

# Urban Update



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## Advocacy Days 2015

SUMA conducted our annual Advocacy Days event on April 15 and 16, 2015, holding meetings between our Board members with Shadow Cabinet portfolios and their provincial counterparts. This year, SUMA was able to meet with 10 cabinet ministers, and discuss a variety of important issues, including the Multi-Material Recycling Program, northern highways, fire service vehicle extraction rates, and social housing. Thank you to all of the ministers who participated in this important SUMA event!

## Town Sector Meeting

SUMA will be hosting our first annual Town Sector Meeting on May 12 and 13, 2015, in Regina.

The Town Sector Meeting will bring together mayors, councillors, and administrators from towns throughout the province to discuss current issues affecting their municipalities. Topics suggested so far include: rail safety, fire service vehicle extraction rates, privacy legislation, and the Multi-Material Recycling Program.

Visit [the event page](#) for more information, or [to register](#).  
Registration deadline is **Wednesday, May 6**.

## Municipal Recycling Transition

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### SUMA Classifieds

#### POSITIONS AVAILABLE

[Town of St. Brieux: Chief Administrative Officer](#) (April 20)

[Town of Eston: Recreation Maintenance Manager](#) (April 20)

# Fund Launches

In December, the province announced changes to the Multi-Material Recycling Program (MMRP) as well as transition funding for municipalities and regional waste authorities for residential recycling services costs. The Ministry of Environment is partnering with SUMA to manage this funding as the [Municipal Recycling Transition Fund \(MRTF\)](#), and we are now accepting registrations from [rural and urban municipalities](#) and [regional waste authorities](#) that:

- have operated a household packaging and paper recycling program on or before January 1, 2015;
- plan to continue the recycling program in 2015-16; and
- for recycling programs operating before January 1, 2015, be able to provide records identifying the volume of household packaging and paper recycled from July 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014, including providing written receipts if requested.

The deadline for registering is **May 15**, so don't delay!

This program is **not** the MMRP. For more information on the MMRP, please visit [the Ministry of Environment website](#).

*Town of Whitewood: Foreman*  
(April 25)

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

*Town of Lafleche: Administrator* (April 28)

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

*Mid Sask Municipal Alliance: Director of Operations and Planning* (April 30)

*City of Yorkton: Asset and GIS Information Systems Coordinator* (May 1)

*Town of Battleford: CAO* (June 15)

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

*Town of Milestone: Public Works Foreman* (When Filled)

*Town of Rouleau: Public Works Assistant* (When Filled)

*RM of Rosedale: Foreman* (When Filled)

*City of Melfort: Main Street Program Coordinator* (When Filled)

## 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.

## Get Ready to Golf!

Despite what thermometers may say, we are already a month into spring. So, as our thoughts and daydreams turn to warmer weather, start thinking golf too.

The 27th Annual SUMA Golf Tournament will be hosted by

Prince Albert at the [Cooke Municipal Golf Course](#) on July 9-10, 2015. For only \$100, you will receive supper and social on Thursday night, and on Friday, breakfast, 18 holes of golf, a cart, and lunch! If you are not a golfer you can still take part in the other activities for a smaller fee.

Please see [the pamphlet](#) on the SUMA website for more information and register today! Fees and forms are due **June 19**.

## Planning for a Physically Active Community? Help is Here!

Communities play an important role in making physical activity the safe and easy choice. A new [Community Action Workbook and Toolkit](#) released by Saskatchewan *in motion* is designed to help. Use this guide to support community action to get more kids, more active, more often! Develop, implement and evaluate physical activity action plans using the simple step-by-step approach laid out in this free workbook and tool kit.

Visit [the Saskatchewan in motion website](#) to download your copy today!

## Mid-rise Wood Frame Construction Workshop

Building officials, fire inspectors, municipal officials, and any other interested National Building code user is invited to a workshop on **May 20** in Saskatoon. The Mid-rise Wood Frame Construction Workshop is hosted by the Building Standards and Licensing Branch of the Ministry of Government Relations, and is offered free of charge to develop a better understanding of provisions proposed for adoption in the 2015 edition of the National Building Code of Canada.

Space is limited, so please complete [the registration form](#) and return it to the branch by May 13.

## Leadership in Asset Management

### FOR SALE

[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)
- [Creative Partnership Program](#) (May 15)
- [Community Demonstration Program](#) (May 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 Federation of Canadian

## 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**.

Municipalities want to shine a light on your successful sustainable community initiative. Check [eligibility](#) for the [Sustainable Communities Awards](#) program today, and [apply](#) by June 15.