



July 19, 2010

News:

Professional development opportunity: Tax enforcement workshops

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs, the Rural Municipal Administrators' Association of Saskatchewan and Urban Municipal Administrators' Association of Saskatchewan have collaborated to create a series of one-day Tax Enforcement and Small Claims Workshops this fall, featuring guest speakers from Advisory Services, Information Services Corporation, the Provincial Mediation Board, as well as legal professionals. The workshops will deal with all facets of the tax enforcement process, including options for enforcing payment of taxes outside *The Tax Enforcement Act*.

Seven workshops will take place from October 19-28 in North Battleford, Saskatoon, Prince Albert, Kelvington, Swift Current, Moose Jaw and Broadview. Registration fee of \$65 includes lunch. For full details and a registration form, click [here](#).

2010 Municipal Financial Statement Workshops

The Urban Municipal Administrators Association of Saskatchewan will be hosting three financial statement workshops to be held throughout the province from October 5 to October 7, 2010. The focus of these workshops will be: (1) Understanding and analyzing the new financial information found in the 2009 financial statements; and (2) Municipal Budgeting going forward - illustrating and analyzing the changes to municipal budgeting. To learn more about the workshops, please click [here](#).

New Adaptation Initiative for Communities!

ICLEI Canada will be offering local governments the opportunity to implement the new *Changing Climate, Changing Communities* guide in real-time, with facilitation, support, and direction from ICLEI Canada staff in October 2010. The initiative will assist Canadian communities in the development and implementation of a local adaptation action plan over the course of two years. Participation will build expertise and knowledge on local government's role and strategic opportunities in relation to reducing vulnerabilities and managing the impacts of climate change. Our approaches to adaptation will measure the impacts for your community in order to demonstrate that participation in the program creates benefits for the community and for council operations. [Click here for more info.](#)

Love your shoreline, love your community

What do false teeth, a disco ball, and cigarette butts have in common? They're all part of the debris that has been found on Canadian shorelines during the Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup. Just because Saskatchewan is land-locked doesn't mean we don't have shoreline, so don't dismiss this event, slated for Sept. 18-26! This year, there are 29 cleanup sites registered in the province. Last year, over 750 Saskatchewan volunteers removed more than 1,590 kg of litter from the province's shorelines – that's the total weight of 3 male moose, combined! For more information contact jean.fong@vanaqua.org, or visit the website by clicking [here](#).

Weekly West Nile & Culex Reports

Saskatchewan entering high risk period for West Nile Virus

The Ministry of Health is reminding Saskatchewan residents to take protective measures against mosquitoes, as the risk of exposure to West Nile Virus is beginning to increase. There has been an increase in the number of *Culex tarsalis* mosquitoes in southern Saskatchewan over the last two weeks. "The next two weeks will be critical in terms of assessing the West Nile Virus risk for the rest of the season," Provincial West Nile Virus Co-ordinator Phil Curry said. "We will continue to monitor mosquito

activity throughout the summer and notify media and the public about the risk and personal protective measures." For more info click [here](#).

Editorial by Kevin Kitchen: Saskatchewan is becoming an economic powerhouse

In the latest edition of the Creative City newsletter, Kevin Kitchen expounds on the positive direction the province has taken, and addresses the need for municipal cultural planning. To read this interesting and informative editorial, click [here](#).

Municipal Recycling Bridge Funding Program

The new Municipal Recycling Bridge Funding Program website has been launched at <http://saskmunicipalrecycling.ca>.

This is a friendly reminder that the declaration and receipt submission forms (including copies of receipts) for the Municipal Recycling Bridge Funding Program are due by July 31, 2010. The receipt submission form should include all receipts from paper and cardboard recycling for 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. Please note that SUMA's fax number is (306) 525-4373.

ECO Canada post-secondary graduation research shows Saskatchewan in lead for environment-related program grads

A study recently completed by ECO Canada has shown that overall, Saskatchewan was one of the two top contenders for producing the largest proportion of students both enrolling in and graduating from environment-related programs in 2007. For more information click [here](#).

Have you looked at our 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](#).

Grants of the Week:

CIF Community Vitality Program – Deadline: October 1

The official Community Vitality Program application guidelines have recently been released. The Community Vitality Program will invest in community projects and initiatives that can have a lasting impact on the economic, social and cultural aspects of community life in Saskatchewan. The program has two components: Small Capital Projects and Community Pride Projects and Events. For community projects, up to 50% of eligible costs to a maximum grant of \$50,000 per project is available for funding. For full program details, please click [here](#).

CIF Physical Activity Grant Program – Deadline: November 1

The CIF Physical Activity Grant Program supports strategic projects and initiatives that will advance the physical activity movement in Saskatchewan and increase the level of physical activity of Saskatchewan people. The program aims to engage and mobilize physical activity sector partners to foster collective will and leadership and increase community capacity through enhanced cross-sectoral cooperation. Funding ranges up to \$40,000 for regional projects and up to \$80,000 for provincial projects. For full program details, please click [here](#).

Corporate Services:

SUMA Advantage Offers Supplies for Mosquito Control Program

With mosquito season upon us, this is 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:

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 in Saint John, New Brunswick.

62nd IPAC National Annual Conference

Guardians of Our Communities: from Local to Global

August 22 - 25, 2010

Ottawa, ON

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

Saskatchewan River Delta Mini-Symposium and Stewardship Discussion

Partners FOR the Saskatchewan River Basin (*Registration Deadline July 12*)

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, SK

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

Canadian Urban Forest Conference 9

October 5 – 7, 2010

Truro, NS

The Canadian Urban Forest Conference (CUFC) is held every two years, alternating between an eastern and western host community. The CUFC has become 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, SK

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, MB

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](#).

14th Canadian National Conference & 5th Policy Forum on

Drinking Water

October 30-November 2, 2010

Saskatoon SK

With the objectives of assuring continuous improvement in drinking water services and public health in the face of new challenges, aging infrastructure and new solutions, the 2010 Conference and Policy Forum will focus on the unique challenges faced in aligning research needs with reality in the drinking water situations across the country. Featuring both oral and poster presentations, and possibly a policy or research forum, the event will also address regulatory issues, research needs, and the contaminants of emerging concern. Contact www.cwwa.ca

For more events, visit the [SUMA events calendar](#).

Classifieds:

Positions Available:

- [City of Melville: Assistant Public Works Director](#) – When filled
- [55 West Enterprise Region: Director of Economic Development](#) – When filled
- [City of Melfort: Community Development Manager](#) – August 6, 2010
- [Town of Cabri: Temporary Town Administrator](#) – August 4, 2010
- [Town of Pilot Butte: Economic Innovations Recreation Director](#) – July 30, 2010
- [Village of Fillmore: Urban Administrator](#) – July 30, 2010
- [Town of Birch Hills: Townman](#) – July 30, 2010
- [Village of Pelly/RM of St. Philips: Administrative Assistant](#) – July 30, 2010
- [Village of Neudorf: Maintenance Man/Waterworks Operator](#) – July 26, 2010
- [City of Weyburn: Public Works Superintendent](#) – July 23, 2010
- [Town of Norquay: Town Administrator](#) – July 20, 2010
- [RM of St. Francois Xavier: Water Treatment Plant Operator](#) – July 20, 2010
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Items For Sale:

- [Water Filters for Sale](#) – July 20, 2010
- [Rescue Unit for Sale](#) – August 6, 2010
- [Chev 1-Ton Garbage Truck with Packer, Ford F450 Diesel](#) – August 9, 2010
- [Ice Machine for Sale](#) – August 31, 2010