

\$46 Million for Infrastructure in Western Canada

Last week, Western Economic Diversification Canada announced they will invest more than \$46 million in infrastructure for Western Canada. The funds will come through a new two-year national program, the Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund. The program will invest in rehabilitation and improvement of existing community infrastructure.

Deadline for the first round of applications is **August 2, 2012**. More information about the fund, what projects and costs are available for funding, and how to apply is available [here](#).

Municipal Ministers: Long-term Infrastructure Plan is a Top Priority

Provincial and territorial ministers responsible for municipal governments had a united message going into last week's meeting in Kananaskis, Alberta: there needs to be a new federal long-term infrastructure plan and funding program.

"Saskatchewan is seeing unprecedented growth and prosperity and we need to ensure that the right infrastructure is in place now and in the years to come to maintain this momentum," said Government Relations Minister Jim Reiter. "More than \$1 billion has been committed to municipal infrastructure in

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Quote of the Week:

Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.

Theodore Roosevelt

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Saskatchewan by provincial, federal and municipal governments in the last four years and now is the time to draft the long-term plan to sustain and build on that investment so that our province's growth can continue."

Reiter emphasized all levels of government must collaborate on a long-term approach to infrastructure planning to support Saskatchewan municipalities. Infrastructure for drinking water, wastewater and transportation are critical to providing a high quality of life. The Government of Saskatchewan is dedicated to helping municipalities deliver these essential services.

Read the full press release [here](#).

Town of Porcupine Plain: Foreman
(July 20)

Town of Wadena: Administrator
(Until Filled)

RM of Biggar: Administrator
(August 13)

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High-dump Sweeper for Sale (Until Sold)

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FCM Workshop: Municipal Campaign Training for Women Regina - July 28 and 29

While women make up over 52 per cent of the Canadian population, only 25 per cent of the country's elected municipal representatives are female. Canada ranks 42nd out of 189 countries for the number of women in politics.

Karen Leibovici, president of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and councillor for the City of Edmonton, announced a two-day workshop in Regina aimed at helping women overcome the obstacles they face in running for municipal office. The workshop will be held July 28 and 29.

The workshop will cover a wide range of topics, including: deciding to run, financing the campaign, campaign ethics, canvassing, public speaking, and media training.

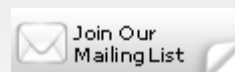
Visit [the workshop webpage](#) for more information, including speakers and how to register.

Bridge Funding Program Accepting New Applicants

First Nations - Municipal Survey from FCM

Is your municipality adjacent to a First Nation? How has this impacted your community? Are you interested in improving relationships or cooperating on local services?

Please let FCM know by filling out the First Nations - Municipal Community Infrastructure Partnership Program (CIPP) [survey](#).



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We'd like to thank you for reading the Urban Update this

The 2012 Municipal Recycling Bridge Funding Program will be accepting new applicants until July 31, 2012.

SUMA is one of three organizations helping the Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment administer this program. (The other organizations are the Saskatchewan Association of Rehabilitation Centres and the Association of Regional Waste Management Authorities of Saskatchewan.) SUMA administers funding to independent municipal recyclers.

Information about the program and forms are available on the [Municipal Recycling Bridge Funding Program website](#).

week and we welcome your comments.

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Did You Know...

The Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure's Highway Hotline lets you check Saskatchewan road conditions on a map, a text listing, on mobile devices and smart phones, or by phone.

The [road conditions page](#) lists the various ways you can check your route (even outside Saskatchewan), and every Wednesday weekly updates are posted on the Highway Hotline's Facebook page and Twitter feed .

2012 National Infrastructure Summit: Practical Solutions for 21st Century Municipalities

The 2012 National Infrastructure Summit is only two months away, taking place September 10-12 in Regina. The Summit is your opportunity to participate and engage in discussions and workshops led by leaders and experts in various fields of infrastructure management. You will also get to discuss new approaches to funding, planning, building, and maintaining our critical core public assets.

Don't miss this great opportunity to network and learn about practical examples that have been tried, tested and proven successful around the world. Visit www.NISummit2012.ca for more information on the Summit themes, speakers, "Morph My City" Challenge, 2012 Agenda, and to register for the Summit before August 31, 2012.