

Provide Your Comments on Water Strategy

The second round of public consultations on the 25 Year Water Security Plan will wrap up soon. Information on the plan is available on the [Saskatchewan Watershed Authority website](#). The 25 Year Water Security Plan Consultation Document is [here](#).

SUMA has prepared [a preliminary analysis](#), but we want to hear your perspective. We also want to hear your ideas on urban governments' water priorities for inclusion in the new plan.

Please provide any comments to [Che-Wei Chung](#) at SUMA by **Wednesday August 29, 2012**.

Last Chance to Register for 2012 National Infrastructure Summit

Registration closes August 31 for the 2012 National Infrastructure Summit, taking place September 10- 12, at the Delta Regina Hotel.

The 2012 Organizing Committee is pleased to present Keynote, Ron Olsen, President of the Canadian Home Builders Association in addition to a dynamic list of presenters during

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Quote of the Week:

A smooth sea never made a skillful sailor.

English Proverb

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POSITIONS AVAILABLE

[City of Melville: Assistant City Clerk \(August 31\)](#)

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the Summit. Sessions led by IBM Smart Cities, the Cement Association of Canada, Canadian Construction Association, Canada West Foundation, Communities of Tomorrow, and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities will be highlighted.

A new feature of the Summit will be the "Morph My City" Challenge, consisting of two urban renewal competitions. Entrants will present their submissions to a panel of judges and winners will be selected at the Summit during a reception on Day 1 and Day 2.

To view the complete 2012 agenda, for more information on the "Morph My City" Challenge, evening events being offered and to register today, visit the 2012 Summit website at www.NISummit2012.ca.

*Business Development Manager
(August 31)*

*City of Melville: Assistant Public Works
Manager (Until Filled)*

*Town of Preeceville: Water and Sewer
Foreman (Until Filled)*

*For more details on these ads, visit the
SUMA Classifieds under the Urban
Marketplace tab.*

The Planning Handbook

The Ministry of Government Relations has developed the [Planning Handbook](#), a companion document to *The Statements of Provincial Interest Regulations*. The handbook contains detailed information on each of the 14 interest areas and represents the typical advice the ministry would give to stakeholders.

The ministry is hosting a meeting on Wednesday, September 12, 2012. At this meeting, we will review the information contained within the Planning Handbook, identify any missing information and flag any errors. Information will not be removed at this point, unless it is incorrect. Comments received from this meeting will be incorporated in the final version of the Planning Handbook, which will be posted on the ministry website.

The meeting will run September 12 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Staff Development Centre, Parkade Level, T.C. Douglas Building (3475 Albert Street, Regina). Parking passes will be available at the Information Desk. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Please RSVP to Jenna Schroeder at jenna.schroeder@gov.sk.ca or 306-787-2649 by Wednesday, September 5 if you wish to attend.

MCDP Conference Agenda Available

The draft agenda for the [MDCP Inter-municipal Conference](#) is now posted on the event website.

If the agenda seems interesting but you're not sure who will attend from your municipality because of upcoming elections you can still register now.

1. Fill out [the registration form](#) with the basic information, and use job titles in place of names for individual registrants.
2. After your local election, [email Tanya](#) with the names of the attendees.

Still unsure if the new council will be interested in

Returning Vital Event Records

As of December 2010, the role of Division Registration is discontinued. *The Vital Statistics Act, 2009*, states that all vital events records must be returned to the Registrar of the Vital Statistics Registry. Information Services Corporation (ISC) wants to help, and they need your cooperation.

At the beginning of August, ISC sent out packages explaining the benefits of returning records, instructions on how to package the records for shipping, and the shipping labels you will need to return the records you still have. The deadline for return is November 30, 2012.

If you have any questions, please contact the Division Registrar Record Collection Project Team at drcollection@isc.ca, or the ISC Customer Support Team at 1-866-275-4721.

Women in Municipal Politics

As the municipal politics scene in Saskatchewan gears up for elections, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities is trying to put a focus on more women on municipal councils.

FCM president Karen Leibovici issued a statement this week, saying: "FCM's efforts to bridge the gender gap in municipal governments are achieving real results, one election at a time...With support from Status of Women Canada, FCM has implemented a number of initiatives to recruit and train women to run in municipal elections. A series of campaign workshops and campaign webinars, supported by a campaign manual, have been held across Canada with encouraging results: almost 40 per cent of the workshop participants have been elected."

FCM is holding a workshop in Weyburn on September 22-23. It was rescheduled from earlier this month to give local women more time to register. Visit [the workshop webpage](#) for more information, including topics, speakers, and how you can register.

attending? Registration is open until mid-November; it's just early bird pricing that ends October 1, 2012.



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...

The United Nations designated Redberry Lake (including the nearby community of Hafford) as a World Biosphere Reserve on January 21, 2000.

A biosphere reserve is a natural environment where conservation takes place along with sustained economic use of resources. Natural aspects of the biosphere reserve include Redberry Lake and its islands, wetlands, grasslands, and aspen groves. The research and education centre at the lake carries out projects such as monitoring American White Pelicans and more than 180 other species at the Redberry Lake bird sanctuary.

From the Government of Saskatchewan Fun Zone Trivia Game