

Urban Update



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Have Your Say: Consultation on MMRP Revisions

The expected January 1, 2015 launch of the Multi-Material Recycling Program (MMRP) was delayed after the province announced changes to the program in December 2014. Key changes to the program were to exempt businesses with revenues of under \$2 million, and create a flat fee of \$500 during a two-year transition period for newspapers and businesses with an annual revenue between \$2 million and \$5 million.

Multi-Material Stewardship Western (MMSW) has now released a draft revised Waste Packaging and Paper Stewardship Plan to respond to these changes. MMSW has introduced [a new methodology for calculation for municipal funding](#), which includes:

- basing the calculation on an amount per household that MMSW will pay municipalities;
- an assumption that municipalities capture 60 per cent of the waste packaging and paper supplied by MMSW members in residential collection systems; and
- \$140 per tonne, which is the weighted average of the funding rates in the original stewardship plan using the quantity expected to be collected.

Please review [the draft revised plan](#), and [MMSW's explanation](#) of the changes. SUMA is preparing a response to the draft revised program and wants to hear from you if you have any comments or are making any submissions to MMSW. Once the consultation is complete, the revised program will be reviewed by the

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SUMA Classifieds

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

[Town of Raymore: Administrator](#) (August 11)

[City of Martensville: Director of Corporate Services](#) (August 19)

[Town of Whitewood: General Labourer](#) (August 21)

[Town of Moosomin: Public](#)

province, and if approved by October, is expected to be launched January 1, 2016.

Please contact Steven Dribnenki at sdribnenki@suma.org or 306-525-4389 by **August 26, 2015** if you have any questions, comments, or submissions.

We Want to Hear from You: Extreme Weather Preparedness

In recent years, many municipalities have been affected by extreme weather events. Examples include [flooding in southeastern Saskatchewan in 2014](#), the [July 2015 hail storm in Kerrobert](#), and [forest fires in northern Saskatchewan this summer](#).

These events and many others have had devastating effects, but you can help by responding to the [SUMA Extreme Weather Preparedness Survey](#) and let us know where your community is at with emergency planning, share best practices, and focus on identifying and advocating for the support that communities need. By sharing your thoughts, you are helping prepare for future emergencies and contributing to ensuring the health and safety of Saskatchewan communities. The deadline to respond is coming up quickly: **Friday, August 21.**

Please contact [Steven Dribnenki](#) if you have any questions.

How-To Videos for Group Benefits



In April, we celebrated National Employee Benefits Day on our website [with a series of videos](#). Today we have more that you

[Works Foreman](#) (September 3)

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

[Village of Borden:
Administrator](#) (When Filled)

[Resort Village of Aquadeo:
Maintenance Foreman](#)
(When Filled)

[Village of Creelman:
Administrator](#) (When Filled)

[Resort Village of Manitou
Beach: Public Works
Foreman/Certified Water
Plant Operator](#) (When Filled)

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

Grants

Upcoming Deadlines

- [Built Heritage Grants](#)
(September 1)
- [Non-Designated
Commercial Heritage
Property](#) (September 1)

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



About Us

might want to check out or send to your employees:

- [How to navigate Great-West Life's health and wellness site](#)
- [What is Best Doctors, and how does it work?](#)

Community Initiatives Fund 2015 Northern Tour

The Community Initiatives Fund (CIF) is touring northern communities this September with their [grant-writing workshops](#). For the first half, you will find out more about the CIF and get basic tips to help you write successful grant applications. Then, in the second half, you'll get the chance to work through your own application, so be sure to bring your community's best ideas! Lunches are provided for all four workshops:

- **September 8:** La Loche, Dene High School - 1:00-4:00 p.m.
- **September 9:** Buffalo Narrows, Lakeview Complex - 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- **September 10:** Ile-a-la-Crosse, St. Joseph's Hospital - 1:00-4:00 p.m.
- **September 11:** Pinehouse, Village Hall - 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

To register, contact Rhonda Newton at 306-780-9308 or rnewton@cifsask.org.

SaskPower Reminds You to Protect Yourself from Scams

You're the first line of defense for phone, email and internet scams.

SaskPower doesn't ask customers for a pre-paid payment card of any type, or their credit card information. They also don't threaten to disconnect a customer's power within the hour.

If you think you've been called by a scammer, hang up immediately. If you wish, call SaskPower at 1-888-757-6937 to verify your account. Report the incident to your local police department and the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 1-888-495-8501.

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 oldest European place name still in use in Saskatchewan is Fort à la Corne. The fort was named after a brother-in-law of the La Vérendrye brothers, Louis Chapt, Chevalier de la Corne.