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News:

Planning for Growth Initiative Launched

Saskatchewan municipalities now have more access to funding for community planning thanks to a new $1.1 million program. Planning For Growth provides funding for groups of municipalities who are working together to accommodate and encourage economic development and population growth in their regions. To learn more about the program, please click here.

New Resources on the MCDP Website

The Municipal Capacity Development Program (MCDP) has added several new resources to their website of benefit to Saskatchewan municipalities. These excellent additions include a Guide to Municipal Cooperation, a Municipal Guide to Comprehensive Asset Mapping, and information for conducting a Bylaw Enforcement needs assessment and search for services. The MCDP homepage provides an update on these and many more resources. The MCDP website continues to provide Municipal Best Practices, a Discussion Forum for communities to share ideas with each other (ComMuniLink), and other useful information. Join us at http://www.municipalcapacity.ca and connect with other municipalities across the province.

New Enterprise Regions Celebrated

The Government of Saskatchewan celebrated the launch of three new Enterprise Regions (ERs) in northern Saskatchewan. The three Enterprise Regions are: Athabasca Enterprise Region Corp, Boreal West Enterprise Region Inc. and, Churchill River Enterprise Region Inc. To learn more, please click here.

Saskatchewan Access, Privacy, Security, Information and Records Management Forum - Sept 2010 - Call for Submissions

The Access and Privacy Branch, Ministry of Justice and Attorney General, is pleased to announce the Saskatchewan Access, Privacy, Security, Information and Records Management Forum – Making Connections which will be held at the Regina Inn on September 27 – 29, 2010. Deadline for submission is 5pm, June 30. Click here for more information.

Communities in Bloom

Saskatchewan Communities in Bloom program is managed by the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association. The program promotes involvement and action by citizens of all ages, the municipal Government, local organizations, and businesses. Thirty-eight Saskatchewan communities are participating in the 2010 Communities in Bloom Provincial program. Competitive communities will be judged throughout the weeks of July 16, 2010 and August 17, 2010. For more information, please click here.

2010-11 Saskatchewan Community Economic Development Apprentice Program – Deadline June 30, 2010

Sponsored by Enterprise Saskatchewan, the apprentice 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. For more information about the program, please click here.

Ipsos Municipal Paper: Citizens Views of Municipal Government
A new paper published by Ipsos examines the differing attitudes towards municipal governments around the world, including Canada.

Grants of the Week:

Mosquito Control Program - Deadline: July 15
The Government of Saskatchewan is providing $1.1 million in one-time funding for mosquito control because of this year's weather conditions. The program will provide communities who make application with a maximum grant of $1.10 per capita (based on 2006 census figures) for activities such as planning, larval site identification and mapping, surveillance, training and mosquito control activities such as source reduction, public education and larviciding. Municipalities are encouraged to group together to provide mosquito control. For full details of the program, please click here.

Corporate Services:

SUMA Advantage Offers Supplies for Mosquito Control Program
With mosquito season upon us, as a reminder that SUMA Advantage offers a mosquito control program. In partnership with Evergo (formally Westgro Horticultural Supplies), member municipalities can purchase Vectobac, Altosid or Vectolex CG at special member pricing. The program was designed specially for smaller municipalities who purchase requirements are less than the price advantage offered by full pallet pricing. For more information and product pricing, please click here or contact Evergo at 800-661-2991.

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:

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, 2010**. For more information on the golf tournament, please click here.

Canadian Association of Police Boards
August 18 – 21, 2010
Saint John, NB
Canadian Association of Police Boards is the only national organization dedicated to excellence in police governance in Canada. This year's annual conference is at Saint John, New Brunswick.

Canadian Urban Forest Conference 9
October 5 – 7, 2010
Truro, Nova Scotia
The Canadian Urban Forest Conference (CUFC) is held every two years, alternating between an eastern and western host community. The CUFC has become to be recognized as the education and networking event for those working in the field of urban forest management. For more information on the conference, please go to the conference homepage.

MCDP Sustainable Planning Workshop

October 14, 2010
Meadow Lake, Saskatchewan
For more information on the sustainable planning workshop, please email MCDP.

Rural Development Institute and Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation Conference
October 14-16, 2010
Brandon, Manitoba
The national conference will focus on issues affecting rural communities and their futures. Saskatchewan's Municipal Capacity Development Program has been invited to showcase successful inter-municipal practices at this year's conference. For more information on the conference, please click here.

For more events, visit the **SUMA events calendar**

Classifieds:

- **Town of Canora: Community Development Officer** – July 8, 2010
- **Town of Kindersley: Municipal Engineering Assistant** – July 16, 2010
- **Town of Kindersley: Director of Engineering & Community Planning** – July 16, 2010
- **Village of Fillmore: Urban Administrator** – July 30, 2010
- **Town of Outlook: Financial Assistant** – June 25, 2010
- **Village of Tantallon: Administrator** – Open Until Filled
- **Village of Manor: Maintenance Man** – June 25, 2010
- **Town of Shaunavon: Recreation Director** – June 30, 2010
- **City of Melville: Assistant Public Works Manager** - Open Until Filled
- **RM of Shell River: Chief Administrative Officer** – Open Until Filled
- **Town of Wadena: Administrator** – June 28, 2010
- **Town of Maidstone: Superintendent of Public Works & Utilities** – June 25, 2010
- **Fire Trucks for Sale** – June 28, 2010