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Special election edition of *Urban Voice* released

With 466 urban governments in Saskatchewan, serving 82 per cent of Saskatchewan residents, it is no surprise that urban issues should play a priority in this fall's provincial election.

Outlining the urban perspective on such issues as recycling and waste management, allocation of education funding to create room for investing in local priorities, the housing shortage, and the importance of urban infrastructure, the October *Urban Voice* will be an excellent resource for those who wish to bring urban government issues to the forefront during the election campaign.

The magazine will be mailed this week to regular subscribers. To download a PDF copy of the *Urban Voice*, visit the [SUMA website](#).

Excitement is building for SUMA 2012 Convention!

Work is underway, and excitement is building for SUMA's 2012 Convention, to be held in Regina January 29 - February 1 at the Queensbury Convention Centre in Regina.

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Quote of the Week:

"Man often becomes what he believes himself to be. If I keep on saying to myself that I cannot do a certain thing, it is possible that I may end by really becoming incapable of doing it. On the contrary, if I have the belief that I can do it, I shall surely acquire the capacity to do it even if I may not have it at the beginning."
- Mahatma Gandhi

Have you looked at SUMA's list of available grants lately?

To access a current list of grants available to municipalities and



This year's theme is: "**Urban Matters: A Growing Agenda**", speaking to the growing importance of urban issues, which evolve over time with changing demographics and legislation.

The registration packages for this event will be mailed the week of Nov. 7 and information will be posted on the [website](#), including a preliminary agenda. Plan to attend – we'd love to see you there!

Pinball Clemons to appear at Convention as keynote speaker

SUMA is pleased to announce that the keynote speaker for its 2012 convention will be Michael "Pinball" Clemons!

Many will remember Clemons for his brilliant CFL career as a record-breaking player and topnotch coach - but perhaps his greatest contribution to Canada is through his community involvement and volunteerism with charities, schools and community groups, including the creation of the Michael "Pinball" Clemons Foundation, serving as Chair of Ontario's Youth Challenge Fund and his work to launch the Argos Foundation - Stop The Violence.



As sensational a speaker as he was a football player, Clemons will share his exhilarating message with SUMA delegates in this session, sponsored

communities, see [the SUMA grants page](#).

SUMA Classifieds

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Town of Hudson Bay: Community Development Director (10/25/11)

Town of Wolseley: Administrator (10/21/11)

Town of Coaldale, AB: Director of Operations (11/01/11)

RM of Britannia: Administrator (10/27/11)

Village of Kenosee Lake: CAO (When Filled)

Town of Nipawin: Town Administrator/CAO (When Filled)

Town of Lumsden: Administrative Officer (10/31/11)

Town of Porcupine Plain: Town Foreman (10/25/11)

Town of Assiniboia: Chief Administrative Officer (10/27/11)

SPRA: Consultant, Parks & Open Spaces (10/31/11)

FOR SALE:

Used 1990 International Garbage Truck (When Sold)

Call for Resolutions SUMA Convention 2012

SUMA is accepting resolutions for presentation at the 2012 convention, Jan. 29 - Feb. 1, 2012. Members are encouraged to submit resolutions anytime throughout the year; however, the deadline for receipt of council resolutions for the 2012 Convention is Nov. 18, 2011. Submissions should be forwarded to the Resolutions Committee at the SUMA office in Regina via email to smceachern@suma.org.

The Committee--and SUMA's policy committees--will review the resolutions, combine similar ones, and provide a package to all members prior to Dec. 31, 2011.

Late resolutions will be reviewed by the Resolutions Committee but only those considered to be newly emergent and urgent will be presented to the Convention as emergency resolutions. Other late resolutions could be sponsored by the Board of Directors or considered after convention.

Resolution Procedures

All resolutions must be submitted to with confirmation of endorsement by council (with date).

Resolutions should also be accompanied by background information, which will help both the committee and convention delegates fully understand the issue. Municipalities will be contacted if the committee requires more than minor editing of the resolution.

The Resolutions Committee will determine the order in which resolutions are presented at the convention, partly based on whether the concern is likely to be widely shared among urban councils or is of more limited interest and application.

SUMA bylaws dictate that issues of purely local interest are not appropriate for presentation at convention, and resolutions

Regional Meeting Survey - SUMA needs your input!

SUMA's Board of Directors is currently performing a review of the Regional Meeting format and would appreciate members' feedback.

Please take a few brief moments to answer the following short survey by visiting [this page](#).

Performance review questionnaire: send your input for convention

One of the sessions for this year's convention will focus on how urban municipalities evaluate the performance of their staff members. We are seeking information on how our members currently do these performance reviews, to help us determine the kind of information we'll be providing.

Please visit this link to take part in the short survey. [Visit this link](#). Thanks!

will not be accepted from third party individuals or organizations unless endorsed by a member council.

Purpose of Convention Resolutions

Issues confronting urban councils often require action either by the provincial or federal government or another agency. These issues are usually of concern to many if not all urban municipalities. SUMA members submit resolutions to gain the endorsement of the Association through support by a majority of Saskatchewan urban municipalities represented at the Annual Convention. It is important that the wording of the resolution be as clear as possible and that its relevance to other municipalities be clearly explained.

Reminder - SUMA member photo library wants YOU!

SUMA knows that its members are unique, and that SUMA member communities are great places to live - and we'd like to showcase them through a diverse range of photos that capture the growth and vibrancy of urban Saskatchewan. SUMA is looking for YOU - our members - to stand out in future publications (website, magazines, email updates, print publications)! We're putting together a Member Photo Library, and we'd like you to be included.

Please send your digital photos (minimum 300 dpi, file size between 450kb and 3Mb, .jpg or TIFF format) to: communications@suma.org. This mailbox has been configured to accept emails of up to 20Mb in size, so please watch the size of your attachments with that in mind.

The kind of photos we're looking for include (but aren't limited to):

- Community facilities
- Exceptional or notable features (i.e. "world's biggest" items, tourist features, unusual sites)
- Infrastructure photos (roads, water and waste water facilities, recycling and waste disposal facilities, new housing creation, etc.)
- Families in your community enjoying "quality of life"
- Community programs and events
- Services and facilities that attract residents to your community (schools, hospitals, businesses, policing, etc.)

Which Saskatchewan lake is the largest in the world to drain naturally into two different oceans?

The northwest corner of Wollaston Lake is where the Fond du Lac River begins. It winds northwest to Black Lake then Lake Athabasca, which drains north to the Arctic Ocean. The Cochrane River begins on the northern end of Wollaston Lake, eventually flowing into Reindeer Lake which drains towards Hudson Bay.

- *Government of Saskatchewan website*

Municipal Links:

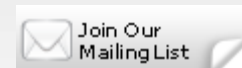
[Service Canada's Skills Link](#)

The Skills Link program helps youth facing barriers to employment obtain the knowledge and develop the broad range of skills and work experience they need to participate in the job market. Participants benefit from a coordinated approach, providing longer term supports and services that can help them find and keep a job.

Applications may be submitted at any time.

To learn more, visit the [SUMA Grants](#) web page .

Do you have a suggestion for the Municipal Link? Send it along to communications@suma.org.



About Us

If you note the photographer and location in your emails, we would be pleased to provide credit when the photos are used.

We'd like to thank you for reading the Urban Update this week and we welcome your comments.

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