



PRESIDENT'S *Update*

December 5, 2018

Notes from the November Board Meeting

The SUMA Board of Directors gathered on **November 29 and 30** to discuss Convention 2019 and more.

On Thursday evening, the Convention Planning Committee met for the last time before the **114th Annual SUMA Convention** .

During the meeting, the committee approved the **agenda** for the event happening in Saskatoon February 3-6, 2019, at TCU Place. Convention 2019 will feature 15 education sessions, four breakout sessions, sector meetings, dialogue with ministers, and of course, the Bear Pit. Education session topics include reconciliation, workplace harassment, shutting out crime in your community, governance, and more. Sunday will also feature a presentation sponsored by SaskPower where SaskPower will present its vision of a cleaner energy future that meets growing demands and customer expectations, and answer municipal questions.

We also discussed exciting new changes coming to the **Municipal Marketplace Tradeshow** .

The 2019 tradeshow, taking place **Sunday, February 3** , and **Monday, February 4** , has been expanded to feature more than 220 vendors. And in 2020, the tradeshow will be even larger, taking up all three buildings of Regina's International Trade Centre (ITC). The 2020 Municipal Marketplace Tradeshow will also host two education sessions and will feature a platform for vendor presentations. Breakfast will be served in the tradeshow area both Sunday and Monday, so buses will drop registrants off at Regina's ITC to enjoy breakfast and browse the vendor booths.

Convention 2019 was also a topic of conversation at the full day Board meeting on Friday.

At the meeting, we reviewed and approved **10 resolutions** : nine from members and one from the SUMA Board of Directors.

The Board also approved **SUMA's revised bylaws** . These bylaws will be brought forward for your consideration at our AGM held at Convention. Make sure to attend the AGM, not only because you have a chance to win a prize, but so you can learn about the changes to SUMA's bylaws. The **AGM** is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 5, at 2:05 p.m.** You'll have a chance to review the bylaws before the AGM; watch for the AGM package being sent out later this month.

During Convention I will be available to **meet with members** to discuss council governance and SUMA issues. To schedule a meeting, please contact the SUMA office at 306-525-3727 or email suma@suma.org.

During Friday's Board meeting, we also approved SUMA's [Contaminated Sites Policy](#). The policy calls on the provincial government to engage with municipal governments to **develop options to clean up contaminated sites, impose a time frame** mandating owners to clean up closed contaminated sites quickly, and **ensure the Impacted Sites Fund is easily accessible and adequately funded** to ensure municipalities can remediate abandoned or orphaned sites quickly and properly. The policy was shaped by member feedback. Thank you to everyone who responded to the contaminated sites survey.

The SUMA Board of Directors will next meet before, during, and after Convention 2019; our next full meeting is scheduled for **March 22, 2019** .

I wish everyone a very merry holiday season, and I look forward to seeing you at Convention 2019 in Saskatoon.

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