



**March 22, 2010**

**News:**

**Building Communities through Arts and Heritage Program**

If your community hosts a recurring festival, or plans to celebrate an important local anniversary, event organizers may be eligible for funding under the Government of Canada's Building Communities through Arts and Heritage Program. For more information on the program, please click [here](#). Please note this funding is available for non-profit groups.

**2010 Budget Webinars**

A good number of municipalities that have finished their 2009 financial statements have been inquiring on how they perform the 2010 budgets in light of the tangible capital asset amortization expense. As indicated in the October 2009 financial statement workshops, it is recommended that municipalities develop a budget similar to the ones done in the past to properly determine overall cash needs.

To assist administrators through the process, a handful of webinars are going to be available for those who wish to receive some guidance over the internet. The webinar will be approximately 30 minutes in length, with it being delivered over GotoMeeting. A recorded webinar will be available on the [www.saskca.ca](http://www.saskca.ca) website for those who cannot make it to the scheduled webinars. Registration is being taken at <http://www.saskca.ca/seminar-registration.php> under the 2010 budget module.

If there is any assistance required outside of the webinars, support is available by submitting an inquiry through the helpline at [www.saskca.ca](http://www.saskca.ca).

**Save a drop. Save a lot.**

To celebrate World Water Day on March 22, SaskWater is encouraging water conservation practices in Saskatchewan. Conserving water is easy, simple and can be a part of your daily routine. For more water conservation tips, please click [here](#).

**FCM 2009 Watershed Awards**

The Watershed Awards will recognize communities that demonstrate leadership in their efforts to adapt to climate change by developing strategies to minimize exposure to flooding and water damage. The award will recognize important work by forward-thinking communities that might otherwise go unnoticed. The deadline for submission is April 9, 2010. For more information on the award, please click [here](#).

**FCM National Board of Directors Election**

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) National Board of Direction election will be held on Sunday, May 30, 2010. Interested candidates need to send FCM the complete Consent Form with a resolution from their respective council before May 8, 2010. Should you have any questions regarding elections, please contact Mr. Melvin Jomphe at (613) 907-6236 or [mjomphe@fcm.ca](mailto:mjomphe@fcm.ca), or visit FCM Elections 2010 [website](#).

**Getting to 50% and Beyond: Municipal Waste Diversion in Quebec**

"Zero Waste" is gaining ground as a long-term goal for waste management, but it doesn't happen overnight. With all the waste diversion policies, technologies and programs out there, what is the right mix

for your community? This FCM webinar will help you examine these questions from a Quebec perspective. For more information on how to register, please click [here](#).

### **Municipal Energy Conservation Program**

Municipal Energy Conservation Program provides municipalities with financial assistance to help them become energy efficient, reduce energy costs and lower their greenhouse gas emissions. Saskatchewan Research Council delivers these programs on behalf of the Government of Saskatchewan. For more information on how to increase energy efficiency in your municipality, please visit the program [website](#).

### **TDM Social Marketing Webinars from Tools of Change**

FCM's Green Municipal Fund (GMF) is pleased to announce this year's Tolls of Change TDM webinars showcasing a range of proven social marketing approaches for promoting transportation demand management (TDM) initiatives, including telework, walking, cycling and the use of public transit. For more information on the webinar, please go to the GMF [website](#).

### **SUMA Convention Presentations Are Now Online**

All education and breakout presentations have been posted on the SUMA website. To view them, please click [here](#).

### **Corporate Services:**

#### **Suncorp Valuations is coming to a town near you!**

As a SUMA Advantage partner, [Suncorp Valuations](#) is pleased to provide a discount of 5% to all SUMA members. In addition, if we can combine our services with municipalities in your area, we will discount up to 15%.

Currently, we will be working in Langham, and are inviting municipalities in the vicinity to contact us for an insurance appraisal. The more business we can deliver, the more everyone will save!

We will be contacting other regions also. Feel free to contact us to get the ball rolling in your region.

Members can obtain additional information and/or a no obligation, no-cost appraisal proposal directly from Suncorp Valuations by contacting Zahid Cheema, Business Development Associate at 306-652-0311, or via email at <mailto:zahid.cheema@suncorpvaluations.com>

For more information on this program, [click here](#).

#### **Natural Gas Offering Coming Your Way!**

[Connect Energy](#), a SUMA Advantage partner is preparing to send out a letter of offering to the SUMA members detailing a new way to purchase your natural gas called the "Wholesale Flex Plan". This new plan will allow you to buy gas in the same wholesale market as Saskatchewan's largest industrial users! The plan provides the opportunity for cost savings of up to 15% in a low spot market price environment as has been the case over the last year. It also offers you the option to switch over to Connect's Guaranteed Rate Plan at any time, at no cost; to protect you from a natural gas price rebound in the long-term. Natural Gas Markets are at a multi-year low; providing an excellent opportunity to take control of your natural gas costs for the short and/or long-term. With Connect Energy you can now choose the rate plan that makes sense for your Municipality!

Connect Energy is locally-owned and dedicated to serving municipal, commercial, institutional, and industrial natural gas users right here at home in Saskatchewan. Their team has 50+ years of combined energy experience in the province and is looking forward to the opportunity of putting that expertise to work for your Municipality. Call E.J. Babey, Marketing Manager 306.979.0493.

For more information on this program, [click here](#).

## **Upcoming Events:**

### **Spring 2010 Waste Minimization Forum**

**March 25 – 26, 2010**

**Regina, Saskatchewan**

Saskatchewan Waste Reduction Council is hosting the Spring 2010 Waste Minimization Forum. For more information and registration, please click [here](#).

### **Dollars to Sense: Spot the Energy Saving Opportunities**

**April 6, 2010**

**Regina, Saskatchewan**

Spot the Energy Saving Opportunities is a full day workshop that will help you identify low-cost ways to cut energy consumption for your organization using a 7 – step process. For more information and registration, please click [here](#).

### **SPRA's 6th Annual Spring Training Symposium**

**April 11-15, 2010**

**Humboldt, Saskatchewan**

SPRA's Annual Spring Education and Training Symposium provides Recreation Directors, Facility Managers, Park Operators and Volunteers with practical and applicable knowledge. The Spring Education and Training Symposium offers specific education sessions to the parks and facilities sector. For more information on the symposium, please click [here](#).

For more events, visit the [SUMA events calendar](#)

## **Classifieds:**

- [RM of Rosthern: Administrator](#) – April 6, 2010
- [Village of Meota: Village Administrator](#) – March 31, 2010
- [City of Moose Jaw: City Engineer](#) – April 19, 2010
- [Town of Kamsack: Equipment Operator](#) – April 5, 2010
- [Town of Churchbridge: Administrator](#) – Expires: Open until filled
- [For Sale: Diesel Fuel Tank](#) – April 16, 2010
- [For Sale: Fire Trucks](#) – Expires: March 24, 2010