

SUMA convention week heralds important housing news

The week of the SUMA convention saw two provincial announcements regarding housing programs. The first program, "**HeadStart Equity Builder Program**" is a commitment from eight of Saskatchewan's credit unions to invest up to \$10 million towards down payment assistance to support first-time home buyers. This program builds on the pre-existing HeadStart on a Home. To see the original press release, visit [this site](#).

The second program is an enhancement of the **Encouraging Community Housing Options** (ECHO) program. This program is providing \$400,000 in first come, first served funding to local governments. ECHO funds are designed to support the development and implementation of local or regional housing plans. Applicants must include a population of at least 2,500 (individually or regionally) and have an OCP completed or underway. \$20,000 is available to support development of a housing plan (local governments must match) and \$10,000 to implement strategies from the plan. Please see the press release [here](#).

Attract visitors with Heritage Tourism!

Discover how heritage can attract visitors to your community

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Quote of the Week:

"Love is all you need."

- Paul McCartney

Convention Coverage

Education Session Powerpoints

Powerpoint slides (PDF format) of various education sessions from the 2012 convention are available online, on SUMA's presentations web page at <http://suma.org/index.php?p=SUMA Presentations>.

at the **5th Annual Heritage Week Public Lecture** on **Thursday, February 23, 2012** at 7 p.m., at the Sheraton Cavalier Hotel in Saskatoon.

The lecture will be an opportunity to discover why communities that have embraced their culture and heritage have become rewarding destinations for visitors and investors and cherished places to live, work and play.

This year, the Public Lecture topic is 'What Makes a Place Great? Culture, Heritage and Place-Making' by keynote speaker Jennifer Keesmaat, MES, RPP, MCIP.



Jennifer Keesmaat

Ms. Keesmaat is an award-winning urban planner with extensive experience managing complex planning projects. She led the development of Saskatoon's Culture Plan, Regina's Downtown Neighbourhood Plan and is guiding the development of Regina's new Official Community Plan.

For more information about Heritage Week and the Public Lecture, please visit www.tpcs.gov.sk.ca/heritageweek2012.

Connecting Heritage & Creativity Heritage Saskatchewan 2012 Forum

Plan to attend **Heritage Saskatchewan's 2012 Forum, "Connecting Heritage & Creativity - How Heritage Connects to Creative Communities"** **February 24-25, 2012** at the Sheraton Cavalier Hotel in Saskatoon.

The Forum starts Friday evening (following the Heritage Forum for Municipal Officials) with the keynote address by well-known author and film producer Maggie Siggins.



Also, resolutions brought to the floor are posted within the [Resolutions Database](#), and several addresses to the delegates are available on [SUMA's Youtube channel \(SUMASask\)](#).

Targeted Email Database Draw Winner announced

Debra Parry of the Village of Anaheim entered the Targeted Email Database contest at convention in Regina, and was drawn as the lucky recipient of an Ipod Nano. Congratulations, Debra!

SEDA CED Modules I-IV: Spring 2012 *Introduction to Economic Development for Western Canadian Communities*

Apr. 24-27, 2012
Best Western Harvest inn
Saskatoon, SK

Also: Basic Facilitation SKills with Ron Morris of Morris Interactive April 23, 2012, Best Western Harvest Inn, Saskatoon, SK.

For more information and registration forms, see [this link](#).

Convention Dates for 2013-2015

The date for **convention 2013** (SUMA's 108th annual convention) has been set. Plan to join us **February 3-6, 2013** in Saskatoon!

Details on hotel accommodations for convention 2013 can be downloaded [here](#).

Also, please note, the dates for the 2014 and 2015 conventions are:

Saturday's panels relate to the value of protecting heritage resources, responsible stewardship, and tourism. This Forum provides great opportunities for networking with others interested in building vibrant Saskatchewan communities.

To download the brochure, see [this link](#). For registration and membership information, visit www.heritagesask.ca.

Follow the Yellowhead to Conference Central 2012!

The 2012 **TransCanada Yellowhead Highway Association's Annual Conference** is taking place in **Lloydminster** from **April 26 -28, 2012**, featuring speakers David Knudson of the National Historic Route 66 Federation, from Lake Arrowhead, California, and Tom Higgins, Head of Officiating, Canadian Football League, from Calgary, Alberta.

One of the highlights of the Convention will be a fantastic showing of classic cars by the "Just Kruzin" Car Club.

The City of Lloydminster looks forward to hosting this event and showcasing what Canada's Border City has to offer. For more information, or to register, please visit the TCYHA's website at www.transcanadayellowhead.com.

Sask Scrap Tire Corporation launches R2R Program

This March, **Saskatchewan Scrap Tire Corporation (SSTC)** will launch the **Return to Retailer (R2R) Program**. The pilot will be conducted in Regina over an approximate 8 month period from March to October 2012. The purpose of this program is to provide Regina residents with an opportunity to drop off a small, manageable number of passenger tires at select retailer locations which include Canadian Tire, Kal Tire, and Quality Tire. After the pilot period, we will assess the program to determine rollout for the remainder of the province. Watch the SSTC website at www.scraptire.sk.ca for more information on the R2R and other programs.

February 2-5, 2014 (Regina)
February 1-4, 2015 (Saskatoon)

SUMA Classifieds

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

RM of Frenchman Butte: Administrator (February 3)

City of Lloydminster: Project Manager (February 13)

City of Lloydminster: Project Technician (February 13)

RM of Hanover, MB: Chief Administrative Officer (February 13)

Village of Loreburn: Village Maintenance Person (When Filled)

Town of Biggar: Assistant Administrator (When Filled)

Resort Village of B-Say-Tah: Administrator (February 22)

Town of Esterhazy: Administrator (April 30)

FOR SALE

3 Trucks For Sale (When Sold)

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



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Crimestoppers

Police are requesting assistance from the public in locating an Overdue Traveler : Elton Wilfred MCKAY, aged 55, of Prince Albert, SK.

MCKAY travelled from Prince Albert, SK to Dawson Creek, BC on Friday, January 13, 2012. He was to depart Dawson Creek the following Sunday, January 15, 2012 and has not returned to his home in Prince Albert.

MCKAY was driving a 1994, White, Plymouth Voyager, SK license plate 103HYI.

MCKAY is described as a First Nations Male, 5'10", 170 lbs. He has short grey hair with some black in it. He has a slim build and a medium complexion. MCKAY wears glasses.

Anyone with information is requested to call Saskatchewan Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-8477, dial *8477 on SaskTel Mobility or text TIP206 plus your tip to CRIMES (274637)

reading the Urban Update this week and we welcome your comments.

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Did You Know...

This Valentine's Day, why not head to the most romantic place in Canada?

Last February 9 (2010), Amazon.com declared Saskatoon, SK Canada's most romantic locale, based on the sale of four categories of merchandise: romance novels; sex and relationship books; romantic comedy DVDs; and Michael Bublé CDs!

(I'm not making this up!)



Go, Saskatoon!