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Estevan to Canada: Flick Off!

Saskatchewan's "Energy City" gets set to host one of Canada's first "carbon neutral" music festivals.

Flick Off Canada! That's the message from Saskatchewan's energy capital.

Because of a strong online vote, the southern city has won the right to host Flick-Fest, a national carbon neutral music festival to be held in late spring or early summer 2008.

"It's a very positive thing for Estevan, for Saskatchewan and for Canada," said Estevan's mayor, Garry St. Onge. "We are excited about this opportunity to showcase our City to the rest of Canada."

The entire community rallied to bring Flick-Fest to Saskatchewan. There was an online vote to win the right to host the festival. The ballots were waited per capita and the 10,000 strong community came together to beat out the closest potential host sites of Duncan, B.C. and Wolfville, N.S..

The free event is sponsored by Virgin Mobile Canada, MuchMu-

sic, Roots Canada, the Ontario Ministry of the Environment and the non-profit group Environmental Defence.

No acts have been announced yet, but according to Environmental Defence's Jennifer Foulds, it is just a matter of time. Flick-Fest will feature primarily Canadian artists who want to have a voice in the fight against global climate change and be televised live on MuchMusic.

"Humanity's window to act on climate change is narrowing, and it's up to each of us to find new ways of getting more people involved in this global fight. So next spring, Estevan will hold a carbon-neutral party to raise awareness—spreading the word to more Canadians. It's going to be a blast," said Sir Richard Branson, the flamboyant billionaire who founded the UK based Virgin Group, at the announcement in November. "All of Estevan is invited to a party. There'll be no cover at the door.

In fact, we're going to throw the door wide open so all of Canada can hear. Not just great music, but real solutions that let each of us do more to fight the crisis of our time."

The goal of Flick Off (www.flickoff.org), the parent organization hosting Flick-Fest, is to fight climate change by getting Canadians to use less energy. Mayor St. Onge has already taken his first step. "I know I have been trying to take little steps to do my part, which according to the organizers is the goal," he said. "It's little things like making sure to turn off the lights when leaving a room and not letting my car idle while waiting for a train."

These small steps are the goal of Flick-Off said Foulds. If everyone tried to take at least one step towards conserving energy than the world would be a cleaner and greener place. The founding partners noted that it's a bit of an ironic twist that Estevan, known for its

coal and coal generated power plant, won the rights to host the festival. But Mayor St. Onge was quick to point towards "clean coal" technologies that the City is pursuing, something noted by Environmental Defence.

"We love that Estevan's known as the 'energy city,'" said Dr. Rick Smith, Executive Director of Environmental Defence. "With their major industries all focused on power generation, they are living proof that fossil fuels and clean, climate-saving energy can grow in the same place. We look forward to breaking down old barriers and motivating a whole new generation of environmentalists in the spring. Climate change isn't waiting, and neither can we."

Stay tuned to www.suma.org or the weekly Urban Update. The dates and acts will be posted once they are announced.

Executive Director's *Voice*

Only a few more weeks and elected officials from Saskatchewan urban municipalities will be gathering in Regina for SUMA's annual convention under the theme of "Strength through Diversity".

Again, the Convention will be an opportunity for delegates from cities, towns, villages, resort villages and northern communities to learn, debate and make decisions on matters of common interest. And while they will all come from communities with diverse issues and concerns, their united voice will once more provide the strength for this great Association to carry on with the policy directions they will adopt on the convention floor.

For outsiders and newcomers, the convention can be overwhelming: hundreds of mayors and councillors from all sizes of municipalities sharing their views and expectations with their colleagues on a vast array of municipal issues. In fact, we are expecting once again more than 1,000 delegates to renew friendships and establish new contacts in a forum where local politicians speak a language common to the municipal environment.

From recycling to policing, from leisure programs to drinking water, from cold mix patch to cathodic protection, delegates will be seeking new solutions to their problems.

They will be sourcing products and services at the Municipal Trade Show. In plenary sessions, they will also be helping the Board of Directors to formulate and prioritize the Association's lobbying strategies to create a better public policy climate to empower municipalities to do a better job for their citizens.

This type of interaction and this event are truly unique to the municipal world. It is reflective of what makes municipal government so responsive to the needs of their constituents.

There is no similar forum, or anything close to it, at the Provincial and Federal levels. The broad knowledge base of municipal elected officials, their desire to deliver the best services possible for the tax dollars their municipalities collect and their willingness to go public with their annual deliberations is part of the branding which has made our municipal councils accountable and accessible to the electorate.

Since last year, the SUMA's Bylaws require that our Board of Directors meet promptly following the annual Convention to update the Association's strategic plan. Taking into consideration the debates and deliberations of the delegates, Directors will identify the key strategic objectives of the Association for the upcoming year. This process will once again help the Directors to identify their action plan for 2008.

Best wishes to all, with the hope to see you all in Regina at the 2008 Convention on February 3.

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President's *Voice*

I'm sure that by the time you read this the turkey has been digested and Santa is well ensconced back at the North Pole. This is my last message of 2007 and wow... what a year we have had!

It all got started at the last Convention where I graciously accepted your wishes that I stay on as President of SUMA. This year has been a learning experience for all of us on the Board and we look forward to representing you, our members, in 2008. What are some of 2007's highlights?

- We had another successful Convention in which we elected our Executive Committee and adopted several major Bylaw amendments and policy directions.

- Many hours of work by the managers and Directors in our retreat to Manitou Beach concluded with the adoption of our updated Strategic Plan. The working retreat brought our management team and the Board closer together and gave us a working plan for SUMA's future.

- We came as close as we have ever been to signing a long-term revenue sharing and infrastructure funding agreement with the provincial government. Unfortunately the election put a hold on the negotiations. We are hopeful that our new Minister of Municipal Affairs, Bill Hutchinson, a man who brings a wealth of municipal government experience (including time on the SUMA Board) with him to the position, will have a major announcement for us at Convention.

- This year's Regional Meetings were extremely successful. It is one of SUMA's strengths that we, the Executive, can meet with our members face - to - face and discuss the issues important to all urban municipalities. Thank-you to all who attended and made the bi-yearly meetings such a success.

- The launch of www.sumasustainability.org is something the Board and I are extremely proud of. We have made Urban Municipal sustainability a cornerstone of the organization's, and truly Saskatchewan's, future.

- We are on the cusp of finalizing SUMA's self insurance program. All of our preliminary work on this program looks good and the benefits to our members will be invaluable; it will be geared towards Saskatchewan municipalities, run by Saskatchewan municipalities, for Saskatchewan municipalities.

These are but a few examples of the work we have been doing on behalf of Saskatchewan's cities, towns and villages in 2007 and we look forward to an equally successful 2008. It all gets started with our 2008 Annual Convention. Keep your eyes on the mail, all of our potential Bylaw changes and Resolutions brought forward for our Convention have been sent out and should have reached you before this copy of the Urban Voice. If you haven't received your package please contact the staff at the office. They will be happy to help. The year seemed to fly by and we are only a month way from February's Annual Convention. From all the work done by the Board, Convention Committee, staff and of course the helpful suggestions from our members, it's looking like 2008 will be SUMA's best convention yet.

Well, that's about it for now. I hope you all had a great Christmas; I wish you all the best in the New Year and look forward to seeing everyone at the Tailgate Party at Convention in February.

SUMA President Allan Earle



Rider Pride
Fred Clipsham,
SUMA's VP of
Cities, and SUMA
Board of Director
Michael Fougere re-
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tunity to visit the Rider
dressing room... and
look what they found,
the Grey Cup itself.

Getting beyond “interim” increases to Revenue Sharing

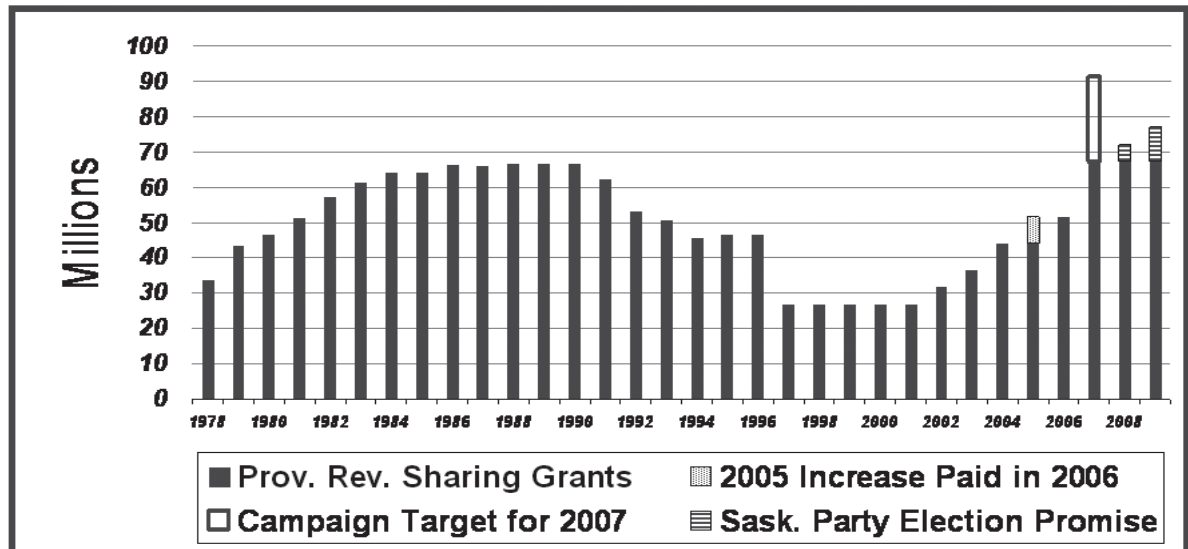
The year 2007 started and ended with high SUMA expectations about finally achieving a long-term revenue sharing and infrastructure funding plan. One difference was that, by the end of the year, these hopes were being directed to a new Saskatchewan Government, following the Sask. Party victory in November.

January, 2007, opened with a new commitment to work toward what came to be called a Municipal Sector Strategy Plan, which included the key funding issues. Meetings were organized for several sector groups or “tables,” all involving non-elected officials but reporting back to the Municipal Forum, chaired by the Minister of Government Relations (a portfolio now to be called Municipal Affairs).

The Provincial Budget in March produced another “interim” increase to Revenue Sharing grants and confirmed that most Provincial infrastructure dollars for urban municipalities would flow through the Building Communities Program. Early BCP money went to larger, regional recreational or multi-purpose facilities in cities, but some towns also received approvals before the budgeted \$40 million for 2007 became overcommitted.

While the Federal Government took a long time to sort out the nature of their continuing contributions to infrastructure funding, there was some anxiety in the spring about whether a long-term Provincial Revenue Sharing plan would be finalized by the end of October, the agreed upon target date. A consultant was hired to review municipal expenditure information and help determine a level of “Provincial interest” in

Urban “Revenue Sharing” Rollercoaster in Saskatchewan (Cities, Towns, Villages)



supporting expenditures in key service areas.

The consultant’s report in September confirmed that a case could be made to more than double the current level of Revenue Sharing grants, thereafter sustained with an escalator formula tied to the growth of municipal costs or Provincial Government revenues. Despite reassurances that this work could continue toward the end of October deadline, even with a Provincial election on the horizon, the election call abruptly halted further talks.

The election campaign confirmed the Sask. Party’s commitment to work toward a long-term plan to share the Province’s “own source revenues,” meaning revenue from taxes and resource royalties but not from Federal government transfers. In the meantime, the now Sask. Party government has pledged to at least provide an “interim” increase in Revenue Shar-

ing funding of 7 per cent in each of the next two years.

The SUMA Board has already put new Municipal Affairs Minister Bill Hutchinson on notice that such a small increase (less than the “interim” increases of the last six years) would not be considered acceptable, nor would a further two-year delay in finalizing a long-term plan. Expectations remain

high that Treasury Board will consider a larger increase for 2008, if not a longer-term solution.

The accompanying graph demonstrates that recent Revenue Sharing increases, and the Sask. Party’s early commitment to continue small increases on an “interim” basis, only go part way to restoring more adequate Provincial grant levels to help sustain urban municipal services.



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A whole lot happening at Convention!

Education Sessions, Plenary Sessions, Trade show, Awards, Fun and Entertainment are all part of the 2008 Annual SUMA Convention.

The Annual Convention is the largest, and in some ways most important event hosted by SUMA each year. Convention offers the opportunity to review the policies and bylaws of the Association and to vote on the resolutions that give the Association direction for the coming year.

The theme for the 2008 convention is "Strength Through Diversity" and we have put together a program that recognizes the needs of municipalities regardless of size.

The convention logo symbolizes strength and unity demonstrating that all members along with all levels of government must work to secure the future of Saskatchewan municipalities.

Sunday Education Sessions

Sunday afternoon features 10 education sessions in two 90 minute time blocks. The first block of sessions from 1 - 2:30 p.m. are:

E1 - *Recruiting and Retaining*

Doctors in your Community
E2 - *How to Hire a Building Official*
E3 - *Managing Municipal Risk*
E4 - *The Waste Water System Assessment Process: A Case Study Review*
E5 - *On a Roll in Your Community: Tire Recycling After 10 Years*

From 3 - 4:30 p.m. choose from five additional topics:

E6 - *Managing Employer/Employee Conflict*
E7 - *Effective Community Fundraising*
E8 - *The Sustainability Took Kit: Our Future Depends on It!*
E9 - *Not Your Old English Teacher - Plain Language writing for Government & Industry*
E10 - *Succession Planning for Municipalities: Managing the Boom*

We will also be offering five education sessions on Monday afternoon:

E11 - *PSAB, PS-3150 and Asset Management, what do they mean to communities?*
E12 - *Labour Market Analysis Survey for Water & Wastewater Workers*
E13 - *HELP International, Living Landfills, Effluent Irrigation Woodlots and more...*

E14 - *Labour & Arbitration for Municipalities*
E15 - *Get "In-Motion": The Role of Municipalities in Promoting Physical Activity*

Municipal Employee Workshop: February 4 - 5 -- Sediment and Erosion Control in Urban Construction Workshop

Sediment and erosion control is a critical component of effective construction site management. However it is not always given the attention it deserves at either the project planning or implementation stage. This workshop will feature presentations from a variety of sediment and erosion control specialists, and will help you answer the following questions.

- "What are the regulatory requirements?"
- "What are the best management practices?"
- "What are the experiences of municipalities who have developed their own SEC programs?"
- "Why is erosion and sediment control worth the effort?"

Experts in the field will provide an overview of available products and technologies, including soil bioengineering for slope stabilization.

Who Should Attend? Administrators responsible for getting regulatory approvals, design engineers, public works project managers, consultants etc.

Convention Plenary Session

Convention 2008 also offers a thought-provoking and informative session on Municipal Cultural Planning, featuring Dr. Greg Baeker.

Municipal cultural planning (MCP) is a new approach to local and regional cultural development that has been gaining attention nationally and internationally over the past several years. Originating in Australia in the 1990s, MCP is defined as "the strategic and integrated planning and use of cultural resources for economic and community development."

Dr. Greg Baeker, a senior consultant with AuthenticCity, an urban policy practice, will share the characteristics of MCP and its development. He brings more than 30 years of experience working with communities of various sizes and challenges to the table.

Dr. Baeker was a lead advisor on the Creative Connections, a cultural mapping project taking place in Saskatoon, and is currently advising SaskCulture on its work to pilot cultural planning strategies in four smaller Saskatchewan communities.

According to Dr. Baeker, MCP is proving an effective strategy for building local economies in communities of all sizes in Ontario.

One of the leading municipalities

is Prince Edward County, a small rural municipality that has gained national attention for its economic development strategy build on creativity, culture and quality of place.

Another indication of MCPs growing importance in Ontario is the collaboration of various government departments, both provincial and local, with various business, education and cultural organizations.

The formation of the Municipal Cultural Planning Partnership (MCPP) in Ontario is a coalition of six provincial ministries (Culture, Municipal Affairs and Housing, Agriculture and Rural Affairs, Economic Development and Trade, Tourism, Citizenship, Northern Development and Mines), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and groups representing culture, business and post-secondary institutions. All of these groups are working together to promote MCP in communities across Ontario.

Social Activities

The Ultimate Tail Gate Party -- Sunday, February 3, Queensbury Convention Centre

We're painting the Queensbury Convention Centre Green! Join us for an evening of pure tail gating fun with some of our very own Grey Cup Champs! Catch the final minutes of Superbowl XLII on the big screen, and play a game or two yourself.

There will be music, games and prizes. There will also be a 50/50 draw with proceeds going to KidSport Saskatchewan. It will be a great time reminiscing with your fellow delegates, while helping hundreds of Saskatchewan's kids play their favorite sport.

Prizes will be awarded to the "greenest" delegate, and one lucky delegate will have the opportunity to win a trip for two to the 2008 Grey Cup in Montreal!

Monday Evening - Board Hosted Hospitality Night

It's become a convention tradition! The SUMA Board of Directors invite you to join them at the Board Hospitality "Toonie" bar. Stop by the Wascana Ballroom, in the Regina Inn, mingle with friends old and new, sing a song or two then try your luck at the 50/50 draw proceeds supporting the "Mike Badham Scholarship Fund".

President's Banquet and Award Ceremony

SUMA looks forward to honouring long serving elected officials and employees for their dedication to their municipality. Following the formal part of the evening comedian Big Daddy Tazz will have you rolling in the aisles.

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Sustainable communities planning workshop a success

More than fifty mayors, councillors, administrators and community leaders descended upon the Alex Dillabough center in Battleford for a two day workshop on sustainable community planning in late November. After organizing the second in a series of such workshops, sustainability expert Hart Haidn was pleased with the results from the session and felt that attendees left feeling enlightened and energized.

Delegates heard from a variety of speakers including Paul Nash's provocative presentation on water conservation by municipally mandated and paid-for fixture refits. Nash told of his experience in Sydney, Australia where in 1992 a massive water conservation strategy was put in place at a time when the city's population hovered around four million and they were facing costly water facility upgrades should further growth continue. Fast forward to present day where Sydney has grown to over five million people and they still have not had to expand water treatment capacity thanks to the foresight in the early nineties.

The City of Dawson Creek sent Emanuel Machado and Greg Dobrowolski, who described that city's success in sustainable community planning. By adopting the principles and strategies of sustainable community planning, Dawson Creek has not only saved money, but are actually finding ways to generate income. B.C. Hydro is paying the city a premium for power generated in the community and sold back into the grid. SUMA's Sustainable Communities



Greg Dobrowolski and Emanuel Machado describe the successes that Dawson Creek has had through sustainable planning in the community. Photo Courtesy of Hart Haidn

Steering Committee is researching ways to have similar processes adopted in Saskatchewan.

While power and water conservation are two highly effective ways to achieve sustainability targets, H.E.L.P International's Rodney Sidloski has ways to enhance community beauty while dealing with a typically unpleasant concern. As more communities are decommissioning old landfills, Sidloski has helped by capping the old nuisance grounds with high water consuming trees. The process is called phytoremediation and can be used in situations ranging from desalinizing land to reducing pressure on aging lagoons by the use of planting trees. Sidloski,

who is based in Weburn, has been in the business for years and has helped communities around the world.

As SUMA's Sustainable Community Planning initiative continues to develop, the practical applications are becoming more accessible to municipalities. SUMA's goal is to become the go-to source for information on municipal sustainability planning and we're in the early stages of preparing for another session in the future. For the presentations from the Battleford session and other interesting sustainable community practices, please visit:

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Workshops

Jan. 22-23, 2008	Gas Chlorination	2 days	Swift Current
Jan. 29, 2008	Confined Space Entry	1 day	La Ronge or Buffalo Narrows
Jan. 30, 2008	WHMIS & Safety	1 day	La Ronge or Buffalo Narrows
Feb. 12-13, 2008	Gas Chlorination	2 days	Kindersley
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CULTURE BUILDS COMMUNITY

Taking Advantage

While attending the Municipal Marketplace Tradeshow don't forget to visit SUMA's Advantage Partners.

Many of SUMA's partners will have booths set-up at the Tradeshow and will be grouped together in one designated area. Please take a look at the list of SUMA's Advantage Partners are below:

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Involvement in these major events has never deterred us from making it a priority to remember our 'roots,' those orders from SUMA Members, curling clubs, Lions Clubs, family reunions, sport teams, schools and charities. We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming SUMA Convention. Drop by our friendly booth to say "hello" and check out our savings through the SUMA Advantage Program.

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Our CivicWeb FilePro tool enables governments to quickly organize, store, search, print and publish key documents such as agendas, minutes, bylaws, reports, correspondence, manuals and agreements. With a click of a

mouse, CivicWeb FilePro makes this information quickly and easily available and searchable.

Besides looking for information, keeping track of all the actions, and knowing what is being done about them is the challenge.

Our CivicWeb Action Tracking Solution captures all the actions and related information in one place, grouped in convenient Tracker modules that make it easy to keep on top of what's happening.

From meeting actions to public records requests - and every other list you keep - our CivicWeb Action Tracking Solution gives you the tools to manage the information and keep everyone informed.

Kal Tire

Kal Tire welcomes SUMA and it's members as a new strategic partner of Kal Tire. John Huthersall, Corporate account manager for Saskatchewan and Manitoba, would like to thank Shantel Lipp and her team for supporting Kal Tire on this new endeavor.

Kal Tire has 25 locations in Saskatchewan. For the Kal Tire that is nearest you please visit: www.suma.org and look for the Kal Tire link or www.kaltire.com and browse the locations icon. When you call, identify yourself as a SUMA member and one of our helpful staff will assist you in answering any questions.

Kal Tire sells and services Bridgestone, Firestone, Michelin, Yokohama, Kumho, Nokian, as well as retreading of commercial tires, off road and grader. Kal Tire is Canada's largest retreaders of truck tires using the bandag retread system. Kal Tire is a wholly-owned Canadian company still based in Vernon, B.C.

For more than 50 years, Kal Tire has expanded steadily. Presently Kal Tire has the capabilities to service its existing and potential customers through over 155 company-owned branches, 46 independent associate dealers, 10 mining/industrial/commercial locations, 13 retread facilities, two OTR plants and seven warehouses.

Kelln Solar

Kelln Solar is a company with more than twenty-five years of experience that provides a range of renewable energy products and services including solar and wind power systems. Kelln Solar is well experienced in installing solar pool heating systems for Saskatchewan communities (see our work in Bengough, Assiniboia, Nipawin, Climax, and Foam Lake) and has added solar hot water heating systems to its list of available products.

With the availability of federal and provincial grants totaling 50 per cent of installed cost for solar hot water and solar pool heating systems, Kelln Solar anticipates that

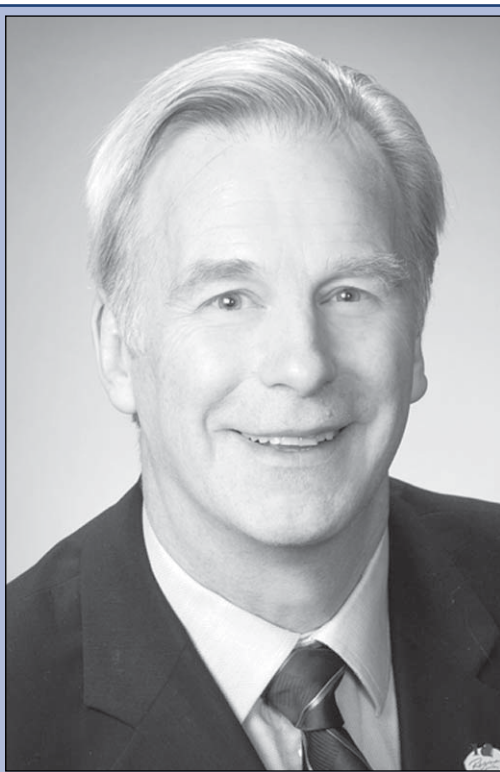
2008 will be a very active year for municipal solar projects.

CEG Energy Options

Since 1987 CEG Energy Options Inc. has been providing seamless and aggressively priced natural gas supply to commercial, institutional and industrial gas users in Western Canada. CEG has offices in Saskatchewan, Alberta, and British Columbia.

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Minister of Municipal Affairs Bill Hutchinson

SUMA is looking forward to working with Saskatchewan's newest Minister of Municipal Affairs, Bill Hutchinson. The former SUMA Board of Director will provide the new government a wealth of municipal experience. He knows the issues and in several meetings with SUMA has promised to work hard for Saskatchewan's cities, towns and villages. Congratulations on the cabinet posting, Minister Hutchinson. SUMA expects big things and hope you can deliver!

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Hit and Run in Assiniboia

The Assiniboia RCMP and Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers request the assistance of the general public with the following incident. On Tuesday, Sept. 18 at approximately 7:30 pm a 13 year old male was struck by a vehicle while riding his bike on 1st Street West at McMorine Manor in Assiniboia. The vehicle is described as a light coloured car driven by an elderly female. The driver failed to stop at the scene or report the incident to the police. It is believed this collision was witnessed by a male and a female pedestrian walking along the street at the time. Police would like to locate the driver and witnesses for further investigation.

Damaged Equipment

The Carlyle RCMP and Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers are asking for your help in solving the following crime. Between noon

on Friday, Sept. 14 and 6 a.m. on Sept. 18, vandals damaged construction equipment that had been parked approximately four km's north of Highway 13. The equipment was parked on both the east and west sides of Highway #8. The culprit(s) damaged property including a fence and a number of pieces of machinery that had been parked for the weekend. The equipment that was vandalized or used to cause other destruction included a grader and a large hauling truck that had a yellow cab.

Break and Enter in Maidstone

The Maidstone RCMP and Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers are requesting the assistance of the public to solve the following crime: Sometime between 1 a.m. and 5:30 a.m. on Oct. 4, unknown suspect(s) unlawfully entered several parked vehicles within the town of Maidstone. Upon gaining

entry, the suspect(s) stole cash, satellite radios, a CD player, CDs, a digital camera and other items from these vehicles. All of the vehicles were parked in residential areas. Maidstone RCMP would like to remind the public to ensure vehicles are locked when not in use and to remove any valuables.

Theft of Horse Trailer

The Saskatoon RCMP and Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers would appreciate the assistance of the general public regarding the following crime. Sometime over the weekend of Sept. 29 to Oct. 6, a dark blue, 16 foot horse trailer was stolen from a farm eight km's east of Saskatoon. The trailer is dark blue in colour with patches of lighter blue paint which was applied to cover rusting spots. The plate number is 684FCW and the trailer is described as being 6.5 feet high.

Hit & Run in Swift Current

Between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. on Oct. 10, there was a hit and run collision in front of the Swift Current Post Office on Central Avenue North. A large white four door truck with a large reel of wire in the back struck the back of a Chevrolet Cobalt.

Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$2000 for information which leads to the arrest of persons(s) responsible for this offence or any other serious crime. Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers is anonymous and does not subscribe to call display nor are your calls traced or recorded. Call Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or on SaskTel Mobility Network call *TIPS (*8477). Submit a tip online at www.saskcrimestoppers.com

We need your information not your name!



How sustainable is your community?

In the spring of 2007, the SUMA Board of Directors identified the creation of a strategy to promote the development of sustainable communities as a major pillar for the Association's future operations. To achieve this goal, SUMA will:

- *Provide leadership in creating a significant shift in historic attitudes toward sustainability by encouraging municipalities to develop sustainable corporate and community plans;*
- *Provide educational opportunities to assist SUMA members in developing sustainable communities;*
- *Provide a "tool kit" of resources to assist SUMA members in developing sustainable communities;*
- *Incorporate the Sustainable Communities Initiative as an integral component of SUMA's corporate, advocacy, and governance initiatives.*
- *SUMA's vision is that the Association will become the "go-to" source in Saskatchewan for information about creating healthy, innovative, and viable communities. The SUMA Board acknowledges that sustainability planning is necessary to keep our communities viable.*



Visit: www.sumasustainability.org for more information

