

Urban Update



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We Want to Hear from You: Essential Services Legislation

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

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Surveys from SUMA

Municipal Leadership Development Program (MLDP)

MLDP is a series of workshops for mayors, councillors, and municipal staff to strengthen their leadership in local government. Program staff want to hear from your council members to learn why council members aren't taking advantage of this program. Please send to your council and/or discuss at your next council meeting. Deadline to respond is **July 31**.

Extreme Weather Preparedness

Drought, flooding, tornadoes, forest fires, and severe storms can all have devastating effects on Saskatchewan municipalities. We want to know what concerns you have about extreme weather events. Please share your thoughts so

SUMA Classifieds

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

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

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

[Town of Duck Lake: Administrator](#) (July 13)

[Village of Neilburg: Administrator](#) (July 24)

we can work together in preparing for these emergencies.
Deadline to respond is **August 14**.

Calling All Saskatchewan Mayors

Have you registered for the third annual Mayors Summer School? This exciting and unique two-and-a-half-day workshop will boost your confidence in your role as a mayor as well as fill your tool kit with new skills, knowledge and networks. Join your colleagues at the University of Regina Campus on August 16-18, 2015.

For event details and to register visit [the event page on our website](#) . Registration deadline is **July 17**.

Awards for Long Service and Outstanding Service

Recognize your long-serving employees and elected officials by nominating them for the [Meritorious](#) and [Honorary](#) Service Awards. If you know of an individual who deserves to be recognized for outstanding service in municipal government or administration on a local, provincial, and national basis, nominate them for the [Scoop Lewry Award](#).

For more information on these awards and the nomination forms visit [the Convention 2016 page](#) on our website.

Nomination deadlines:

Scoop Lewry Award - **September 9**

Meritorious and Honorary Service Awards - **October 2**

Landfill and Transfer Station Guidance Documents

The Environmental Code came into effect on June 1. The code touches on many aspects of municipal operations, including designing, operating, and decommissioning landfills and transfer stations. The Ministry of Environment has provided ministry guidance documents to help answer questions about standards, guidelines, and plans:

[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)

[Town of Fort Qu'Appelle: Community Planning and Development Coordinator](#)
(When Filled)

[Town of Norquay: Maintenance Man](#) (When Filled)

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

- [Landfill Design Plan](#)
- [Landfill Operations Plan](#)
- [Landfill Closure Guidance](#)
- [Transfer Station Design Plan](#)
- [Transfer Station Operations Plan](#)
- [Transfer Station Closure Guidance](#)

SUMA continues to work to bring your concerns to the attention of the ministry. Please contact Steven Dribnenki [by email](#) or 306-525-4389 to let us know about any concerns you may have about the code.

For more information on the documents, visit the [Ministry of Environment website](#) or call 1-800-567-4224.

Landfill Advisory Team

To help rural and small urban municipalities with landfill compliance, the Ministry of Environment is initiating a [municipally-led landfill advisory team](#). This team will help address landfill issues, provide advice and recommendations to communities struggling with regulation compliance, and make recommendations to the ministry.

Don't let the document title fool you: The team will include representation from SUMA (member municipalities representing populations of 2,000 or less), SARM, and New North member communities and have support from the Ministry of Environment and Ministry of Government Relations.

For more information, please contact Sarah Keith, manager of landfills with the Ministry of Environment, [by email](#) or at 306-953-3477.

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 Town of Whitewood reportedly gets its name from the plentiful supply of white poplar trees in the area when the Canadian Pacific Railway arrived.