

Urban Update



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Response Deadline for MCDP Support Letter

We sent a letter to towns and villages after Convention 2015 asking if they would support a transfer from the revenue sharing pool (approximately \$0.89 per capita) to fund the work of the Municipal Capacity Development Program. The deadline for your response is this **Thursday, March 26**. Please ensure you've sent your response before the deadline.

Mayors Summer School: Save the Date!

SUMA is proud to once again be providing an educational experience unique to Canada: Mayors Summer School. Registration for the class of 2015 will begin June 1, but you can save the date now: **August 16-18** at the University of Regina. Watch future editions of Urban Update and the [Mayors Summer School page](#) on our website for the latest information.

Support Employees Through EFAP

The Employee and Family Assistance Program (EFAP) through Shepell-fgi is more than just a counseling service. Did you know that it also provides counseling and support for managers and supervisors and other people leaders? You and your employees can use the program when dealing with issues such as performance management, preventing workplace conflict,

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Catch Up on Convention 2015

Convention 2015 had a jam-packed agenda - did you miss a session you really wanted to see? Now is your chance, because the education sessions are available on [SUMA's YouTube channel](#).

domestic violence, or substance abuse.

Services are available not only in-person, but also through telephone, video and e-counseling, plus you can access online resources. You will get immediate, relevant support in a way that works for you.

The counseling service is also not just for employees in crisis situations. They can use the program to support them in many issues that they will face such career counseling, stress management, financial guidance, child and elder care resources, and many, many more.

The service is available to your employees and elected officials through SUMA's group benefit program. For more information contact the SUMA Group Benefits team at 306-525-4390.

Workshop:

Asphalt Operations - Black Side Up!

Registration has been extended to two workshops next month, put on by the Saskatchewan Centre of Excellence for Transportation and Infrastructure (SCETI) and the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure. The intensive two-day course will cover paving operations, specifically emphasizing asphalt laydown and compaction, and will be delivered by an expert in the field who has designed the course specifically for the Saskatchewan context.

The course will run April 27-28 in Saskatoon and April 29-30 in Regina. Registration is \$375 per person (plus GST), with an April 17 deadline. But if you want to get in on the special hotel rates, you'll want to act quickly. Check [the registration form](#) for more details.

Leadership in Asset Management Program

The Leadership in Asset Management Program (LAMP) is looking for anglophone municipalities to participate in a peer

President Button's rousing address is also available, along with the addresses from Premier Brad Wall and Minister of Government Relations, Jim Reiter.

SUMA Classifieds

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Village of St. Louis:

Maintenance Foreman (March 24)

Town of Wynyard:

Superintendent of Public Works
(March 31)

Town of Battleford:

Superintendent of Utilities
(April 2)

Town of Battleford:

Superintendent of Parks and Recreation (April 2)

Town of Battleford:

Superintendent of Public Works (April 24)

Town of Fort Qu'Appelle: Chief

Administrative Officer (When Filled)

Town of Milestone: Public

Works Foreman (When Filled)

RM of Beaver River: Chief

Administrative Officer (When Filled)

learning fund to begin this fall.

LAMP will enable participating municipalities to access grant funding to strengthen organizational adoption of asset management and better integrate environmental and sustainability considerations in these priority areas:

- Asset management policy, strategy, and governance
- Linking assets to services and outcomes (levels of service)
- Risk assessment
- Lifecycle management

More information on LAMP is available on [the Federation of Canadian Municipalities website](#). The deadline for application is **June 15**.

Free Christmas Lights for Municipalities

Get your application in before **March 31** to get free LED Christmas lights with SaskPower's Municipal Seasonal Lighting program.

SaskPower offers Saskatchewan municipalities free commercial-grade seasonal LED (light emitting diode) bulbs to replace old incandescent seasonal light bulbs. Seasonal LEDs use less electricity, are up to 15 times more energy efficient and last up to 60 times longer than seasonal incandescent bulbs. More information (including how to apply) is available [on SaskPower's website](#).

Urban Update Advertisement

ACHIEVE Training Centre - Promoting Leadership and Organizational Performance

ACHIEVE Training Centre presents:

Dealing with Difficult People

Saskatoon - April 9

Regina - April 10

[City of Red Deer: Divisional](#)

[Strategist](#) (When Filled)

[Town of Regina Beach:](#)

[Manager of Public Works and](#)

[Utilities](#) (When Filled)

[Town of Rouleau: Public Works](#)

[Assistant](#) (When Filled)

FOR SALE

[Street Sweeper](#) (March 31)

[Snow Blower](#) (March 31)

[Loader](#) (March 31)

[Pump](#) (March 31)

[Sensus Water Meter](#)

[Equipment](#) (When Sold)

[Neptune Water Meter](#)

[Equipment](#) (When Sold)

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

Grants

Upcoming Deadlines:

- [Community Airport Partnership](#) (March 31)
- [Cenotaph and Monument Restoration Program](#) (April 1)
- [Community Grants Program](#) (April 1)
- [Building Community through Arts and Heritage - Festivals](#) (April 30)

Leadership - The Essential Foundations

Saskatoon - May 6

Change Management - A Leader's Guide

Saskatoon - May 7

Diversity and Culture - Strategies for Working with Differences

Regina - June 4

De-escalating Potentially Violent Situations™

Saskatoon - June 24

Regina - June 25

Mediation - Facilitating Difficult Conversations

Saskatoon - July 8-9

Understanding Mental Illness

Saskatoon - July 13

Live Webinars:

Dealing with Difficult People

March 31, 2015 from 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CST)

Mediation - Facilitating a Difficult Conversation

April 14, 2015 from 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CST)

Mental Health in the Workplace

May 1, 2015 from 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CST)

Emotional Intelligence - Responding to Your Emotions

May 12, from 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CST)

To learn more about these workshops [click here](#)

For more on our workshops and webinars, or to read our latest blog post, please visit:

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204.452.0180

- [Community Demonstration Grant](#) (April 30)

For a full listing of grants, check the Grants section on [our website](#) under the Resources tab.

Keeping Up With saskdocs

The [March edition of saskdoc's e-newsletter](#) is now available.

This issue covers the story of a University of Saskatchewan grad now working in small-town Saskatchewan, success stories from Convention 2015, information on family medicine residencies, and more.



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 City of Lloydminster may be famous for its position across the Saskatchewan/Alberta border, but the City of Flin Flon

also stretches outside
Saskatchewan's borders into
Manitoba. And both cities are
SUMA members!