

# Urban Update



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## Membership Fees Due

We're not sure how it got to be April already either, but here we are! Don't forget that payment for your 2015 SUMA membership was due March 31. Renewing your membership for another year not only supports SUMA's advocacy and capacity-building work, it helps save you money by giving you access to group benefits, SUMassure, SUMAdvantage, and the other programs offered with membership.

## Town Sector Meeting

On May 12 and 13, 2015, SUMA will be hosting a Town Sector Meeting in Regina, similar to the biannual City Mayors' Caucus meetings. The meeting is intended to bring together town sector representatives to learn and discuss common issues and opportunities.

We will provide more information - including a draft agenda - very soon. Watch your inbox and [our website](#) for the latest!

## Convention 2016: What's Your Theme Idea?

We are looking for a theme to set the tone for SUMA Convention 2016. We greatly value your suggestions, and read every one. In fact, we took a member suggestion to create the

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### SUMA Classifieds

#### POSITIONS AVAILABLE

[City of Melfort: Program Coordinator](#) (April 9)

[Town of Whitewood: Foreman](#) (April 10)

[Town of St. Brieux: Chief Administrative Officer](#) (April

Convention 2013 theme (Dynamic Leaders, Dynamic Communities).

If you submit a theme idea you will be entered to win two tickets (\$120 value) to the Presidents' Banquet held Tuesday, February 2, 2016. To submit your idea, email [kgalandy@suma.org](mailto:kgalandy@suma.org).

## (Environmental) Code Notes

Last week, the Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment launched Code Notes. The new e-bulletin can help you stay up to date about regulatory changes, and find more information and resources. [You can subscribe now](#), and they will also be posting archived versions of the newsletter in [their Knowledge Centre online](#).

## FCM Annual Conference in Alberta

**Register now for FCM's Annual Conference and Trade Show, the largest pan-Canadian gathering of elected municipal leaders!** The 2015 edition runs June 5-8 in Edmonton, Alberta. Learn the latest trends and best practices in municipal services and programs, through 30 workshops, industry-led seminars and study tours. Meet and get advice from 165 industry experts in the municipal field, and network with nearly 2,000 leaders and officials from across Canada. See how they've met challenges similar to ones your community faces and what solutions they found! FCM's event is also a unique opportunity to influence the municipal-federal agenda with the upcoming federal election and to meet federal party leaders. Register before April 13 and save up to \$180 off the regular price!

For more information and to register, [visit FCM's website](#).

Delegates from municipalities who are sending representatives for the first time are automatically entered to win prizes, including a pair of FIFA tickets and a free companion package.

Need help convincing your council of the value of attending FCM's Annual Conference and Trade Show? [Download this list](#) of the top five benefits and adapt [this template](#) of a council

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*Town of Eston: Superintendent of Public Works* (April 13)

*Town of Taber: Director of Finance* (April 17)

*Town of Eston: Recreation Maintenance Manager* (April 20)

*Town of Battleford: Superintendent of Public Works* (April 24)

*City of Dauphin: Utility Foreman* (April 27)

*Town of Lafleche: Administrator* (April 28)

*City of Meadow Lake: Term City Manager* (April 30)

*Town of Naicam and RM of Pleasantdale: Administrator* (July 31)

*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)

*City of Red Deer: Divisional Strategist* (When Filled)

*Town of Regina Beach:*

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## Register Now for UMAAS Convention

The annual convention for the Urban Municipal Administrators Association of Saskatchewan (UMAAS) is happening at the Saskatoon Travelodge June 2-5. SUMA will once again be part of the tradeshow, and we encourage administrators to take advantage of this great learning and networking opportunity. Check the [draft agenda](#) and [tour information](#), then [be sure to register](#) - and get yourself a [60th anniversary jacket](#)!

## Leadership in Asset Management Program

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

## Online Workplace Safety Management System

SUMA encourages all urban municipalities to register with the province's new safety information management system.

While not mandatory, [registering with the system](#) will ensure your contact information will be accessible to the ministry and

[Manager of Public Works and Utilities](#) (When Filled)

[Town of Rouleau: Public Works Assistant](#) (When Filled)

[RM of Rosedale: Foreman](#) (When Filled)

### FOR SALE

[Sensus Water Meter Equipment](#) (When Sold)

[Neptune Water Meter Equipment](#) (When Sold)

[Trackless Municipal Tractor](#) (When Sold)

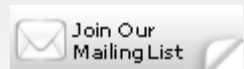
For a full listing of ads, visit the [SUMA Classifieds](#) under the Urban Marketplace tab.

## Grants

### Upcoming Deadlines:

- [Building Community through Arts and Heritage - Festivals](#) (April 30)
- [Community Demonstration Grant](#) (April 30)
- [Creative Partnership Program](#) (May 15)

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



you will have access to your municipality's account, including investigation information and contraventions. You will also be able to receive timely notifications and alerts from the Ministry via email.

SUMA is a signatory member to WorkSafe Saskatchewan.

## 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 Governor General's Award-winning play *Unity (1918)* is a dramatized version of the effects of the 1918 flu pandemic on the town.