton, heir of Timothy Eaton (founder of the Eaton's department store and catalog). Originally the town was called Eaton, but confusion with nearby Eston meant a name

applications is **Tuesday March 31, 2015**. Applications received after this date will not be considered. Further detailed information on the 2015-16 CAP Program and Application Guidelines is available on [the MHI website](#).

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