

# Urban Update



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## Athletics Commission Act

Today, the provincial government [will proclaim \*The Athletics Commission Act\*](#), and we at SUMA celebrate this as a victory of our advocacy work. Through the City Mayors' Caucus, we began asking for this commission in 2010, and it was announced in late 2013. We are pleased to see this legislation come into effect, because we believe this is the most effective way to allow professional mixed martial arts competitions in Saskatchewan.

We appreciate that the Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport listened to us, and that the government followed through on this recommendation.

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## Municipal Infrastructure Conference

**April 21-23, 2015**

Early-bird registration for the third annual Municipal Infrastructure Conference will close this **Friday, March 13**. If you [register this week](#), not only will you get better pricing, you are also entered into a draw for an iPad.

The Town of Nipawin is proud to host the third annual conference providing more than 30 sessions over three days. Visit [the conference website](#) for a preliminary agenda and to register.

### SUMA Classifieds

#### POSITIONS AVAILABLE

[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)

# Building Standards Workshop

Building officials have a chance to take in a free workshop from the Building Standards and Licensing Branch of the Ministry of Government Relations on **April 28 and 29**. This workshop is offered twice a year, with this session held in Saskatoon (the next will be in Regina).

Space is limited to only 40 participants, so you may want to register in advance of the April 17 deadline. There is no charge for the workshop, and materials will be provided. Return [your registration form](#) to Building Standards and Licensing to reserve your spot 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 applications is **Tuesday March 31, 2015**. Applications received after this date will not be considered. Further detailed information on the 2013-2014 CAP Program and Application Guidelines is available on [the MHI website](#).

## Community Spaces Grant

[Town of Battleford:](#)

[Superintendent of Utilities](#)

(April 2)

[Town of Battleford:](#)

[Superintendent of Parks and](#)

[Recreation](#) (April 2)

[Town of Fort Qu'Appelle: Chief](#)

[Administrative Officer](#) (When

Filled)

[Town of Milestone: Public](#)

[Works Foreman](#) (When Filled)

### 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.

## Grants

### Upcoming Deadlines:

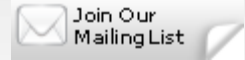
- [Built Heritage Grants](#) (March 15)
- [One-Time Grant for Non-Designated Commercial Heritage Property](#) (March 15)
- [Community Airport Partnership](#) (March 31)

For a full listing of grants, check the

Grants section on [our website](#) under the Resources tab.

Federated Co-operatives Limited will contribute up to \$1 million this year to support projects that improve the places Canadians meet, play, learn, and share. Up to 40 grants - ranging between \$25,000 and \$100,000 - will be awarded this fall.

The application period opens on April 1, but in the meantime, visit the [Community Spaces website](#) to review a sample application, and start preparing yours!



## About Us

We'd like to thank you for reading the Urban Update this week and we welcome your comments.

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## 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](#).

## Did You Know...

Saskatchewan is home to plenty of interestingly named municipalities - from Elbow and Eyebrow to Love and Paradise Hill. But this week, it only made sense to highlight the Village of Shamrock, near one of Saskatchewan's first regional parks of the same name.