

Urban Update



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Do You Have a Convention Theme Suggestion? Send it in today!

Today is the deadline to send in your theme suggestion for Convention 2016. Remember, the theme for Convention 2013 (Dynamic Leaders, Dynamic Communities) was created based on a member suggestion, so you could see your suggestion come to life next year!

Email your suggestions to [Katee Galandy](#) to enter to win two tickets (\$120 value) to the President's Banquet and Awards Ceremony.

Town Sector Meeting a Wrap!

SUMA thanks all those who attended our first-ever town sector meeting in Regina. The 95 attendees had a full day and a half, with the evening reception with MLAs on May 12 and a packed agenda of discussion, idea sharing, and presentations the following day. Attendance and participation from the town sector were crucial to this event, so we are pleased with the excellent turnout.

SUMA at UMAAS Convention

June 2 - 5, 2015
Travelodge Saskatoon

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SUMA Classifieds

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

[Town of Duck Lake: Administrator](#) (June 15)

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

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

We will have a strong presence at next month's UMAAS convention: [Scott Meger](#), [Mike Dundas](#), [Sean McEachern](#), and [Steven Dribnenki](#) will be onsite to answer your questions about SUMA's programs, services, and advocacy work. Keep your eyes open for Mike's presentation on the revamped SUMAdvantage program, happening Wednesday afternoon. We look forward to attending and getting the opportunity to network with our CAOs and administrators from across the province.

Next Chapters of Environmental Code Come into Force June 1

The second phase of the Environmental Code comes into force June 1, 2015. This phase includes chapters dealing with environmentally impacted (contaminated) sites - including site assessment and corrective action plan chapters for closing landfills or transfer stations - 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](#).

Mark Your Calendar for 2015 Regional Meetings

Don't let summer distract you from setting aside time to attend this fall's regional meetings. Dates are set, and locations are in the works now. Watch the Regional Meetings page on our website for details as they become available, but for now, mark your calendars!

| Region | Date | Director |
|--------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| Central | September 28 | Mayor Ron Osika |
| East Central | September 29 | Councillor Randy Goulden |
| Southeast | September 30 | Mayor Mike Strachan |
| Southwest | October 1 | Mayor Barry Rudd |
| West Central | October 5 | Mayor Al Heron |
| Northwest | October 6 | Mayor Ben Buhler |

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

[City of Melfort: Facility Operations Manager](#) (When Filled)

FOR SALE

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

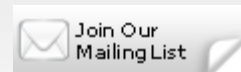
For a full listing of ads, visit the [SUMA Classifieds](#) under the Urban Marketplace tab.

Grants

Upcoming Deadlines:

- [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.



About Us

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

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Catching Up with Ketchum



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Disposing of Old Pesticides

In October, there will be collection period for obsolete pesticides, so you can rest assured a licensed hazardous waste hauler will ensure their environmentally responsible disposal. More information on this free program is available on the [CleanFARMS web page](#).

Collection dates and locations should be released in mid-June, but this is an expansion to a province-wide collection.

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Did You Know...

The [Red Brick Schoolhouse](#) in Ituna is a registered municipal heritage property. The designation came in 2006, though the school was vacated in 1980, nearly 60 years after it was built. The school is a landmark in the town, with a red brick construction, Collegiate Gothic-inspired architecture, and prominent placement along a main thoroughfare.

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