



**April 26, 2010**

**News:**

**SUMA Directors Engaged in Updating Strategic Plan**

The Board of Directors met with members of the administration last weekend to review the strategic orientation of the Association. Topics which were addressed included a review of SUMA's Mission, Vision and guiding principles, as well as a discussion of critical actions which will become priorities for the next 12 months. The process was led by HMC Management Inc. and a draft report from the consultant is expected within the next month. A summary of the outcomes will be shared with the members at the June regional meetings.

**The Ministry of Environment is seeking input on implementing MMRP**

The Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment is embarking on a [consultation](#) process to seek the input of affected stakeholders on all aspects of implementing a Multi-Material Recycling Program (MMRP). The consultation is on May 4, 2010, from 10am to noon in Saskatoon and the event is also being offered over the internet through webcast. To register, please click [here](#). SUMA will have representatives at the consultation and to learn more about SUMA's position on the MMRP, please click [here](#).

**Affordability & Choice Today Grant – Deadline May 21, 2010**

ACT (Affordability and Choice Today) provides grants to support projects that improve planning and building regulations in order to increase housing affordability and housing options. ACT grants of up to \$5,000 are available to facilitate the implementation of new and existing regulatory solutions as well as the transfer of knowledge. To learn more about the grant, please click [here](#).

**Building Communities through Arts and Heritage Program – Deadline 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.

**New Resources: Administrator's Orientation Webpage and Guide:**

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs is pleased to introduce the [Administrator's Orientation](#) page on its website. The ministry has also developed a publication intended to help new municipal administrators successfully manage the multiple responsibilities and accountabilities associated with their official duties. Click here to access the [Administrator's Orientation Guide](#).

**Saskatchewan Communities Urged to Sponsor Crime Stoppers**

Since 1987 [Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers](#) (SCS) has been assisting police forces throughout the province in solving crimes, seizing drugs and recovering stolen property. By offering cash rewards and the guarantee of anonymity, Crime Stoppers has been extremely successful in reaching out to individuals who would normally not report information they have on a crime. The success of this program continues to help make our communities safer places to live and do business.

SCS has continually received tremendous financial support from urban municipalities through the voluntary sponsorship program. Your financial contribution ensures that Crime Stoppers can continue to operate an effective program to fight crime in our communities and to educate citizens on issues affecting

them and how Crime Stoppers can help. It is through your support that SCS has contributed to the recovery of more than \$15 million worth of stolen property and drugs. **The annual request for sponsorship should be arriving in your mailbox soon. SUMA encourages you to support this very important program!**

### **Final Report: Municipal Water and Waste Management (MWW) Labour Market Study**

ECO Canada's Municipal Water and Waste Management Labour Market Information project aims to examine the practitioners working in these facilities to understand the current demographics of the workforce, current supply and future demand of practitioners for these facilities, critical HR issues and characteristics of employer demand. To view the full report, please click [here](#).

### **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](#).

### **Corporate Services:**

#### **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](mailto:tmeier@suma.org).

#### **Waterworks System Assessment (WSA) – Round 2**

Many member municipalities are required to complete a WSA – Round 2 by December 31, 2010. If your municipality is required to perform a WSA, [click here](#) for information on how to hire an engineer to perform the assessment.

#### **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](#).

### **Upcoming Events:**

#### **Capture Our Potential: The 2010 Conference on Business**

**May 5 - 7, 2010**

##### **Prince Albert, Saskatchewan**

Saskatchewan's economy is poised to lead the nation in 2010 and be among the top performers in 2011. Attend the 2010 Conference on Business and learn how to capture our province's potential today to strengthen your organization for the future.

#### **Saskatchewan Municipal Awards 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Luncheon**

**May 14, 2010**

##### **Regina, Saskatchewan**

The Selection Committee has reviewed the 24 unique nominations and they have rendered their decision. Come celebrate with these municipalities in Regina on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Tickets for the luncheon are \$20.00 each and are available from [suma@suma.org](mailto:suma@suma.org) or 306-525-4386.

The finalists 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, Village of Canwood, Village of Debden – *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*

## **Canadian Water Summit**

**June 17, 2010**

**Toronto, Ontario**

Water is embedded in virtually every facet of the Canadian economy. Don't miss the opportunity to join leaders from business, government, and civil society to help shape Canada's sustainable water future.

## **2010 SUMA Golf Tournament**

**July 15 & 16, 2010**

**Melville, Saskatchewan**

This year's annual SUMA Golf Tournament will be at Melville Golf & Country Club. All registration must be received by **Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010**. For more information on the golf tournament, please click [here](#).

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

## **Classifieds:**

- [Policy Research Assistant – Summer Student](#) – April 30, 2010
- [City of Whitehorse: Utility Systems Supervisor](#) – May 14, 2010
- [Resort Village of Alice Beach: Administrator](#) – May 31, 2010
- [Rural Municipality of Porcupine No. 395: Rural Municipal Administrator](#) – April 30, 2010
- [Town of Kerrobert: Recreation Director](#) – May 7, 2010
- [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
- [Town of Wadena: Director of Public Works & Utilities](#) – April 25, 2010
- [Municipal Historic Plaques for Sale](#) – April 30, 2010
- [Garbage Truck For Sale](#) – April 28, 2010