



SUMA
wishes all
a safe and joyous
holiday season,
and all the best in 2012

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FCM seeks member input for strategic planning

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities is reaching out to members, non-members and other stakeholders to get their input as we undertake to establish our strategic direction for the next five years. Through these consultations, FCM is seeking to understand:

- the opportunities and challenges facing Canadian municipalities/communities as they seek to fulfil their mandates; and
- how FCM can most effectively focus its efforts to provide supports and services of value.

The input from these consultations will inform the Board's analysis and decisions in creating a strategic plan for FCM, which will be presented at

Quote of the Week:

"Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love."

- Hamilton Wright Mabie

Municipal Links

[Saskatchewan Heritage Foundation](#)

The principal mission/mandate of the foundation is to foster conservation of the tangible resources that embody Saskatchewan's heritage for the benefit of present and future generations.

next year's Annual Conference in June 2012.

Please note: the deadline for submitting responses to the four consultation questions included in the linked document is Friday, January 13, 2012.

Please review the document in [this link](#), and submit your responses to Anita Koehler at akoehler@fcm.ca before the deadline. Thank you!

Fitness pledge can win communities \$10k for physical fitness initiatives

Less than 15% of Saskatchewan kids get the 60 minutes of physical activity they need every day. In Motion is trying to change that, by offering one lucky community \$10,000 to combat physical inactivity.

The In Motion Community Pledge Challenge asks Saskatchewan to pledge to do just one thing to make physical activity the easy choice for kids - simple things like walking kids to school, being an active role model or reducing screen time. Every pledge puts registered communities one step closer to winning \$10,000 for a community project that helps kids move more.

Individuals and families: Make sure the kids you care about have what they need to move every day. Pledge to do just one thing to make it happen.

Communities: Register your community to win \$10,000, rally community members to take the pledge and prepare an entry that tells us how you'll use the money to make physical activity the easy choice for the kids in your community.

See the In Motion [website here](#).

Bird's Point requests info on Pest Control Officers

That is accomplished, in part, through five cost-shared grant assistance programs, available to community-based groups and organizations seeking to conserve, research, develop, interpret and promote the province's diverse heritage resources.

Do you have a suggestion for the Municipal Link? Send it along to 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

The Lumsden RCMP are requesting the public's assistance in the following matter. Between the hours of 5:00 p.m. October 22 and 8:00 a.m. October 25, 2011, about six miles north of Disley, SK in the Rural Municipality of Lumsden, a brand new culvert was stolen. The Culvert is approximately 20 inches in diameter by 40 feet in length and had not yet been installed.

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

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POSITIONS AVAILABLE

If your urban government has experience hiring or working with pest control officers, the Resort Village of Bird's Point needs your help.

Please contact Administrator Monica Haas at (306) 793-4552 or email rbirdspoint@sasktel.net. Bird's Point is planning to hire an officer and would appreciate any information you can provide on managing liability, and any sample by-laws.

CMHC Resources for Affordable Housing

The Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) has information available on a range of financial assistance programs for affordable housing projects in the early stages. To read more on these initiatives, visit the [CMHC website](#).

SMA Nominations Open

Nominations are now open for the 2012 Saskatchewan Municipal Awards! Mark your calendars! This year's luncheon will be held Friday, May 11, 2012.

The process is easy - there are only 7 questions to answer. For nomination forms and much more information visit www.municipalawards.ca.

Categories include:

- Municipal Innovation and Service Excellence
- Economic Development Leadership
- Regional Leadership and Partnerships
- Environmental Stewardship
- Heritage Conservation Leadership
- **New category:* Community Life Enrichment;

this category focuses on excellence in recreation, active living programs and facilities, attractive parks and open spaces.

Deadline for nominations is 4:00 p.m., Wednesday March 21, 2012.

[Village of Wilcox: Village Maintenance Foreman \(When Filled\)](#)

[Village of Wilcox: Administrator \(When Filled\)](#)

[City of Melville: Parks, Rec & Leisure Services Manager \(When Filled\)](#)

[City of Lloydminster: Project Technician \(When Filled\)](#)

[Town of Rosetown: Administrator \(January 13\)](#)

[Town of Biggar: Assistant Administrator \(When Filled\)](#)

[Town of Wynyard: Waterworks Foreman \(January 3\)](#)

[Town of Tisdale: Director of Economic Development \(When Filled\)](#)

[Town of Neepawa: Chief Administrative Officer \(When Filled\)](#)

For more details on any of these ads, visit the [SUMA Classifieds](#).



About Us

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

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Did You Know...

Santa Claus is a big figure in the town of Watson! The Town held its first Santa Claus Day in 1932, and in 1996 erected a 7.6 metre (25-foot) high Santa Claus to commemorate the event!

Visitors driving by the community will see him as they drive up.