



Saskatchewan  
Parks and Recreation  
Association

# SPRING SYMPOSIUM

Connecting recreation,  
facility, parks  
practitioners and  
volunteers with the  
latest training,  
information and trends!

# 2020



**April 27 - 30, 2020**  
Humboldt Uniplex - #619 - 17 Street, Humboldt, SK

### Main Event Sponsor



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**Registration deadline: April 20, 2020**

# Three Reasons You Can't Miss the 2020 Spring Education and Training Symposium

## Professional development opportunities



Enjoy Courses taught by certified instructors and experts in the field!

## Opportunities to connect with colleagues and experts from across Saskatchewan



Join SPRA and 1 Stop Playground on Monday, April 27 (6:30 p.m.) for a Meet and Greet Social. The Social will be held at 1 Stop Playgrounds' **NEW** location - 95 Main Street in Humboldt. Prepare for an evening of fun and networking.

## Courses on topics that matter most to practitioners and volunteers



Symposium Streams include: Parks, Landscape, Supervisory, Pool, Arena and Facilities.

## About Us

The Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association (SPRA) is a network of recreation leaders dedicated to energizing Saskatchewan and changing lives!

Through events like the 2020 Spring Symposium, we connect, educate and inspire others to build this future together.

We're empowered to succeed through funding from Saskatchewan Lotteries.

## Accommodations

**Bella Vista Inn** (1815 - 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue)  
Phone: 1-800-667-0790

Website: [www.bellavistainn.ca](http://www.bellavistainn.ca)

Rate: \$114.95 per night + taxes

Book by April 10, 2020 for discounted rates (reference the SPRA 2020)

**Canalta Hotel** (2421 - 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue)  
Phone: 1-888-831-1331

Website: [www.canaltahotels.com](http://www.canaltahotels.com)

Rate: \$134.00 per night + taxes

Book by April 10, 2020 for discounted rates (reference the SPRA 2020)

## Registration

Complete the enclosed registration form and return it to SPRA at:  
100 - 1445 Park Street  
Regina, SK S4N 4C5

Online registration is also available at [www.spra.sk.ca/symposium](http://www.spra.sk.ca/symposium).

*I value the friendships and relationships made with other towns and cities.*

- Spring Symposium Participant

*Great overall experience! I can't wait for next year.*

- Spring Symposium Participant

*Instructors were very thorough, exhibited a great sense of humour and answered any/all questions.*

- Spring Symposium Participant

# Symposium Streams at a Glance

| Parks                            | Landscape  | Supervisory   | Aquatics              | Arena  | Facilities                      |
|----------------------------------|--|---|-----------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| <b>Monday, April 27</b>          |  |   |                       |  |                                 |
| Saskatchewan Parks Worker Course | Landscape Recertification (Pesticide Applicator) | Strategic Decision Making   | Pool Operator Level 2 | Arena Operator Level 2 Refrigeration             | Small Engine Repair             |
| <b>Tuesday, April 28</b>         |  |   |                       |  |                                 |
| ↓                                | ↓  | SLGA Rules and Regulations/ Customer Service Training                     | ↓                     | ↓  | What's in an Irrigation System? |
| <b>Wednesday, April 29</b>       |  |   |                       |  |                                 |
| ↓                                | Tree Identification for Saskatchewan             | Technologies in Recreation Facilities Part 1                              | ↓                     | ↓  | Building Maintenance Level 1    |
| <b>Thursday, April 30</b>        |  |   |                       |  |                                 |
| ↓                                | Working in our Cemeteries – Best Practices       | Technologies in Recreation Facilities Part 2/ Asset Management Next Steps | ↓                     | Arena Operator Level 2 Exam (May 1 at 1:00 p.m.) | ↓                               |

## Session Descriptions

\*Courses will run from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily, unless specified in Course description

### **NEW** Small Engine Repair

**April 27, 2020**

Instructor: Mike Chuckry, Carlton Trail Regional College

Small engines are an important part of any municipal parks and recreation department. Our Small Engine Repair Course focuses on practical advice for preventative maintenance, minor repairs and general care that small engines require. It is important to know how engines operate and know how to repair and maintain them to reduce downtime and achieve optimum life expectancy. This Course will teach you the basics on how to manage your equipment.

### Strategic Decision Making

**April 27, 2020**

Instructor: Wayne Hellquist – Future Quest Consulting

Strategic decision-making and strategic thinking is a process of thinking, analyzing and accessing available information so people can make informed and strategic decisions in their day-to-day work and in their daily lives. This session will cover a variety of topics, including how to develop strategic decision-making skills, how to think strategically as well as how to work strategically to boost performance. The session will also present the link between thinking strategically and planning strategically and operating strategically in an organization. A number of tools and tactics to enhance strategic decision-making skills will be introduced.

### **NEW** Landscape Recertification (Pesticide Applicator)

**April 27 to 28, 2020**

Instructor: Carlton Trail Regional College

\*Pre-requisite: Landscape Applicator Program Certification

Pesticide Applicators must renew their training every 5 years. This is the recertification Course for applicators who use herbicides, insecticides and fungicides on outdoor residential, commercial and public lands (such as yard care service, park or golf Course maintenance).

### Saskatchewan Parks Worker Course (Certification)

**April 27 to 30, 2020**

Instructor: Patricia Hanbidge

This Course provides an overview of a typical parks system and its maintenance practices. The Course will discuss plant physiology, soil health, turf, pest management and best practices for park landscapes in Saskatchewan, including design, construction and maintenance of parks and park features. Focused on the Horticultural requirements for a successful park system, this Course is specifically designed for SPRA Members, municipalities in Saskatchewan and park operators. If you are involved in the management or hands-on operation of a park or green space, this is the Course for you! Successful completion of the Course exam provides participants with a Certificate of Completion issued by SPRA.

This is a 4 day Course that will include outdoor tour components, weather permitting.

### Pool Operator Level 2 Course

**April 27 to 30, 2020**

Instructor: TBA

\*Pre-requisite: SHA Pool Operator Level 1

The advanced Pool Operator Course (Level 2) information builds on the material presented at the certified Swimming Pool Operator Level 1 Course. Participants will learn to deal with more complex problems as swimming pool operators. Topics include: Water Clarity, Air Quality, Health of Swimming Pool Water, Diseases: Pools and Spas, Oxidation Reduction Potential/Controllers, Circulation, Specialty Chemicals, Energy Management, Steam Rooms and Saunas, Risk Management, Custodial Management and Life-cycle and Preventive Maintenance. The class will require 15 participants to be offered.

**NEW:** SPRA reserves the right to cancel, add or change Courses as required for the benefit of the Symposium and Members.

# Session Descriptions Continued

## Arena Operator Level 2 Refrigeration Course (Certification)

**April 27 to May 1, 2020**

Instructor: Bill Cote

\*This Course concludes with the TSASK Exam, May 1, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

This intensive 5 day Course will provide participants with an overview of modern industrial refrigeration systems. Topics will include: Thermodynamics, operation and maintenance of refrigeration plants, refrigeration components, equipment and controls and refrigerants and brines. Participants will write the Provincial Refrigeration Operators Exam at the end of the Course to become a Licensed Refrigeration Operator in the province, qualified to supervise a refrigeration plant from 45 – 100 tonne.

## NEW What's in an Irrigation System?

**April 28, 2020**

Instructor: Chad Malinowski of J.T. Sprinkler Systems LTD.

Many of our municipalities have irrigation systems for their parks, sports fields and other green spaces. Do you know what it takes to keep this system operating? This Course will discuss the components of an irrigation system and the general maintenance that will help you keep these systems running for years to come. Topics will include:

- Types of systems and their components
- Typical municipal systems and operational considerations
- Troubleshooting considerations
  - Considerations for proper start-up and winterizing
- Discussion of your experience with irrigation systems

Come prepared to learn and discuss your own community. If you are experiencing challenges with an aging system, this will be a great opportunity to discuss possible solutions.

## Alcohol and Gaming Requirement for Community Facilities and Programs - Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority (SLGA)

**April 28, 2020  
(8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)**

Instructor: Corey Huber, SLGA and Panelists

The session will provide information and education surrounding alcohol and charitable gaming requirements within the province of Saskatchewan. Regulations within these areas can change and it is important for community organizations to understand why the guidelines should be followed and how they may be applied to their programs. Topics may include: Special Occasion Permits, Charitable Gaming Licenses, Charitable Gaming Grant Program, Commercial Permittee Liquor Licensing, Inspections and Serve it Right Program.

## Service First – Customer Service Training (STEC)

**April 28, 2020  
(1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.)**

Instructor: Marielle Gauthier, Saskatchewan Tourism Education Council (STEC)

Customer Service has to be a top priority for all service industries including Parks and Recreation. Parks and Recreation sector deals more and more with tourism and community development. "Service First" is the standard for Customer Service in the tourism sector. Courtesy, friendliness and professionalism are essential to the success of tourism operations. The Service First workshop introduces tourism employees to the basics of customer service and helps to reinforce your organization's commitment to creating an exceptional experience for visitors. It includes units on tourism in Saskatchewan, being a professional and customer service.

## Tree Identification for Saskatchewan

**April 29, 2020**

Instructor: Heather Richardson

Our Tree Identification Course will focus on building your knowledge and providing you with the tools needed to identify trees in the landscape. This includes a review of the roles of trees and shrubs in the landscape, discussion about the form of trees and the form of leaves, as well as a review of the most common trees in Saskatchewan and their associated characteristics. This 1 day Course will include outdoor components, weather permitting.

## NEW Technologies in Recreation Facilities Part 1

**April 29, 2020**

Instructor: Dave Pilon, Training Coordinator Electrical Inspections – SaskPower

Where will recreation facilities be in the next decade? This session will discuss many new technologies that are being developed and employed in recreation facilities. Representatives from SaskPower and other industries will be present to present a variety of topics. This session will provide information that will help guide you over the next decade so you can see what is on the horizon.

## Building Maintenance Level 1

**April 29 to 30, 2020**

Instructor: Kameron Kiland, Manager of Facility Services, Horizon School Division #205 and Craig Geisler, CAO, Town of Balcarres

This updated Course will cover all areas of facility operations, including: Mechanical and structural maintenance, preventative maintenance, risk management and boiler operation, HVAC maintenance, energy efficiency and custodial care.

## NEW New Technologies in Recreation Facilities Part 2

**April 30, 2020  
(8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)**

Instructors: Robert Adair, Service Project Sales and Kelly Christensen, Energy and Sustainability Project Managers – Black & McDonald Ltd.

This session will discuss many new technologies that are being developed and employed in recreation facilities. Representatives from Black & McDonald will provide their ideas on what the future will hold for recreation facilities.

## NEW Working in our Cemeteries – Best Practices

**April 30, 2020**

Instructor: Western Canada Cemetery Association

Municipal cemeteries are often an area which get overlooked despite the vast amount of knowledge and skill that these spaces require to operate. The Course will discuss municipal cemetery policies, material suppliers, design considerations such as plot layouts and the use of columbariums, maintenance practices including considerations about grave markers and reducing overall maintenance demands, operational procedures for opening and closing graves and more! This Course will involve tours of local cemeteries, dependent on weather and the level of conversation generated in the classroom. If you manage or work in your local cemetery, make sure you attend this Course!

## Asset Management Next Steps

**April 30, 2020  
(1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.)**

Instructors: Dan Gallagher and Tim Hanna, SPRA

This session is a follow up to the 2019 Symposium session. This session will be a refresher on what Asset Management is and why it is important. The session will build upon the Town of Redvers pilot project and review the spreadsheet tool that was developed to assist municipal recreation departments. This session is necessary for anyone managing public assets.

For additional information, contact Tim Hanna SPRA Consultant - Facilities and Training, toll-free at 1-800-563-2555 or by email at [thanna@spra.sk.ca](mailto:thanna@spra.sk.ca).

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