



Keeping you informed

President's Update



June 26, 2015

Notes From the Board Meeting

The SUMA Board of Directors got ready for summer by meeting for our quarterly Board meeting in Regina on **Friday, June 19.**

The Convention Planning Committee has adopted *AIM: Adapt, Inspire, Motivate* as the **theme for Convention 2016.** As this will be the last SUMA Convention before the next round of municipal elections, we want delegates to consider the question: What's your AIM? It might be engaging your community in projects, or paving the way for future leaders, but in any case, these three action items are key components to achieving your goals. Expect education sessions that encourage delegates to adapt, inspire, and motivate within their community.

We are also excited to announce that **Chantal Hébert** will be our keynote speaker for Convention 2016.

The committee also reviewed the new format for nominations for the **Meritorious and Honourary Service Awards, and the Scoop Lewry Award.** Nominations will open June 29, and run until September 9 for the Scoop Lewry Award, and the Meritorious and Honourary Awards until October 2.

The committee decided to keep TCU Place as **the venue for the 2017 and 2019 conventions** in Saskatoon.

The Board discussed and approved a business case to be presented to SGI, on the need for changes to the way **fire departments attending motor vehicle collisions are compensated.** We hope this business case, supported by SUMA, SARM, the Saskatchewan Association of Fire Chiefs, and the Saskatchewan Volunteer Fire Fighters' Association

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will provide the framework for improved call classifications and greater cost recovery for municipalities.

We talked about the success of the recent **Town Sector Meeting**, held in Regina, and directed staff to undertake a similar event targeted at the village sector in spring of 2016.

The work being done to launch the Multi-Material Stewardship Western (MMSW) Multi-Material Recycling Program (MMRP) was also on the docket. SUMA will continue to advocate to MMSW, industry groups, the province, and our partner organizations that **the MMRP should be implemented immediately, be fully funded, and allow all interested municipalities to participate.**

We also discussed the **Municipal Recycling Transition Fund** being administered by SUMA, which is provincial funding to assist municipalities as a result of the delay in the MMRP.

We moved toward developing a **Municipal Climate Adaptation Policy** to ensure all members can get access to best practices, tools, and funding to help build green, resilient communities.

The Board heard an update on the **proposed municipal conflict of interest amendments**. SUMA continues to work with Government Relations to ensure the changes are sensible, understood and understandable, appropriate and measured, and as cost neutral as possible.

SUMA is closing in on a **final proposal for boundary alteration compensation guidelines**. There will be further discussions with the Saskatchewan Municipal Board, and work will begin on a plan for communicating these guidelines to the municipal sector.

We reviewed a **discussion paper from the Ministry of Government Relations** on regulatory changes to organized hamlet establishment, village and resort village incorporation, and criteria for dissolution for non-compliance.

The Board will come together next on **September 25, 2015**.



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