

## Campaign goes public

Given the limited local tax base, the need for more municipal funding from the Province is everpresent. Provincial revenue has continuously increased, but beginning in 1987, the Province gradually starved urban municipalities of funds as the needs and responsibilities offloaded to municipalities increased. It wasn't until 2002 that the Province began to increase revenue sharing once again, but to date it has done nothing to compensate cities, towns and villages for the "loss years." Moreover, there is no long-term plan for predictable funding. Frustrations over these two issues reached a boiling point this August at the City Mayors' Caucus (CMC) meeting in Melfort and resonated across Saskatchewan cities, towns and villages.

The City Mayors' Caucus served notice to the Province indicating a September 25 deadline to share some five-year targets to fix the "fiscal imbalance" between provincial resources and municipal needs. SUMA backed the CMC request with a letter of support to the Minister of Government Relations that added an account of the funding needs for towns and villages. In total, SUMA requested an extra \$40 million for infrastructure funding and an additional \$40 million in revenue sharing for each of the next five years. At

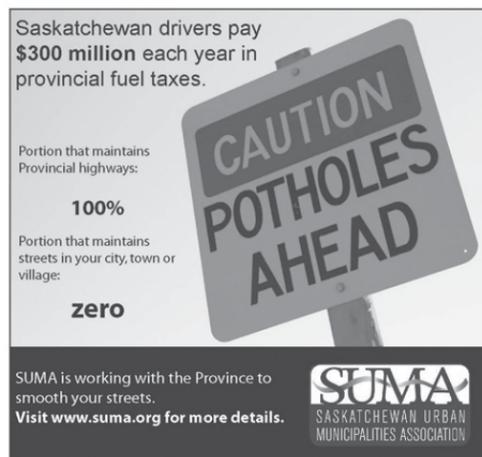
the September 28 Municipal Forum, Minister Van Mulligen gave no indication of progress on municipal funding, so former SUMA President Don Schlosser served notice that he would soon face a campaign unlike anything he had ever seen.

With a campaign mandate from its Board of Directors, SUMA posted a preview of its campaign messages on its website, [www.suma.org](http://www.suma.org). The preview successfully caught the Provincial Government's attention. Within a day of the posting, Deputy Premier Clay Serby contacted SUMA to request a meeting with members of the SUMA Executive Committee. Although delayed to November 9, the meeting resulted in an agreement to work with SUMA to negotiate a long-term revenue sharing and infrastructure

agreement on behalf of all cities, towns and villages. SUMA expects that an appropriate level of political will can produce a plan by the time of the Annual Convention in February.

Significant challenges lie ahead. Representatives from Government Relations are quite committed to resolve upcoming municipal funding challenges but have not yet recognized the infrastructure deficit that accumulated during the lean years of the 1990s. Since urban governments try to cope by spending only what revenues they take in, the requests for an additional \$40 million each for revenue sharing and infrastructure funding might seem astronomical to members of government and Treasury Board. In fact, these amounts have

*Continued on Page 2*



**Beginning in November, SUMA began placing messages in newspapers across Saskatchewan. Some ads addressed the fiscal imbalance between the provincial and municipal orders of government. This ad points out to the public that no portion of the fuel tax is shared with municipalities for the maintenance of streets in cities, towns and villages.**

### Inside this issue

Fall 2006 has been a season of transition for SUMA. With municipal elections and regional committee selections, find out who made the cut!

SUMA moves forward with its municipal funding campaign.

Mayor Allan Earle brings greetings in his first message as Interim President. He shares a vision to build momentum on infrastructure funding and revenue sharing building into Convention.

Government Relations unveils a new municipal awards program, while the Saskatchewan Scrap Tire Corporation celebrates an important milestone.

SUMAAS Director Debbie Machay shares some ideas on employee retention.

Stay tuned for a sneak preview of this year's SUMA Convention!

Campaign goes public	1
SUMA welcomes newcomers	1
President's Voice	2
Municipal Awards	3
Members' Voice	4
MLDP Update	4
2006 election results	5
Convention Update	7
SSTC on a roll	8
Administrators' Voice	8
Sask Crime Stoppers	9
Managed hosting expands	10

## SUMA welcomes newcomers

The 2006 municipal elections brought some major changes amongst the SUMA Board of Directors and membership (see page 4-5 for municipal election results).

An Interim Executive Committee was appointed by the outgoing Board of Directors. Mayor Allan Earle has been promoted to Interim President and continues his role as Vice President for Towns. Councillor Fred Clipsham was appointed Vice President for Cities. Mayor Barry Gunther continues as Vice President for Villages, Resort Villages and Northern Communities. The Newly Elected Workshops

and Regional Meetings provided the first glimpse of the new face of SUMA.

With the exception of the West Central meeting in Kerrobert, which was hindered by icy driving conditions, the meetings were well attended, averaging 80 people per session. At this set of meetings, members elected Regional Directors and sector representatives to the Regional Committee.

- Central:** Mayor Sharon Armstrong
- East Central:** Councillor Randy Goulden
- Northeast:** Mayor Roland Zimmer
- Northwest:** Mayor Gordon Hall
- Southeast:** Councillor Bill Rudachyk

- Southwest:** Mayor Sandy Larson
- West Central:** Mayor Al Heron

The Newly Elected Workshop featured a video of a typical council meeting to demonstrate the protocol of the council decision making process. Afterward, mayors and councillors worked in groups to tackle realistic municipal issues to try their hand at drafting bylaws. The final segment of the workshop featured local lawyers, who provided participants an overview of legal considerations that elected officials must consider during their term of office.

During the regional meeting, Shauna Brown spoke about group



**Mayors and councillors in the Southwest region elect a new Director.**

benefits for which councils are eligible. As well, Cam Baker gave an overview of SUMA's municipal funding campaign.

# President's *Voice*

First of all, if you are reading my message, it's a good sign that you had a successful election - congratulations! Welcome to the new mayors and councillors that have stepped up to lead your community. You are in good company. Some of this nation's finest leaders got their political start at the municipal level. Being a member of council is the ultimate community service, and I hope you will find your term rewarding. I look forward to meeting all of you.

As I begin my Interim Presidency, I offer my very best wishes to Don Schlosser as he enters retirement. Don has been a good friend and his leadership will be missed.

The hot topic amongst the SUMA Board, Executive and staff has been the highly anticipated revenue sharing and infrastructure campaign. Officials have been meeting regularly with representatives from the Province since our first meeting with Deputy Premier Serby and Minister Van Mulligen. We are working hard to keep up the political will and to make

the Province see that we are at a breaking point. For years, municipalities have been coping on such a limited base of funds, and we cannot continue to shift the burden to our property taxpayers.

On a related note, I would like to thank all the communities that have contributed to the campaign. After receiving a significant amount of support, we are ready to pull off one dynamite campaign. Many of you will have seen the messages that we ran in November in various newspapers across Saskatchewan. The key is to build momentum into Convention in February. If the Province does not budge soon, they are going to face a charged delegation when they visit the SUMA membership in February!

I am told that this will be my last opportunity to address you before Christmas. On behalf of the SUMA Board of Directors and staff, I wish you a safe and cozy holiday season. See you in the New Year!

Sincerely,  
Mayor Allan Earle  
Dalmeny

## ...Campaign from page 1

been suggested to compensate for past municipal struggles in order to bring funding back to an acceptable level so that cities, towns and villages can provide adequate services to their residents. With the legal requirement for municipalities to balance their finances, the drastic degree to which cities, towns and villages have been underfunded in the past is difficult for the untrained eye to detect.

SUMA moves forward in cooperation with the Province to resolve municipal funding needs, but the Association remains committed to accountability. SUMA is working to keep municipal funding on the

agenda for the 2007-08 provincial budget, and to maintain political will on the part of the Province. It is the opinion of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors that the best way to maintain political will is to engage the public through an awareness campaign. This way, the Association will honour the many communities that have pledged over \$30,000 (and growing!) in support of a public awareness campaign. Round one of the public awareness strategy began in late November with a series of messages in 15 different newspapers. Stay tuned... this is the most important campaign SUMA has launched in years!

200-2222-13th Avenue  
Regina, SK S4P 3M7  
P: 306-525-3727 F: 306-525-4373  
suma@suma.org www.suma.org

The Urban Voice, published six times per year, is the official newsletter of the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association. Articles, letters and photographs are invited. All material is subject to editing. Subscriptions \$18 per year.

### SUMA EXECUTIVE

**Mayor Allan Earle**, Interim President, Vice-President for Towns  
**Councillor Fred Clipsham**, Vice-President for Cities, Regina Director  
**Mayor Allan Earle**, Vice-President, Towns  
**Mayor Barry Gunther**, Vice President, Villages, Resort Villages and Northern Municipalities

### CONTRIBUTING STAFF

**Laurent Mougeot**, Executive Director  
**Mervyn Norton**, Manager of Policy & Communication Services  
**Brittany Staines**, Communications Coordinator  
**Shantel Lipp**, Events Coordinator

### SUMA DIRECTORS

**Mayor Sharon Armstrong**, Wynyard  
**Councillor Fred Clipsham**, Regina  
**Councillor Bev Dubois**, Saskatoon  
**Councillor Michael Fougere**, Regina  
**Councillor Randy Goulden**, Yorkton  
**Mayor Gordon Hall**, St. Walburg  
**Mayor Allan Heron**, Eston  
**Mayor Joe Hordyski**, La Ronge  
**Mayor Sandy Larson**, Swift Current  
**Councillor Dawn Lunning**, Moose Jaw  
**Councillor Tiffany Paulsen**, Saskatoon  
**Mayor Roland Zimmer**, Tisdale  
Prince Albert Director - TBA

## More orphaned underground fuel storage tanks?

Please respond if your municipality has taken ownership of orphaned underground fuel storage tanks (e.g. abandoned gas stations) and could benefit from Provincial funding for its clean-up. The program, which provided up to \$30,000 funding per site, ended a few years ago but the Province is interested in hearing whether there are enough sites posing a risk to warrant another program.

### Contact:

Mervyn Norton  
306-525-4388  
mnorton@suma.org

### NOT JUST GREAT COPIERS.....

### ARE YOU READY FOR CANADA POST 2007?? POSTAL METER DECERTIFICATION!

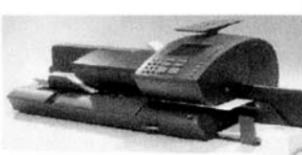
**Success Office Systems** can show you how to make your **POSTAL METER** switch without any hassle. At the same time, **WE CAN SAVE YOU MONEY!!**  
**PLUS RECEIVE A FREE GIFT.**

Rent an  
**OPTIMAIL**



And receive a **FREE**  
Solar Radio

Buy or Lease an  
**ULTIMAIL**



And receive a **FREE**  
1 GB IPOD

**SO, please don't wait for the deadline.**  
Call **Success Office Systems** today at **(1-800) 667-8173** and ask for **FREE** information on how to acquire the right equipment or simply

Email: [info@successos.com](mailto:info@successos.com)

[www.successos.com](http://www.successos.com)

**SUCCESS  
OFFICE SYSTEMS**



I am an  
entrepreneur  
Business  
Builders

**A Great  
Place to  
Start**

The partnership between the 13 Community Futures offices in Saskatchewan and Western Economic Diversification has been building and supporting rural and northern communities for over 20 years. Whether you are starting out or expanding your business or have a great business idea, Community Futures can provide business counselling, youth services, access to business resources, and repayable business loans in all areas of Saskatchewan except the larger cities of Saskatoon and Regina.

**Visit us on the web at**  
[www.cfsask.ca](http://www.cfsask.ca) for a listing of your nearest office.

**Community  
Futures** Saskatchewan



Western Economic  
Diversification Canada

Diversification de l'économie  
de l'Ouest Canada

Canada

# Saskatchewan Municipal Awards

A new awards program has been established that will celebrate excellence in the municipal sector.

The Saskatchewan Municipal Awards program has been jointly developed by SUMA, SARM, New North, UMAAS, the Rural Municipal Administrators' Association and the department of Government Relations.

"I'm excited about the creativity and thoughtful direction that I see coming from municipal leaders throughout the province," Government Relations Minister Harry Van Mulligen said. "Their efforts are an important part of helping the provincial government meet its goals of making life better for average Saskatchewan families and building a better future for our youth. I'm pleased that we've established a formal way to celebrate that excellence."

The awards are sponsored by the department of Government Relations, SUMA, SARM and Conexus Credit Union.

"We've always known that Saskatchewan municipalities lead the way when it comes to innovative practices and excellent work on behalf of the people they serve," SUMA Interim President Allan Earle said. "SUMA is proud to support this new program in the efforts to publicly recognize the terrific work being done by Saskatchewan's municipalities."

There are four award categories:

- **Municipal Service Excellence** - recognizes a municipal practice that enhances the ability to deliver cost-effective services that regularly exceed the expectations of their customers.
- **Economic Development Leadership** - recognizes any municipal practice that demonstrates the use of strategies to improve the local economic development climate while supporting long-term economic development in Saskatchewan.
- **Regional Leadership and Partnerships** - recognizes any municipal practice that exemplifies efforts to consult and cooperate with other municipalities, non-government organizations, community groups, First Nations, other governments and citizens for the purpose of delivering benefit to citizens.

pal practice that exemplifies efforts to consult and cooperate with other municipalities, non-government organizations, community groups, First Nations, other governments and citizens for the purpose of delivering benefit to citizens.

- **Community Leadership** - recognizes a municipal practice, by a municipality with a population of 500 or less, that demonstrates the municipality's commitment to providing leadership by meeting existing and future needs of the community.

Practices that were initiated in 2000 or later are eligible for nomination. In each case, a selection panel will judge the nominated practices by how innovative, effective, significant and sustainable the practices were. The selection panel will also consider whether the practices in question enhance the capacity of the municipality and how transferable those practices are to other jurisdictions.

"Municipal leaders have consistently risen to the challenges that face them," SARM (representative title and name) said. "By highlighting best practices, we hope to encourage other municipal leaders to look at how those practices can be applied in their municipalities."

ently risen to the challenges that face them," SARM (representative title and name) said. "By highlighting best practices, we hope to encourage other municipal leaders to look at how those practices can be applied in their municipalities."

In order to spread the word about the new awards program, an information packet, including a nomination form, will be sent to each municipal office in the province.

Nominations for the Awards close on January 19, 2007. Forms can be submitted by fax, mail or online.

The Municipal Awards will be handed out at an awards ceremony in late March.

Saskatchewan Municipal Awards  
Room 410  
1855 Victoria Avenue  
Regina SK S4P 3T2  
F: 306-787-3691  
[www.communilink.sk.ca/awards](http://www.communilink.sk.ca/awards)

## The Glory of Easter

CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL  
MARCH 2007

- The Glory of Easter is brought to life through exciting drama, song and pageantry
- Temple Square & Temple Tour in Salt Lake City
- Disneyland
- New for 2007 two nights in San Francisco including a city tour and Alcatraz



**CAA** travel agency  
SASKATCHEWAN

1-800-564-6222

Call or visit your local CAA Travel Agency for a brochure.

**WestWorld** **CAA** Tours  
Where Dependability is a Tradition

**BUY from the Brightest!**

Airmaster Sales  
offering a complete line of signs and accessories

Airmaster

**Paul Cayer**  
**Airmaster Sales**

Call 1-800-788-6805 Fax 1-877-632-9747  
[signs@airmastersales.com](mailto:signs@airmastersales.com)  
or visit [www.airmastersales.com](http://www.airmastersales.com)

# Members' Voice

Dear President Schlosser:

At its October 23, 2006 regular meeting, Council agreed to support the upcoming '40/40' campaign with a cheque... to be issued from our office shortly.

Council is hopeful that by lobbying the provincial government for long term sustainable funding, we will have some flexibility in decision making regarding finances, especially for capital projects, instead of simply raising taxes year after year.

Our province has seen unprecedented change in terms of the delivery of education and health care in recent years, yet the funding source for both departments has remained unchanged. Municipalities have been made responsible for the maintenance of more and more infrastructure in recent years, but our only revenue source has remained the property tax base. Municipal taxes make up less than 50% of our residents' total tax bill, and since Nipawin was amalgamated into the North East School Division, our residents have seen

more than a 15% increase in their school levies. When will the increases end? We don't know the answer to this question either, but we know that the time is coming where property owners, who are the only people paying municipal and school tax, are reaching a breaking point regarding taxes.

We as leaders cannot simply keep saying "Well, costs are going up, so your taxes will too." We must develop a solution, and hopefully by lobbying the provincial government with the '40/40' campaign, SUMA and Saskatchewan municipalities will be able to provide some relief to our taxpayers, and not have to sing the same song anymore.

Good luck with your lobbying efforts, and we look forward to receiving favourable news regarding your campaign.

Sincerely,

Steven Piermantier  
Administrator  
Town of Nipawin

## MLDP Winter Modules on the Way!

by Kristin Dowler

This year, the Municipal Leadership Development Program wraps up its third successful year. Since 2003, we have delivered 97 modules over 80 different locations around the province, over 1200 municipal leaders have taken at least one module, and 88 people have completed all five modules, earning them a certificate of completion. At the upcoming convention, I look forward to giving many more certificates away.

In the three years of its existence, the MLDP has offered five modules: Module 1 – Municipal Leaders' Roles and Responsibilities; Module 2 – Planning for Success: An Introduction to Strategic, Financial, and Land-use Planning; Module 3 – Municipal Economic Development Fundamentals; Module 4 – Human Resources in the Municipal Workplace; and Module 5 – Public Relations and Communications in the Municipal Workplace. Each of these modules was specially designed to meet the needs of municipal leaders in Saskatchewan. If you are a new councillor, or a seasoned veteran, you are guaranteed to

learn something from the instructor, and from the interaction with your peers.

In 2007, the MLDP will introduce a new module – Advanced Economic Development – as a supplement to module 3. It will focus on strategic planning, business retention, and project management. More information will be distributed to municipal offices when the module is ready to be delivered.

The upcoming winter session has been scheduled and registrations are already streaming in. If you are interested in attending a module, I encourage you to send in your registrations soon, as space in each module is limited. For more information about the program, please visit the MLDP homepage at [www.mldp.ca](http://www.mldp.ca) or call 306.761.3731.

For complete listings of MLDP modules, visit [www.mldp.ca](http://www.mldp.ca) or the calendar of events on the SUMA website: [www.suma.org](http://www.suma.org)

### Toolcat™ 5600 Utility Work Machine ...changing the way the world works!



1500 lb. Rated Operating Capacity	2000 lb. Cargo Capacity	4000 lb. Tow Weight	18 mph Travel Speed
--------------------------------------	----------------------------	------------------------	------------------------

#### You told us what you wanted. This is it.

The revolutionary Toolcat 5600 was developed after hundreds of hours of research with equipment owners. It took years of innovative planning, designing and testing to create the 5600 — an entirely new concept that needed an entirely new category: the utility work machine.

- Combines the best features of a loader, pickup truck and attachment carrier.
- Excels at property maintenance and commercial groundskeeping.
- Wide choice of Bob-Tach™ mounted attachments.
- All-wheel steer.
- Four-wheel drive.
- Low ground disturbance.
- Carries a co-worker.
- Hydraulic box dump.



**The first of its kind!**

See your authorized Bobcat dealer:

**BOBCAT OF REGINA**  
Hwy. #1 East, Regina, SK. Phone 306-347-7600

\*Bobcat is a registered trademark of Bobcat Company



**Bobcat**

*One Tough Animal.*

[www.bobcat.com/toolcat](http://www.bobcat.com/toolcat)



YOUR KEY TO IMAGINATION AWAITS

## YOU'RE NEW ON COUNCIL...

Could your first media interview best be described as "stepped in it?"

Do you have to keep the Mylanta close at hand now that you've committed to life in the public eye?

Being on a new council can be overwhelming, even if you've had your share of the spotlight. We can help with stomach-flipping nerves, conflict, or just getting everyone working as a new group.

Put the power of persuasion to work for you, your whole council, or your staff, with:

- Media and crisis communications training
- Strategic communications
- Policy and research
- Strategic planning and facilitation

Jeff Hryhoriw  
[jeff@zapwell.com](mailto:jeff@zapwell.com)

Andrew Rathwell  
[andrew@zapwell.com](mailto:andrew@zapwell.com)

**WWW.ZAPWELL.COM**  
306.751.2657

# 2006 Municipal election results

Thank you to the administrators who contributed municipal election results for this publication.

## Aberdeen

**Glen Ogilvy**, Jackie Boyenko, Dan Fletcher, Adrien Hamoline, Brian Jones, Laura Matheson, Bruce Voldeng

## Air Ronge

**Gordon Stomp**, Tom Carlson, Shane Delaney, Terry DesRoches, Jeff Simpson

## Albertville

**Louis Hradecki**, Corey Nygaard, Lloyd Warkentin

## Allan

Larry Sommerfeld, Valerie Anderson, Lorne Grumetza, Pat O'Grady, Clarence Platz, Randy Schmaltz, Edward Senger

## Arborfield

**Randal Rusk**, Dwight Thesen, Ken Soucy, Allan Gray, Robert Cummings, Robert Kapeller, Earl Clark

## Arcola

**Harry Laurent**, Sheane Birnie, Michael Ellis, Adam Manastyski, Ken McMillan, Clint McNeil, Sheila Sim

## Asquith

**Charles Chappell**, Gail Erhart, Blaine Ganchar, Doug Haugrud, Steven Quiring, Diana Rice, Kelly Wolfe

## Assiniboia

**Paul Topola**, Walter Chipak, Bill Dyck, Kim Ford, Carol Hogg, Bev Monea, Bob Pickard

## Balcarres

**Dwight Dixon**, Stanley Aldous, Earl Bacon, Rob Derkach, Chad Keisig, Gordon Michayluk, Harry Paus

## Battleford

**Chris Odishaw**, Cameron Duncan, David George, Bill Halewich, Donna Lavin, Derek Mahon, Garth Walls

## Beatty

**Harvey Rainville**, Angela Bragg, Julie Lacroix,

## Beechy

**Francis Fleuter**, Bernard Flynn, Devin Hey, Craig Robberstad, Bruce Upton

## Bengough

**Madonna Unterreiner**, Robert Harrop, Bryce Harman, Alex Houssian, Scott Mooney, Trent Sillers, Allan Wieb

## Bethune

**Doug Patience**, Brenda Garbutt, Ron Gemmill, Brad Hebert, Glenn McEachern

## Biggar

**Ray Sadler**, Ron Arnold, Jim Besse, Dale Buxton, Pat Grondin, Penny McCallum, Kirk Sherbino

## Big River

**Sandra Gilbert**, Ken Easterbrook, Al Hrynkiw, Dorothy Kuzhaus, Patricia Lobe

## Bredenbury

**Glenn Langford**, Fred Nicholson, Twila Brears, Dave Herron, Olga Mosiman

## Broadview

**Sid Criddle**, Brent Bagshaw, Wayne Berlin, Esther Bonk, Patrick Chaskavich, Larry Hedman, Stan Morden

## Bruno

**Audrey Ludwig**, Karrie Derouin, Laurel Grayson, Bernie Huber, Gregor Kehrig, Larry Sorokoski, Kevin Thiel

## Buchanan

**Adam Kosar**, Morley Leung, Nicholas Woloschuk

## Burstall

**Ken Hook**, Don Barg, Bill Brodie, Brad Dieterle, Horld Jansma, Derek Moore, Terry Volk

## Buena Vista

**Larry Hall**, Bill Dinu, Terry Loustel, Cam Mackay, Al McKenzie

## Cabri

Robert Oldhaver, Mark Bang, Norman Bue, David Culham, Tanis Fahselt, Lindsay Kelsey, Barry McGuigan

## Canora

**Terry Dennis**, Lawrence Hanewich, Sylvester

## Canwood

**Art Young**, Shirley Danberg, Michael Morrison, Gord Plantz, Jeff Willoughby

## Carmichael

**M.C. Wells**, Bill Horsburgh, Alvin Metz

## Carnduff

**Jack McFarlane**, Roy Annetts, Ross Apperley, Joan Barber, Verdeen Matthewson, Howard Parr, Paul Puffalt

## Caronport

**Roydon Taylor**, Clint Goetz, Mark Schulz

## Carrot River

**Jim Doherty**, Scott Brownlee, Dale Debienne, Henry Doerksen, Robert Gange, Michael Kozun, Edward Little

## Churchbridge

**May Walter Karau**, Dwight Basken, Deloris Christian, Ronald Daum, Jim Galant, Alderman Matcyk, Russell Thies

## Chamberlain

**Kevin Uhrich**, Lyle Bennett, Ed Eberts

## Chaplin

**Michael Forsberg**, Jack Doell, Bruce Tyler, Ellen Myketiak, Darrell Benson

## Christopher Lake

**Denis Daughton**, Karen Elliot, Diana Stachniak

## Clavet

**Blair Bentley**, Lloyd Driedger, Winston Jack, Cor Lobbes, Curtis Taylor

## Codette

**Natalie Hipkins**, Edward Ens, Brad Reed, Doug Tait, Leo Wiebe

## Colonsay

**James Gray**, Jack Campbell, Sandy Edmison, Pat Kindrat, Rick Kowalski, Amanda, Sutherland, Scott Yausie

## Conquest

**Doug Lemon**, Gerry Harris, Doug Jones, Marcia Lemon Michael Wytrykus

## Coronach

**Skip McBain**, Troy Bartlett, Colleen Christopherson-Cote, Guy Hiltz, Emerson Jones, Tom McLay, Edward Plumb

## Craik

**Rodney Haugerud**, Richard Rogers, Mark Thomson, Wanda Paradis, Richard Bisson, Peter McIntosh

## Craven

**Andri Vandeven**, Jeff Arnold, Tom Buhay, Michael Spanier, Leighton Watts

## Creelman

**Don Anslow**, Victor Bresett, Tyler Gerry, Allan Gottfried, George Patterson

## Creighton

**Bruce Fidler**, Don Aasen, Roland Beasse, Valery Chute, Kevin Elliott, LaVern Hinzman, Colleen Stallard

## Cumberland House

**Andy McKay**, Garry Carriere, Brian Charboyer, Denise Mackenzie, Aileen Thomas

## Cupar

**Val Orb**, Neil Schulhauser, Cheryl Boha, Merv Casteel, Cory Haines, Alvin Nameth, Don Jeworski

## Cut Knife

**Germaine Vany**, Gary Brackenbury, Sandra Feser, Fred Roschker, Robert Rowat, Darrel Thomas, Grant Wasmuth

## Dalmeny

**Allan Earle**, Joel Mierau, Matt Bradley, Harvey Nelson, James Earle, Mike Furi, Quentin Attwater

## Davidson

**Mary Jane Morrison**, Jeff Alexander, Mary Ann Chomyshen, Cliff Cross, Adrian Schmiedge, Clayton Schneider, Jason Shaw

## Debden

**Ron Reves**, Ed Boutin, Norman Cyr, Dean Demers, Luci O'Brien

## Delisle

**Rita Pfoh**, Jimmy Climenhaga, Bruce Gamble, Melanie Hartley, Buck McFarlane, Darcy Peakman, Teresa Shirley

## Denzil

**Murray Sieben**, Ken Dewald, Gordon Deck, Doug Koch

## Disley

**Norman Noel**, Cliff Folk, Jeffrey Keith

## Dubuc

**Melba McAlpine**, Margaret Ellwood, Marvin Horachek

## Duff

**Louise Thompson**, Eldon Hitchens

## Eastend

**Terry Haggart**, Bryce Busse, Brent Giverhaug, Kendal McCuaig, Charles Michel, Dennis Webster, Sean Whitney

## Eatonia

**Bob Peters**, Clifford Brummund, Shelly Eckstein, Trent Klarenbach, Debra Kroeker, Kent Schurman, Mary Skjei

## Elbow

**David Cross**, John Alderman, Garry Dunn, Shawn Graham, Adam Wonnick

## Englefeld

**Darrell Athmer**, Dean Carnago, Hal Carnago, Arden Herman, Lloyd Knafelc

## Esterhazy

**Herb Hozjan**, Ryan Banga, Linda Chomos, Barry Hassler, Pauline Jeannot, Robert Unchulenko, Richard Zurburg

## Estevan

**Gary St. Onge**, Lori Carr, Lynn Chipley, Brian Johnson, Roy Ludwig, Dennis Moe, Shirley Thera

## Eston

**Al Heron**, Chari Collinge, Kirk Cumiskey, Stan Johnston, Bob Mullock, Lori Ries, Audrey Tumback

## Fillmore

**Marvin Chambers**, Dean Hanson, Cam Hart, Tracey Kyrylchuk, Bill Wall

## Fleming

**Philip Hamm**, Dale Barry, David Black, Cherie Dukart, Ashley Dingman, Tina Durbin, Garry Lawrence

## Fort Qu'Appelle

**Ron Osika**, Jeff Brown, Lee Finishen, Jenny Melanson, Connie Wowchuk, Dave

Yanish, Dave Yee

## Fox Valley

**Larry Hudec**, Ryan Bachmier, Mark Hudec, Delia Hughes, Dale Schneider

## Frontier

**Connie Korsberg**, Garry Bakken, Darwin Heggstad, David Miller, Barb Nesland

## Gerald

**Rudy Lonoway**, Glen Moore, Trevor Rieger

## Glenavon

**Herb Schmidt**, Blair Arnott, Neil Ennis, Pat Hammond, Bill Sluser

## Grand Coulee

**David Kinvig**, Gerald Deschene, Bob Ferguson, Ron Highet, Kevin Kasha

## Gravelbourg

**Fern Bouvier**, Ronald Bouvier, Toos Giesen, Paulette Hawkins, Louis Leclair, Roger Loiselle, Darcy Stefiuk

## Green Lake

**Fred McCallum**, Jackie Kennedy, Art Laliberte, Dan Martian, Gordon Rediron

## Grenfell

**Dave DeVos**, Tyler Carles, Ken Hamnett, Marc Saleski, Colin Traub, Bruce Urschel, Rod Wolfe

## Hague

**Patricia Wagner**, Martin Fehr, Roy Fehr, Alice Funk, Ken Klassen Rod Sawatzky, Carey Zacharias

## Hanley

**Don Lynn**, Dianne Ballard, Linda deRegt, Daryl Grindheim, Don Measor, Clint Sira, Dwight Thall

## Hepburn

**Barbara Adams Eichendorf**, Jamie Fehr, Wayne Hildebrand, Warren Jeschke, Jack Braun

## Herbert

**Al Kildaw**, Clifford Belter, Anita Faye Dyck, Carol Goertzen, Albert Hildebrandt, Ellery Janz, Doreen Schroeder

## Hazenmore

**Gary Loverin**, Gordon Bramall, Larry Wall

## Hodgeville

**Leanne Sabasch**, Andrea Brown, Adam Krieser, Rob Olsen

## Humboldt

**Malcolm Eaton**, Aaron Behiel, Leon Fleischhacker, Gordon Lees, Rob Muench, Philip Smith, Leon Winkel

## Indian Head

**Al Hubbs**, Ron Braithwaite, Lisa Craigie, Steven Cole, Norman Johner, Thor Johnson, Tim Reihl

## Kamsack

**Darryl Binkley**, Betty Dix, John Fernuik, William Glagoloff, Karen Koreluik, Helen MacFarlane, Tim Woollard

## Kelliher

**Vic Maydonick**, Sue Blight, Darcy King, Joseph Lambert, Winnie Yanko

## Kelvington

**Edward Tetelowski**

## Kennedy

**Tye Cancade**, Juanita Armstrong, Yvonne Bertalon, Barb Dixon, Jill Dorrance

## Kenossee Lake

**Lyle Basken**, Stuart Balfour, Wendy Cur-

## SUMA Regional Committees 2006-09

<b>Central</b>	Mayor Sharon Armstrong	Wynyard
Cities	Mayor Larry Sommerfield*	Allan
Towns	Mayor Val Orb	Cupar
Villages	vacant	
<b>East Central</b>	Councillor Randy Goulden	Yorkton
Cities	Councillor Mike Fisher	Melville
Towns	Mayor Tom Gall	Springside
Villages	vacant	
<b>Northeast</b>	Mayor Roland Zimmer	Tisdale
Cities	Alderman Lynn Abbott	Melfort
Towns	Councillor Basil Forsberg	Nipawin
Villages	Mayor Nathalie Hipkins	Codette
* Member "At-Large" - there are no cities in the Central region		

<b>Northwest</b>	Mayor Gordon Hall	St. Walburg
Cities	Alderman Herb Flieger	Lloydminster
Towns	Mayor Ben Buhler	Osler
Villages	Mayor Larry MacDaid	Edam
<b>Southeast</b>	Councillor Bill Rudachyk	Weyburn
Cities	Mayor Gary St. Onge	Estevan
Towns	Councillor Denise Peter	Whitewood
Villages	Mayor David Mayer	Sedley
<b>Southwest</b>	Mayor Sandy Larson	Swift Current
Cities	Councillor Jerrod Schafer	Swift Current
Towns	Mayor Renaud Bissonnette	Willow Bunch
Villages	Mayor Leanne Sabasch	Hodgeville
<b>West Central</b>	Mayor Al Heron	Eston
Cities	vacant	
Towns	Mayor Chris Odishaw	Battleford
Villages	vacant	

rie, Jack Gilliss, Dennis Gustafson  
**Kerrobart**  
**Gary Smith**, Myrna Kissick, Brent Hebron, Marty Baroni, Brian Feser, JoAnne Schell, Wayne Mock  
**Kincaid**  
**Cynthia Gross**, Heather Archer, Bernie Miller  
**Kinistino**  
**Leonard Margolis**, Corey Bacon, Leonard Ethier, Kurt Margolis, Jim McNulty, Dian Merkosky, Mike Soulier  
**Kipling**  
**Kevin Hassler**, Kevin Kish, Max Krecsy, Glen Kuhn, Duane Leicht, Mark Olson, Darren Szakacs  
**Kisbey**  
**John Houston**, Robert Duncan, Roy Lequyer, Clifford Nankivell, Jim Johnston  
**Lafèche**  
**Raymond Clermont**, Cail Bouvier, Jean Briere, Laurie Hicks, Emile Martineau, Maxine Ann Tallon, Hal Walters  
**Laird**  
**Gary Fischer**, Judy Redekopp, Ralph Schidlowsky  
**Landis**  
**Bernard Ochs**, Sheila Braithwaite, Lionel Brule, Jerome Ehry, Kevin Schwebius  
**Langham**  
**Martin Hanly**, Darcy Bulitz, Gerry Chouinard, Gary Epp, Roy Hansen, Scott McIntyre, Glen Thiessen  
**La Ronge**  
**Joe Hordyski**, Tracy Fiske, Doreen Polischuk, Roger Schooley, Thomas Sierzycki, William Stewart, Mike Wolkosky  
**Lashburn**  
**Steven Turnbull**, Al Kolybab, Kevin McNay, Doug Rankin, Lisa Shendaruk, Hank Skinner, Kristie Twidale  
**Leask**  
**Bob Hryniuk**, Gordon Harris, Arthur Spriggs, Lorraine Madsen, Mervin Prys-tupa  
**Leoville**  
**Ron Craswell**, Louise Beaulac, Marcel Bruneau, Ernest Denis, Gordon Kohls  
**LeRoy**  
**Morris Hartman**, Ken Crowter, Keith Dale, Ben Dyck, Denis McKnight, Brian Thoen, Bill Work  
**Lipton**  
**Doug Blatter**, Gerald Huber, Brad Knowles, Marvis Seel, Pat Todd  
**Lloydminster**  
**Ken Baker**, Thomas Altman, Alan Cayford, Herb Fliieger, Merv Loewen, Paul Richer, Rob Saunders  
**Loreburn**  
**Bruce Hagen**, Travis Brown, Richard Rendall, Seteven South, Vanessa Tastad  
**Lumsden**  
**Verne Barber**, Ron Hart, Dan Kirby, Wayne Mackay, Sid Sikorski, Al Sulma, Gerry Tomkins  
**Major**  
**Veryl Richelhoff**, Darcy Crawford, Dan Wenzel  
**Maple Creek**  
**Anne Weisgerber**, John Andreas, Ellaine Hawrylak, Harvey Pickett, David Rowley, Barry Rudd, Mel Sharp  
**Marcelin**  
**Dale Butler**, Norman Desjardins, David Grenier, Tom Hatfield, Shane Lalonde  
**Margo**  
**Neil Trach**, Henry Korchalo, Dale Redman  
**Marshall**  
**Noella Hill**, Monty Boser, Dave Cruickshank, Derek Van Tetre, Blair Jezowski  
**Martensville**  
**Giles Saulnier**, Tyson Chillog, Terri Hetterly, Terry Kostyna, Kent Muench, Gord Rutten, Travis Wiebe  
**Maryfield**  
**Dave Hill**, Tom Cairns, Valerie Fouillard, Darryl Rathgeber, Don Renwick  
**McLean**  
**Cliff Ebenal**, Murray Grad, James Potter, Jamie Torry, Leigh Wilson  
**Medstead**  
**Robert Bosnan**, Leonard Barbondy, Kathleen Drieschner, Trevor Short, Wendy Watson  
**Melfort**  
**Kevin Phillips**, Lynn Abbott, Diane Degelman, Terry Elliott, Rick Lang, Doug Terry, Jason White  
**Melville**  
**Walter Streelasky**, Curtis Brooks, Gord Brown, Michael Fisher, Ken Karius, Valdeen Mathies, Courtney Vaudner  
**Mendham**  
**Kevin Angerman**, Jeff Marshall, Randy

Schneider  
**Meota**  
**Terry Tait**, Kevin Foster, Pearl Hawkins, Valerie Holowach, Linda Jones  
**Middle Lake**  
**Gordon Koeflerle**, Kenton Friesen, Trevor Otsig  
**Milestone**  
**Richard Galbraith**, Jeff Brown, Judy Moorhead, Neil Garratt, Bev Seibert, Michelle Henry, Bernard Churko  
**Minton**  
**Orville Corbin**, Alfred Bell, Dennis Simpart  
**Missinipe**  
**Zac Adams**, Ric Driediger, Leo Jacobsen, Paul Lyons, Angela Saalmann  
**Montmartre**  
**Cal Abrahamson**, Robert Chittenden, Patsy Fisher, David Little, Henry Stoppler  
**Moose Jaw**  
**Dale McBain**, Darin Chow, Mary-Dell Findlay, Dawn Luhnning, Regina Sagal-Henry, Al Schwinghamer, Brian Swanson  
**Morse**  
**Bob Patterson**, Jamie Baxter, Louis Fafard, Ken Koch, Bob Olynick, Jason Spate, Linda Toews  
**Muenster**  
**Bueno Korte**, Dick Blechinger, Bill Szaute-ner, Bob Bergemann, Chad Dobmeier  
**Neville**  
**Harvey Linnen**, Richard Peru, Henry Sawatzky  
**Nipawin**  
**Glen Day**, George Belchamber, Dennis Hryhor, Basil Forsberg, Gail Knox, Barry Richer, Dave Trann  
**North Battleford**  
**Julian Sadowski**, Don Buglas, Terry Lynn Cann, Ray Fox, Ian Hamilton, Grace Lang, Brad Pattinson  
**North Portal**  
**Murray Arnold**, Kevin Vancuren, Joe Yurkowski  
**Ogema**  
**Wayne Myren**, Barbara Caird, Melvin Horner, Ken Klemenz, Carol Peterson, Gordon Stewart, Edward Struthers  
**Osler**  
**Ben Buhler**, Jason Doell, Jason Pauls, Darryl Penner, Wayne Piper, Dick Braun, Gren Neufeld  
**Outlook**  
**Bob Stephenson**, Floyd Childerhose, Ross Derald, Kevin McCormick, Tony Peter, David Simonson, Donna Smith  
**Oxbow**  
**Dale Ching**, Bob Woodward, Dianne Mathison, Randy Peet, Doug Pierce, Cam Rutledge, Judy Swanson  
**Pelly**  
**Sharon Nelson**, Judy Chernoff, Robert Dercach, Heath Morin, Mary Jean Vogel  
**Pense**  
**Linda Goetz**, Chad Fenrick, Michele LeBlanc, Scott Klemp, Dave Parsons  
**Pilot Butte**  
**Ed Zsombor**, Sid Bowles, Gerhardt Ernst, Norm Halipchak, Don Distner, Don Leir, Cheryl Tonita  
**Ponteix**  
**Etiennette Binette**, Claude Desautels, Shawn Laroche, Ernie Lemieux, Guy Roberge, Leo Thibault, Brian Walters  
**Porcupine Plain**  
**Terry Zip**, Brent Dighton, Gaylge Graham, Andy Nerlien, Marvyn Pickering, John Slobodian, Darrell Zenuk  
**Preeceville**  
**Garth Harris**, Ollie Maksymiw, Sheldon Nelson, Johnny Petryshyn, Beatrice Sekel, Jim Ward, Brian Yates  
**Prince Albert**  
**Jim Scarrow**, Darcy Gervais, Greg Dionne, Lee Atkinson, Shawn Williams, Fred Matheson, Martin Ring, John Swystun, Ted Zurakowski  
**Punnichy**  
**Victor Senft**, Patricia Dawson, Paul Jessop, Margaret Korchinski, Dean Schlosser  
**Quill Lake**  
**Robert Walker**, Robert Benjamin, Carol Hoffos, Lyle Thibault, Wally Wray  
**Quinton**  
**Ralph Brockman**, Colette Brockman, Elaine Gliddon  
**Radville**  
**David Bellavance**, Kenneth Bourassa, Shirley Cancade, Douglass Erickson, Dan Ferris, Dwight Fisher, Brian Meston  
**Rama**  
**Darrell Dutchak**, Jeffrey Hunter Darryl McLeod  
**Regina**  
**Pat Fiacco**, Louis Browne, Jocelyn Hutch-

inson, Fred Clipsham, Michael Fougere, Bill Gray, Wade Murray, Sharron Bryce, Mike O'Donnell, Terry Hincks, Jerry Flegel  
**Regina Beach**  
**Duane Klippenstine**, Peter Counios, Janey Davies, Karen May Robert Petrovitch, George Soloman Schofield, Michael Zaleschuk  
**Richmond**  
**Barry Manz**, Al Korol, Glen Nickell  
**Riverhurst**  
**Joe Dumonceau**, Robert Anderson, Alfred Gunsch, Rod Haley, Don Pollock  
**Rockglen**  
**Leonard Davey**, Faye Elford, Leo Lamontagne, Jodie Lanford, Ron Prefontaine, Michael Ryan, Elden Walter  
**Rosetown**  
**Brian Gerow**, Dale Arsenault, Tim Askin, Gary Groves, Jamie Kemp, Grant Martens, Rome Molsberry  
**Saltcoats**  
**Woody Bjarnson**, Kim Cooper, Grant McCallum, Jim McCallum, Robert Morgan, Don Ward, Brenda Wiley  
**Saskatoon**  
**Don Atchison**, Darren Hill, Pat Lorje, Moe Neault, Myles Heidt, Gordon Wyant, Charlie Clark, Bob Pringle, Glen Penner, Tiffany Paulsen, Bev Dubois  
**Semans**  
**Ray Lamontagne**, Malcolm Bains, Jay Holmes, Mark Ladner, Duane Linford  
**Shaunavon**  
**Sharon Dickie**, Mark Benesh, Pat Billard, Mike Elmgren, Alan Ruetz, Richard Whyte, Janelle Wickstrom  
**Sheho**  
**Dennis Zoski**, Angeline Sebulsky, Leonard Sebulsky  
**Shellbrook**  
**John Young**, Bruce Clements, Louis Freeman, Don Moe, Kathleen Nording, Amund, Otterson, George Tomporowski  
**Southey**  
**Martin Lingelbach**, Leigh Bishop, Judy Heintzig-Mackinnon, Ryan Kainz, Brian Langford, Ron Off, Terri Schultz  
**Spiritwood**  
**Gary von Holwede**, James Bedi, Stan Chubak, Kelsey Dortman, Dave Hujber, Ragnar Latus, Bruce Rogers  
**Springside**  
**Tom Gall**, Alvin Breitkreuz, Wayne Cantelo, Dan Derow, Al Langley, Donn Laube, Evelyn Roberson  
**Spy Hill**  
**Allan Perrin**, Darwin Burkholder, Elgin Clark, Terry Geuroloff  
**St. Brieux**  
**Pauline Boyer**, Maurice Boyer, Dan Clif-ford, Tony Kosokowsky, Pat Yeager  
**St. Gregor**  
**Doug Hogemann**, Brad Frerichs, Wayne Hogemann  
**St. Louis**  
**Roland Petit**, Bonnie Kuppenbender, Denis Patrick, Les Rancourt, Sonny Vandale  
**St. Walburg**  
**Gordon Hall**, Tony Leeson, Claude Lalonde, Walter Looshorn, Mae Troztzuk, Keith Schneider, Mark Lussier  
**Stony Rapids**  
**Daniel Powder**, Doris MacDonald, Gerald, MacDonald, Mervin MacDonald  
**Stoughton**  
**Don Knibbs**, Rob Andris, Ken Bahnuck, Clarence Hoffort, Bill Knous, Blaine Morrison, Keith Tramer  
**Sturgis**  
**Don Olson**, Wilfred Boychuk, Alan Homberg, Jeff Michel, Bert Suknasky, Hazel Urbanoski, Brian Wiwarchuk  
**Swift Current**  
**Sandy Larson**, Gord Budd, Tim Bugera, Stacey Ellertson, Tim Keene, Jerrod Schafer, John Wall

**Tisdale**  
**Roland Zimmer**, Bob Burgess, Leanne Doppler, Al Jellicoe, Richard Lamb, Carson Penner, William Zorn  
**Tompkins**  
**John Woodward**, Laurie Crothers, Pat Robinson, Gloria Somerville, Bernie Spuzak  
**Unity**  
**Kathryn Johnson**, Richard Briggs, William Fraser, Bryan Hammer, Sylvia Maljan, Don Robertson  
**Val Marie**  
**Roland Facette**, January Legault, Rene Perrault, John Reynolds, Karin Smith-Fargey  
**Vanscoy**  
**Keith Lensen**, Merv Easton, Wilfred Gordon, James Thompson, Jacob Waters  
**Vibank**  
**Wesley Wolfe**, Roger Ecarot, Paul Flaman, Shane Henderson, Darrell Weisgerber  
**Viscount**  
**Moe Kirzinger**, Andie Anderson, Armand Clavelle, Dale Wagner, Greg Wagner  
**Warman**  
**Sheryl Spence**, Tracy Marshall, Kevin Martens, Sharon Martens, Gary Philipchuk, Kendall Shram, Tyler Wiebe  
**Watson**  
**Ted Reifferscheid**, Dan Beuker, Sheri Biemans, Rick Haussecker, Tim Strunk, Ed Weber, Dale Lung  
**Wawota**  
**Norm Oliver**, Larry Edwards, Don Horvath, Roger L'Arrivee, Doug Wight  
**Weldon**  
**Neil Ball**, Stan Apesland, Howard Tarry  
**Weirdale**  
**Garry Sumlic**, Sandra Moritz  
**Welwyn**  
**Joe Santer**, Willa Overholt, Darcy Pepsin  
**Weyburn**  
**Debra Button**, Bill McKenzie, Dick Michel, Bill Rudachuk, Rob Stephanson, Nancy Styles, Dave Craigen  
**White City**  
**Bruce Evans**, Tim Kalynchuk, Fran Passmore, Mark Schwartz, Howard Slack, Cecil Snyder, Darhl Vercaigne  
**White Fox**  
**Gary Vidnes**, Mary Lou Peterson, Cliff Rose, Barry Senger, Don Tait  
**Wilkie**  
**Wally Lorenz**, Jason Halter, Mary Ellen Herzog, Allen Irwin, Gus MacMaster, Alex Majewski, David Ziegler  
**Willow Bunch**  
**Renaud Bissonnette**, Gisele Fafard, Wayne Joyal, Nichole Lesperance-Gellner  
**Windthorst**  
**Tim Dew**, Norm Jones, Rhonda Kapell, Trevor Parley, Doug Pusch  
**Wolseley**  
**Denton Keating**, Curtis Douan, Keith Ennis, Gerald Hill, Larry Hilderman, Frank Schneider, Tim Taylor  
**Wiseton**  
**Jim McDonald**, Les Meyers, Tim Roszell, John Seargeant  
**Wynyard**  
**Sharon Armstrong**, Albert Boylak, Sheila Hitchings, Greg Kostyk, Danny Kucey, George Lamb, Paul Lendzyk  
**Yellow Grass**  
**William Wilke**, Wendy Carver, Dale Dixon, Donna Johnstone, Richard Klatt, Barry Murray, Charles Shugart  
**Yorkton**  
**Chris Wyatt**, Les Arnelien, Dick DeRyk, Randy Goulden, Bob Maloney, Larry Pearen, James Wilson  
**Zenon Park**  
**Sylvia Dion**, Maurice Lebel, Brigitte Seabrook, Trent Wassill

	consulting (sask.) ltd.
	<b>Project Engineers for:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Municipal Infrastructure</li> <li>• Water and Wastewater</li> <li>• Urban Streets and Transportation</li> <li>• Subdivision Planning and Land Development</li> <li>• Solid Waste</li> <li>• Golf Courses and Recreation</li> </ul>	<p><u>Contact:</u>  <b>J.W. (Jim) Campbell, P.Eng.</b></p> <p>1601A - 4th Avenue  Regina, SK S4R 8P9</p> <p>Phone: (306) 757-8694  Fax: (306) 757-4202  E-mail: epec@epec-consulting.com</p>

# 2007 Convention

## Bold Leadership, Sustainable Communities

Saskatchewan municipalities are subject to both the strength and fragility of our existence. Bold leadership and sustainability can only happen when all three orders of government are locked together working towards a common goal. As with the rings of the convention logo, if you remove one important component, the entire structure falls apart. The 102nd SUMA annual convention February 4-7, 2007 in Saskatoon will go beyond best practices to explore the issue of municipal sustainability.

Register early to ensure you are able to attend the break-out sessions of your choice as well as qualify for the early bird registration fee. The convention program and registration forms are included with this issue of the Urban Voice.

### **Bold Leadership - going beyond best practices**

What is new and innovative in the world of municipal governance? In our programming we will go beyond best practices to new technologies and concepts that you can apply in your municipality. The areas we will cover through our education sessions on Sunday are immigration, water technology, recycling and waste management, local policing, managing municipal operations and human resources management.

### **Sustainable Communities require bold leadership for community development.**

The two main sessions will deal with new directions in community development and leadership. What new directions will we be looking at? Sustainability is a modern catch phrase that plays a part in federal and provincial funding. Regional Cooperation is key to sustainability. Sharing services within the region will also play a major role. What role can immigration play in increasing

your population and workforce? You are the leaders in your communities - are there new directions you can be taking? Are there best practices that you are not aware of? These sessions will address all of these issues.

### **Cabinet participation**

Premier Calvert and Minister Harry Van Mulligen have been invited to address our delegates. Government Relations will set up an office at TCU Place for the entire convention to enable the Minister and his staff to meet with you.



Other cabinet ministers and their staff will also be available. Please check the SUMA website at [www.suma.org](http://www.suma.org) for updates. The last day of convention is Cabinet day. First, you will have the opportunity to participate in dialogue sessions with individual cabinet members. This will be followed with the Bear Pit with the Premier and his Cabinet. SUMA recognizes the importance of this time to interact with members of the provincial government.

### **Municipal Marketplace Tradeshow**

Now the largest trade show of its kind in western Canada, with over 160 displays you will have the opportunity to meet the primary suppliers to the municipal market. What is new and innovative? What existing products will meet your

needs? Our strategic partners will be there, along with many new companies who can provide valuable services to your community.

SUMA is also sending you complimentary passes so you can invite your town foremen, senior purchasing staff and public works people to attend the tradeshow. That way, you can meet together with the suppliers. Delegates have indicated they consider the tradeshow a major component of the convention. In return, the tradeshow exhibitors underwrite a major portion

of convention expenses, allowing us to keep our registration fees as low as they are.

Breakfast will be available in the tradeshow area on Monday and Tuesday morning at 8:00 a.m. By attending the trade show you will be eligible for a major delegate draw on each of the two days. At your request, we will be providing refreshment breaks in the convention area as well as the tradeshow area. It is our hope that this will encourage you to visit exhibitor booths.

### **Awards and recognition**

Long serving elected officials and municipal employees will be recognized by SUMA at the President's Banquet on Tuesday. We enjoy recognizing these deserving individuals in front of their peers.

### **Networking**

Networking with your peers is fun and informative. SUMA's Annual Convention provides the best opportunity to share with mayors and councillors from across the province. As well, members have a voice in reviewing the policies and bylaws of the Association, and to vote on resolutions for the coming year. You will also hear details on issues other communities are experiencing and how they are addressing challenges. We encourage you to make use of social events and breaks to network with members, renew acquaintances and meet new people - expand your network.

### **Social Events**

Sunday night you'll enjoy the sites and sounds of Vegas during the Viva Las Vegas Night! You'll actually think you're in Vegas when you see "An Evening with the Legends," performed by entertainer and celebrity impersonator Robert Larrabee. Come on out, try your luck at the Casino tables (funny money only), take in some great entertainment and get acquainted with your fellow delegates.

On Monday night, the Board of Directors invites you to Hospitality Night at the Park Town Hotel. Drop by, mingle with friends, and sing a song or two.

Tuesday night is the President's Banquet. This gala evening will feature dinner, awards ceremony and entertainment provided by the highly talented ventriloquist/comedian Don Bryan and his hilarious cast of characters.

### **Partners Program**

While you are attending the SUMA convention, your partner is welcome to register for the Partners' Program. Full information is included with this issue of the Urban Voice.

Don't take **water quality** for granted.

MUNICIPALITIES VALUE PURE DRINKING WATER. WE DO TOO.

**Concentra**  
FINANCIAL

Saskatchewan  
Credit Unions 

[www.concentrafinancial.ca](http://www.concentrafinancial.ca) > [www.saskcu.com](http://www.saskcu.com)

Credit Unions of Saskatchewan, in partnership with Commercial Leasing from Concentra Financial, offer municipalities an affordable range of financing options for investing in water infrastructure projects.

Like you, we have community interests at heart.

Contact your local credit union or Concentra Financial.

® HANDS & GLOBE Design is a registered certification mark owned by the World Council of Credit Unions and is used under license.

## Saskatchewan Scrap Tire Corporation on a roll

The Saskatchewan Scrap Tire Corporation (SSTC) recently celebrated a recycling milestone.

On November 1, the non-profit, industry-led association marked the eight millionth used tire collected in Saskatchewan under the province-wide tire recycling program.

The milestone comes just ten years into the tire program's history, demonstrating the tremendous success it has had diverting millions of potentially hazardous and environmentally harmful nuisance products from the Saskatchewan waste stream and recycling them into useful, marketable items.

"Most people probably don't know that the small recycling fee they pay when they re-tire a vehicle or buy a new car has made such



**SSTC Chairman Don Schlosser loads the 8 millionth tire to be recycled**

a huge difference for the environment. Can you imagine what eight million tires would look like in a landfill?" said SSTC Chairman Don Schlosser.

"Instead, the rubber from these tires has been reclaimed and recycled into products like patio paving blocks and safer playground surfaces for children. Tires recycled in Saskatchewan have been put to many good uses, from sports fields in our communities to better road and street construction projects," Schlosser added.

"Truck bed liners, livestock feeders, vehicle ramps, planters, mats – they're all being made from our scrap tires, and we're finding more good uses all the time."

Over the past decade, SSTC and its partners have cleaned over 150 urban and rural landfills of tire stockpiles that have been building up for several decades. This has added years to the lives of these important – and expensive – pieces of infrastructure, helped the environment, and reduced the health and safety risks posed by the scrap tires. Approximately 140 more landfills have yet to be reclaimed.

"Once this phase is complete, we will start to address the private tire stockpiles that can be found across the province," said Schlosser. "That's part of our mandate, too – but the program costs rise year after year, and we never seem to

have sufficient revenue to tackle them."

As a result, the Scrap Tire Corporation also announced changes in the tire recycling fees in Saskatchewan – the first increase since the program's inception in 1996. These fees are levied by the province's 1,200 tire retailers on all tires sold, and remitted to SSTC to fund the recycling program. The new rates take effect February 1, 2007.

Schlosser says the old fees no longer covered the cost of reclaiming the tires. "Without a rate increase, the future of this important environmental program was in doubt. The cost of virtually all inputs, particularly fuel and utilities, have risen dramatically over the past decade. So the fees that sustained the program for its first ten years are simply no longer sufficient," he noted.

The new fees will mean that SSTC can continue to collect scrap tires from retailer sites as they are generated, and deal with the backlog still present in municipal landfills and properties across the province.

The new rates vary depending on the type of tire. For passenger car and light truck tires, by far the largest category sold, the fees will increase 50 cents from \$3.50 to \$4 per tire. For medium truck tires, the recycling fee will increase from \$5 to \$9 apiece. For agriculture tires, the new rate will be \$15

each, up from \$10. And for the larger "off the road" tires, such as those used on mining equipment, the fees will rise from \$35 per tire to an average of between \$35 and \$75 apiece.

"The revised fees more accurately reflect the actual cost of collecting and recycling these various categories of tires," explained Schlosser. "They also bring Saskatchewan's rates more in line with those levied in other provinces."

Schlosser said the new fees will enable the Scrap Tire Corporation to continue the good work it has been doing across Saskatchewan for the past decade.

"When you look at the tire recycling programs offered in other provinces, many operate as branches of government or huge administrations. We're doing just as effective a job – if not better – with three paid staff members and a volunteer board of directors representing tire retailers, environmental groups and municipal associations," Schlosser stated.

"I think it's fair to say we've exceeded all expectations that may have been projected for our first ten years of operation. With the ongoing support of Saskatchewan people and our member associations, we plan to continue that trend well into the future."

## Administrators' Voice

by Debbie Machay, UMAAS Division 2

Employee recruitment/retention was the topic Rodney Audette chose for our last issue and I would like to "piggy back" on that.

Once we have been able to recruit employees, retaining those same people falls under human resources. We need to know and understand what a value re-human resources are.

In my file, under that topic, I have a copy of "A Short Course in Human Resources" that I wish to share with you. It simply says: The six most important words: "I admit I made a mistake." The five most important words: "You did a good job." The four most important words: "What is your opinion?" The three most important words: "If you please." The two most important words: "Thank you." The one most important word: "We." The LEAST important word: "I". How many of us would receive a passing grade? In the busy world of municipal

government, we are all called upon to do the "above and beyond," and that scope seems to continue to grow. That is exactly why it so important to value the people who make a success of our municipal offices, public works, recreation services and so much more. Our human resources contribute in a variety of ways... informing SaskTel of phone numbers, shutting services off due to a water leak in a neighbour's house at 2:00 a.m., setting the time frame for a SaskPower outage, making wasps disappear off a deck, arranging to have your back alley paved rather than a downtown street. I'm sure every one of us can relate to all of these, we just don't have the qualifications of a magician to make it all happen. But our employees certainly give it their best shot to do the best they can for the most people.

If we endeavour to put into practice the training received in the "short course" as well as other initiatives, the pay back is much greater than the actual cost in spending of taxpayers dollars. Some ideas worth consideration are long term serv-

ice awards, employee recognition programs or percentage matched RRSPs. These are only a small part of what we can do to show appreciation, activate incentive and encourage initiative.

Our employees are a precious

commodity that we need to value so they will still be part of our human resources tomorrow.

*Deb Machay is the Assistant Administrator in Maple Creek.*



**Crown Shred & Recycling Inc.**

**offers central marketing facilities to every corner of Saskatchewan with locations in Prince Albert, Saskatoon and Regina**

- Q** Does your community need a cardboard paper, tin and plastic recycling program?
- Q** Do you need a baler, cages, pallets or gaylords to efficiently handle a recycling program?
- A** Crown Shred and Recycling will assist you to set up a effective recycling program.
- A** Crown Shred & Recycling will accept all your newspaper, cardboard and plastic, as well as pay you top dollar.

**For the marketing of your material give Darlene Geleta a call at 306-949-4459**

Phone (306) 545-5454 • Fax (306) 545-6125 • E-mail [csrregina@sasktel.net](mailto:csrregina@sasktel.net)  
[www.crownshredandrecycling.com](http://www.crownshredandrecycling.com)

# Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers



It's been a hectic yet rewarding couple of months for Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers. The 2006 Crime Stoppers International Conference was held in Albuquerque, New Mexico from October 1 - 6, 2006. Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers was the recipient of an award for outstanding website design.

Also of note for Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers is the news of a new Provincial Coordinator for the Program. After three years as the Coordinator of Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers, Sgt. Doug Dersch will be moving on to a new position in Ottawa with the RCMP's National Community Policing Program. Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers would like to take this opportunity to thank Sgt. Dersch for all of his efforts over the past three years. Through his hard work and dedication, the Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers Program has become model of excellence for other Crime Stoppers Programs to follow.

Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers would like to wish the incoming coordinator, Sgt. Doug Coleman, all the best as he takes up his new duties. Sgt. Coleman brings a wealth of knowledge to his new position as he was most recently the Restorative Justice Coordinator in Saskatoon.

The following are some of the Unsolved Crimes currently posted on the Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers website. You can view these stories at [www.saskcrimestoppers.com](http://www.saskcrimestoppers.com). If you

have any information about these crimes, please contact Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS(8477); or you can leave a Tip online using the "Submit a Tip" feature found on the website. Remember, Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers is totally anonymous and your information could be worth a reward of up to \$2000.00!

## 1) Drive-By Purse Snatching - Lloydminster Detachment

Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers in conjunction with Lloydminster RCMP are asking for the public's help in solving the following crime. At approximately 3:30 PM on September 27th, 2006, a lone female was walking near the Atrium Centre in Lloydminster when an unknown male approached her on a bicycle. The suspect was headed westbound, and as he neared the woman, grabbed her purse and pedaled off.

The victim, obviously startled, was not able to provide much of a description of the suspect other than to say that he was wearing a brown jacket.

## 2) A Little Early Christmas Shopping? - Swift Current Detachment

Swift Current RCMP are looking for the person(s) responsible for stealing twelve Home Theatre Systems from a local business sometime overnight on September 28th, 2006. The systems are Electrohome 5.1 Home Theatre Systems, and were all still in their boxes at the time of the theft. Police indi-

cate that each box should show store product number 458900.

Do you know anyone who may have been doing a little early Christmas shopping? If so, please contact Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers.

## 3) Tools Stolen from Home Center Compound - Warman Detachment

Warman RCMP are reporting a Break/Enter and Theft from the Warman Home Centre compound. This incident took place sometime during the night of July 24th, 2006. Approximately \$15,000 worth of tools were stolen from three different contractors that had their tools stored at the compound.

## 4) Child Assaulted in Yorkton - Yorkton Municipal Detachment

Yorkton City RCMP and Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers are asking the public's assistance in solving the following serious crime which took place at a park in Yorkton.

Sometime on Saturday May 27th, 2006, a seven year old boy was playing alone in Jackson Park on Second Avenue North in Yorkton. The boy was approached by two native males and a native female. According to the boy, the three individuals were older than the victim, but were still kids themselves. No description could be given for the suspects.

The three suspects then sexually assaulted the boy and before they left, threw the victims clothes onto the roof of the gazebo in the park. The suspects also left with the victims blue, BMX-style bike. The bike was later recovered.

To date, police have no information as to the identity of the suspects and are asking the public for any information that may lead them to these suspects.

Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers  
1-800-222-Tips  
[www.saskcrimestoppers.com](http://www.saskcrimestoppers.com)



Families.  
Communities.  
The treasures of life  
are all around us.

*Wishing you*  
all the joys of the season!



Saskatchewan  
Government  
Relations

## CivicWeb

The Town of Porcupine Plain would like to thank iCompass Technologies for all the hard work and creativity in designing our new website. The staff at iCompass are exceptional – they are always courteous, accommodating and informative.

The Town of Porcupine Plain chose iCompass Technologies because of their unique web hosting qualities. One feature that was very important to us was having the ability to update the site "in house". We are able to ensure that the information on the website is as accurate and prompt as possible. The online training and technical support for the website are great resource tools for our staff.

To date, we have been receiving numerous compliments on the new site, particularly on the layout, events calendar and news pages. These compliments exemplify iCompass's abilities in being one of the best website hosts for municipal governments.

Again thank you iCompass for your dedication in making our website the best it can possibly be.

Alicia Kwasney  
Administrator, Town of Porcupine Plain



1-800-260-7409  
[www.icompassstech.com](http://www.icompassstech.com)

Reducing the costs and hassles in managing key administrative processes



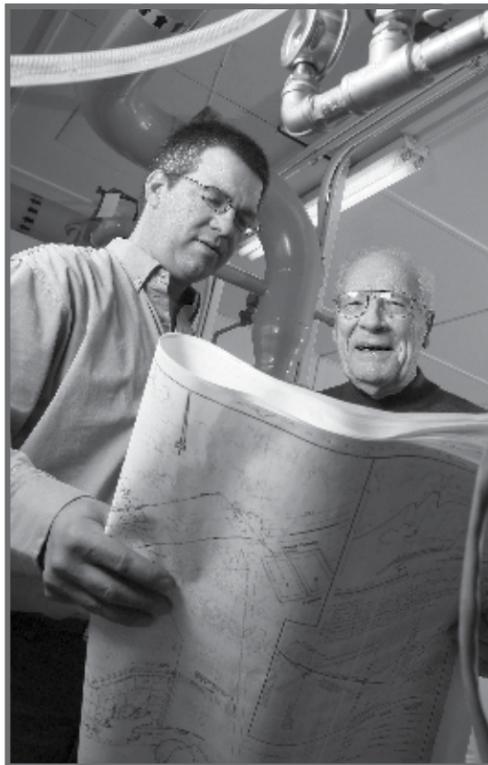
## Water System Upgrades at Elbow Support Growing Community

SaskWater recently completed major upgrades to the Village of Elbow's existing water treatment system, including the commissioning of a new packaged treatment plant. These upgrades will secure a sustainable water supply to meet seasonal and future customer demand, deliver consistent water pressure, and enable the use of more automated water treatment processes.

The Elbow water treatment plant currently serves about 600 permanent residents in the Villages of Elbow, Loreburn, Strongfield, rural users along the Line 19 Water Pipeline Utility, and the Harbor Golf Course and Lakeside Marina. The population served doubles to almost 1200 during the summer months.

"One of the biggest challenges associated with serving the Elbow area is the significant seasonal demand for water from cottage owners," said SaskWater President, Stuart Kramer. "During the winter, the system processes less than 50,000 gallons per day, but this can grow to over 100,000 gallons per day during the summer months." In some cases this led to severe water rationing using the old treatment plant.

The upgrades, which involved replacing the raw water pump and installing a new "packaged treatment plant" in the existing building, have more than doubled the plant's processing capacity from 150 US gallons per minute to 350 US gallons per minute. Now complete, existing and



Former Elbow Mayor turned Councilor, John Alderman, reviews water treatment plant upgrade plans with plant operator Martin Zdunich.

future residents served by the system will receive more consistent and higher quality water from their taps throughout the year.

This constant supply of quality water was the result the Elbow council was looking for when they started talking to SaskWater in 2004. The council recognized that capital funding to perform these upgrades

would have been difficult to fund on their own. After a period of discussion and analysis, the village decided to sell their existing system to SaskWater in September 2005. The purchase contract saw SaskWater assume responsibility for performing these recent, and any future system upgrades. "We sold 63 lots this summer, and are focused on designing the infrastructure to service them," said former Elbow Mayor, turned councilor, John Alderman. "Before we would have been concerned that additional residents would put too much pressure on our water system, but now we have plenty of water, and although we still have work to do on our distribution system, we anticipate selling more lots in the future."

The upgrades were completed on schedule during the month of October. SaskWater Operations staff, including Elbow Water Treatment Plant operators Martin Zdunich and Karen Fiske, was pleased with the results of their upgrade plan which prevented any service interruptions to customers during the installation of the new packaged plant and raw water pump. "With any upgrade there is a risk that something will not go as planned resulting in a service shut down or system depressurization," Dennis Frey, Operations District Manager said. "We were very pleased to complete this work without affecting the routines and activities of local residents."

SaskWater provides competitively-priced, customer-focussed, quality water and wastewater services.



**SaskWater**  
The Quality Advantage

## Managed hosting option expanding in Saskatchewan

The number of municipalities opting to use managed hosting for financial software over a traditional in-house solution is expanding. Vadim Software has recently seen usage almost triple in the past 12 months. The number of users has gone from 25 to 70. Vadim has recently pre-purchased more space and is now capable of hosting up to 150 users.

After 2 years, the due diligence has been completed showing the option is well proven, with no hidden system costs and has excellent day to day reliability.

Bruce Peever from the Town of Lincoln, Ontario was one of the first to pioneer the option in spring 2005. Bruce comments "the system speed is instantaneous and the stability is much better than our in-house server."

In the fall of 2004, Town administration from Melville, Saskatchewan visited the SaskTel data center prior to purchasing, to ensure site was protected. While on site they confirmed the technical expertise needed to maintain and support the hardware was available. Compatibility with their financial software was also confirmed for use in a managed hosting environment.

Blind River, Ontario, recently switched four clients previously hosted on internal servers. The SaskTel managed hosting server allows them to keep up to growing needs and address liability issues of their aging servers as they grow with the future.

Security of information meets the industry regulations with information mirrored every 5 minutes.

In Melfort, Saskatchewan, they

have generated a 50% cost savings by reducing the external IT contracts.

Fort Qu'appelle, Saskatchewan has recently upgraded to a new Vadim financial software package. "The hosting of the software with SaskTel has allowed us to operate from the newest technology without purchasing expensive hardware" states Administrator, Anna Mae Stainbrook.

Managed Hosting is becoming the norm with many offering cost savings, reliable service and security. Purchase prices are very affordable with subscription pricing now available. Soon all software will be delivered as a service. It's part of the evolution of the technology.

**What's an ASP or Managed Hosting Solution?**

An ASP solution is the accessing of

software and storage of data using the internet in a remote secure location such as the SaskTel Data Center in Regina. A building within a building hosts servers in a safe protected environment. The client leases space owned by the software supplier who has purchased banks of server space from SaskTel and maintains the upgrades for the clients. Servers are backed up at continuous intervals every day. Uptime is 99.7%. Software is loaded and managed by the financial software vendor leaving the city free to look after their customers. Vadim is the industry leader in providing managed hosting solutions for local government.

Vadim Software offers complete details and demos of municipal financial software by calling 1-866-763-7654.