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News:

Saskatchewan Municipal Awards Finalists Announced Luncheon – May 14, 2010

Save the date and plan to attend the 4th annual awards luncheon in Regina and see what municipalities are accomplishing and who the winners are. The Selection Committee has reviewed the 24 unique nominations and have rendered their decisions. Finalists in the six categories are:

- **Municipal Service Excellence** – City of Regina – *Service Regina*
- **Economic Development Leadership**
 - RM of Hart's Butte No. 11, RM of Poplar Valley No. 12, RM of Willow Bunch No. 42, RM of Old Post No. 43, RM of Stonehenge No. 73, Town of Coronach and Town of Rockglen – *Fife Lake Rail Project*
 - City of Melfort – *Stonegate Commercial Development*
- **Regional Leadership and Partnerships**
 - City of North Battleford – *North Battleford Assessment and Stabilization Facility*
 - REACT Waste Management District (47 members) – *REACT Waste Management System*
- **Community Development Leadership**
 - City of Yorkton – *Yorkton Alliance of Asset Champions*
 - City of Saskatoon – *Immigration Initiative*
- **Environmental Stewardship**
 - RM of Canwood No. 494 – *Specific Risk Materials Disposal Project*
 - RM of Corman Park No. 344 – *Residential Septic Utilities*
- **Heritage Conservation Leadership**
 - Town of Kerrobert – *Municipal Office*
 - Town of Ogema – *Saving Our Past for the Future*

Tickets for the luncheon are \$20.00 each and are available from suma@suma.org or 306-525-4386.

New Horizons for Seniors – April 16, 2010

New Horizons for Seniors is now accepting applications for the Community Participation and Leadership grant. Funding provides one-time, start-up grant funding of up to \$25,000 for community-based projects that enable seniors to play an important role in their communities. It encourages seniors to contribute their skills, experience, and wisdom in support of social well-being in their communities, and helps to reduce their risk of social isolation. For more information, please visit the [website](#).

Building Communities through Arts and Heritage Program – April 30, 2010

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.

SWEEP Program Expands

The Saskatchewan Waste Electronic Equipment Program is expanding the list of products that can be recycled. As of April 1, audio and visual equipment have been added, including items such as: VCR's, DVD's, stereos, cameras and phones. A full list of the products is available at <http://www.sweepit.ca/>

Deadline extended! Apply by April 19 to the 2010 Watershed Awards

The Watershed Awards is a new annual awards program presented by the Insurance Bureau of Canada (IBC) and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM). Canadian municipalities that have demonstrated leadership in their efforts to adapt to climate change are invited to submit entries to be considered for the inaugural year of the awards program. Information on the [Watershed Awards](#) is now available online, including eligibility criteria, timelines, and an easy-to-use online application form.

Measuring Progress Toward Climate Protection, April 12 at 12:00 – 1:30pm EDT

You can't manage what you don't measure – it is the foundation for any climate change or community energy strategy. This webinar will focus on applying ICLEI's International Emissions Analysis Protocol to the development of a greenhouse gas (GHG) and energy inventory (milestone one) for corporate operations and the community, and will be of particular interest to municipalities in the Partners for Climate Protection (PCP) program. Click [here](#) to register for this online workshop.

Presentations, videos and other resources now online for the 2010 FCM Sustainable Communities Conference

From February 10 to 12, at Ottawa's Westin Hotel, over 500 participants from across Canada and around the world gathered at what has become the premier conference on sustainable community development. The 2010 FCM Sustainable Communities Conference provided a national forum for leading thinkers and planners on sustainable community development. To learn more about conference presentations, videos and sustainable resources, please click [here](#).

2010 Provincial Budget Response

The 2010/2011 provincial budget confirmed what urban municipalities already knew – there will be no increase to the Municipal Operating Grant (MOG). "Municipalities were told to expect this outcome" said President Allan Earle. "So, we are not really pleased, but not surprised either." To view the full response, please click [here](#).

Share your best practices with the Saskatchewan Economic Development Association

The Saskatchewan Economic Development Association is currently collecting information on best practices and building an inclusive inventory that will list the following categories:

- tax incentives and rebates;
- infrastructure and/or land incentives;
- labour market initiatives; and
- other incentives designed to impact community growth.

Please send this information to alicia.curle@seda.sk.ca by **April 30th, 2010**. If you have any questions or require further information, please contact Alicia Curle at (306) 278-2498. To read the request letter, please click [here](#).

Saskatchewan Cities Maintain Competitive Edge

KPMG released its 2010 Competitive Alternatives Study today that ranks Saskatchewan's four major cities in the top 20 per cent of a 112 city comparison. In the overall city rankings, Moose Jaw was 11th, Regina 12th, Prince Albert 13th and Saskatoon 21st among all the 112 cities included in the study. To view more, please click [here](#).

Provincial Toilet Replacement Rebate Program Expansion

The Saskatchewan Watershed Authority has recently expanded the Provincial Toilet Replacement Rebate Program to make low-volume and dual-flush toilets installed in municipal, First Nations and non-

profit community facilities. This applies to all qualifying toilets installed in these facilities retroactive to January 1, 2009. For more information on the program, please visit the [website](#).

Federal Infrastructure Projects – Interactive Map

[Canada's Economic Action Plan](#) is the Government of Canada's response to the global recession. The Action Plan funded thousands of infrastructure projects and invested in jobs now and future. To view infrastructure projects funded by the Canada's Economic Action Plan, please click [here](#).

Government of Canada consults Canadians on economic immigrant priorities

The Government of Canada launched consultations to identify Canada's new and emerging labour market needs and how immigration can best respond to them. The consultations will help develop instructions to immigration officers on which economic immigration applications are eligible for processing. The following [questionnaire](#) is an opportunity for Canadians put provide inputs and identify key labour market needs. The survey will be available until April 16, 2010. For more information, please click [here](#).

Corporate Services:

Kal Tire wants your casings! Your worn out OTR tires are worth money, click [here](#) to learn more.

Get the latest news, views and trends with Municipal World

SUMA members and affiliated organizations are encouraged to 'stay in the loop' when it comes to issues affecting municipalities for just \$31.99 per year. Municipal World is a trusted magazine that offers the latest developments in an ever-changing world. To learn more, please click [here](#).

Win two tickets to next year's Convention Banquet!

It's easy to enter - just put your brain to work! We are looking for a new and dynamic convention theme for the 2011 SUMA Convention. Everyone who enters will have their name put into a draw for two tickets to the President's Banquet. Put some thought into it and send your themes to tmeier@suma.org.

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:

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:

- [Rural Municipality of Porcupine No. 395: Rural Municipal Administrator](#) – April 30, 2010
- [Town of Kerrobert: Recreation Director](#) – May 7, 2010
- [County of Lethbridge: Director of Community & Legislative Services](#) – April 20, 2010
- [Village of Punnichy: Administrator](#) – Immediately
- [Town of Kindersley: Water Treatment Plant Manager](#) – Open Until Filled
- [Town of Kindersley: Director of Finance](#) – Open Until Filled
- [Town of Wawota: Town Maintenance Person](#) – May 7, 2010
- [Village of Sedley: Village Foreman](#) – May 28, 2010
- [The Watrous Manitou Marketing Group: Community Development Officer](#) – April 16, 2010
- [Town of Wadena: Director of Public Works & Utilities](#) – Open Until Filled
- [Town of Churchbridge: Administrator](#) – Open until filled
- [Water Meters for Sale](#) – April 13, 2010
- [Garbage Truck For Sale](#) – April 28, 2010
- [SR440 Street Sweeper for Sale](#) – April 13, 2010
- [For Sale: Diesel Fuel Tank](#) – April 16, 2010