

March 15, 2010

News:

Saskatchewan Municipal Awards Deadline - Friday!

The Saskatchewan Municipal Awards program is accepting nominations until **Friday, March 19th**. If you have been procrastinating on getting your nomination in, now is the time to act. Are you doing something out of the ordinary, creative or innovative for your ratepayers? These are the types of things that the Saskatchewan Municipal Awards Selection Committee is looking for. Check out the awards website for forms or more information as the deadline is almost here. If you need any assistance with the nominations or have questions about the program, please contact <u>Dustin Austman</u> or by phone at (306) 787-2740 or <u>Gail Meyer</u> or by phone at (306) 525-4398.

FCM on the Federal Budget 2010

FCM applauds the federal government for protecting core investments in cities and communities as it reduces the federal budget deficit. These investments will help local governments – and Canadian property tax payers – build the infrastructure that is the backbone of our economy and quality of life. To view the full statement, please click here. For FCM's analysis of the 2010 Federal Budget, please go here Budget Analysis 2010.

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 efficient in your municipality, please visit the program website.

Transportation Demand Management 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 showcases 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 <u>website</u>.

SUMA Convention Presentations Are Now Online

All education and breakouts presentations have been posted on the SUMA website. To view them, please click <u>here</u>.

Provincial Public Safety Telecommunications System (PPSTN)

The Ministry of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing recently released information on the public safety radio system that will be replacing FleetNet. For information on this new system, please check out www.cpsp.gov.sk.ca/ppstn.

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.

Corporate Services:

<u>Suncorp Valuations</u> is coming to a town near you! As a SUMA Advantage partner, Suncorp 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

Please visit our website at www.suncorpvaluations.com

Business or pleasure ... get a great rate with SUMA host hotels!

SUMA is pleased to announce our host hotels for 2010, effective March 1st, 2010:

Regina

Regina Inn
Rates starting at \$105 per night
800-667-8162
www.reginainn.com

Saskatoon

Sheraton Cavalier (2011 Convention Host Hotel) Rates starting at \$165 per night 306-652-6770 www.sheraton.com

Park Town Hotel Rates starting at \$119 per night 800-667-3999 www.parktownhotel.com

When making reservations please advise that you are a SUMA member. Please note that hotels will honour 2009 membership cards if presented.

Upcoming Events:

2010 Saskatchewan Emergency Planners Association Annual Conference March 18, 2010

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

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.

Global Innovative Campus March 1 to April 30, 2010 Saskatoon and Regina

Global Innovative Campus is pleased to announce several upcoming courses on civil engineering, construction management and project management courses. For more information on time and locations, please click here.

For more events, visit the **SUMA events calendar**

Classifieds:

- City of Moose Jaw: City Engineer April 19, 2010
- Town of Kamsack: Equipment Operator April 5, 2010
- Town of Cupar: Utilities & Maintenance Person March 17, 2010
- Village of Buena Vista: Administrator Expires: March 15, 2010
- Town of Nipawin: Director of Finance & Administrator Expires: Open until filled
- Town of Oliver: Chief Financial Officer Expires: March 15, 2010
- Town of Churchbridge: Administrator Expires: Open until filled
- Diesel Fuel Tank For Sale April 16, 2010
- For Sale: Landfill Compactor for Sale Expires: March 15, 2010
- For Sale: Fire Trucks Expires: March 24, 2010