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# President's Update



April 2, 2015

## **Notes From the Board Meeting**

The SUMA Board of Directors came together for our first full Board meeting of 2015 last Friday, March 27. It was a full day in Regina as we discussed and prepared to defend the interests of our member municipalities - from the largest cities to the smallest villages.

The Convention Planning Committee got the day rolling by passing **Chair responsibilities** from Councillor Ted Zurakowski to Councillor Dawn Luhnig; Councillor Darren Hill was named Vice-Chair.

They discussed the results of the **Convention 2015 evaluation** (a big thank you to everyone who completed the evaluation). Responses were very positive, with 90 per cent rating Convention as excellent or good, 91 per cent saying they believe convention offers reasonable or extremely good value, and 98 per cent scoring the evening events as excellent or good! SUMA staff will now look into incorporating many of the suggestions into Convention 2016 in Regina. See you there!

The full Board meeting began later that morning. As always, there was much discussion around many issues. These were some of the big items:

We endorsed the **revamped SUMA Advantage** business model. The revised program will expand the program to include marketing, greater transparency, more opportunities, and increased member input through participation in the sourcing of suppliers.

The Board discussed the ongoing work being done in partnership with SARM, the Saskatchewan Association of Fire Chiefs, and the Saskatchewan Volunteer Fire Fighters

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Association, to advocate for **changes to how fire departments are compensated for attending motor vehicle collisions**. SUMA will take the lead in developing a business case for rate increases and changes to productive and non-productive call classifications, with the intention to present the case to SGI by the end of spring 2015.

We talked about the delay in the Multi-Material Stewardship Western (MMSW) **Multi-Material Recycling Program (MMRP)** and the next steps in getting the program to launch as soon as possible. In keeping with the resolution passed at Convention 2015, we are advocating to MMSW, industry groups, the province, and our partner organizations that the MMRP should be implemented immediately, be fully funded, and allow all interested municipalities to participate.

We also discussed the **Municipal Recycling Transition Fund**, which is provincial funding to assist municipalities as a result of the delay in the MMRP. SUMA is administering the program and further details will be released soon.

The Board will come together next on **June 19, 2015**.