



July 5, 2010

News:

Ministerial Committee tasked with coordination of provincial disaster response

In response to unprecedented floods experienced by people in Saskatchewan communities, Premier Brad Wall has created a Cabinet Committee to ensure that a coordinated, long-term response takes place. The committee will coordinate with the Federal Government to help ensure that assistance flows smoothly and swiftly. For more information about the Committee's mandate, please click [here](#).

Provincial Disaster Assistance Program

Natural disasters such as flooding, tornados, plow winds and severe weather can cause substantial loss or damage. The Provincial Disaster Assistance Program can help. For more detailed information, please click [here](#).

Free testing of drinking water wells offered by Saskatchewan Watershed

In response to the heavy rain and flooding in the Swift Current area, Saskatchewan Watershed Authority (SWA) will be offering to test private wells used as drinking water sources that have potentially become contaminated by surface water flows, at no cost to the owner, between June 28 and July 16. For more information, click [here](#).

Kick-Start Your Brownfield Project with a GMF Loan

Green Municipal Fund (GMF) offers loan for brownfield remediation projects at rates far lower than any municipal government can get on the market. GMF also provides grants for brownfield action plans, such as community improvement plans (CIPs); grants for site testing and remediation plans, including Phase II environmental site assessments; remedial action plans and risk assessments; and educational and training resources. For more information on the GMF loan, please click [here](#).

SUMA Board Meeting Highlights

This past weekend marked the second quarterly meeting of the SUMA Board of Directors for 2010. Directors dealt with a number of items regarding planning for the upcoming 2011 SUMA convention, the recently completed strategic plan and several recommendations from the policy committees. To learn more, please click [here](#).

Weekly West Nile & Culex Reports – 2010

Want to learn more about West Nile? The Ministry of Health provides weekly reports on West Nile in the province and West Nile virus awareness and prevention. To learn more, please click [here](#).

New approach needed in mosquito fight

A new study suggests that leaving organic debris may increase the effectiveness of anti-mosquito larvicides. To read the full article, click [here](#).

Have you looked at SUMA's list of available grants lately?

Suma has recently updated and expanded its list of grants available to municipalities and communities. To access a current list of grants see the [SUMA grants page](#).

New Municipal Affairs website shows tax dollar usage

Municipal Affairs has developed a new feature website to give you a closer look at how your tax dollars are being used to re-build and renew Saskatchewan's municipal infrastructure. "Your Dollars At Work" profiles a series of infrastructure projects which have received government funding. To view the eight articles currently featured, click [here](#).

Municipal Bridge Funding Deadline approaching

This is a friendly reminder that the declaration form and receipt submission form for the Municipal Recycling Bridge Funding Program is due by July 31st, 2010. The receipt submission form should include all receipts from paper and cardboard recycling from the period of January 1, 2010 to June 30, 2010. Once all of your forms have been submitted, you will receive your first payment. If you have not received information on this year's program, but participated in it last year, please contact SUMA immediately at recycle@suma.org or at (306) 525-3727.

Aviva Community Fund Contest

Aviva Canada will be giving away \$1,000,000 this fall, to help build better communities. Community groups and individuals are encouraged to submit ideas and proposals for community improvement. The most popular ideas will be voted on and move on to the next round. Finalists will be granted funding. Categories include supporting youth and neighbourhood rejuvenation. There is no size requirement for ideas; the contest is open to all sizes of projects which help build better communities. For full information on the contest, please click [here](#).

Grants of the Week:

Solar Heating Initiative Fund for Today (SHIFT)

The Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment and The Saskatchewan Research Council offer the SHIFT rebate incentive program. Commercial, industrial and institutional sectors are eligible for some reimbursement of project costs (remote communities and municipalities are eligible for more) for the installation for solar water or solar air heating. This program has the same eligibility criteria as the federal ecoENERGY for Renewable Heat Initiative and matches that funding up to a maximum of \$80,000 per installation. The program will end on March 31, 2011. For full program details, please click [here](#).

Prairie Shelterbelt Program – Applications are accepted from June 1 – March 15 to ship trees in May

The Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration's (PFRA) Shelterbelt Centre in Indian Head, Saskatchewan produces trees and shrubs that are provided at no cost for agroforestry plantings. Public land-owners, such as municipalities, private agricultural land owners and First Nations Bands or Councils are eligible to apply. This project provides seedlings at no cost. These seedlings can be used to shelter roads or farmlands and other agroforestry, conservation or reclamation projects. For full program details, 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. 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.

62nd IPAC National Annual Conference

Guardians of Our Communities: from Local to Global

August 22 - 25, 2010

Ottawa, Ontario

To learn more about the conference, please click [here](#).

Saskatchewan River Delta Mini-Symposium and Stewardship Discussion

Partners FOR the Saskatchewan River Basin

September 14-15, 2010

The Pas, MB

For more information on this symposium and meeting, please visit www.saskriverbasin.ca/.

Financial Statement Workshops

October 5 – 7, 2010

Regina & Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

For further information, please go to www.sasktca.ca/events

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 Coaldale: Director of Community Services](#) – July 13, 2010
- [Town of Kindersley: Municipal Engineering Assistant](#) – July 16, 2010
- [Town of Kindersley: Director of Engineering & Community Planning](#) – July 16, 2010
- [Town of Norquay: Town Administrator](#) – July 20, 2010
- [Village of Neudorf: Maintenance Man/Waterworks Operator](#) – July 26, 2010
- [Village of Fillmore: Urban Administrator](#) – July 30, 2010
- [Street Sweeper for Sale](#) – July 7, 2010
- [Water Filters for Sale](#) – July 20, 2010
- [Ice Plant for Sale](#) – August 30, 2010
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