

Urban Update



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See You Next Year!

The SUMA office will be closed on Friday, December 25 and Monday, December 28 to observe Christmas and Boxing Day statutory holidays. So we are once again saving you from the guilt of ignoring the last Urban Update of the year. The next edition will be published on Monday, January 4.

However you celebrate, SUMA wishes you a safe and happy holiday season. See you in 2016!

Conflict of Interest Information Bulletins

The Ministry of Government Relations issued three information bulletins on the conflict of interest amendments and how they pertain to each of the three municipal acts. They were emailed to all municipalities, but are also available for reference on our website:

- [Informational bulletin: *The Cities Act*](#)
- [Informational bulletin: *The Northern Municipalities Act*](#)
- [Informational bulletin: *The Municipalities Act*](#)

Convention 2016: Last Chance for Early-Bird Rates

Time is running out to take advantage of the early-bird pricing to attend Convention 2016. These rates are only available until **Wednesday, December 23**, so register now! All the details

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POSITIONS AVAILABLE

[Town of Grenfell: Recreation and Economic Development Manager](#) (December 15)

[Resort Village of the District of Katepwa: CAO](#) (January 15)

went to the main email contact for your municipality with an invitation to register. The initial email went out November 4, and reminders went out earlier this month and today. If you haven't received an email about registering for Convention 2016, please email registration@suma.org. Be sure to book your hotel rooms too; several hotels have already sold out their blocks. Check [the Convention 2016 page](#) on our website for details on accommodations.

Vision Care Coverage Enhancements

While most New Year's resolutions involve trimming down, SUMA will be adding on. Effective **January 1, 2016** your Vision Care Coverage will receive the following enhancements:

- Premium rate reduction of 10 percent
 - Adding money back into to your pocket.
- Increased Vision Care Coverage from \$450 to \$500 per person over 24 months
 - Go ahead, get those designer fashion frames.
- Eye exams can now be claimed through your Vision Care Coverage
 - Do you suffer from perfect vision and glasses just aren't necessary? On average, eye exams cost \$125; the GWL extended health care plan only reimburses \$50. These new changes will allow the remaining eye exam balance to come out of your \$500 vision care coverage for reimbursement through SUMA.

Convention 2016:

Say Farewell to Mosaic Stadium at our Welcome Reception

Join SUMA in an opportunity to celebrate the stadium's great history and the incredible memories that were made here as we approach the farewell season. These memories span over generations. The Saskatchewan Roughriders have won and lost numerous battles and the fans have continued to stand behind them bleeding green and white no matter what the outcome. At this event, you get to reflect upon the incredible moments at Mosaic Stadium while getting a glimpse behind the scenes.

With so much to see we know you won't be interested in

Town of Eastend and RM of White Valley: Assistant Administrator (When Filled)

Town of Rocanville: Administrator (When Filled)

Town of Spiritwood: Recreation Director (When Filled)

Village of Riverhurst: Administrator (When Filled)

Town of Hepburn: Administrator (When Filled)

FOR SALE

Two Recycling Balers (December 18)

CAT Dozer (When Sold)

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

Grants

Upcoming Deadlines:

- *Community Rink Affordability Grant* (December 15)
- *Cenotaph and Monument Restoration Program* (January 2)
- *Building Community through Arts and Heritage: Festivals and Community Anniversaries* (January 30)

Continuous Intake

- *CMHC Seed Funding*

sitting, so seating will be limited. Be sure to bring cash as the venue will only accept cash for beverages. Purchase your \$35 tickets in advance, through the registration system. Get them soon; space is limited and you don't want to miss out!

Have You Signed Up for MMRP?

If you want to be involved with the Multi-Material Recycling Program (MMRP) when it launches on January 1, 2016, you must have a [services agreement](#) with Multi-Material Stewardship Western (MMSW) by **December 31, 2015**.

Agreements signed in 2014 were not carried over; **you must have an agreement signed in 2015** to be involved at launch time. [Check with MMSW](#) or your regional waste authority to make sure you are signed up.

More details on the program are available [on the MMSW website](#), including a recorded webinar from November 9.

Convention 2016:

You Can Pay Your Membership Fees in Person

Now that SUMA has changed our membership drive to happen earlier, you have the option to bring your payment to Convention 2016. Fees are due **January 31, 2016** - the same day Convention begins. Renewing your membership for another year not only supports SUMA's advocacy and capacity-building work, it helps save you money by giving you access to group benefits, SUMAssure, SUMAdvantage, and the other programs offered with membership.

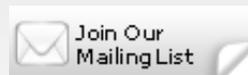
Prosperity Through Partnerships Conference

The cities of Regina and Saskatoon are partnering with the Saskatoon Regional Economic Development Authority, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada, the Government of Saskatchewan and the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations to put on a three-part conference. The first conference, happening **December 15-16** in Saskatoon will focus on gaining a better understanding of Lands Claim Implementation in Saskatchewan. Each municipality can send one representative

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.



FCM Executive

On December 7, President Button was elected as the Affiliate member's representative of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' (FCM) Executive Committee. President Button looks forward to continuing to represent the interest of Saskatchewan's urban municipalities at the national level.

About Us

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

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free of charge. For more details on the conference and how to register, see [this poster](#).