

May 3, 2010

News:

Community Growth Tool Kit for Small Communities

The Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce is pleased to release of its Community Growth Tool Kit. The Tool Kit will help Saskatchewan's smaller communities benefit from the province's increasing population by enhancing their planning and development processes. The Chamber and the University of Regina jointly developed the plan as part of the "Sustainable Growth Strategy for a New Saskatchewan". To learn more about the Tool Kit, please click <u>here</u>.

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 <u>here</u>.

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 <u>consultation</u> 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 <u>here</u>. SUMA will have representatives at the consultation and here is SUMA's <u>position</u> on MMRP.

New Resources: Administrator's Orientation Webpage and Guide:

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs is pleased to introduce the <u>Administrator's Orientation</u> 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 <u>Administrator's Orientation Guide</u>.

Best Management Practices for Urban Forests in Canada

The Canadian Institute of Forestry is offering an interactive electronic lecture series. Lectures will run for approximately one hour on Wednesdays at 1:30pm EST and will feature experts and practitioners from across Canada. From May 5 to June 23, the electronic lecture is focusing management and planning of urban forests in Canada. To learn more about the lecture, please click <u>here</u>.

Saskatchewan Communities Urged to Sponsor Crime Stoppers

Since 1987 <u>Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers</u> (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!

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 the training 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, <u>click here</u> 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 <u>here</u>.

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 4th Annual Luncheon May 14, 2010 Regina, Saskatchewan

Tickets for the luncheon are \$20.00 each and are available from <u>suma@suma.org</u> or 306-525-4386. To view finalist, please go to SUMA <u>homepage</u>.

Canadian Water Summit June 17, 2010 Toronto, Ontario

Water is embedded in virtually every facet of the Canadian economy. Don't miss the <u>opportunity</u> 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**th, **2010**. For more information on the golf tournament, please click <u>here</u>.

For more events, visit the **<u>SUMA events calendar</u>**

Classifieds:

- Town of Oliver: Chief Financial Officer May 17, 2010
- R.M. of Dufferin #190 and the Village of Bethune: Administrator May 31, 2010
- Village of Punnichy: Administrator May 12, 2010
- City of Whitehorse: Utility Systems Supervisor May 14, 2010
- **<u>Resort Village of Alice Beach: Administrator</u> May 31, 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
- <u>Street Sweeper for Sale</u> May 7, 2010
- Street Sweeper for Sale May 6, 2010