

Urban Update



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It's Election Day: Go Vote!

It's been a long 11 weeks; today, we get the chance to have our say in the 2015 federal election. Polls are open until 7:30 p.m. in Saskatchewan, and lots of details are available [from Elections Canada](#). If you're still on the fence about your vote, this [platform grid](#) covers how the three main parties' platforms stack up against the issues SUMA has been advocating for during this election.

So go vote, and watch your mailbox later this week for a wrap-up message on SUMA's work during the campaign.



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Regional Meetings Thank You

We have wrapped up another round of Regional Meetings. SUMA staff visited seven member municipalities, along with President Button. Other SUMA Executive Members and the Legislative Secretary to the Minister of Government Relations, Kevin Phillips, also attended many meetings. You can get a glimpse into the tour in our [Facebook album](#).

A big thank you goes out to the SUMA Regional Directors for your enthusiasm and the coordination of these meetings. Thank

SUMA Classifieds

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

[*RM of Dufferin: Foreman*](#)
(November 13)

[*Town of Battleford: Superintendent of Public Works*](#) (When Filled)

[*Town of Eastend and RM of*](#)

you to all of the host communities for your hospitality, and of course, a huge thank you to everyone who attended. It was a valuable opportunity for SUMA to get your feedback, hear your issues, and talk to you face to face. We look forward to seeing you all at [Convention 2016](#) and Regional Meetings again next year.

Have Your Say: Building Code Consultation

SUMA has been asked to consult on a potential alternate model for complying with The Uniform Building and Accessibilities Standards Act and its regulations. Under the new model, owners contracting an architect and/or engineer for their project could choose to have that contractor fill out a declaration letter stating that the building complies with the building code, rather than having an independent building inspector attend the site and perform a formal inspection.

[This document](#) includes the proposed amendments. Please email your comments or concerns with the proposal to Sean McKenzie, Senior Policy Advisor, smckenzie@suma.org by **October 30, 2015**.

Convention 2016: Registration Opens Next Month

We will be kicking off registration for Convention 2016 (*Adapt. Inspire. Motivate. What's Your AIM?*) on **Wednesday, November 4, 2015**. On that day, watch for an invitation to register at the email address that serves as the main contact for your municipality. The email will include a link to register and the convention brochure. It is important to designate one person in your municipality, such as the administrator or CAO, to register all of the delegates in your municipality. The early bird deadline is **December 23, 2015** (after that, prices go up!).

Save on Snow Tires Through 2015



[White Valley: Assistant Administrator](#) (When Filled)

[Village of Mankota: Foreman](#) (When Filled)

[Town of Rosthern: Public Works Manager](#) (When Filled)

FOR SALE

[Sand Spreader](#) (November 16)

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

Grants

Upcoming Deadlines:

- [Community Grants](#) (October 31)

Continuous Intake

- [CMHC Seed Funding Program](#)
- [Family Violence Initiative](#)
- [Green Municipal Fund](#)
- [Northern Capital Grants Program](#)
- [SaskEnergy Community Fund](#)
- [Skills Link](#)

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

Keeping Up with saskdocs

The [latest edition of the](#)

No one wants to mention it, but winter is on the way. (Sorry!) Get your graders and loaders ready with a rebate on X SNOPLUS tires from our partners at Michelin. You can **save up to \$628 dollars per tire!** All the information you need to make SUMAdvantage your first call for savings on Michelin X SNOPLUS tires is available [on our website](#).

Regional Waste Management Session

The Northern Lights Chapter of the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) is hosting three regional waste management workshops in November.

- November 16 in Saskatoon
- November 19 in Prince Albert
- November 20 in Regina

Details on the sessions, and how to register, are available on the [SWANA Northern Lights Chapter website](#).

Fine Art of Fairness Workshop

Every day, government employees make administrative decisions that affect people's lives. Sometimes those decisions are accepted and sometimes they are challenged. Sometimes people complain that they weren't treated fairly. Sometimes people complain that the decision is wrong. Sometimes they complain that the decision wasn't fair. What can you do?

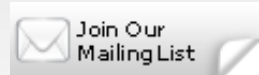
Join Ombudsman Saskatchewan for a workshop on November 3 to learn about the Fine Art of Fairness. Details on the workshop and how to register are available [on their website](#).

2015 Community Rink Grants

Does your municipality own a skating or curling facility? The Community Rink Affordability Grant is back for another year, offering \$2,500 per ice surface; if your facility includes skating and curling rinks, you could qualify for \$5,000! You can use the funds for operating costs or small capital expenditures.

Registration is open until **Tuesday, December 15, 2015**. More information on the grant is available on [the summary](#)

[saskdocs newsletter](#) is available on their website. Check it out to see the latest on doctor recruitment and retention, and read the story of a doctor from southeast Saskatchewan who is now practicing near her home town.



About Us

Thank you for reading the Urban Update this week and we welcome your comments.

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Did You Know...

Along with an official *tartan*, mineral (potash), animal (white-tailed deer), tree (white birch), bird (sharp-tailed grouse), flower (red lily) and sport (curling), Saskatchewan has an official provincial grass. Needle-and-thread grass was designated Saskatchewan's official grass in 2001. The grass is so named thanks to the shape of its seeds: They are sharply pointed and have fibres that mimic the appearance of thread.

[sheet](#) on our website.