

Urban Update



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Last Chance to Register for Town Sector Meeting

Time is running out to [register for SUMA's very first Town Sector Meeting](#). Join us on May 12 and 13, 2015, in Regina. Registration deadline is Wednesday, May 6.

The Town Sector Meeting will bring together mayors, councillors, and administrators from towns throughout the province to discuss current issues affecting their municipalities. Visit [the event page](#) for more information, or to register.

Municipal Recycling Transition 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

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SUMA Classifieds

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

[City of Prince George: Property Agent Level 2](#) (May 10)

[Town of Battleford: CAO](#) (June 15)

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 Naicam and RM of Pleasantdale: Administrator](#)
(July 31)

[Town of Milestone: Public Works Foreman](#) (When Filled)

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

[City of Melfort: Main Street Program Coordinator](#) (When Filled)

FOR SALE

[Firehawks MSA Gear](#) (When Sold)

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

New Environmental Code Chapters Come into Force in June

The second phase of the Environmental Code comes into force **June 1, 2015**. This phase includes chapters dealing with environmentally impacted (contaminated) sites and new water and sewer mains construction (for municipalities with a population over 5,000).

More information on the chapters and the code is available on the [Ministry of Environment website](#) and by [subscribing to Code Notes](#).

Convention 2016: Do You Have a 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 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 2016 Presidents' Banquet. To submit your idea, email kgalandy@suma.org.

Grants

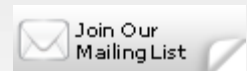
Upcoming Deadlines:

- [Creative Partnership Program](#) (May 15)
- [Community Demonstration Program](#) (May 31)
- [Agrispirit](#) (June 12)

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

Gather to Golf

Summer is coming (we think). So get ready for golfing season, and take the time to visit with fellow members. SUMA's annual golf tournament will be on July 9-10, hosted by Prince Albert at



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the Cooke Municipal Golf Course. Registration is open until **Friday, June 19**. See the [event page on our website](#) for more information, and to register.

Public Sector Digest Webinar

Public Sector Digest is offering a webinar called Building Your Asset Management Team in Small and Rural Communities on May 19 from 1:00-2:00 p.m. EST.

For small and rural communities, the human and financial capacity to build an asset management team is limited. In some cases the asset management "team" is a team of one. This webinar will feature three leaders in asset management who have built effective cross-departmental asset management teams in their respective small to mid-sized communities. The panelists will review the asset management governance models employed in their municipalities, sharing with participants what has worked, what hasn't, and what communities just starting the asset management journey can learn from their experiences.

[Register now](#) and use discount code 'SUMA' for 25 per cent off.

Submitting Benefit Claims Online

Great-West Life, the company that helps SUMA provide health and dental benefits, gives you access to information on many of your group benefits - including online claims - through [GroupNet for Plan members](#).

Once you're registered you have access to lots of secure, user-friendly services:

- Sign up for direct deposit so claims go directly into your bank account.
- Complete and print claim forms, prepopulated with plan information.
- Submit many of your claims online.

SUMA does the work for vision claims in our office, so the GroupNet service won't work for those services. If you have any

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

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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 provide participants access to grant funding to help build asset management plans and integrate sustainability considerations in these key 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**.

questions, contact [Tauna Kupiec](#) or [Scott Meger](#), our Group Benefit Administrators.

Urban Update Advertisement

Badger Daylighting would like to invite any municipalities, companies, family and friends who are interested in seeing how we can improve production and keep your project on time and increase safety.

The demo day will begin at 12:00 p.m., on May 29, 2015. The demo site will be held 6 km north of Crutwell, Sask (between Prince Albert and Shellbrook).

The demo will cover information on Badger trucks, safety, types of holes, and live demos. Badger will be providing a free lunch for all who attend. There will also be a draw to win three hours of free work.

Please call 306-370-8441 or email khoffman@badgerinc.com.

Come and experience the power of Badger!



Did You Know...

On April 1, a new organization began responding to animal neglect and cruelty cases outside Saskatchewan's four largest cities. The Animal Protection Services of Saskatchewan (APSS) is a new, not-for-profit corporation, recognized as a human society by the Ministry of Agriculture.

The new, toll-free number for reporting cases of animal abuse is 1-844-382-0002. You can [visit their website](#), and also [contact them by email](#).

The APSS will enforce *The Animal Protection Act, 1999*, in communities outside Regina, Saskatoon, Moose Jaw, and Prince Albert. In those cities, the animal protection officers employed by local humane societies/SPCAs have the authority to investigate animal cruelty allegations.