



**May 31, 2010**

**News:**

**Premier Outlines Priorities for next 18 months**

Premier Brad Wall released mandate letters recently sent to all of his cabinet ministers outlining the government's priorities for the next 18 months. To view all of the mandate letters, please click [here](#). SUMA will be reviewing these letters in the coming days. We will continue advocating on behalf of our members, ensuring that their priorities remain a priority of the provincial government. If members have any comments and questions, please [email](#) us.

**Spring Regional Meetings start tomorrow!**

This year's spring regional meetings start tomorrow. Regional meetings are an opportunity for members to find out what SUMA has been working on their behalf and it is also a discussion forum and networking opportunity for members on important local and provincial issues. For the complete schedule and agendas, please visit the SUMA [website](#).

**Municipal Financial Statement Workshops**

A number of administrators and auditors have expressed an interest in having another round of financial statement workshops in the fall of 2010. One of the focuses for the workshops will be to review and analyze the new information found on the 2009 financial statements and help individuals understand the new financial reporting format. In addition to focusing on the new financial statements, if anyone has any other ideas for the workshops please share your thoughts via the SaskTCA [website](#). A registration fee of \$75 per attendee will be charged to cover the workshop costs.

The workshop will be open to both administrators and auditors. If you are interested in participating in a workshop, please sign the interest list at "[2010 Fall Financial Workshop - Interest List](#)." Any comments or questions can be submitted via the [SaskTCA](#) helpline and will be shared with all parties involved in this process.

**2010-11 Saskatchewan Community Economic Development Apprenticeship Program**

Sponsored by Enterprise Saskatchewan, the apprenticeship program is designed to assist in recruiting, training and retaining competent employees to assist with business of community economic development initiative in Saskatchewan. The program is open to any economic organizations (independent or operating with a municipality or First Nations community) in the regions supported by Enterprise Saskatchewan. Interested organizations must submit a formal application by **June 30, 2010**. For more information about the program, please click [here](#).

**“Calling all Big Thinkers...”**

Think Big is a new electronic magazine published quarterly and circulated to over two thousand people directly and indirectly involved in the construction industry. The magazine features major infrastructure projects such as the Global Transportation Hub, the latest technologies on building techniques and sustainable and green building practices. You can view on-line examples of the [magazine](#) or please contact [Saskatchewan Heavy Construction Association](#) for a copy of this magazine.

## **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 [here](#) to access the survey.

## **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 [SUMA website](#). The submission deadline is September 14, 2010.

## **SUMAssure Meeting**

Presented by Aon Reed Stenhouse and Suncorp Valuations, SUMAssure is having an information session prior to the UMAAS Convention on June 8, 2010 in Saskatoon. The meeting will provide existing and perspective members with benefits of the SUMAssure Insurance reciprocal and professional appraisal and valuation services. To register, click [here](#).

## **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 [here](#). 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 [SUMA website](#). The submission deadline is September 24, 2010.

## **Grants of the Week:**

### [Farm Credit Canada's AgriSpirit Fund - Deadline: June 14](#)

Farm Credit Canada wants to make life better for people living in small communities. This \$5,000 to \$25,000 grant focuses on building infrastructure including libraries, food banks, care homes, playground structures, and emergency services equipment in communities with a population under 100,000 people. For full details of the program, please click [here](#).

### [Saskatchewan Heritage Foundation's Grant Programs - Deadline: August 15](#)

The Saskatchewan Heritage Foundation offers five assistance programs for projects that preserve or discover a piece of Saskatchewan's heritage. The five programs are based on the following types of

projects: research, conservation, promotion and education, publications, and special projects. For full details of the program, 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.

### **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 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Congress**

**June 2 – 5, 2010**

#### **Quebec City, Quebec**

This year's theme is Affordable Housing: An essential investment and the program includes 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 [website](#).

#### **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 registrations 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:**

- [Town of Wadena: Administrator](#) – June 28, 2010
- [Town of Oxbow: Public Works Foreman](#) – June 18, 2010
- [Town of Maidstone: Superintendent of Public Works & Utilities](#) – June 25, 2010
- [City of Moose Jaw: Chief Draftsperson](#) – June 4, 2010
- [Town of Cabri: Assistant Town Foreman](#) – June 14, 2010
- [City of Cold Lake: Operations Manager](#) – June 18, 2010

- [Town of Valleyview: Town Manager](#) – June 15, 2010
- [City of Humboldt: City Manager](#) – May 31, 2010
- [R.M. of Dufferin #190 and the Village of Bethune: Administrator](#) – May 31, 2010