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Media Advisory

SUMA Convention 2019 Showcasing the Hometown Advantage

The Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA) is hosting its 114th Annual Convention from February 3 to 6. Nearly 1,000 representatives from Saskatchewan's cities, towns, villages, resort villages, and northern municipalities will come together in Saskatoon for Convention 2019.

The annual convention is a great chance to highlight the exciting things happening in Saskatchewan hometowns. SUMA members get to bring their challenges and successes before their peers, the provincial government, and the media. This is a chance to learn about the innovative projects happening all around the province and celebrate the dedication of municipal officials.

The convention theme *Hometown Advantage* highlights the unique elements that set hometowns apart and the advantages of hometowns working together.

The keynote speaker this year will be former NHL all-star Ryan Walter. Walter was drafted second overall by the Washington Capitals, won a Stanley Cup with the Montreal Canadiens, and was assistant coach of the Vancouver Canucks. With years of team and coaching experience, Walter's address is guaranteed to inspire Saskatchewan's hometown captains.

All events will take place at TCU Place (see important events in the attached backgrounder). Media must check in at the registration desk to receive a name badge for admission. We look forward to seeing you there.

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Attachments:
Important Convention 2019 Events
SUMA Long-Service Awards

For more information visit www.suma.org, or to arrange an interview please contact:

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Important Convention 2019 Events

Monday, February 4

Official Opening Ceremonies	9:00–9:30 a.m.
President’s Address	9:30–9:45 a.m.
Federation of Canadian Municipalities’ Address	9:45–10:00 a.m.
Premier’s Address	11:15–11:45 a.m.
Resolutions	3:15–4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 5

Keynote Address – Ryan Walter	8:30–9:45 a.m.
Leader of the Official Opposition’s Address	11:45 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
Minister of Government Relations’ Address	1:00–1:15 p.m.
Saskatchewan Municipal Awards	1:15–1:55 p.m.

Wednesday, February 6

Bear Pit with Provincial Cabinet	10:45 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
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SUMA Service Awards

Every year at the President's Banquet and Awards Ceremony, the SUMA Board of Directors recognizes individuals from across the province who have demonstrated a commitment to outstanding service in the municipal field.

Through the awards program, SUMA acknowledges the contribution of individuals in the municipal field to an improved quality of life in their communities and to the advancement of local government in our province.

The SUMA Board accepts nominations from communities and councils throughout the province. The individuals nominated are considered the most deserving of recognition for their outstanding service to their communities.

On behalf of all SUMA members, we are proud to honour these individuals for their outstanding contributions to the development and prosperity of our communities and urban governments in Saskatchewan.

Meritorious Service Award

Meritorious service awards are granted to municipal staff members with 20 or more years of service. It recognizes their career success, dedication, and involvement in their local communities.

These award recipients are outstanding individuals who have become role models in their communities. Through their long service, they have made a valuable contribution to the success of their municipalities. They strive for an improved quality of life through a strong local government.

- Chris Ashfield, Town of Whitewood — 20 years
- Bruce Becker, Town of Naicam — 25 years
- Kim Bennett, Village of Frontier — 32 years
- Bernard Brule, Town of Whitewood — 27 years
- Calvin Bruneau, City of Warman — 20 years
- Judy Cleaveley, Town of Hudson Bay — 20 years
- Dennis Cropper, Town of Naicam — 25 years
- Brenda Duerr, City of Humboldt — 21 years
- Lawrence Dunne, City of Humboldt — 22 years
- Randy Dzuba, City of Yorkton — 20 years
- Phyllis Ens, City of Warman — 25 years
- Kevin Ericson, Town of Kelvington — 21 years
- Joyce Hauck, Town of Lemberg — 25 years
- Judy Kanak, Village of Quill Lake — 33 years
- Peter L'Heureux, City of Swift Current — 20 years
- Deb Machay, Town of Maple Creek — 33 years
- Len McGillivray, Town of Naicam — 21 years
- Darcy McLeod, City of Yorkton — 26 years
- Jason Miller, City of Warman — 20 years
- Walter Neumann, City of Yorkton — 20 years

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- Robin Parry, Town of Naicam — 23 years
- Carl Peterson, Town of Naicam — 34 years
- Ken Peterson, Town of Naicam — 33 years
- Lori Proulx, City of Humboldt — 22 years
- James (Jim) Puffalt, City of Moose Jaw — 35 years
- Dean Robson, City of Swift Current — 20 years
- Stan Rude, Town of Naicam — 38 years
- Lionel Sawatzky, Town of Langham — 27 years
- Kevin Smith, Town of Shaunavon — 20 years
- Denis Sunderland, Town of Naicam — 24 years
- Trevor Topinka, Town of Whitewood — 26 years
- Roy Unger, Town of Nipawin — 20 years
- Donald VanMeer, Town of Carlyle — 31 years
- Owen Vasseur, Village of Frontier — 41 years
- Angelika Walker, Town of Rosetown — 23 years
- Perry Zenner, Town of Naicam — 28 years

Honorary Service Award

Honorary Service Awards are granted to elected officials throughout the province with 20 or more years of service. It recognizes their long-term dedication to, and involvement in, their local communities.

These award recipients are individuals who demonstrate leadership in their communities and who strive for an improved quality of life. Their generous contributions of time and talent have strengthened their local governments.

- Calvin Abrahamson, Village of Montmartre — 21 years
- Ernest Ducherer, Village of Neilburg — 26 years
- Greg Standish, Town of Kelvington — 20 years

Life Membership Award

A SUMA Life Membership award recognizes a former Board member whose career exemplifies commitment and dedication to community, and significant contributions to urban government in Saskatchewan through SUMA. For 2019, the SUMA Board of Directors chose **former City of Saskatoon Councillor Tiffany Paulsen** to receive this award.

Tiffany was first elected to city council in 2000. At the age of 27, she was the youngest person ever elected to Saskatoon City Council and was subsequently appointed the youngest deputy mayor in the history of the city. She represented her ward for 16 years.

Tiffany has been named one of the 10 most influential women in Saskatchewan. In 2009, she was appointed Queen's Counsel by Saskatchewan's Minister of Justice – one of the fastest and youngest appointments in the province's history. In 2011, she gained provincial and national media attention when she brought her infant daughter to council, breaking barriers for women serving in municipal politics.

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During her second term on council, Tiffany was appointed to represent the City of Saskatoon on the SUMA Board of Directors. Her commitment to her hometown of Saskatoon and other Saskatchewan hometowns is evident as in 2016, Tiffany was sitting on more than 20 local, provincial and national boards, commissions, and committees.

Today, she continues to serve her community. Tiffany is the current board chair of the Saskatoon Community Foundation, a director of the Saskatoon Police Service Foundation, and a member of the École Lakeview parent council. A partner at Robertson Stromberg LLP., she is also actively involved in professional organizations. She has held numerous positions within the Canadian Bar Association and is past president of the Saskatoon Bar Association.