

May 17, 2010

News:

Congratulations to this year's award winners!

Saskatchewan Municipal Awards celebrated another year of excellence and best practices in the municipal sector on May 14th, 2010 at the Ramada Hotel in Regina. Congratulations to all <u>winning</u> <u>municipalities</u> on job well done!

SUMA wants to know!

The SUMA Convention Planning Committee is reviewing the annual convention format and needs the members input. Please take a few minutes to provide your valuable feedback to us! Click <u>here</u> to access the survey.

Growth and Development Portal

Municipal responsibility to create vibrant, healthy, well serviced communities is challenging. To help you through the process of assessing your planning needs, acquiring professional expertise and considering the opportunity of district planning, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs has developed publications to assist you in this work. These publications can be found online through the ministry's Growth and Development portal located <u>here</u>. Some of the documents you will find include:

- Planning Districts-A Tool for Growth
- Sample District Planning Agreement
- Assessing Your Planning Needs
- Managing the Cost of Municipal Planning
- Finding Planning Professionals
- Request for Proposals (RFP) Guide
- Sample Request For Proposal (for professional community planning
- services)

Now Accepting Nominations!

It's not too early to get thinking about recognizing long-serving municipal government employees and elected officials through the SUMA Convention Awards Program, taking place February 1, 2011. Nomination forms can be located on the <u>SUMA website</u>. The submission deadline is September 24, 2010.

Give us 'the Scoop'

Municipalities are encouraged to submit nominations for the **Scoop Lewry Award**. 'The Scoop' is presented at the SUMA Convention Awards Program in recognition of outstanding service in municipal government or administration, on a local and provincial/national basis. Those eligible to be nominated are elected officials, administrators, SUMA officials and personnel in Municipal Affairs and First Nations and Métis Relations. The nomination form can be located on the <u>SUMA website</u>. The submission deadline is September 14, 2010.

FCM's Green Municipal Fund Releases 12 New Case Studies

Green Municipal Fund is pleased to announce the release of 12 new case studies. <u>Find out</u> how other municipal governments are working to make their communities more sustainable!

Community Airport Partnership Grants Take Flight

The Minister Highways and Infrastructure announced nine grants on May 7, 2010 with a total of \$500,000 to improve Saskatchewan airports. The grants are through the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure's Community Airports Partnership (CAP) program and are matched by eligible recipients. Please click <u>here</u> to read the news release. To learn more about the program, please <u>click</u> 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 <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 <u>tmeier@suma.org</u>.

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.

Upcoming Events:

SUMA 2010 Spring Regional Meetings – sponsored in part by SaskPower and Prairie Fuel Advisors June 1-4 and 14-16 Locations throughout Saskatchewan Registration forms and agendas are posted to the SUMA website.

The Canadian Housing and Renewal Association 42nd Annual Congress June 2 – 5, 2010 Quebec City, Quebec This year's theme is Affordable Housing: An essential Investment and the program include sessions focused on tangible, practical solutions that can be applied to both small and large municipalities – both urban and rural. To learn more about the conference, please visit the <u>website</u>.

SUMAssure Meeting 3:30pm to 5:00pm, June 8, 2010 Travelodge, Saskatoon, SK

Presented by Aon Reed Stenhouse and Suncorp Valuations, SUMAssure is having an information session prior to the UMAAS Convention that will provide existing and perspective members with benefits of the SUMAssure Insurance reciprocal and professional appraisal and valuation services. To register, click <u>here</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 registrations 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 SUMA events calendar

Classifieds:

- Town of Valleyview: Town Manager June 15, 2010
- <u>City of Humboldt: City Manager</u> May 31, 2010
- Rural Municipality of Porcupine No. 395: Administrator May 27, 2010
- Town of Mossbank: Administrator May 27, 2010
- Town of Sintaluta: Part-time Administrator May 25, 2010
- RM of Shell River: Chief Administrative Officer May 21, 2010
- Town of Rosthern: Assistant Administrator May 21, 2010
- Town of Coaldale: Assistant Town Manager May 28, 2010
- SUMA: Communications and Web Coordinator May 28, 2010
- Town of Oliver: Chief Financial Officer May 17, 2010
- R.M. of Dufferin #190 and the Village of Bethune: Administrator May 31, 2010
- Resort Village of Alice Beach: Administrator May 31, 2010
- Town of Kindersley: Water Treatment Plant Manager Open Until Filled
- Town of Kindersley: Director of Finance Open Until Filled