

Urban Update



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Wednesday Deadline for Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program

Has your community found an initiative for this recently announced grant? Don't forget that there is \$150 million available over two years for projects that rehabilitate or improve cultural and community infrastructure.

The deadline for this program is coming up very quickly: the afternoon of **Wednesday, June 17**. More details are included in the [special edition of the President's Update](#) we sent you last month.

SUMA Golf Tournament: Registration Deadline is Friday

Don't forget Friday's deadline to register for the 27th Annual SUMA Golf Tournament at the Cooke Municipal Golf Course in Prince Albert on July 9-10, 2015. Non-golfers are always welcome as well. [Download the 2015 pamphlet](#) for all of the details and your registration form. See you there!

We Want to Hear from You: Essential Services Legislation

In January, [the Supreme Court of Canada](#) reviewed current

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SUMA Classifieds

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

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

[City of Meadow Lake: Aquatic Centre Manager](#) (June 17)

[Town of Eston: Public Works Utility Manager](#) (June 22)

essential services legislation and decided that the right to strike was constitutionally protected. However, the Supreme Court did not review the new essential services process set out in Bill 128 as it has not yet been proclaimed into force.

As such, [the province is inviting written submissions](#) on your community's views on Bill 128 and the Supreme Court decision. SUMA is also participating in these consultations. Please send your comments to [Steven Dribnenki](#), or send him a copy if you send your own submission to the province.

New West Partnership Bid Protest Mechanism Starts July 1

[The New West Partnership Trade Agreement](#) is an agreement between British Columbia, Alberta, and Saskatchewan to conduct trade in an open, transparent, and non-discriminatory manner. [The bid protest mechanism](#), which takes effect July 1, allows suppliers a fast and simple route to resolve complaints with a specific procurement by government entities - including municipal governments.

The mechanism requires a government to first consult with a supplier raising a complaint and, if no resolution is reached, an arbitration will be held. The arbiter can make a cost award to cover the cost of the arbitration, a recoupment award to cover expenses, and a monetary penalty.

All procurements totaling \$75,000 or more for goods, \$75,000 or more for services, or \$200,000 or more for construction are subject to the bid protest mechanism.

If you have questions about the mechanism or the New West Partnership, feel free to contact [Steven Dribnenki by email](#) or at 306-525-4389.

Last Chance for LAMP

If you've been hanging on to your application for the [Leadership in Asset Management Program \(LAMP\)](#) from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, make sure you get it in now! **Today is**

[City of Meadow Lake: Bylaw Enforcement Officer](#) (June 30)

[Village of Maryfield: Administrator](#) (July 3)

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

[Town of Battleford: Superintendent of Public Works](#) (When Filled)

[Town of Shaunavon: Administrator](#) (When Filled)

[Town of Oxbow: Foreman](#) (When Filled)

FOR SALE

[Handi Van](#) (June 30)

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

Grants

Continuous Intake:

- [CMHC Seed Funding Program](#)
- [Family Violence Initiative](#)
- [Green Municipal Fund](#)
- [Northern Capital Grants Program](#)
- [SaskEnergy Community Fund](#)
- [Skills Link](#)

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

the last day to apply to join the program, and get access to grant funding and resources.

the Resources tab.

MLDP Looking for Hosts

The Municipal Leadership Development Program (MLDP) series of workshops target specific issues of importance to urban, rural and northern municipalities in Saskatchewan. Mayors, councillors and municipal staff who want to strengthen leadership in their local government are encouraged to attend and complete these modules.

Planning has begun for the 2015 fall modules and MLDP is putting an invite out to communities who would like to host upcoming modules in the fall.

- Strategic and Financial Planning for Municipalities
- Municipal Economic Development Fundamentals
- Human Resources in the Municipal Workplace
- Public Relations and Communications for Municipalities
- Community and Land Use Planning

If you would like to host any of the above modules on your own or with neighbouring municipalities please email the Program Administrator, [Ashley Leugner](#). Please remember that in order for a module to go ahead the program requires at least 18 attendees.

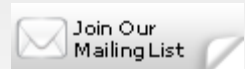
For more information the modules and the program please visit www.mldp.ca.

Nominate Your Municipality

Is your municipality doing something new, innovative, ahead of the curve - maybe even award worthy? Or...are you working with your neighbouring municipalities? Submit a nomination for the ninth annual Saskatchewan Municipal Awards (SMAs)! This is your chance to be recognized in front of your peers at our next convention.

For more information on the SMAs, [visit their website](#).

You'll find past success stories (including [last year's first place winner](#)), and everything you need to know to submit your nomination today. Don't miss the opportunity to celebrate your municipal success!



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Did You Know...

Several Corner Gas characters have names pulled from a map of Saskatchewan. You may know about Brent **Leroy**, Davis **Quinton** and Karen **Pelly**, but there was also Wes **Humboldt**, Paul **Kinistino** and Archie **Clavet**.