

# Urban Update



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## SUMA Membership Due January 31

Don't forget that SUMA has changed our membership drive timing, and membership fees are now due **January 31**. And if you're attending Convention 2016, you can bring your payment with you. Thanks for a great year in 2015; we look forward to another year serving the interests of Saskatchewan's urban governments.

## Convention 2016: Get Resolution Ready

Get prepared for the resolutions session at Convention 2016 by reviewing [the package emailed to you](#) last month, including the process for the session at Convention. This process allows us to make the most of our time on the Convention floor.

Remember, you won't receive a physical copy in the mail, but you can also see the document on the [Convention 2016 page](#) of our website.

## Changes to Small Raffle Prize Limits and Local Authority Reporting

Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority (SLGA) recently made changes to increase the small raffle prize limit from \$1,000 to \$2,500. This change took effect on June 11, 2015. Local authorities also are no longer required to submit an annual report regarding licences issued. You are still required to maintain records of those licences for three years, but need only to provide those records if requested by SLGA.

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### SUMA Classifieds

#### POSITIONS AVAILABLE

[\*Town of Regina Beach: Chief Administrative Officer\*](#)  
(January 11)

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

For more information [see this brochure](#), or [visit the SLGA website](#).

## Register Now for Pre-Convention MLDP Sessions

Don't miss out on your chance to attend the [only education program](#) developed exclusively for elected and appointed municipal leaders! There are still lots of spots left in the five modules available January 30, 2016.

Learn how to develop and implement a strategic plan, reach your communities goals with a strong financial plan and take a look at asset management with [Strategic and Financial Planning for Municipalities](#).

Have an introductory look at economic development: What is it? Why is it necessary? How can you use it? Explore the entire process of economic development including resource mapping, creating an economic development board/committee and developing a strategic plan for your economic development goals with [Municipal Economic Development Fundamentals](#).

People are one of the strongest assets a municipality can possess, learn how to manage your staff, understand the role of council, administrators and municipal governance. Learn about the legislative framework of employee/employer rights and responsibilities and much more by attending [Human Resources for the Municipal Workplace](#).

Learn how to effectively communicate with your ratepayers and the media. Become proactive in your communications and media relations by developing a communications plan. Attend *Public Relations and Communications for Municipalities* to improve and build your municipalities communications strengths.

Enjoy an informative and extensive introduction to [Community and Land-Use Planning](#). In this session you will learn how to develop an official community plan and many processes including zoning bylaws, appeals, developing subdivisions, servicing agreements, acquiring development and building permits as well as information on regional planning.

[Register today](#) for these one-of-a-kind modules.

*Village of Clavet:*  
*Administrator* (January 30)

*Town of Rocanville:*  
*Administrator* (When Filled)

*Town of Hepburn:*  
*Administrator* (When Filled)

*Town of Wadena: Community Development Officer* (When Filled)

### FOR SALE

*CAT Dozer* (When Sold)

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

## Grants

### Upcoming Deadlines:

- *Building Community through Arts and Heritage:* Festivals and Community Anniversaries (January 30)
- *Forever...in motion* (February 15)
- *Municipal Cultural Engagement and Planning* (February 15)
- *SGI Community Grants* (February 28)
- *Transit Assistance for People with Disabilities Program* (February 28)

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



## Have You Signed Up for MMRP?

The Multi-Material Recycling Program (MMRP) launched on January 1, 2016. Congratulations to all the municipalities who were signed up by December 31 - but if you haven't sent in your [services agreement](#) to Multi-Material Stewardship Western (MMSW) yet, you can send one in now and become part of the program starting next month. Applications will continue to be accepted throughout the program.

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

## Keeping Up with saskdocs

To keep up on what's happening with physician recruitment and retention in Saskatchewan, check out the [latest issue of the saskdocs newsletter](#).

## Salary Survey

The Saskatchewan Economic Development Association (SEDA) needs your input. They are conducting their [2015 Community and Economic Development Salary Survey](#). Please take a moment to complete the 14 multiple-choice questions by **Monday, January 18**. SEDA thanks you for your time and cooperation.

## Congratulations Melville!

The City of Melville was one of [12 Canadian municipalities selected](#) to take part in the Leadership in Asset Management Program (LAMP) from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM).

## SUMAdvantage and Your IT Needs



Saskatchewan based Lexcom offers an effective solution to Information Technology needs in the municipal sector. Currently supporting SUMA's main office, our staff knows firsthand the convenience Lexcom has to offer. Lexcom joined as a SUMAdvantage partner to offer the following advantages to our members:

LAMP is designed to enable participating municipalities of to work together to develop or refresh their asset management strategies and policies while ensuring that their environmental, social and economic sustainability objectives are well integrated with their communities strategic goals. These municipalities will be pushing the envelope on asset management and going beyond standard practice, which tends to focus on the link between infrastructure management and financial

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## Prosperity Through Partnerships Conference - Part Two

Part two of the *Prosperity through Partnerships Conference: Communities Coming Together* will be held in Regina, on January 13-14, 2016. This event is the second in a three-part workshop series focused on creating wealth and opportunities through land claims and land development. Each workshop is intended to build on the knowledge and learnings of the previous event. Each municipality can send one representative **at no cost**.

See [this special invitation](#) for registration information. More conference and program information will be posted on [the FSIN website](#) in the new year. Part three of the workshop series will be held in Saskatoon on February 10-11, 2016.

sustainability. The knowledge, expertise and know-how gained through LAMP will be shared through case studies, webinars and workshops and will contribute to better long-term decision-making for all communities concerning municipal assets.

### About Us

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

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