

Urban Update



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Letters to the Editor

As we mentioned last week, during the federal election campaign, we are focussing on four main issues. For each of those issues, we have created a letter to the editor for you to send in to your local newspaper(s). They are provided as Word documents so you can personalize it with your municipality's information, and any local issues you think will help illustrate that week's issue.

- [Public Safety](#) (week of September 14)
- [Infrastructure](#) (week of September 21)
- [Quality of Life](#) (week of September 28)
- [Mandatory Long-Form Census](#) (week of October 5)

We Need Your Stories

Our member municipalities know their local stories better than anyone else. Your issues can bring clarity - and a personal touch - to the larger campaign. Are you facing an upgrade to your wastewater treatment facility to meet new regulations? Are there grade crossings in your town, village, or city that need upgrades to meet those regulations? We want the details. Email

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SUMA Classifieds

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Village of Glaslyn:

Administrator (September 9)

RM of Leask: Administrator
(September 14)

SUMA: Marketing Coordinator (September 14)

Village of Paradise Hill: Full-Time Administrator (October 15)

our [Communications Advisor, Tiffany Wolf](#), with local examples you believe will help us communicate the [issues we are focussed on](#) for this campaign.

Register for Regionals

President Button and the SUMA staff are ready for another tour across Saskatchewan for SUMA's 2015 Regional Meetings! These meetings are an invaluable opportunity to gain knowledge, discuss hot topics and challenges within your region, get up to date with what SUMA has been up to, and network with SUMA's executive, staff and fellow members. Check out the agenda and register for your regional meeting by visiting our [Regional Meetings page](#) on the SUMA website. The deadline to register is September 25. See you there!

Region	Date	Director	Location
Central	Monday, September 28	Ron Osika	Balcarres
East Central	Tuesday, September 29	Randy Goulden	Yorkton
Southeast	Wednesday, September 30	Mike Strachan	Tribune
Southwest	Thursday, October 1	Barry Rudd	Herbert
West Central	Monday, October 5	Al Heron	Kyle
Northwest	Tuesday, October 6	Ben Buhler	Loon Lake
Northeast	Wednesday, October 7	Glenn George	Melfort

Town of Battleford:

Superintendent of Public Works (When Filled)

Town of Oxbow: Foreman

(When Filled)

Town of Rosetown:

Community and Business Development Manager
(When Filled)

City of Estevan: Journeyman

Mechanic (When Filled)

Town of Kerrobert:

Administrator (When Filled)

RM of Blaine Lake:

Administrator (When Filled)

Village of Caronport: Part-Time Administrator (When Filled)

Town of Preeceville: Chief

Administrative Officer (When Filled)

City of Melville: City Treasurer

(When Filled)

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

Municipal Risk Management Workshop

SUMAssure is hosting workshops to help clarify basic principles of the niche management specialty called risk management. It

Grants

Upcoming Deadlines:

- *Built Heritage Grants*
(September 1)

provides an overview of effective, low-cost risk management practices that protect municipalities and its workers against inherent risks of daily operations.

This workshop is free to subscribers of SUMAssure, and only \$260 plus GST for non-subscribers. There are four dates coming up in October at various locations around the province:

- Tuesday October 20, 2015 - Vibank
- Wednesday, October 21, 2015 - Herbert
- Thursday, October 22, 2015 - Rosetown
- Friday, October 23, 2015 - Melfort

Registration information will be available by September 14, so keep an eye on your email for more details.

Municipal Financial and Year End Accounting Information Workshop

Our partners at the Urban Municipal Administrators' Association of Saskatchewan (UMAAS) are helping with a series of workshops on municipal accounting and year-end preparation. Cost is only \$85 plus GST; make sure your cheque is payable to UMAAS. The workshops will be held at six locations:

- Tuesday, October 20: North Battleford
- Wednesday, October 21: Prince Albert
- Thursday, October 22: Yorkton
- Tuesday, October 27: Weyburn
- Wednesday, October 28: Regina
- Thursday, October 29: Swift Current

All the details on the agenda and how to register, are included on [the registration form](#).

SEDA Conference: Creating Intersections for Growth

The early discount deadline is approaching for SEDA's Creating Intersections for Growth conference, happening November 3-4, 2015 in Humboldt. Register by **September 28** to qualify for the

[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.

Bylaw Enforcement Training

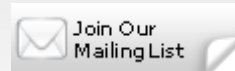
The Saskatchewan Association of Municipal Enforcement Officers (SAMEO) is pleased to announce training courses available to any person actively employed in the enforcement of municipal bylaws in Saskatchewan. [The courses and SAMEO's AGM](#) will take place this October in Nipawin.

- **Level 1 - Basic Training course:** October 5 and 6
- **Level 2 - Intermediate Training course:** October 7
- **Annual General Meeting of the Association:** the morning of October 7

Delegates interested in attending either or both of the training courses can get more details on [the](#)

Apple Sport Watch draw. This year's conference "Building Economic Resilience" features Jeffrey Finkle, President of IEDC and Professor Bruce Firestone, entrepreneur/community catalyst/sports guru. The pre-conference workshop - Business Transitions - Keeping Businesses in your Community - is being led by Alison Anderson. View program and presenters [on the SEDA website](#).

[registration form](#). Deadline to register is **September 25**.



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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 Village of Climax was named after a municipality in Minnesota, which was in turn named after a brand of chewing tobacco. A Minnesotan settled in southern Saskatchewan in the early 20th century and gave the area the same name as their hometown.