

Urban Update



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Last Chance to Nominate!

Two important deadlines are coming up, and we don't want you to miss out on your chance for recognition.

Has your municipality gone the extra mile? The [Saskatchewan Municipal Awards](#) (SMAs) are a great chance to have your municipality recognized for innovation and excellence. [Submit your nomination now](#); winners will be announced in November and the winning urban municipalities will receive their award at Convention 2016.

Do you have someone in your municipality who has provided outstanding service in municipal government or administration on a local, provincial and national basis? They may be [eligible for the Scoop Lewry Award](#) to be presented at the President's Banquet at Convention 2016. Remember that this nomination needs to be approved by resolution by the council members of your municipality.

Nominations for both of these prestigious awards are due in two weeks! Submit your forms by **September 9, 2015**.

For information on all of our awards, please visit the [Convention 2016 page](#) on the SUMA website. Our long-service award nominations are due on October 2, 2015.

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SUMA Classifieds

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

[Town of Moosomin: Public Works Foreman](#) (September 3)

[City of Yorkton: Land-Use Planner](#) (September 4)

[Town of Raymore: Administrator](#)

This is your last week to respond 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.

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

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

[Village of Glaslyn:](#)

[Administrator](#) (September 9)

[Resort Village of Manitou](#)

[Beach: Public Works](#)

[Foreman/Certified Water](#)

[Plant Operator](#) (When Filled)

[Town of Battleford:](#)

[Superintendent of Public](#)

[Works](#) (When Filled)

[Town of Rosetown: Community](#)

[and Business Development](#)

[Manager](#) (When Filled)

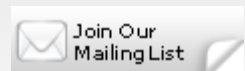
For a full listing of ads, visit the [SUMA Classifieds](#) under the Urban Marketplace tab.

Grants

Upcoming Deadlines

- [Built Heritage Grants](#) (September 1)
- [Non-Designated Commercial Heritage Property](#) (September 1)
- [Building Community through Arts and Heritage: Festivals](#) (September 30)

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



ISC Fee Changes

Information Services

by the 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, or are making submissions to [MMSW](#).

Corporation (ISC) announced a number of fee changes in July. The [full breakdown of fee changes](#) is available on the ISC website.

New to the SUMA Staff

SUMA is pleased to welcome a new staff member: [Beverly Bradshaw](#)! Beverly is joining us as our Municipal Procurement Agent. Her role will be focussed on the implementation of the business model which includes issuing out request for proposals to the suppliers based on the calendar of opportunities, working with the selection committee to evaluate the bids, contract management and supplier relationship management.

Please give her a warm welcome to the SUMA team.

Municipal Financing Tools

The Ministry of Government Relations has developed a document covering various financing tools available to municipalities. SUMA is happy to host a [copy of this document on our website](#), and to present it to our members for your use.

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.

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...

If you have any obsolete pesticides you need to be rid of, the northern portion of the province (Davidson and north) have an opportunity to safely dispose of them for free at 20 locations from October 5-9. [This poster lists](#)

Urban Update Advertisement

Join us at the Livable Cities Forum: Building Flood Resilient

Communities!

The City of Calgary is hosting the 2015 Livable Cities Forum September 28-30. This is an opportunity for municipal representatives, water management professionals, elected officials, and other stakeholders to explore how to build flood resilient communities. The interactive program will share strategies, solutions and lessons learned in municipal flood resiliency. Study tours will explore areas of Calgary and High River that were impacted by flooding in 2013.

Visit www.livablecitiesforum.com to check out the fantastic speakers and sessions.

[the dates and locations in your area.](#)