

Urban Update



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Convention 2016: Preparing to take AIM at SUMA Convention

Be present!

Take advantage of the chance to take in education sessions and hear what SUMA is doing for you. Please remain quiet during sessions, and put your cell phone on vibrate/silent so all delegates can hear.

Help us host a greener convention

If you're booked into the hotels where shuttle service is provided, this free service is a great way to stay green. See the next article for more details on bussing.

Bring a reusable water bottle/travel mug to use during Convention, and use clearly identified recycling bins located throughout Queensbury Convention Centre.

Choose your sessions and plan your days in advance

Look at [the agenda](#), pick your sessions, and plan your days now, so you can make the most of your time once you're onsite. If you're attending either of the Keeping Council Out of Conflict sessions on Sunday, [the Inquiry Report into the RM of Sherwood](#) would make good advance reading.

There's even time dedicated to visiting to our Municipal Marketplace Tradeshow. Remember that our tradeshow is open to **registered delegates and municipal employees only**.

Bring your personal electronic device

Use it to take notes of aha moments and things to follow up on, and make use of our [free mobile app, Eventbase](#). It has all of the information on Convention 2016 in the palm of your hand. Available for Blackberry, Android, iPhone and iPad.

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SUMA Classifieds

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

[City of Saskatoon: Director of Facilities and Fleet](#) (January 27)

[Village of Roche Percee: Administrator](#) (January 29)

[Village of Vibank: Municipal Maintenance Operator](#) (January 29)

Get your name out there

Wear your name badge at all times during convention. It is not only your admission to the tradeshow and all convention sessions and luncheons with security onsite, but also your introduction to fellow delegates.

We've all said, "I'll email you when I'm back in the office," with the best of intentions. Bringing business cards makes follow up easier. And what better time to bump up your LinkedIn profile by adding the people you meet from across the province to your network?

Get all of the information

When you get to the Queensbury Convention Centre, find the registration desk and register by the first letter **in the name of your municipality**. When you register, you will be handed an envelope that will include your name badge, agenda card and event tickets, and a bag with important information items, like the convention handbook where you will find the Resolutions and the tradeshow exhibitor listings.

Keep an eye on the screens in the main hall to keep up to date with what is happening each day.

Borrow great ideas

No need to reinvent the wheel. Learn best practices from your fellow municipalities. That's what being a part of an association is all about - sharing.

Socialize

Attending convention is a great time to socialize with your peers. Don't stay in your room; attend the events that SUMA has to offer! Be sure to remember your tickets for the Welcome Reception on Sunday and the President's Banquet on Tuesday, because you'll be asked for them at the door.

Network

Not to be confused with socializing, networking is all about finding out who's who, sharing what you do, and finding the people who can help you do your job even better. Network with your fellow municipalities as well as the exhibitors in our Municipal Marketplace.

Networking can also mean prizes. While you're visiting vendors in the tradeshow, make sure you enter your name in our daily draws. If you enter by 9:00 a.m. on Monday and 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday you will have an additional chance, so visit the

[La Ronge Regional Fire Services: Fire Chief](#) (January 29)

[Village of Clavet: Administrator](#) (January 30)

[Town of Coronach: Town Foreman](#) (February 9)

[Town of Wadena: Community Development Officer](#) (When Filled)

[Town of Hepburn: Administrator](#) (When Filled)

[Village of Lang: Public Works and Utilities Foreman](#) (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)
- [Community Grant Program](#): Summer (February 1)
- [Forever...in motion](#) (February 15)
- [Municipal Cultural Engagement and Planning](#) (February 15)

tradeshow early!

Dress for success

Remember that you are representing your community, so put your best foot forward while at convention. Dress is business casual but make sure you bring warm clothing and comfortable footwear. Regina can be chilly this time of year.

Convention 2016: Bussing Schedules Available

If you are booked into the hotels where shuttle service is provided, schedules are now available on [the Convention 2016 page](#) of our website. When you arrive in Regina, watch for the signs in your hotel's lobby for the bus stop location and approximate departure time. There will be a listing at the entrance of the Queensbury Convention Centre for end-of-day departures.

We have arranged alternate transportation for anyone staying at the Sandman Hotel. If you are booked there and are planning to use our transportation services and have not heard from us, please contact Lindsay Peel at 306-525-4384.

Convention 2016: Time is Running Out to Get Tickets

Act quickly if you want to attend the ticketed evening activities at Convention 2016! Deadline to request your tickets is **Wednesday, January 27.**

Sunday evening will be your chance to get a behind-the-scenes glimpse at Mosaic Stadium before [the farewell season](#) begins. Rider veterans Matt Dominguez and Don Narcisse will be there for photos, autographs, and mingling. Be sure to wear your Rider gear, but no need to bundle up - the event is all indoors.

On Tuesday night, join us to celebrate long-serving municipal officials and staff. You'll get to hear the songs and stories of [Jeffery Straker](#) during a plated dinner, and wrap up the evening with the boot-stompin' acoustic sounds of [The Dead South](#).

These evenings promise to be a fantastic time, so contact Laurie Bryant at 306-525-4385 for your tickets.

- [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.



Homelessness Partnering Strategy 2016-17 Applications

Once again, the YMCA of Regina and the Rural and Remote Advisory Board are accepting funding applications for projects in rural and remote communities (off-reserve communities with a population of 25,000 or less - so nearly all SUMA members).

See [the application](#) and [guide](#) for more details. Deadline for applications is February 19, 2016. For more information, contact Pamela Reimer, Director of Homelessness Partnering and Housing First Initiatives, YMCA of Regina [by email](#) or by phone at 306-757-9622 ext. 234.

SUMA 2016 Fees Due

Conflict of Interest 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*](#)

2016-17 Community Airport Partnership Program

SUMA has long advocated for sustainable funding for community airports. In 2010, the SUMA Board of Directors endorsed a policy advocating for additional funding for airport infrastructure in southern Saskatchewan. The Community Airport Partnership (CAP) program has since received a much-needed boost to continue building links between Saskatchewan and national and international markets. Please take advantage of this program for your regional community airport. Our members identified the renewal of this program as a priority, and so we want to make sure that all of the available money gets used.

Eligible community airports apply for an infrastructure grant. If recommended by a review panel of aviation experts, a project is cost-shared 50/50 between the community and the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure (MHI) to a maximum contribution by MHI of \$275,000. The deadline for CAP applications is **Thursday, March 31, 2016**. Applications received after this date will not be considered. See the [CAP Program and Application Guidelines](#) for more information.

This is your last week to make your payment for your 2016 SUMA membership ahead of the **January 31, 2016** deadline. You can even bring your payment to Convention 2016, if you wish. 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 valuable member programs. We look forward to another year serving urban Saskatchewan.

About Us

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

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