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News:

Province Commits $1.1 Million for Mosquito Control – Deadline July 15, 2010

The provincial government is committing $1.1 million in one-time funding to municipalities to help control mosquitoes. To read more, please click here. For full details of the program, please click here.

SUMA Advantage Offers Supplies for Mosquito Control Program

With mosquito season upon us, as a reminder that SUMA Advantage offers a mosquito control program. In partnership with Westgro Horticultural Supplies, member municipalities can purchase Vectobac, Altosid or Vectolex CG at special member pricing. The program was designed specially for smaller municipalities who purchase requirements are less than the price advantage offered by full pallet pricing. For more information and product pricing, please click here or contact Westgro at 800-661-2991.

Request for SaskSmart Innovations Fund Proposals – Deadline July 5, 2010

The Government of Saskatchewan is providing $770,000 through the SaskSmart Innovations Fund to support Saskatchewan communities in initiating and implementing sustainable literacy plans. Funding of up to $70,000 is available for individual proposals. Proposals will be accepted until July 5, 2010. For more information about the fund, please visit the website.

Putting Patients First: Surgical Specialist Directory Available to the Public

Saskatchewan patients can now easily find information about surgeons practicing in the province, procedures they perform and their wait times. An online special directory is set up to help patients work with their family doctors to choose the most appropriate surgeons. Click here to access the special directory. To learn more about this new health care initiative, please click here.

Resources and Funding on Brownfields

Federation of Canadian Municipalities has compiled a list of national, provincial and private funding sources and incentives available to municipal government to support brownfield projects. To find out more, please click here.

MCDP Discussion Forum

The Municipal Capacity Development Program (MCDP) hosts a discussion forum for municipalities who want to share ideas and start discussions on specific municipal issues. This forum is the old ComMuniLink forum and it is good place to bounce ideas off with other likeminded municipalities.

Provincial Auditor Saskatchewan – Annual Report on Operations

Saskatchewan's acting provincial auditor, Brian Atkinson released his annual report on operations for the year-end March 31, 2010. You can access this report by click on this link.

Black Gold Rush - Scrap Tire Corporation Launching Pilot Project to Clean Private Stockpiles

The Saskatchewan Scrap Tire Corporation is launching a pilot project in Southwest Saskatchewan aimed at cleaning up all private stockpiles of scrap tires in the region. The first step of the pilot project will get underway this month as the corporation works with municipalities and the public to identify the location of private stockpiles. For more information on the pilot project, please click here.

Grants of the Week:

CMHC Seed Funding Program – Deadline; Open year-round
CMHC's Seed Funding Program offers financial assistance to housing proponents who are in the early stages of developing an affordable housing project. Eligible projects include housing market studies, development of a business plan, exploration of funding sources, preliminary financial viability analysis, environmental site assessment, and preliminary design of the housing project. The maximum amount of Seed Funding is $20,000 per housing project proposal to carry out eligible activities. For full details of the program, please click here.

Invest Canada – Community Initiatives – Deadline: Fall of 2010
The Federal Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade's Invest Canada-Community Initiatives (ICCI) is designed to help Canadian communities attract, retain and expand foreign direct investment. ICCI supports non-profit and public-private partnerships at the local community level. Non-repayable contributions range from $3,000 to $300,000, and agreements are made for a one-year period, from January 1 to December 31. ICCI provides matching funds of up to 50 percent of eligible expenses. For full program details, please click here.

Corporate Services:

Waterworks System Assessment (WSA) – Round 2
Many member municipalities are required to complete a WSA – Round 2 by December 31, 2010. If your municipality is required to perform a WSA, click here for information on how to hire an engineer to perform the assessment.

Upcoming Events:

The Canadian Housing and Renewal Association 42nd Annual Congress
June 2 – 5, 2010
Quebec City, Quebec
This year's theme is Affordable Housing: An essential Investment and the program include sessions focused on tangible, practical solutions that can be applied to both small and large municipalities – both urban and rural. To learn more about the conference, please visit the website.

SUMA 2010 Spring Regional Meetings – sponsored in part by SaskPower and Prairie Fuel Advisors
June 14-16, 2010
Locations throughout Saskatchewan
Registration forms and agendas are posted to the SUMA website.

Canadian Water Summit
June 17, 2010
Toronto, Ontario
Water is embedded in virtually every facet of the Canadian economy. Don't miss the opportunity to join leaders from business, government, and civil society to help shape Canada's sustainable water future.

2010 SUMA Golf Tournament
July 15 &16, 2010
Melville, Saskatchewan
This year's annual SUMA Golf Tournament will be at Melville Golf & Country Club. All registrations must be received by **Friday, June 30, 2010**. For more information on the golf tournament, please click here.

Canadian Urban Forest Conference 9
October 5 – 7, 2010
Truro, Nova Scotia
The Canadian Urban Forest Conference (CUFC) is held every two years, alternating between an eastern and western host community. The CUFC has become to be recognized as the education and networking event for those working in the field of urban forest management. For more information on the conference, please go to the conference homepage.

For more events, visit the **SUMA events calendar**

Classifieds:

- **Village of Fillmore: Urban Administrator** – July 30, 2010
- **Village of Manor: Maintenance Man** – June 25, 2010
- **Town of Shaunavon: Recreation Director** – June 30, 2010
- **City of Melville: Assistant Public Works Manager** - Open Until Filled
- **RM of Shell River: Chief Administrative Officer** – Open Until Filled
- **Town of Kerrobert: Assistant Administrator** – June 18, 2010
- **Town of Wadena: Administrator** – June 28, 2010
- **Town of Oxbow: Public Works Foreman** – June 18, 2010
- **Town of Maidstone: Superintendent of Public Works & Utilities** – June 25, 2010
- **City of Cold Lake: Operations Manager** – June 18, 2010
- **Town of Valleyview: Town Manager** – June 15, 2010
- **Fire Trucks for Sale** – June 28, 2010