

SUMA Board Meeting Highlights – June 25 -27, 2010

This past weekend marked the second quarterly meeting of the SUMA Board of Directors for 2010. Directors dealt with a number of items regarding planning for the upcoming 2011 SUMA convention, the recently completed strategic plan and several recommendations from the policy committees.

Planning for the upcoming convention is well underway as many decisions were made involving the theme and other activities. Further details will be made available in the coming months. Following the recent convention and election of a new executive, the board embarked upon a new strategic planning process. The draft document outlining the plan for the next three years was reviewed and debated. The outcomes adopted by the board will be communicated to the membership. The board also took time to debate many policy related items. They endorsed the 2010/2011 SAMA budget and financial plan with direction to staff to communicate with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs concerns regarding the recent budget cuts to SAMA.

The board also passed a motion calling on the Government of Saskatchewan to develop a cost shared funding formula to assist in implementing new wastewater regulations. In addition, directors reviewed the recent mandates for provincial ministries, discussed plans for communicating with members elements of the new Multi-Material Recycling Program once they are known and established a number of other positions regarding the UHCP and changes to the Local Government Elections Act.

The board also hosted a delegation on Saturday morning from VEMAX Management - Dr. Gordon Sparks and Nicole Allen. Dr. Sparks and Ms. Allen presented to the board the findings of the Dalmeny Phase Two Pilot Project and the concepts of asset management. The board found the presentation quite informative and are interested in exploring what role SUMA can play in advancing the practice of asset management to member municipalities.