

## So ... what's next?

**MOG brought a resolution to the long-term funding issue; we review where we go from here**

As part of this year's spring provincial budget, Finance Minister Rod Gantfoer finally said those sweet words municipalities had long been waiting to hear: long-term funding. A revenue sharing plan that is tied to the economy is what municipalities – both urban and rural - had long been asking for.

Throughout the 15-year lobbying effort, there was no equivocation on the priority for Saskatchewan municipalities. Although SUMA negotiated and advocated on a number of municipal issues over the years, it was the revenue sharing file that demanded the most attention. With the Municipal Operating Grant (MOG) Program now in place, SUMA is focusing its efforts on other emerging municipal priorities. The Urban Voice sat down with SUMA President Allan Earle and Chief Executive Officer Laurent Mougeot to discuss those priorities.

### Infrastructure

Economically and socially vibrant communities depend to a large degree on effective municipal infrastructure and quality municipal services, such as the supply of safe water, transportation, cultural and recreational facilities, and affordable housing. Insufficient funding over the long-term has resulted in billions of dollars in unmet local infrastructure needs in all of these areas across Saskatchewan communities. In particular, poor economic conditions in the early '90s meant that many programs that municipalities had relied on for infrastructure funding had been cut or frozen, a move that has had a dire long-term impact - a mistake that SUMA and its member municipalities insist must not be repeated.

Certainly, municipalities were encouraged by the stimulus plan within the January federal budget that channeled billions of dollars into municipal infrastructure as a means of generating economic activity and creating jobs. "This was clear acknowledgement of something that municipalities have been saying all along - that economic activity and growth happen in municipalities," said President Earle.

The Infrastructure Stimulus Fund and other federal and provincial programs supporting

infrastructure renewal, including the Building Canada Fund, Municipal Infrastructure Lending Program, Saskatchewan Infrastructure Growth Initiative and Municipal Economic Enhancement Program have been important steps to address infrastructure challenges in the short-term. Municipalities are making every effort to take advantage of these programs. However, the answer to the infrastructure challenge, according to Earle, is a long-term one.

SUMA - together with all Canadian municipalities through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) – supports a long-term strategic solution that would see the three orders of government use the current two-year window of federal infrastructure funding commitments to develop a national, coordinated, 20-year strategic plan, with implementation beginning in 2011. Earle said that the first step in this process would be for municipalities to develop a comprehensive understanding of the magnitude of the deficit in the province. "Once that gap is identified, we then can then sit down and figure out what is fair, in terms of funding distribution," he said. "Certainly, a partnership makes good sense, as all three orders of government have an interest in eliminating the infrastructure deficit," he added.

In addition, SUMA is supportive of the idea first proposed by Regina Mayor Pat Fiocco, that the federal government coordinate a national municipal infrastructure summit with key players from the provincial and municipal government, industry and the private sector.

Affordable housing is also a critical issue for many SUMA members, and it is related to the continued municipal infrastructure deficit.

### Environment

SUMA is currently working with the provincial government and other partners on various environmental issues that are impacting member municipalities. Increasingly stringent environmental standards, potential exposure to liability and rising costs are impacting the ability of municipalities to comply with legislation and deliver quality services.

As the order of government responsible for

delivering front-line services such as safe drinking water, waste removal and recycling, ensuring that stakeholders understand the urban perspective on such issues is critical. "Our interest is in effectively managing these issues on behalf of urban municipalities by supporting growth and prosperity without compromising the environment," said Mougeot.

Water management is a complex issue that has become an emerging concern for many Saskatchewan municipalities. Responsible for managing local distribution systems, urban municipalities are important stakeholders when it comes to water management. SUMA supports a strategic, transparent approach to managing water quantity and quality, in particular:

- **Effective watershed planning**

The goal of watershed planning is to provide a framework to protect, maintain and restore a healthy natural watershed ecosystem. Such planning takes into account issues such as future threats to water resources, urban development, and environmentally sensitive watershed conditions.

- **Province-wide Water Availability Study**

The Saskatchewan Watershed Authority (SWA) is currently undertaking a four-year study to better define how much water is available throughout the province. The intent is to provide accurate, timely information to Saskatchewan's various water users.

- **Water conservation**

Through education, the demand for water can be reduced, improving the efficiency of its use, and reducing losses and waste. Effective water conservation protects water resources and will allow us to achieve benefits from water use at a lower cost.

As the Urban Voice goes to press, the provincial government has just released its Speech from the Throne. A comprehensive water management plan was announced as one of the items on the government's agenda, and SUMA will be following up with the Ministry of Environment to determine what that means specifically for urban municipalities. **(Continued on page 8)**

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With the dust having settled on the 2009 municipal election campaign, I'd like to congratulate everyone that had the courage to 'throw their hat in the ring' as part of this year's municipal elections.

We now know who will be called upon to provide leadership and direction within Saskatchewan's cities, towns and villages over the next three years, and SUMA looks forward to working with you to advance the interests of Saskatchewan's urban municipal governments.

In addition to personnel changes for our member councils, it has also been a time of transition for the SUMA administration. If you've called our office lately, you've no doubt come into contact with some of our new staff members. While it's always difficult to see good people leave, we're pleased to welcome new people into the fold that can bring with them new energy and ideas.

And speaking of energy, our entire staff will need much of it as we kick into high gear during a busy fall season.

Our SUMA Advantage program has been busy prepping election ballots. The Policy team has been attending financial Statement workshops throughout the province and, of course, we are into that time of year again when convention preparation begins.

We're also planning for our fall regional meetings in November, which are being held in conjunction with the Municipal Leadership Development Program's newly elected workshop. It is our aim to alleviate some of the stress and question marks that come along with being a newly elected member of council, and I would strongly encourage you to sign up for the workshop being held in your region. I promise that it will be worth your time!

SUMA has also participated in a number of stakeholder consultations - as you'll read about in this edition of the Urban Voice. Ensuring that senior orders of government and other stakeholders are aware of and clearly understand urban municipal priorities - and our position on priority issues - is critical to our success as an organization. To that end, we work very hard to ensure that SUMA is consulted and considered an equal partner in critical consultations that have an impact on urban municipalities.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my sincere gratitude to the capable men and women who have served this great organization over the past board term. Your leadership, dedication and commitment have strengthened our position as an organization, and helped to create a stronger Saskatchewan. I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

President Allan Earle



Since our return from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) meeting this past June, the association has worked diligently to deliver two key messages to the Government of Canada.

Firstly, current infrastructure programs need to be sheltered from any corrective measures to balance future federal budgets. Canadians cannot finance the federal deficits on the backs of property tax payers. Municipal governments cannot, by law, operate with deficit budgets, and putting municipalities in a position where they would have to 'pick up the slack' would not only be irresponsible, but also mean a repeat of past mistakes.

Secondly, Canada needs a 20-year strategy to properly address municipal infrastructure needs. SUMA, along with FCM and many cities, are calling for a national summit of stakeholders from all orders of government and private sector representatives. The purpose would be to review key principles and effective strategies to create a program that will make certain that the country is properly equipped with the required infrastructure to ensure that our communities are safe, prosperous and competitive in the world market.

SUMA has met with both the Saskatchewan Conservative Caucus and Liberal representatives to share these views. SUMA has presented to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance and will also be on Parliament Hill in Ottawa with FCM in November to reinforce these same messages.

It is critical that we keep these lines of communication open with federal representatives. Despite the fact that municipalities are not recognized as a separate order of government under *The Constitution Act, 1982*, SUMA has been working with FCM to ensure that municipalities can engage as a legitimate order of government in consultations with provincial and federal officials, what we often refer to as a "government to government" relationship.

Finally, municipal elections also mark the start of a new cycle for our organization. SUMA Board members are elected at regional meetings in the fall. Delegates at our Annual Convention will select a new Executive. Once key personnel are in place, we will meet to review and revise our current three- year strategic plan which will guide the association until 2012.

Our staff looks forward to continued engagement with the Board, municipal elected officials and administrators to advance, promote and protect the interests of municipal governments.

CEO Laurent Mougeot

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# Board of Directors update

The SUMA board recently met for the last time before the 2009 municipal elections. The agenda for the two day session consisted of a number of important policy items, decisions regarding the 2010 SUMA convention and a presentation of the SUMA 2010 Operating and Capital Budget.

An important highlight from the weekend meeting was the opportunity to meet with the new Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs, Van Isman. Mr. Isman reassured the board that the provincial government is committed to the Municipal Sector Strategic Plan and that he is looking forward to working with SUMA. As the issue of revenue sharing has finally been resolved, the MSSP tables will continue to work towards resolving other long standing issues.

On policy related matters, the board approved two policy statements: the Multi-Material Recycling Program and the Public Safety Review Committee Recommendations. These statements can be viewed on the SUMA website at [www.suma.org](http://www.suma.org). The board also debated a proposed policy statement on affordable housing and examined the matter of municipal status designation. Significant discussion occurred at the **Protective Services Committee** meeting regarding the Provincial Public Safety radio system and the need to ensure that the concerns of urban municipalities regarding the cost are communicated to the provincial government.

Other topics on the agenda at the standing committees included a discussion on the Urban Highway Connector Program (UHCP), the Dutch Elm and Watershed Advisory Committees and also new corporate partnerships being developed for SUMA Advantage program.

On the matter of the UHCP, concerns have been raised by a number of municipalities with respect to how this program is being implemented. The **Transportation and Community Development Committee** will communicate these concerns to the Ministry and continue to monitor

the UHCP negotiation process. The transportation committee also directed the policy staff to bring a policy statement on regional airports to the next committee meeting.

At the **Environment Committee** meeting, directors voiced deep concern that the province is no longer engaging with several environmental advisory committees. The two committees that were the focus of this discussion were the Dutch Elm Disease and the Watershed Authority, as neither group have held meetings for some time. A decision was made to communicate to the Minister of the Environment on SUMA's concerns regarding the status of both committees.

The **Corporate Services Committee** looked at several updates coming to the SUMA Advantage Program, including two new partnerships that will benefit municipalities which are currently being negotiated. Further information will be communicated to municipalities once the deals are finalized.

Of interest to many were the outcomes from the **Convention Planning Committee**. Members of the committee made several decisions on speakers, entertainment and education sessions for the 2010 convention.

We have received several nominations for the Meritorious Service and Honourary Membership Awards. We are also currently seeking nominations for the Scoop Lewry Awards, which the committee will review at the December committee meeting.

At the **Resolutions Committee** meeting, the group approved the call for resolutions and the timeline for submissions for the 2010 Convention.

The next SUMA board meeting is scheduled for December 2009.

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## Mark your calendars for November

### Newly Elected Workshops and SUMA Regional Meetings

As part of SUMA's semi-annual regional meetings, our fall sessions will feature information on the 'Municipal Leaders Roles and Responsibilities' - Module 1 - of the Municipal Leadership Development Program (MLDP). This session will help council members and administrators better prepare for the many diverse tasks and unique situations they will encounter as municipal decision-makers.

A portion of the meeting will also include a presentation from SUMA regarding our services, programs and policy information. Featured will be a review of key municipal issues, SUMA positions and government reactions. There will also be an opportunity for local representatives to raise regional issues for discussion.

SUMA representatives including Regional Director and regional committee members for the next three-year term will also be decided at this meeting. All elected officials from SUMA member councils are eligible to run for these positions, which are vital to SUMA's success as an effective voice for Saskatchewan communities. The agenda and registration form are available at [www.mldp.ca](http://www.mldp.ca)

Region	Date	Location	Facility
North East	Monday, November 16	Tisdale	Tisdale Civic Centre
North West	Tuesday, November 17	Osler	Osler Community Hall
West Central	Wednesday, November 18	Eston	Community Complex
South West	Thursday, November 19	Swift Current	Credit Union I-plex
South East	Friday, November 20	Fillmore	Fillmore Memorial Hall
Central	Monday, November 23	Pilot Butte	Pilot Butte Recreation Complex
East Central	Tuesday, November 24	Yorkton	Melrose Place (across from the Gallagher Centre)

# Comings and Goings

While summer is normally a time when things slow down ever so slightly, the summer months provided no reprieve for SUMA in the area of human resources as we welcomed four new members to our team, and bid farewell to three others.

SUMA's former Policy & Communications Director **Wes Jickling** accepted what he referred to as an "irresistible opportunity" with the provincial government – the position of Executive Director of International Relations within the Ministry of Intergovernmental Affairs. Summer student and Junior Policy Advisor, **Johnna Van Parys**, resumed her academic pursuits at the University of Ottawa where she is studying law. **Tauna Kupiec** took a one year leave which began on August 31. The beat goes on, as they say, and we're pleased to introduce the newest members of the SUMA team:

## **Mark Cooper - Director of Policy & Communications**

Born in London, Ontario, Mark Cooper lived in Eastern Canada for many of his formative years, in both Ontario and Quebec. He moved to Saskatchewan with his family in 1995.

A graduate of the University of Regina, Mark holds a Bachelor's degree in Political Science. Upon completing his degree, he accepted a position in Edmonton with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, where he was employed for four years.

He was invited to come back to Saskatchewan in 2005 when he was offered a position with our own Ministry of Municipal Affairs. "I like to think I was one of the first to take advantage of the opportunities that Saskatchewan has to offer," he said. He recognized what he refers to as "the foundation for growth", and said that he is pleased to see so many more people taking advantage of the opportunities in our province.

Mark has been working in various capacities within the municipal sector for nine years. While he admits to still having much to learn, he has grown to become very passionate about municipal governments and the services they provide. "They are the level of government closest to citizens. The decisions made by municipal councils impact everyone's life, every day," he said. He added that part of what makes his work so satisfying is the opportunity to make the jobs of municipal officials easier, and helping to educate the public. "Unfortunately, people are often unaware of the programs and services that municipal governments deliver, and I'm glad that I have the opportunity to help change that," he said.

When he is not at SUMA, Mark can be found working on his Masters in Business Administration, which he is studying through Royal Roads University in Victoria. Mark enjoys camping, fishing and hunting, and can often be found with his pal, beagle D'Artagnan, by his side. Committed to bettering his community, Mark also serves on his local community association board.

## **Che-Wei Chung - Policy Advisor**

Che-Wei Chung joined the SUMA team in July. Pronounced **CHI**-way (like highway), he said "things would be far easier if my name was Bob!"

Born in Taipei, Taiwan, a city of 8 million people, he moved to the small village of Lomond, Alberta as an international student at the age of 14. Since then, he has spent his life in communities much smaller than his 'home town', including Red Deer, Lethbridge, Lake Louise, Edmonton, Briercrest and now Regina. Che obtained his Canadian Citizenship in 2003.

Che's parents still live in Taipei. His only sibling, brother Vincent, lives in Edmonton. He also remains close with his high school host family.

Che is a graduate of the University of Lethbridge, holding a Bachelor's degree in Political Science. During his time in Alberta, he also had the opportunity to work on the Alberta Municipal Internship Program, a two-year program that provided the opportunity to gain experience in all facets of municipal government, including public works, parks and recreation, legislative services and protective services. Che is currently working part-time on his Masters in Public Administration (MPA) through the University of Regina.

Prior to his tenure at SUMA, Che worked for the Village of Briercrest, where he served as the Administrator. Currently responsible for SUMA's transportation files and also some of our environment policy files, Che said that he finds the range of issues at SUMA very interesting. "The best part is that I get to use what I have learned," he said.

In his spare time, Che likes to snowboard, play basketball, hike, camp and watch movies.

## **Mandy Wakaluk - Group Benefits Administrator**

Mandy joined the SUMA team in August. A graduate of O'Neill High School, Mandy is currently taking classes through the University of Regina toward a Bachelor's degree in Psychology. She said that her

interest in psychology originates from her love of people.

Married to Paul who is an Information Technology Analyst at Saskatchewan Health, she said that she has little or no need to trouble shoot when she has computer problems. "Paul often gets calls at work!" she said. Mandy and Paul have one son – Noah – who will soon turn two.

A lifelong Regina resident, Mandy and her family will soon venture outside of the city. Their destination is Holdfast, where they recently purchased a home. Although the commute into the city each day will be an adjustment, Mandy said that she doesn't anticipate having a problem with the 45-minute drive.

Mandy's interests outside of work include reading, watching sports, spending time with her family, cooking and baking.

Prior to her time at SUMA, Mandy worked with the Co-operators in Regina. She said that one of the benefits of her new job is the ability to get to know all of her colleagues. "I really only knew people in my department in my last job, so I really appreciate the ability to get to know everyone," she said.

## **Susan Dishaw - Administrative Assistant**

Susan rejoined the SUMA administrative team this summer, working on member services and administrative projects as well as shared administrative duties.

Susan will be very familiar to many of our member municipalities and board members. Susan was formerly employed with SUMA and held the position of Corporate Services Coordinator prior to her departure, and has worked extensively on our municipal trade show and other convention tasks. She has most recently been employed as Senior Administrative Co-ordinator of Life and Living Benefits with Great West Life.

Susan, her husband, Ken, and their two children lived overseas for several years in New Zealand, and returned to Canada in 1991. It seems the entire family has developed wanderlust, with their son, Sam in the final stages of a carpentry apprenticeship in Vancouver, and daughter, Jessie teaching in South Korea.

Susan is very active in the community, devoting much of her spare time to Habitat for Humanity (H4H), a cause which she has been supporting for the past 11 years. She currently acts as their coordinator of volunteers. A major reason that she enjoys her role with H4H is because, "You meet such good people!" When she's not at SUMA or volunteering, Susan likes to walk her dog, read mystery novels, play Bridge, kayak and hike. She also recently returned from a trip to the New England states.

Susan enjoys the 'political element' of working at SUMA, the conversations with staff and contact with our members. In particular, she is very impressed with how innovative small communities can be.



(L to R): Mandy Wakaluk, Susan Dishaw, Che-Wei Chung and Mark Cooper.

# Consultations: An important part of what we do

From letters and meetings to phone calls and emails – stakeholder consultations can take many forms.

Of late, SUMA has participated in many consultations of the more formal nature, including federal budget consultations and meetings with federal elected representatives.

These consultations are an ideal opportunity to communicate the priorities of our members. In particular, the following themes were stressed:

- Protecting existing infrastructure funding, the need for additional funding, and our desire to have future programs based on a model that is similar to the Gas Tax fund
- Resolving the municipal infrastructure deficit must be a national priority. A long-term national strategic plan is needed, and the federal government should lead this initiative
- Federal investments have provided some breathing room on the affordable housing issue, but a national discussion is required
- Extending expiring urban transit funding and the need to develop a national transit plan
- Concerns about federal downloading to municipalities

In an effort to keep you updated on which groups SUMA is speaking to on behalf of our members, following is a summary on some of our more recent consultations:

SUMA's efforts to build strong government-to-government relationships and advocate on municipal issues continued on August 13, when our Executive Committee held a meeting with **Saskatchewan Members of Parliament and Senators** in Regina.

Municipal infrastructure was a key topic of discussion, with SUMA pressing for a national, long-term strategic plan to address the growing infrastructure deficit.

SUMA also received assurances that current federal-municipal programs – such as the Gas Tax and GST rebate programs – would not be cut back as the Federal Government begins tackling its deficit.

SUMA also met with the **Leader of the Official Opposition** on October 14. The meeting with leader Michael Ignatieff also included Member of Parliament for Wascana, Ralph Goodale. Representatives from the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities and Saskatchewan City Mayors' Caucus also attended.

SUMA also presented its recommendations for the upcoming federal budget at a hearing of the **Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance** in Regina on October 19. SUMA was represented by President Allan Earle, and Vice-President for Cities, Fred Clipsham.

This year's pre-budget consultation focused on the impact of the world economic slowdown on Canada. The Committee wanted to investigate

the effectiveness of monetary and fiscal stimulus measures enacted by the Government of Canada, and also to explore measures that must be taken to ensure prosperity and a sustainable economic, social and environmental future.

With this theme in mind, the Committee invited all participants to share their views on the following two questions:

- What federal tax and program spending measures are needed to ensure prosperity and a sustainable future for Canadians from an economic, social and/or environmental perspective?
- What federal stimulus measures have been effective and how might relatively ineffective measures be changed to ensure that they have the intended effects?

The presentation to the Committee was an opportunity for SUMA to provide direct feedback to Members of Parliament on issues of importance to our members, with the intent to leave Committee members with a clear understanding of our priorities.

SUMA also participated in round two of the province's Environmental Regulatory Review stakeholder consultation process; an update is included on page 8.

As always, SUMA appreciates the opportunity to communicate the needs of urban municipal governments in Saskatchewan.

We look forward to future opportunities to continue this important dialogue.



(L to R): SUMA VP of Towns, Renaud Bissonnette, Regina Mayor Pat Fiacco, Weyburn Mayor Debra Button, Federal Opposition Leader Michael Ignatieff, SUMA President Allan Earle and SUMA CEO Laurent Mougeot.

## Have you visited the SUMA website lately?

Just like an aging vehicle, the SUMA website needed a tune up. We've listened to member feedback – where do I find this? How come we can't do that? We know that the old site was somewhat challenging to use, which is why we are fixing it.

No doubt, the first thing you'll notice is the updated look. We have organized the information a bit differently, as well. Although it will likely take some time to figure out where everything is and how it works, we promise that once you do, you will find the information you need quickly and easily. Here are some additional features that we've added:

- Easier to access information about major news and policy issues
- An improved calendar that will feature upcoming events
- A new 'classified ad' section that allows you to directly submit your ads via the website
- Improved information about our people
- Easier access to Convention and Municipal Marketplace Trade Show information

You can expect to see the new site in early November. Feedback can be directed to Rae Anne Moen at [rmoen@suma.org](mailto:rmoen@suma.org)

The screenshot shows the SUMA website interface. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for Home, Policy, Events, SUMA Advantage, Insurance & Group Benefits, and Communication. A search bar is located on the right. Below the navigation, there is a large banner image of a city street. To the right of the banner is a 'Our People' section featuring a profile for Mayor Sharon Armstrong, with a 'Select a person' dropdown menu. Below the banner is an 'About us' section with text about SUMA Advantage and a 'Read More' link. To the right of the 'About us' section is an 'Event Calendar' for January 2009, showing the 26th as the current date.

# More trouble ahead for recycling programs

Municipal representatives, by now, are all familiar with the recycling situation in Saskatchewan.

Last year, the market price for baled paper and cardboard recycling materials dropped sharply, creating a severe threat to municipalities providing independent recycling services.

To mitigate the risk of independent municipal recyclers scaling back services or stopping recycling altogether, the Ministry of Environment announced 'bridge' funding to provide short-term assistance for independent municipal recyclers until a province-wide Multi-Material Recycling Program (MMRP) is in place. SUMA was one of three groups asked to administer program funding, and in May, we launched the Municipal Recycling Bridge Funding Program.

Here's a program update:

- Funds have begun flowing for those municipalities eligible for on Category I – these are municipalities that provide their own independent recycling services. The 31 municipalities eligible under Category I must provide their receipts for reimbursement to SUMA **before December 31, 2009**.
- 92 municipalities are eligible for Category II funding – these are municipalities that receive recycling services from private firms. These municipalities can expect to receive funding as early as **January 2010**.

The MMRP will develop a long-term solution to fund the recycling of household paper, cardboard, plastic, tin and glass. The end goal is to shift the responsibility for funding the recycling of household packaging from municipalities to be more fairly distributed amongst those consuming goods - including industry and consumers.

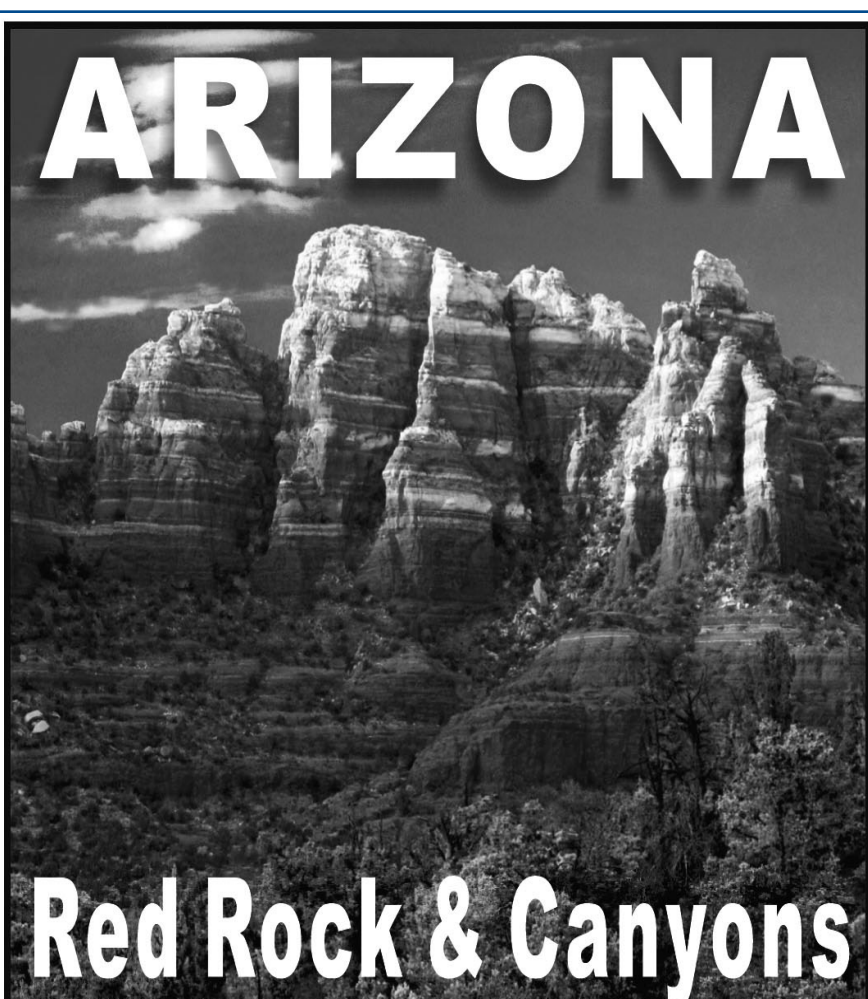
Initially, it was expected that the MMRP would be launched by the end of 2010. It is now known that the program will not be implemented within that time frame. Consequently, when the bridge funding program ends in March 2010, municipalities will face the same risks that they did before the bridge funding program began.

SUMA believes that funding for municipal recyclers is required beyond March 2010. We have been in contact with the Ministry of Environment regarding this matter to ensure that it is considered as part of provincial budget deliberations.

The province must provide additional bridge funding to support recyclers until such time as the MMRP is implemented. Failing to do so will risk the collapse of local and regional recycling efforts.

To further strengthen our position, the SUMA Board of Directors endorsed an MMRP policy statement at the September Board meeting. To access the policy statement, visit [www.suma.org](http://www.suma.org).

If you have questions about the Municipal Recycling Bridge Funding Program, contact Che-Wei Chung at 306-525-4389, email [cchung@suma.org](mailto:cchung@suma.org) or visit [www.saskmunicipalrecycling.ca](http://www.saskmunicipalrecycling.ca)



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## UMAAS promotes admin careers

The University of Regina's Careers Day 2009 was an opportunity for local and national employers to network and recruit University of Regina students for future employment opportunities. Amongst those promoting their industry were representatives from the Urban Municipal Administrators Association of Saskatchewan (UMAAS) and SUMA, who were on hand to promote careers in municipal administration.

Jason Chorneyko, Administrator from the Town of Wynyard said, "It was definitely valuable in terms of exposing these types of careers to new people. We were able to talk with over 100 students, and many of them seemed genuinely interested in the opportunities in municipal administration," he said. The majority of the students who stopped by the booth were in Business Administration, Public Administration, or Political Science.

Nicole LaChance, Administrator, Town of Rosthern and UMAAS Director suggested that it would be wise for UMAAS to explore other such opportunities at technical institutions and high schools, as well.



(L to R): Nicole Lachance and Jason Chorneyko

# Building Momentum

## SUMA Convention - January 31 - February 3, 2010

It's that time of year again. SUMA has begun preparations for our 105<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention in Regina.

This year's theme - *Building Momentum* –speaks to the positive progress that urban municipalities have experienced since the implementation of the 'Municipal Operating Grant' program. It also ties in with Saskatchewan's positive economic climate and the role that urban municipalities are playing in our province's success.

Executive elections will also be taking place, and we urge you to think about a position on the SUMA Executive, including: President; Vice-President of Cities; Vice-President of Towns; or Vice-President of Villages, Resort Villages and Northern Municipalities.

### Convention at a glance

#### Sunday, January 31

##### **An evening at the RCMP Heritage Centre**

Join us for an interactive and engaging evening at the RCMP Heritage Centre. Since opening its doors in 2007, this magnificent facility has become a major tourist attraction for Regina and Saskatchewan. Learn the story of the RCMP through state of the art exhibits and multimedia technologies and mingle with your fellow delegates. Appetizers will be served. **Please note that supper will not be served at this event.**

#### Monday, February 1

##### **Keynote Address**

Born and raised in Saskatchewan, Gavin Semple is a home grown success story. Mr. Semple is the CEO of the Brandt Group of Companies - Saskatchewan's largest privately held company. Under his leadership, Brandt has won several prestigious awards, among them being the designation of one of Canada's 50 Best Managed Companies.

##### **Municipal Marketplace trade show**

The Municipal Marketplace will feature over 150 booths with products and services that focus on the needs of urban municipalities. We encourage your town foreman, senior purchasing staff and public works staff to attend.

##### **Annual General Meeting**

This year's AGM will feature the election of the SUMA Executive Committee and a review of the annual budget. This is your opportunity to ask questions of association leaders, and influence the future direction of our organization.

##### **Partners' Program**

Running Monday and Tuesday, the Partners' Program features a range of activities for spouses of convention attendees. Highlights will include tours of the Saskatchewan Legislature, the La Jord Hutterite Colony, belly dancing, and a special behind the scenes tour of CTV Television.

##### **Board-hosted hospitality night**

It's become a convention tradition! Join your SUMA Board of Directors for an evening that provides a chance to catch up with old friends, and make some new ones, too.

#### Tuesday, February 2

##### **President's Banquet**

The President's Banquet honours long serving elected officials and municipal employees for their dedication to their municipality. Following the awards program, you will be entertained by Derek Edwards - the hottest comedy property in Canada!

#### Wednesday, February 3

##### **Dialogue sessions with Ministers**

Ministers responsible for various areas of responsibility will be on hand to answer your questions. From Health to Highways and everything in between, this is your chance for face-to-face dialogue.

##### **Bear Pit with Provincial Cabinet**

Premier Brad Wall and his Cabinet will take your questions.

##### **Education Sessions**

- Models for Delivering Health Care in Small Urban Centres
- Dealing with Developers: What You Need to Know
- Ready for Change: How adaptable is your municipality to climate change?
- Regional Waste Management: How are you taking out your garbage?
- Tax Collection and Enforcement
- Risk Management
- Strategies to Control Rodent Populations in Your Community
- Crime Prevention: Tools to Keep Your Community Safe
- Changes to Municipal Financial Statements\* (session repeated)

##### **Sector Breakout sessions**

- Cities - Roundtable Discussion: Challenges facing City Fire and Police Services
- Towns - Learning to Govern – Leading Your Municipality
- Villages - Bylaw Development: Using your Powers Wisely

##### **Plenary session**

- The Direct Benefits of Innovation – Communities of Tomorrow

##### **Stay tuned for updates**

Registration forms, session descriptions and hotel information, will be mailed out the second week in November. We will also have additional information about Executive elections. For further information, contact SUMA at 306-525-3727 or visit the SUMA website at [www.suma.org](http://www.suma.org).



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## So ... what's next? (continued from page 1)

Waste management is another emerging issue that is demanding our attention. Individual municipalities are responsible for collecting and disposing of solid waste. Despite efforts on the part of municipalities to employ effective waste management practices, increasingly stringent environmental standards are making it cost-prohibitive for many smaller communities to operate their own landfills. Concerns about close proximity to water sources, homes and businesses, groundwater contamination, air pollution and potential health problems are legitimate concerns for the Ministry of Environment, who are promoting a regional approach to waste management planning.

Under the regional model, urban and rural municipalities join together to form a regional waste management system and delegate responsibilities to a central authority. Benefits include: reduced equipment requirements, potential for expanded recycling services, and reduced rodent populations, to name a few.

For many municipalities struggling to remain environmentally compliant while delivering quality services to citizens, moving to a regional approach to waste management is the obvious response. The question becomes not if we need to move to a regional waste management model, but rather how, SUMA, the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM), the Ministry of Environment and the Association of Regional Waste Management Authorities of Saskatchewan (ARWMAS) can work together to make the regional model work.

The rising cost of recycling, and the low price of products on the market, remains a concern amongst SUMA members. Last year, SUMA worked with the Ministry of Environment to develop a program and deliver funding to independent municipal recyclers (ARWMAS and SARC members were eligible for funding through those organizations). The funding was intended to act as a bridge until the province could introduce its Multi Material Recycling Program (MMRP). "With MMRP still at least a year away, we will be lobbying the province to ensure that municipal recyclers aren't left without support," said Mougeot. Read more about recycling on page 6.

An important element of SUMA's work is consulting with the provincial and federal governments on proposed amendments to legislation, regulation, and policy. In 2009, SUMA has been engaged in 34 separate consultations, many of which have been extensive. The largest one this year is the Ministry of Environment's Regulatory Review. There have been two full rounds of consultations, and a third one will be taking place in late November. SUMA has participated throughout this process, and has been very pleased with the degree to which municipal concerns have been addressed so far. SUMA will continue to advocate on your behalf, to ensure that municipalities can operate in an environment free of excessive regulation or unfunded costs.

### Health care

Some smaller communities in Saskatchewan are finding it challenging to recruit and retain doctors. Although municipalities have no responsibility for health care human resource issues, local leaders are feeling compelled to become involved for the betterment of their community. As a result, SUMA is increasingly hearing from our members who are concerned about what has become a difficult, expensive and time consuming process. "We've heard of significant delays in deploying doctors and of some towns spending well over \$100,000 in one year to attract one doctor," said Earle.

It's an issue that we heard loud and clear at the SUMA convention, SUMA spring regional meetings and through regular correspondence with our members. The issue has also been taken up by various Saskatchewan media outlets. SUMA is monitoring this issue closely, and is working to ensure that member concerns are heard. Currently, there are various actions underway to determine what can and should be done on this issue, including:

- **Provincial Physician Recruitment Strategy.** Announced in May, this strategy is being developed to help address issues related to the recruitment of doctors in Saskatchewan. Specific initiatives include: the creation of a physician recruitment agency; enhancing medical training to prepare graduates for practice in rural Saskatchewan; enhancing the physician application and licensure process; a Saskatchewan-based program to assess foreign trained physicians; fair and competitive compensation; and lifestyle and professional supports.

- **Saskatchewan's Patient First Review** is a comprehensive review of healthcare in Saskatchewan which looked at the healthcare system from both the client and administrative perspective (i.e. medical professionals and administrators themselves). The report, made public on October 15, contains 16 specific recommendations.

- **Municipal Sector Strategic Plan (MSSP) Towns and Villages table** has the **'Recruitment and Retention of Medical Professionals'** as a priority agenda item. The intent is to collect facts about the challenges faced by municipalities and the efforts and expenditure that municipalities are making to recruit and retain doctors. SUMA has surveyed member municipalities on this issue, in an effort to have current, accurate information with which to approach the government. Response to this survey was very low, with only 38 urban municipalities responding. Nevertheless, the responses have provided some insight into the issues that municipalities are facing. More information can be found on the SUMA website.

### Policy is member-driven

SUMA policy priorities are determined through direction from your elected board and convention resolutions. We are made aware of potential issues at regional meetings, or from those that take the time to email, call, or write to us with particular comments and concerns. SUMA needs to hear from you in order to be sure that we're working toward delivering the results most needed in your municipalities.

As always, SUMA will closely monitor these and other issues affecting member municipalities, and work to effectively advocate and negotiate on your behalf. For example, the provincial government's October 21 Speech from the Throne will undoubtedly have an impact on our priorities, and we will be working with elected officials to ensure that your voice is heard and that member interests move forward in these areas. We will keep you apprised of any developments that occur.

Additional information can also be found by visiting [www.suma.org](http://www.suma.org). You may also contact your SUMA regional director, a complete listing is on the SUMA website.



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# MCDP Discussion Forum: My Community

By Dana Schmalz, MCDP Development Officer

Over the years we've seen a dramatic change in our means of sharing information – libraries, archives and face-to-face meetings have been substituted with more efficient means of communication such as electronic libraries and e-journals, email, blogs and discussion forums. These forms of information sharing build countless opportunities. They provide municipalities, individuals and organizations with valuable information so they can successfully deliver services and solve problems.

The Municipal Capacity Development Program hosts a discussion forum called My Community (Formerly ComMunilink) which can be accessed from our website at [www.municipalcapacity.ca](http://www.municipalcapacity.ca). My Community provides municipalities the opportunity to exchange ideas, opinions and information with other communities on any given topic or issue.

MCDP would like to encourage communities, organizations and individuals to reap the benefits of this information system. Benefits include:

- Intermunicipal learning: providing and receiving advice from municipalities that have dealt with similar issues;
- The ability to pool experiences and expertise to solve problems;
- The opportunity to create or improve innovative practices;
- Having and/or creating a support group, and;
- Building relationships and working together to identify needs, goals and opportunities.
- Intermunicipal agreements: cost sharing, resource sharing (i.e. equipment sharing, joint by-law enforcement officer)

This forum serves as a learning tool that fosters discussion on numerous topics. Previous topics of discussion included questions about: drafting new bylaws; existing bylaws; electronic payments for taxes; community strategic planning; building permits; and even sewer rates.

My Community also allows members to post items for sale and advertise job opportunities.

We hope that MyCommunity can help in the search to find solutions for various issues. We invite anyone to join and ask questions or share their knowledge and experience to those who seek information.

Feedback and responses are essential for success! Contributing your own thoughts and knowledge, and providing experiences and examples will make this opportunity effective for yourself, your community and others.

To register please visit [www.municipalcapacity.ca](http://www.municipalcapacity.ca) and click Discussion Forum.

Communication is key to success and by using this forum organizations, municipalities and individuals can receive guidance and create opportunities that are endless!

For more information about My Community, please contact Dana at [dschmalz@sarm.ca](mailto:dschmalz@sarm.ca).

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# Grenfell shines on a national stage

Congratulations to the Town of Grenfell for being declared a National Winner for the 2009 *Communities in Bloom* (CiB) program. Grenfell was recognized as first in its class in the under-1000 population category at the National CiB Awards Ceremony in Vaughan, Ontario. They were also awarded '5 blooms' – the highest possible rating - and also received a special mention for Total Community Engagement.

Grenfell joins a celebrated list of honoured municipalities from Canada, England, Ireland, Scotland and Japan, all having received accolades for their efforts in providing an improved quality of life through sustainable community development initiatives.

Congratulations also go out to the municipalities of Indian Head, Kindersley and Weyburn, who were also recognized for their efforts and participation in the CiB program.

*Communities in Bloom* is an organization committed to fostering civic pride, environmental responsibility, and beautification through community involvement and the challenge of a national program. In Saskatchewan, the program is administered by the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association (SPRA), in partnership with SaskPower.

The October 3 awards ceremony concluded three days of seminars where municipal leaders, elected officials, parks and grounds professionals, dedicated community volunteers and related organizations met to share their strategies to enhance the communities in which they live.

## About the community

Grenfell is a friendly, family-oriented community with a dynamic and progressive spirit that manifests itself in many social, cultural and recreational opportunities.

Visitors to Grenfell will find a lovely town with parks, picnic areas and beautifully maintained yards.

Located near the scenic Qu'Appelle Valley, Crooked Lake offers many summer and winter recreational activities for residents.

Grenfell also has a strong Economic Development Committee and Chamber of Commerce, with both groups working to encourage new development within Grenfell and surrounding area.

For additional information about the community of Grenfell, visit [www.grenfell.ca](http://www.grenfell.ca)



(L to R): Ivan Stinson, John Firnesz, Ted Zarudny & Margaret Stinson. The Stinsons are longtime CiB volunteers, and Mr. Zarudny is a national CiB judge. John Firnesz is a Parks and Open Spaces consultant with the SPRA, and accepted the award on Grenfell's behalf.

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Here, Corporate Services Manager Tania Meier checks her orders before they are shipped out. Tania had lots of help from the capable services of one of our administrative team members, Laurie Bryant.

Both members of our team were working overtime to ensure that your ballots were printed on time and in your hands in time for the big day.

We like to give credit where credit is due, so kudos, ladies, on a job well done! Now ... if we can just get through convention season ...

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"One of SaskPower Eneraction's goals is to develop partnerships that focus on transforming the market towards more energy efficient products," says Rebecca Fiissel, Residential Program Leader for SaskPower Eneraction.

SaskPower Eneraction is partnering with retailers around the province to deliver the following programs\*:

## **Discount program**

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## **Exchange programs**

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