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## SUMA Board Member Jim Scarrow recognized for service

Prince Albert Mayor and SUMA board member Jim Scarrow was presented with the University of Regina President's Community Award in Prince Albert Monday, November 28.

The award goes to individuals who have demonstrated a strong commitment to serve the provincial community, who have a strong history of working to better the lives of others in the province.

To read more about the award ceremony and Mayor Scarrow's commitment to the province, visit the [University of Regina's website](#).

Congratulations, Mayor Scarrow, on achieving this award!

## Convention early bird registration Dec. 16!

Save time and money, and ensure a spot at the best-ever SUMA Convention!

Discounted rates for early-bird registration end December 16, so act quickly!

## Upcoming MLDP sessions

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### Quote of the Week:

"Do not wait for leaders. Do it alone, person to person."

- Mother Teresa

### Municipal Links

[Let's TOC](#)

Let'sTOC is an initiative partnered by Communities of Tomorrow and the Canada West Foundation. Canadian municipalities face challenges associated with growing populations and infrastructure needs that will cost cities billions of dollars a year. Investments are critical for the social and economic future of our

Registrations are now being accepted for the winter 2012 Municipal Leadership Development Program (MLDP) modules. Following the success of last year's winter modules scheduled prior to the SUMA and SARM conventions, modules will be offered on Saturday, January 28th and on Monday, March 12th in Regina.

For a complete schedule of the winter modules, visit the [SUMA MLDP web page here](#).

## Premier makes changes to Cabinet responsibilities, committees

On November 30, Premier Brad Wall made changes to some cabinet responsibilities and cabinet committees, prior to the new legislative session opening December 5.

To read more about changes in appointments, visit the [media release here](#).

## Group Benefit rate changes

As always, SUMA is striving to provide the best service possible to its Group Benefits Program participants. To this end, we will be updating the software system with which we administer the program.

This major project is already underway, with a full roll-out slated for February 1, 2012. When fully implemented, it will expedite the management of Group Benefits services substantially.

Program participants will realize that SUMA negotiates our insurance premium rates with our insurance companies annually, with any rate change having historically occurred January 1 - the period in which the administrative system upgrades will occur.

As such, the decision was made to **postpone any rate**

Canadian cities. Finding the means to finance infrastructure expenditures and provide the needed operations and service delivery is becoming more and more of a challenge for municipal leaders-hence the search for innovative solutions, both big and small.

Provide your input (which will lead up to the 2012 National Infrastructure Summit, held in Regina Sept. 10-12, 2012) by visiting the blog or member's forum to share your innovative technology solutions, finance or policy ideas. Follow TOC on Facebook or Twitter, as well.

*Do you have a suggestion for the Municipal Link? Send it along to [communications@suma.org](mailto:communications@suma.org).*

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

To access a current list of grants available to municipalities and communities, see [the SUMA grants page](#).

### Crimestoppers

Around 11:00pm on October 27 a food retail business on 100th street in North Battleford was the victim of an armed robbery. A male entered the business, stated he had a weapon and demanded cash. The male suspect then fled to the north of the business with a small amount of cash. The suspect is described as a 5'7" to 5'10" male with a slim build.

**changes until July 1, 2012, and apply double the change over a six month period**, rather than directing the change over a one-year period.

Clients will see no change in the rate from January through June, and then the statements for July through December will reflect a change for double the rate change.

This will apply to the 2012 year only, and in January of 2013, regular changes will resume.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation during this period of transition. Should you have any questions, please contact the Group Benefits office at [gis@suma.org](mailto:gis@suma.org), or (306) 525-4390.

#### Did You Know...

They passed this way: in 1885, the Northwest Rebellion affected the community of Saskatoon in various ways. Chief Whitecap and Charles Trottier both passed through what is now the University campus on their way to join Louis Riel's armed forces at Batoche. Following the battle of Fish Creek and the Battle of Batoche, wounded Canadian soldiers convalesced at the Marr Residence (now a historic site). Those few who died in care were buried in the Pioneer Cemetery near today's Exhibition Grounds.

#### About Us

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

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Anyone with information is requested to call Saskatchewan Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

#### SUMA Classifieds

##### POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Town of Spiritwood: Waste Collection Personnel (When Filled)

Town of Kamsack: CAO (12/09/2011)

Town of Cabri: Assistant Town Foreman (12/21/2011)

RM of Britannia: Administrator (12/10/2011)

Village of Buena Vista: Administrative Assistant (12/09/2011)

Village of Wilcox: Village Maintenance Foreman (When Filled)

Village of Wilcox: Administrator (When Filled)

City of Melville: Parks, Rec & Leisure Services Manager (When Filled)

Town of Fillmore: Administrator (When Filled)

For more details on any of these ads, visit the SUMA Classifieds.



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