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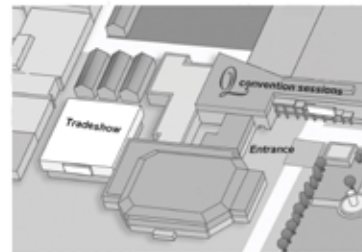
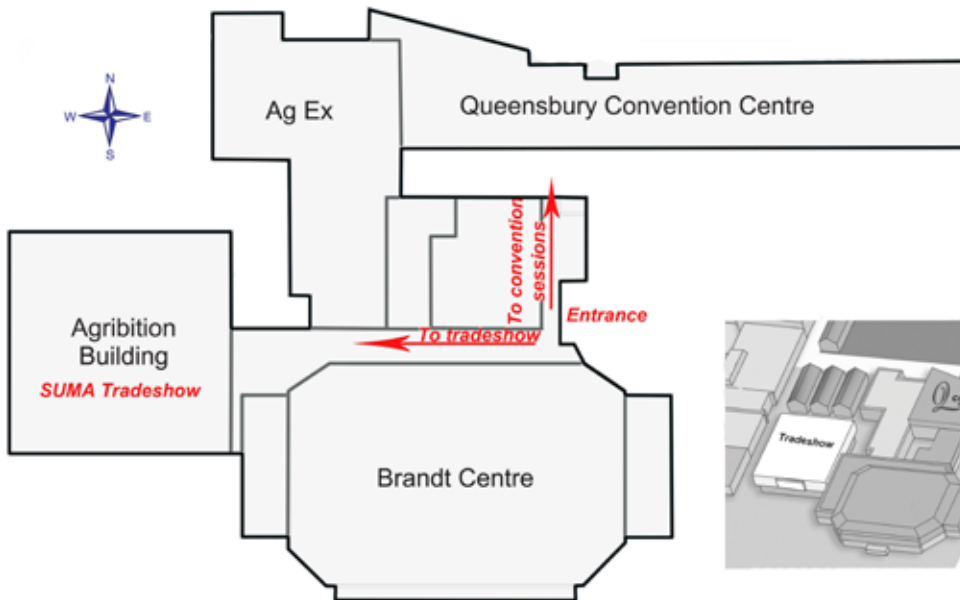
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- And much more...

Changes to Tradeshow

Visitors to this year's SUMA Convention Tradeshow will note that a change of location has taken place. Rather than being in the usual venue, the tradeshow this year will be located in the Agribition Building, a brief walk from the Queensbury Convention Centre (see map).

This move was made in order to accommodate the maximum number of exhibitors possible, to provide the best tradeshow experience for convention delegates.

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The Voice of Urban Saskatchewan

President's *Voice*



As 2011 comes to a close, I am extremely pleased with the accomplishments that SUMA has made over the past year. As an association we have successfully represented the interests of urban governments on several important matters. One of the items that is extremely critical to the future of urban governments is the development of a long term sustainable infrastructure program. In partnership with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, SARM and the cities, SUMA has participated in the preliminary research needed to develop the evidence needed to design such a program. There remains still one large component of this initiative and that is to determine the actual municipal infrastructure gap that exists in Saskatchewan. This is a vital part of the overall project and we will look forward to its completion in the new year.

SUMA has also worked tirelessly on other matters involving affordable housing, recycling, UHCP, changes to the Local Government Election Act and fine revenue distribution. In

addition, we have taken the lead on other initiatives that have played a key role in advancing the interests of urban governments and providing learning opportunities for urban administrators and elected officials. These include the first ever Environmental Forum between SUMA and the Minister of Environment which provided an opportunity for directors to discuss with the minister matters impacting urban governments. A tremendously successful asset management workshop was held with participants from both urban and rural municipalities. This two day session was comprised of experts who addressed the concepts and best practices for asset management. This is just a small sampling of the work we have been focused on.

On the business side of SUMA's operations, we have introduced a couple of new SUMA Advantage partners. Due to change in marketing strategy we have also seen an increase in the inquiries from members for the various services our partners provide. The SUMA Advantage program is an excellent way for members to save valuable dollars for their communities.

In 2012, I am looking forward to many other opportunities. In late January and early February we will be holding the 107th Annual Convention in Regina. As always our convention is a tremendous opportunity for elected officials and municipal staff to network with colleagues and participate in the many learning opportunities.

The association will be looking to achieve additional wins for urban governments on a number of important items in the coming year. Asset management will continue to be promoted by SUMA and the municipal asset management working group which was initiated by SUMA through

various learning opportunities. The board continues to see infrastructure as the most important priority and will work to see the development of the long term program and perhaps the implementation of a short term program to address pressing needs in our member communities. Recycling will also be in the forefront as the provincial plan should be implemented this year and urban governments have a keen interest in this program.

SUMA continues to work on your behalf and is committed to ensuring the interests of urban governments are represented.

In closing, I would like (on behalf of SUMA) to wish a very merry Christmas to those who celebrate that holiday, and a very festive holiday season for those of other faiths. Health, happiness and prosperity to all.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Allan Earle". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Allan Earle, President

Convention Chair's *Message*

It is close to that time again for all SUMA members to gather for the annual convention, January 29 to February 1, 2012. As the Chair of this year's Convention Planning Committee I can attest to the tremendous amount of work that is put into planning this annual event. The committee and SUMA staff are passionate about planning a convention that is informative and enjoyable.

The agenda for this year's convention promises to offer an outstanding variety of topics and speakers of interest to all mayors, councillors and administrators. The convention starts off with the always popular education sessions addressing such topics as the Renewed RCMP Contract, Building and Supporting Tourism, Performance Review with your Administrative Officer

and the Environmental Forum, as well as a SUMAssure session on special events liability. As always the Sunday evening will offer delegates exciting entertainment. This year we have chosen the theme "Stars of Saskatchewan". This event will highlight the talent of various artists and offer delegates a chance to sample a variety of Saskatchewan food.

The keynote speaker for this year is Michael "Pinball" Clemons. A former CFL player and coach and dedicated community volunteer, Pinball will share his exhilarating message with SUMA delegates. Other highlights of the convention include additional education sessions on Monday, sector meetings, resolutions session, bear pit and dialogue with Cabinet and the President's Banquet.



The annual convention is an excellent opportunity to engage with colleagues from all over the province and to learn about various issues that impact your community. If you haven't already registered, download your registration forms today at <http://suma.org/index.php?p=Convention 2012>.

Ready to build community?

If this is important to your municipality, check out SaskCulture's **Municipal Cultural Engagement and Planning Grant**, designed to support municipalities ready to explore the creative and cultural potential of their community. This fund provides matching support to municipalities embarking on research, consultation, collaboration, and development costs of pursuing a culture plan.

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For more details, visit www.saskculture.sk.ca or call Dennis Garreck 306-780-9265, toll-free 1-866-476-6830, or email: dgarreck@saskculture.sk.ca.



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Urban Matters: The Agenda

CONVENTION AGENDA

Queensbury Convention Centre, Regina, SK

Sunday, January 29, 2012

- 11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Registration
 1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. Education Sessions
E1: Environmental Forum
E2: The Renewed RCMP Contract:
 What it means for your
 community
E3: Building and Supporting Tourism
E4: Special Events Liability
E5: Performance Review with your
 Chief Administrative Officer
 (session runs only once)
- 2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Refreshment Break
 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. **E6:** City Dialogue Session
 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Education Sessions (repeated)
E7: Environmental Forum
E8: The Renewed RCMP Contract:
 What it means for your
 community
E9: Building and Supporting Tourism
E10: Special Events Liability
 4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. SUMAssure Registration & AGM
 8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Stars of Saskatchewan,
 Queensbury Convention Centre

Monday, January 30, 2012

- 8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Delegate Breakfast – Tradeshow Area
 8:45 a.m. – 9:05 a.m. Official Opening Ceremonies
 9:05 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. President's Address
 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Keynote Address – Michael "Pinball"
 Clemons
 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Break - Dedicated Tradeshow Viewing
 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Premier's Address

- 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Delegate Luncheon
 1:00 p.m. – 1:20 p.m. Minister of Municipal Affairs
 1:20 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. FCM Address
 1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. Break - Dedicated Tradeshow Viewing
 2:15 p.m. – 3:25 p.m. Education Sessions:
E11: Repositioning the Field of Parks
 and Recreation
E12: Dealing with Difficult Citizens
E13: Asset Management –
 Outcomes of NAMS Pilot Project
 Partnership
- 3:25 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Break
 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Sector Meetings
 • Cities
 • Northern
 • Towns
 • Villages
- 5:00 p.m. Adjourn for the Day
 8:00 p.m. Board Hosted Hospitality Night,
 Regina Inn

Tuesday, January 31, 2012

- 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Delegate Breakfast – Tradeshow
 Area
 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Breakout Sessions – split into the
 following sectors:
 • Cities
 • Northern
 • Towns & Villages – Population
 Above 500
 • Towns & Villages – Population
 Under 500
- 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Break - Dedicated Tradeshow Viewing
 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Annual General Meeting
 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Delegate Luncheon
 1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Sector Reports
 2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Resolutions
 7:00 p.m. President's Banquet and Awards
 Ceremony, Queensbury Convention
 Centre
- 9:00 p.m. Entertainment – Brigitte Gall,
 Comedian

Wednesday, February 1, 2012

- 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Dialogue with Ministers
 10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Refreshment Break
 10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Bear Pit with Cabinet
 12:00 p.m. Closing Ceremonies



Michael “Pinball” Clemons - driven, committed, unforgettable: *a hero with heart*



Former CFL player and coach to headline SUMA convention At 5'6" and a mere 170 lbs., Michael “Pinball” Clemons’ frame might not cut an intimidating figure – but don’t underestimate him. It’s his heart, his drive and his determination that will make this year’s SUMA convention keynote speaker unforgettable for those in attendance.

Those CFL fans in the audience will recognize Clemons for being one of the league’s best athletes ever, but his work as a speaker is where he truly shines, sharing his message of cohesiveness and putting your heart completely into everything you do.

Born in 1965 in Dunedin, Florida, Clemons has described himself (borrowing a quote from former Canadian Cabinet minister C. D. Howe) as “American by birth, but Canadian by choice”. It’s a choice that Canadians

should be glad he made; Clemons has devoted himself to countless high-profile causes, including the Toronto Argonauts’ “Stop The Violence” campaign, which encourages the active participation of communities, schools and government in educating youth and curbing increasing gun violence; involvement in reading programs; the “Michael Pinball Clemons Foundation” to help disadvantaged youth; and Free the Children, an initiative to build schools and clean water systems in Africa.

“We are no good by ourselves,” Clemons said in a promotional video for Free the Children, adding that our duty as people is to be a “unifying force for the team”. “The first team that we played on – we’re all members of the global community.”

Having truly earned his reputation as an electrifying and energizing speaker, Clemons urges his audiences to tap into their hidden potential, to be the heroes they can be.

“That’s what heroes do – heroes commit themselves to people, and that’s what you can do,” he urges listeners in one of his promo videos.

Thanks to generous sponsorship by SaskWater, Clemons will speak to SUMA delegates Monday morning at 9:30 a.m. following the convention’s official opening ceremony. It’s one presentation delegates won’t want to miss!



Board-Hosted Hospitality Event

SUMA delegates are invited to join the SUMA Board of Directors for the annual Board-Hosted Hospitality Event from 8:00 p.m. to midnight Monday January 30 at the Regina Inn's Wascana Ballroom.

Please note that drinks served at the event will be charged at standard Regina Inn drink prices.

Be Water-Wise!

As part of its commitment to the environment, SUMA will again be working to be water-wise.

Ceramic mugs and reusable glasses will be used at refreshment stations, instead of disposable ones.

Water coolers sponsored by Culligan will be located throughout the facility. SUMA delegates are urged to bring their favourite travel mug or water bottle to use at the event!



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 guidelines visit www.municipalawards.ca

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Breakout sessions offer something for everyone

Tuesday's Breakout Sessions offer targeted information workshops for delegates, no matter what size of municipality they represent. The sessions are split into the following categories: Cities, Northern, Towns and Villages with populations above 500, and Towns and Villages with populations below 500.

Cities

The transformation of infrastructure challenges into opportunities is the theme for the Cities session. Hosted by the City of Regina, Communities of Tomorrow (CT) and the Canada West Foundation (CWF), this portion of the convention programme will focus on innovation in infrastructure. Participants will learn about the 2012 National Infrastructure Summit, which is slated for September 10-12 in Regina. As well, delegates will engage in continued dialogue about employing innovation, technologies and best practices models for infrastructure financing and delivery, using the CWF and CT "Let's TOC" initiative. Session presenters include City of Regina councillor Mike O'Donnell, Casey Vander Ploeg of the Canada West Foundation and John Lee from Communities of Tomorrow.

Northern

The north is a valuable element of Saskatchewan's vibrant economy, and its growing population has the potential to be a great advantage. Northern Saskatchewan covers about half of the province's land mass, but only four per cent of the population lives there. Of these, about two-thirds are under 35 years of age, and nearly 80 per cent are of Aboriginal descent. Rich in

natural resources, sparsely populated, constrained by limited infrastructure, lower education levels and restricted income levels, the north sector of the province faces its own extreme challenges and important opportunities. This session will see representatives from priority provincial ministries meeting with northern leaders to address critical issues for the north, to identify mutually acceptable solutions. Prior to convention, SUMA will be working with New North to determine which ministries should be included, and make sure these groups are well-represented at this session.

Towns & Villages with Populations over 500

The Saskatchewan Physician Recruitment Agency (PRA) will be highlighting the work they have accomplished in the area of physician recruitment and retention. Delegates will have the opportunity to discuss with the PRA what role they can play to recruit and retain doctors in their communities. The PRA (also known as Saskdocs) is a one-stop-shop connecting communities and physicians in Saskatchewan. Established in 2010, the agency is responsible for coordinating and enhancing physician recruitment and retention efforts in the province in close cooperation and partnership with communities, municipalities, doctors, professional associations and local medical trainees. Ed Mantler, PRA's CEO, will provide a detailed presentation to update delegates on: the role of the agency, its mandate and strategies in place to enhance physician recruitment and retention efforts in the province; an overview of current opportunities for municipalities to attract and retain

local medical trainees; and, a detailed review of the future challenges and opportunities we face in recruiting and retaining physicians to Saskatchewan.

Towns & Villages with Populations under 500

With an ageing and shrinking population, shrinking non-residential tax base, and the need to sustain infrastructure and services, many small urban governments are struggling. This session will center on the many options available to these communities, fully exploring the pros and cons of each and leaving attendees more confident about the decision making process. The session will open with the introduction to the new Municipal Government Sustainability Self-Assessment Tool, which can help towns and villages assess their strengths and weaknesses, and can assist them in making better decisions about how to make improvements. The second part will include a facilitated panel discussion between urban leaders who have embraced the need for change in their communities, looking at the decision making and implementation processes, and the resultant implications for their communities. The session will be facilitated by Jim Toye, City Manager for North Battleford, President of the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators, and former President of the Urban Municipal Administrators' Association of Saskatchewan.

First Timers *Guide*

Helpful information for convention newbies

Never been to the SUMA convention before? Not sure what to bring? To wear? Where to go? No problem! Read on to get the bare essentials you will need before heading on the road to Regina!

What's included in my registration fee?

Your convention registration includes admission to all of the education and breakout sessions (your choice of sessions), a seat at the keynote speaker presentation, tradeshow viewing times Monday and Tuesday, shuttle service to and from host hotels, a light continental breakfast and lunch Monday and Tuesday, refreshment breaks, a chance to mingle with fellow delegates and SUMA board members during Monday's Hospitality Night (cash bar), the chance to dialogue with provincial cabinet ministers, and the opportunity to network with other municipal leaders. Sunday night's Stars of Saskatchewan event, the President's Banquet and the Partners' Program require additional fees.

What should I pack to wear?

Casual business attire is recommended for daytime activities. The Sunday night event is casual attire, and the President's Banquet is business formal. Please remember that you are representing your community, so put your best foot forward while at convention – you will be networking with urban governments from across the province, and will be in the presence of many provincial and national dignitaries. Please refrain from ball caps, sweat pants, ripped jeans, etc.

Remember that it's winter in Saskatchewan, and bring suitable outerwear for the trek to and from the hotel!

What should I do when I get to the Queensbury?

Be sure to drop by the Registration Desk to get your convention envelope (including your name tag, agenda card, voting information and pre-purchased event tickets). Your nametag is your admission ticket to the sessions and luncheons, and is a must-wear item during convention. At the event's close, these badges and holders will be collected by SUMA to reuse (and when you return yours, you are entered into a draw for an excellent prize!)

Each registered delegate will also receive a bag with the convention handbook. This handbook is an invaluable resource for every delegate, containing transportation information, facility floor plans, session details, resolutions, and day-to-day agendas.

The registration desk is open during the following times:
Sunday, January 29: 11:00 AM – 4:30 PM
Monday, January 30: 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM
Tuesday, January 31: 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM
Wednesday, February 1: 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Tell me about the meals!

A light continental breakfast will be served in the tradeshow area (Agriculture Building), and lunch will be served in Salon ABC (Queensbury Convention Centre) Monday and Tuesday. Refreshments are available in the tradeshow area Monday and Tuesday morning and in the foyer of Salon ABC Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning.

Appetizers and a cash bar will be provided at the Sunday night event, and a full course dinner will be served at the President's Banquet (tickets must be purchased in advance).

What about the AGM?

The AGM will be held Tuesday January 31, 2012 at 11:30 a.m. Any elected official whose municipality is a member of SUMA is able to vote during the AGM.

What are Sector Meetings?

Sector Meetings will be held on Monday January 30, 2012 at 3:30 p.m. and split into the following groups:

Cities
Towns
Villages
North

You are only able to vote in the particular sector to which your municipality belongs.

How does SUMA deal with resolutions?

Resolutions will be held on Tuesday, January 31, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.

The resolutions will be summarized in your convention handbook that will be provided on-site when you register at convention. Only those delegates with BLUE (voting delegates) name badges are able to vote on resolutions. As per SUMA Bylaws, the number of voting delegates a municipality has been assigned is based on population size. Each resolution will be moved by the Chair, and a member of the sponsoring council must second it (or it will fail). The seconder will be given three minutes to speak to the resolution. The chair will then ask for anyone who wishes to speak against the resolution. If there is no opposing view, then the question will be called. If someone wishes to speak against the resolution than normal debate occurs. Speakers are given two minutes. The seconder will then be allowed one minute to close debate. Voting will be by a show of blue voting cards, unless 25 voting delegates request a vote by ballot. Any call for a ballot vote must come prior to the call for votes in favour. In the case of a ballot vote, the ballots from delegates from the Cities of Regina and Saskatoon will be counted as seven votes. Procedural challenges will be resolved through consultation with our parliamentary advisor(s).

What happens at the Dialogue with Ministers and the Bear Pit?

Only those delegates that have BLUE (voting delegate), YELLOW (delegate) or ORANGE (municipal employee) are able to ask the ministers questions. You are only able to ask one question, and statements are prohibited. To allow as many questions as possible, you will be given 90 seconds to ask your question and you will be timed.

Municipal Marketplace Tradeshow

The Municipal Marketplace Tradeshow is held in conjunction with the annual convention. There will be over 155 exhibitors offering products and services that are relevant to municipality needs on a daily basis. Time is set aside for you to visit the exhibitors. Remember to enter your name into the prize draws – SUMA delegates are lucky people, and you don't know what prizes you could take home! The ballot entry forms are contained within the handbook.

Anything else?

All SUMA staff members can be identified by the red name tags they'll be wearing. Please don't do not hesitate to come over to say hello, or let us know if we can be of assistance. We always love to hear from our members!

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Awards Event will celebrate Municipal excellence

Each year, SUMA is proud to celebrate the achievements, dedication and enthusiasm of elected urban representatives and municipal employees, during the President's Banquet. This year's awards celebration will be held in conjunction with the convention, Tuesday, January 31 at the Queensbury Convention Centre in Regina.

Nominees are individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to outstanding service; who have improved the quality of life for residents of their communities; and who have contributed to the advancement of local government in Saskatchewan.

Meritorious Service awards are presented to municipal staff members nominated by their municipalities, honouring career success, loyalty and involvement in their communities.

This year's **Meritorious Service** nominees include:

Darwin Aasen (Nipawin)
Brent Audette (Shaunavon)
William Baker (Estevan)
Marlene Bausmer (Lipton)
Sharon Carlson (Estevan) Allan Chambers (Turtleford)
Dennis Chrun (Cudworth)
Calvin Clark (Outlook)
Neil Dodds (Moosomin)
Darwin Elliott (Indian Head)
Jeanine Elmy (Langenburg)
Wayne Esopenko (Yorkton)
Helen Fornwald (Estevan)
Gary Frey (Swift Current)
Roger Geortz (Outlook)
Dale Gerl (Herbert)
Yemane Ghebreiesus (Estevan)
Rick Helgason (Nipawin)
Susan Howes (Moosomin)
Gloria Johnson (Estevan)
Paul Listrom (Moosomin)
Mavis Lutz (Yorkton)

Victoria Makohoniuk (Village of Pelly/RM of St. Philips)
Toosh McBride (Yorkton)
Gail McConnachie (Swift Current)
Howard McCullough (Langenburg)
Gerald Neighbours (Nipawin)
Dennis Nelson (Swift Current)
Karl Nergard (Bengough)
Edwin Peters (Langham)
Dan Poulin (Nipawin)
Lutz Schirrschmidt (Springside)
Mike Schwean (Moosomin)
David Seibel (Swift Current)
Brian Stanicki (Yorkton)
Jerry Stuefloten (Choiceland)
Ron Tocker (Estevan)
John Wade (Melfort)
Greg Wock (Estevan)
Wayne Zerff (Lumsden)

The event also celebrates elected officials who have served their communities, demonstrated leadership, and made their mark in improving local governments. Nominees for the **Honourary Membership** Award for 2012 include:

Neil Anderson (Duck Lake)
Bill Bereziuk (Ituna)
Ron Braithwaite (Indian Head)
Wayne Debler (Choiceland)
Dan Derow (Springside)
Allan Earle (Dalmeny)
Don Fogg (Langenburg)
Warren Kotzer (Langenburg)
Don Olson (Sturgis)
Dave Schappert (Langenburg)
Ansgar Tynning (Kyle)
Don Wyand (Langenburg)

The third honour to be bestowed at the formal awards banquet is the **Scoop Lewry** Award. Presented in memory of the late Louis Harrington "Scoop" Lewry, longstanding mayor of Moose Jaw, this award goes to a worthy individual who has provided outstanding service in municipal government or administration,

on a local and provincial or national basis. The "Scoop" is open to elected officials, administrators, SUMA officials and personnel in Government Relations and Aboriginal Affairs.

Gordon Stomp, currently in his ninth consecutive term as mayor for the Northern Village of Air Ronge, is this year's Scoop Lewry recipient. Gordon's vision for his community, and his hard work and leadership have made their mark in the history of Air Ronge and the hearts of its residents.

Congratulations to all award nominees, and thank you for your part in making urbans "excellent"!

CRIMESTOPPERS:

Assistance is requested in solving the following crimes. If you have any information about any of these incidents, please call Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

Stolen snowmobile and trailer – White City

Between the night of the November 7, 2011 and the morning of November 8, 2011, a white snowmobile and trailer were stolen from the garage of 41 Emerald Creek Dr. in White City, SK. The snowmobile is a white 2010, 1200cc Skidoo with red stickers and a SK license plate 185 GW. The trailer is a 2011 grey coloured Trit with SK license plate 685 IDG.

Mosquito First Nation Band Office fire

On October 14, 2011 at 6:50 a.m., The Battlefords RCMP were advised that the Mosquito First Nation Band Office was on fire. The Band hall was completely destroyed by the fire and Arson is believed to be the cause.

Stars of Saskatchewan will shine at convention

Saskatchewan talent will shine brightly during this year's Sunday night gala, titled Stars of Saskatchewan. Join SUMA as we feature the headline act for Sunday night – Chasity Dawn, hailing from Martensville, Saskatchewan.

From her first management deal with Nashville's Penny Dionne, writing and recording with the Dance Hall Doctors and label showcasing in Nashville, Chasity Dawn has truly experienced the "Business of Music". Her incredible vocal range and distinctive singing style is unlike any other. Chasity continues to stay busy with personal appearance and performance dates throughout Canada. Chasity performs main stage at fairs, festivals, rodeos, charitable events and corporate functions including The Briar Patch, PBR Rodeo Cabarets, and The Vanier Cup, to name a few.

In 2005 Chasity was chosen as one of 10 performers in Canada to showcase at the Canadian Country Music Awards Weekend. In 2006 she was nominated for Rising Star at the Saskatchewan Country Music Awards, and in 2007, 2008, 2009 she received nominations for Female Vocalist Of The Year.

The opportunity to open up the Gold Medal Game at World Fest, for the 2010 World Juniors Hockey Tournament in Saskatoon opened up many corporate opportunities for Chasity. Her self-titled debut CD, which came out in March 2010, was the reward of many years of hard work and perseverance.

No matter where Chasity Dawn performs, she leaves her audiences and fans young and old, fascinated and overwhelmed by her kind-hearted, down to earth personality, dynamic stage



presence, performance, and her unique vocal talents. For more information on Chasity Dawn, visit (www.chasitydawn.com).

As well as the headline act, attending delegates can also look forward to opening acts of local talent that will feature Tenille Arts and Kristian Wenaus.

Saskatchewan's "Stars" are not only entertainers – they include thriving businesses that are locally owned and produced. Among the local companies

that will be joining in on the Sunday night fun are Over the Hill Orchards, Kim & Ashlee's Cakes and Cookies, and Gravelbourg Mustard.

"Stars of Saskatchewan" will be held Sunday, January 29 from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. in Salon ABC of the Queensbury Convention Centre. It will feature light appetizers and a cash bar. Those in attendance will be given the chance for a trip to escape the one downfall of Saskatchewan – the prairie winters!

Convention Tradeshow 2012

Did you know...
SUMA's tradeshow is the largest annual tradeshow of its kind in Canada? It's true! Offering Saskatchewan's towns, cities and villages the opportunity to pursue the municipal offerings of over 155 different vendors, the tradeshow will be a sure attraction for convention delegates.

Note that this year's tradeshow location has moved to the Agribition Building. Watch for signage to point the way!

The tradeshow runs on the Monday and Tuesday of the convention, and the agenda contains three segments of time dedicated solely to tradeshow viewing, to ensure that all delegates have a chance to browse the exhibits. The viewing times are 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Monday, 1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. Monday, and 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Tuesday.

As well as a wide variety of municipal goods and services from other providers, SUMA Advantage's partners will be on hand to keep convention attendees up to date on the latest program offerings. The partners include Assiniboia Rubber Recycling Inc., Braun Agro, BMO Bank of Montreal, Hertz Equipment Rental, Kal Tire, Kelln Solar, Laurie Artiss Ltd., Municipal World, Prince Albert Source for Sports, SaskTel, Signal Industries, Success Office Equipment, Suncorp Valuations, and Supreme Office Products.

SUMA Tradeshow Exhibitors

Access Communications
Advoco Consulting Ltd.
Airmaster Signs
Anderson Pump House
APEGS
Assiniboia Rubber Recycling Inc.
Association of Saskatchewan Regional Colleges
ATAP Infrastructure Management Ltd.

Badger Water Meters
BMO Bank of Montreal
Brandt Positioning Technology
Braun Agro Corp
BuildTech Consulting & Inspections Inc
Bullée Consulting Ltd.
Butler Survey Supplies Ltd.
Canada Culvert
Canadian Arena Products
Canadian Dewatering
Canadian Labour Congress
Canadian Red Cross Society
Catterall & Wright Consulting Engineers
Centaur Products
Centre For Civic Governance
Century Environmental Services
Cimco Refrigeration
City of Regina National Infrastructure Conference
Civic Solutions
Clearflow Solutions Inc
CLG Displays
Colya J Fire Services
Communities in Bloom
Communities of Tomorrow
Community Futures Saskatchewan
ConAsph Environmental Coatings Ltd.
Consulting Engineers of Saskatchewan
Corrections Public Safety and Policing
Credenda Virtual High School and College
Crestline Coach Ltd.
Del Equipment Ltd.
Dynamic Construction Ltd.
EMW Group
Enbridge Pipelines
Enterprise Saskatchewan
Environment Canada
EPEC Consulting (Sask) Ltd. A Divisions of Walker Projects Inc.
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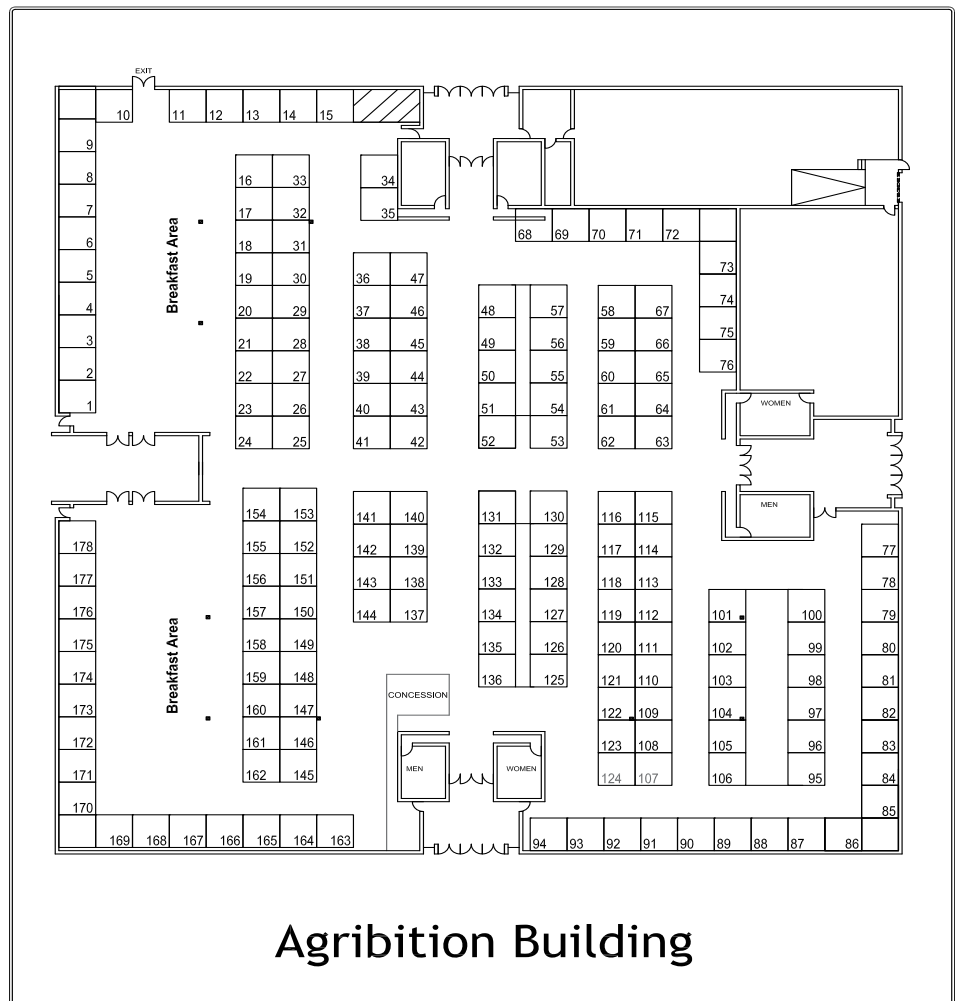
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Health Canada
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Hertz Equipment Rental
Insurance Bureau of Canada
ISC
Jet Ice Ltd
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KBM Resources Group
Kelln Solar
Konica Minolta Business Solutions
Laurie Artiss Ltd.
Led Roadway Lighting Ltd.
Mainstream Water Solutions Inc.
Massage Therapist Association of Saskatchewan (MTAS)
MDH Engineered Solutions Corp.
Meridan Inspections Ltd.
Milligan Bio-Tech Inc.
Ministry of Municipal Affairs
Modular Housing Association
Mountainview Systems Ltd.
MPE Engineering Ltd.
Municipal Employees Pension Plan
Municipal Utilities Central
Municipal World
MuniSoft
Musco Sports Lighting Canada
Museums Association of Saskatchewan
North Fringe Industrial Technologies Inc.
Northern Strands
Oasis Filter International Ltd.
Park n Play Design
McElhanney Consulting Services Ltd.
Play Quest Recreation
Risk and Insurance Management Society (RIMS)
Phillip Lumac
PINTER & Associates Ltd.
Play Works Inc.
Playgrounds-R-Us
Pounder Emulsions
Prairie Mapping Services
Prairie Panels/Lumisave
Prairie Sandbags
Prince Albert Source for Sports
ProActive Resolutions Inc.
Provincial Library and Literacy Office
Provincial Pothole & Paving

Recycle Saskatchewan
 Road Boss Grader
 Roy & Sons Dredging
 SAMA
 SaskAlta Environmental Solutions Inc.
 Saskatchewan Abilities Council
 Saskatchewan Association of
 Recreation Professionals/SIAST
 Community Leadership and Recreation
 Management
 Saskatchewan Association of
 Watersheds
 Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers
 Saskatchewan Heritage Foundation
 Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation
 Association
 Saskatchewan Queen's Printer
 Saskatchewan Ready Mixed Concrete
 Association
 Saskatchewan Regional Parks
 Association
 Saskatchewan Transportation Company
 Saskatchewan Watershed Authority
 SaskCulture
 Saskdocs
 SaskPower
 SaskTel
 SaskWater
 Scantron Robotics
 Schulte Industries Ltd
 SEDA
 Service Canada
 Shercom Industries Inc.
 SIAST Technology Division
 Signal Industries (1998) Ltd.
 Solar Outpost Inc.
 Sprung Instant Structures
 Squareflow New Media
 St. John Ambulance
 Staging Canadell Ltd.
 Stevenson Industrial Refrigeration
 SUCCESS Office Systems
 SUMA
 SUMAssure
 Suncorp Valuations
 Supreme Office Products
 TAXervice
 Thurston Machine Inc.
 Transport Canada
 Triple S Industries

Ultimate Insulation
 "University of Alberta, Alberta School of
 Business, Executive Education"
 Vadim Software
 Vital Effects Inc.
 Waste Advisory Council of
 Saskatchewan
 WCS AWWA Cross Connection Control
 Committee
 West Harvest Group of Hotels
 Western Municipal Tax Services
 Western Recreation & Development
 Wolseley Engineered Pipe
 Wolseley Water Works
 Wood WORKS!
 Work Safe

Visitors to this year's SUMA Convention
 Tradeshow will note that a change of
 location has taken place. Rather than
 being in the usual venue, the tradeshow
 this year will be located in the Agribition
 Building, a brief walk from the Queens-
 bury Convention Centre (see map).
 This move was made in order to ac-
 commodate the maximum number of
 exhibitors possible, to provide the best
 tradeshow experience for convention
 delegates.

For those who require some extra assis-
 tance, a number of wheelchairs will be
 available for checkout in the coat check
 area.



Agribition Building

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Delegates' partners have a full slate of fun activities

While council members, administrators and other municipal staff attend the varied sessions at the 2012 SUMA Convention, their partners will have no shortage of enjoyable activities to fill their time with, thanks to the fun-filled Partners' Program.

The program begins combining breakfast and shopping at the Regina Inn. Shopping starts at 8:30 a.m. and breakfast will be held from 9:00 – 9:45 a.m. Saskatchewan crafters will be on hand to display their unique handmade work.

Following that, partners will have a choice of attending a "Make and

Take Scrapbooking Class" or a behind-the-scenes tour of the First Nations University of Canada. A sumptuous lunch at the luxurious Hotel Saskatchewan will gather the group together again before the afternoon's jaunt – the choice of either an Arts Alive! tour of the MacKenzie Art Gallery and Assiniboia Gallery, or a visit to the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society, where partners will be introduced to methods used to discovering information on their roots.

Partners choosing Option 1 will be able to shake, shimmy and laugh off their breakfast with a Zumba dance class at the Regina Inn, before enjoying the

intriguing flavours of the Cathedral Creek Bistro at lunch. Those who opt for Option 2 will tour the Titanic exhibit at the Saskatchewan Science Centre and IMAX Theatre, and then proceed to lunch at The Willow on Wascana for its wonderfully unique menu features.

Tuesday afternoon, delegates' partners have the choice of a behind-the-scenes tour of the Regina Leader-Post (getting a sneak peek at how the newspaper goes from the presses to the doorstep), or just taking some free time to relax and soak up the atmosphere in the Queen City.

SUMAssure Insurance Reciprocal Annual General Meeting

The **Annual General Meeting** of SUMAssure Insurance Reciprocal will be held on Sunday, January 29, 2012, at 4:00 pm at the following location:

**Queensbury Convention Centre
– Salon 2,
1700 Elphinstone Street,
Regina, SK**

It is important that **all** SUMAssure subscribers have at least one representative that will act as Voting Delegate to ensure that we have quorum. Subscribers shall designate one voting delegate for the meeting, who will be a member of council, a municipal employee or any other individual entrusted by the subscribing municipality. Voting delegates will need

to **register prior to the meeting**, registration can be completed online or by fax.

A copy of the agenda and supporting items will be emailed a later date to all subscribers.

This meeting will be closed to the general public as the meeting is intended for SUMAssure subscribers.



Prairie success - Brigitte Gall brings laughter to convention

Prairie success Brigitte Gall brings laughter to SUMA convention

When Brigitte Gall was a youngster in Creelman, Saskatchewan, one wonders if she could ever have envisioned how far she would go – or that she would come back someday to speak to delegates from all across the province, bringing her wit and wry observations to a home audience that can really relate.

Gall's comedic work evokes commonalities that resonate with her audiences throughout North America, but especially in the province that produced the comedienne and member of the Who's Who of Canadian Women.

Gall is proud of her prairie roots. Looking like she could be any one of the women at the local PTA or a co-

worker in your office, Gall speaks from a much broader base than the average small-town girl. She has traveled all around the globe exploring elegant spas for "The World's Greatest Spas" (something she said was a tough job, but someone had to do it), and single-handedly spearheading the revitalization of a heritage home in her renovation/design series "Me, My House & I".

The mother of two has recently added to her repertoire by becoming a municipal councillor for Ward 1, Minden Hills, Ontario. She is a member of the Arts Council, and chairs three new committees of council: Youth Advisory Committee, the Minden Hills Cultural Centre Advisory Committee, and the Community Engagement Committee,



as well as acting as Vice-Chair of the Cultural Planning Committee!

Described by Now Magazine as "one of those fine comic performers who can touch emotions as well as the funny bone", Gall is sure to bring laughter to the convention delegates at the President's Banquet Tuesday evening.

Transportation Information

SUMA and the City of Regina are pleased to provide shuttle bus service for SUMA delegates to this year's convention.

Information will be posted in each host hotel lobby, for approximate departure times and bus stop locations. Departure times from the Queensbury Convention Centre will also be posted on site in the lobby of the convention centre.

The downtown shuttle provides service approximately every 10 minutes to and from the Regina inn, Delta, Hotel Saskatchewan, Quality Hotels, Ramada and Wingate Inn. The south Regina shuttle will run on a 15 minute schedule (approximately), serving the Travelodge and West Harvest Inn (Holiday Inn Express guests will be picked up at the Travelodge). The east Regina shuttle

will serve guests at the Sandman Hotel Suites and Chateau Regina on approximately a 20 minute schedule.

For attendees wishing to register and attend Sunday's education sessions, a continuous shuttle circuit from hotels will begin at 12 noon, and continue as required. Sunday evening, shuttles will depart hotels beginning at 7:30 p.m., running until 11:15 p.m.

Shuttles for the 8 a.m. breakfast in the tradeshow area and 8:45 a.m. Official Opening Monday will start at 7:30 a.m., returning to hotels beginning at 4:30 p.m. as required. No shuttle service will be provided during the day Monday or for the Hospitality Night that evening.

Tuesday morning's convention starts at 8 a.m., and the AGM is held at 9 a.m.

Shuttles will begin that day at 7:30 a.m., returning to hotels starting at 3:30 p.m. as required. No shuttle service will be available during the day; however, buses will depart from hotels to the Queensbury Convention Centre starting at 6:10 p.m. for the President's Banquet evening, returning to hotels beginning at 9:30 p.m. as required.

For Wednesday's 9 a.m. Dialogue with Ministers, buses will leave hotels beginning at 8 a.m. and running through 9 a.m. They will then leave the Queensbury back to hotels starting at 11:45 a.m. as required.

Also, parking is available at the Queensbury Convention Centre free of charge for those wishing to drive. Please refrain from parking along the barricades where the bus drops off.

Long-Term Sustainable Municipal Planning Part III: Planning for Action

By the Municipal Capacity Development Program

Strategic planning does not end with a mission statement. It takes hard work and focused action to affect change and get results. In the previous two articles, MCDP covered the initial components of strategic planning - vision, mission, values, assets and opportunities; but without action, your 'plan' is useless. If you have been following this series, you should have a clear idea of the importance of visioning, of naming challenges and opportunities, and identifying three or four top priorities. Each community priority is a symphony unto itself with parts, players, movements, and timing. This article will explain how to take local priorities and turn them into tangible outcomes using goals, objectives, activities, resources, leads and timelines.

Imagine a group of municipalities come together to discuss their individual issues. The group includes two RMs and three villages. The villages are all within 50 kilometres of each other and the RMs are adjacent. The name of their intermunicipal group is the "Fantastic Five Inter-Municipal Association." Village A has a well-used rink in disrepair and over capacity, Village B has a community centre in good condition that sees little use, and Village C has no recreation services at all. Families from RMs #1 and #2 also make use of Village A's rink and local sports programming, though under-capacity is an ongoing issue. Each individual community has a different priority; Village A, and RMs #1 and #2's priority is to improve

the rink to make it safe and maintain or increase capacity to meet local needs. Village B's priority is to find an effective use for their building. Village C's priority is to improve access to recreation to keep families in the community. Each municipality has different challenges; however, there are threads of commonality at a regional level. Identifying a **shared goal** among the municipalities will address why recreational services are a priority; a goal should always be positively worded. A common goal for this inter-municipal group might be *"To improve accessibility to safe, local recreational facilities and adequate community programming to enhance the quality of life in the region."*

An **objective** identifies the specific solution(s) needed to meet your goal. Noting regional assets and deficiencies, one pertinent objective for the Fantastic Five may be to *"Establish a Regional Recreation Board to oversee regional programming."* Using this objective, the group will then complete an action plan with **specific activities** or baby steps required to meet this objective; for example, developing an inter-municipal Community Resource Inventory of available programming, recreation and the wants/needs of the community members is a solid first step. Using **resources available**, such as existing infrastructure, individuals, organizations, and finances, the group will be able to begin the process of meeting their objective while keeping costs low. At the same time, listing all resources required that you may not have will help the group keep an eye out and work towards acquiring them; for example, new funding opportunities. In keeping on top of



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Our goal is to improve accessibility to safe, local recreational facilities and adequate community programming to enhance the quality of life in the region.

| Objective | Activity | Resources | Lead | Completion timeline |
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| Establish a Regional Recreation Board to oversee regional programming | 1) Develop a Community Resource Inventory to map out local organizations, recreational opportunities, community programming, arts, and local leaders in sports and recreation in all municipalities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Village A's rink • Village B's community centre • Existing recreation programming in region • Area volunteers willing to create inventory and gather information • Existing list of local organizations (Chamber of Commerce, community websites) | 1) Jim from Village B to co-ordinate volunteers, oversee the project and report back to the committee (also will be main contact for the project) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete inventory (March 2012) • Appoint/Nominate Rec Board members (April 2012) • Develop regional Recreation plan using existing programming & infrastructure (October 2012) • Implement Rec plan (Jan 2013) |
| | 2) Apply for grants to fund a Regional Rec Board/ enhance community programming/for facility maintenance & expansion | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MCDP for support & guidance | 2) Jane from Village C will research funding opportunities and prepare grant proposals | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply for funding (Jan – April 2012) • Acquire Funding to improve programming & facilities (2013) |

action items, designate a **lead person** who will oversee the project and report back to the group. Projecting a reasonable **timeline** for completing each action item is essential to the planning process.

The above table comprises MCDP's Action Planning Worksheet used to assist groups through the planning process. Some groups will have more priorities, more goals and further objectives for their region. For each goal, a separate action plan worksheet can be created.

Following this strategy, in one year, the Fantastic Five Inter-Municipal Association will have established a Regional Recreation Board with a regional recreation plan, using existing infrastructure and programs, at minimal to no extra cost to their communities! A Regional Rec Board will allow the communities to share existing facilities, making community programming more effective. Subsequent benefits may also

include effective use of infrastructure, improved regional participation, inter-community events and programming, and a broadening base of local volunteers, athletes and artists to share skills and knowledge! Future objectives could lead to an expansion of facilities and programming; even a regional bus system to transport residents between communities for programs. This action plan system can work for any inter-municipal priorities, including formal planning and development, waste management, bylaw enforcement and countless other projects. The possibilities are indeed endless when municipalities organize together.

Infrastructure Discussion on the web

The Canada West Foundation and Communities of Tomorrow have announced an exciting new partnership and initiative to explore and develop innovative solutions, cutting edge technologies and best practices for infrastructure financing and delivery.

The initiative, called Let'sTOC, which stands for "Let's Transform Our Communities", is focused on the mission of transforming our communities into cost-effective, eco-friendly, economically stable, prosperous, growing and thriving places to live and work. The initiative works to address the challenges associated with growing populations and infrastructure needs that will cost cities billions of dollars a year.

Let'sTOC includes a web-based and social media platform to gather, communicate, advance, and promote innovative and sustainable solutions to municipal infrastructure and finance issues. The platform will have its own website, and will be highly interactive through blogging to draw out relevant and interesting stories, facilitate discussion among professionals, policy-makers and the public, and will create opportunities to share ideas and new approaches. It is intended to gather existing thoughts, research, and practical on-the-ground infrastructure experience.

"In an era of looming fiscal constraints for all governments, it is more important than ever to show how innovation can ensure that high quality municipal services can be maintained despite a more constrained financial environment," said Dr. Roger Gibbins, President and CEO of the Canada West Foundation.

"Municipalities are facing massive infrastructure challenges going forward," said Gibbins. "In Saskatchewan, these challenges are compounded by dramatic economic growth. But that very situation provides the opportunities for innovation. Creativity thrives in an atmosphere of growth."

Articles, blogs, and news stories presenting fresh and innovative ideas for communities, along with commentary by Canada West Foundation Senior Policy Analyst, Casey Vander Ploeg, will be posted at www.letstoc.ca.

Canada West Foundation calls itself the only think tank dedicated to being the objective, nonpartisan voice for issues of vital concern to western Canadians. For 40 years, through its research and commentary, the Foundation has contributed thought leadership on better government decisions and a stronger Canadian economy.



"We are very excited to be working with the Canada West Foundation on this project," said Communities of Tomorrow President John Lee. "The Foundation has fostered exchanges of ideas on public issues in numerous sectors, and we appreciate their leadership on opening up dialogue about innovation in the way we build and operate our infrastructure."

Communities of Tomorrow is a public-private partnership with the mission of making Saskatchewan a global leader in the field of municipal infrastructure innovation by creating Canada's first infrastructure innovation hub.

"We bring together industry, municipalities and various stakeholders to find innovative solutions to infrastructure challenges," said Lee. "CT is striving to maximize growth and advance strategic alliances throughout Western Canada."

The initiative is also a lead-up to the 2012 National Infrastructure Summit, scheduled for September 2012 in Regina. The materials generated on Let'sTOC will help frame the discussion and set the agenda leading up to the Summit.

According to City of Regina Councillor and Summit Chair Mike O'Donnell, "Let'sTOC is a great fit for the City of Regina's 2012 National Infrastructure Summit. Innovation in infrastructure—our roads, bridges, sidewalks, water, wastewater and underground pipes—is one of the pillars of the Summit. With the 2012 Summit moving from a theoretical nature to a more practical approach, the addition of the Let'sTOC website is sure to provide and profile many practical and innovative models that will better position municipalities for the 21st Century."

The Lets TOC initiative invites anyone with a stake in municipal infrastructure to participate and be heard. You can be part of it by participating in discussions and debates in the comments section, members' only forum, on Facebook and Twitter at LetsTOC.