



August 9, 2010

News:

Remember – the SIGI Deadline is September 30!

The Saskatchewan Infrastructure Growth Initiative (SIGI) Program provides municipalities with interest rate subsidies for five years on \$300 million of municipal borrowing. The deadline to submit applications for the 2011-12 fiscal year is Sept. 30. The application form and guide are available by clicking [here](#).

Lower deductibles, more funding available: *improvements to Provincial Disaster Assistance Program (PDAP)*

With a summer of unprecedented weather damage, Saskatchewan residents have incurred major losses from flooding, tornadoes, plow winds and severe storms. The provincial government recently announced improvements to the PDAP including a reduction for private claimants' deductibles from 20% to 5% and increases to the maximum amount of financial assistance available to individuals, small businesses, non-profits, boards and primary agricultural enterprises. To learn more click [here](#).

Red Cross toll-free information & recovery line

The Red Cross has set up a province wide toll-free number to reach out to people affected by severe weather, making Red Cross services more accessible to the most vulnerable whose basic needs may still be unmet. The number, 1-888-953-3463 is manned Monday to Friday from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., and Saturday noon to 5 p.m.; a message may be left 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and a Red Cross worker will return your call. The line will be open until Aug. 29, 2010. The number is free to call and confidential. Red Cross assistance is provided at no cost to the recipient and is coordinated with governments, insurance and other organizations to ensure needs are met without duplication. For more information see www.redcross.ca.

FCM's census change response

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities has raised concerns that the replacement of the voluntary long form Census may harm the quality and reliability of the data which municipalities use to make a wide range of decisions. For more information on FCM's position click [here](#).

Municipal Recycling Bridge Funding Program

Please note that the Bridge Funding Program only covers paper and cardboard recycling. If your submission is composed entirely of paper and/or cardboard it should be indicated. If it is not entirely composed of paper/cardboard, then you must provide SUMA with how much of your total submitted recycling is paper/cardboard.

Also, if you have not yet sent us your submission, please do so as soon as possible. You may fax it to 525- 4373 or email it to recycle@suma.org

Got a Question?

To help municipal administrators and elected officials, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs maintains a "[Frequently Asked Questions](#)" webpage. You can find the answers to some of most commonly asked questions on municipal management, community planning and land use. The Municipal Capacity Development Program (MCDP) also has a [discussion forum](#) on municipal issues. This is a great way for municipalities to share information and experience.

Grants of the Week:

The Saskatchewan Infrastructure Growth Initiative (SIGI) – Deadline: September 30, 2010

This program is designed to assist municipalities in developing infrastructure to meet the demand associated with servicing lots for new residential, commercial and industrial construction. It provides municipalities with interest rate subsidies for up to five years on \$300 million of municipal borrowing. The borrowing is spread over four years (2008-09 to 2011-12) at \$75 million per year. The initiative is a key component of the government's growth agenda. For full program details, please click [here](#).

The Building Communities Through Arts and Heritage Program – Deadline: September 30, 2010

This program was created to help you celebrate your community, its past and its present. The program will increase opportunities, through festivals and other events and activities, for local artists and artisans to be involved in their community and for local groups to commemorate their local history and heritage. The Community Anniversaries component provides funding to local groups for non-recurring local events and capital projects that commemorate an anniversary of 100 years or greater. This grant is open to community groups only, not municipalities. For festivals occurring in 2011, the deadline for application is September 30, 2010. For full program details, 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:

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.

Upcoming Events:

Planning for Growth workshop

August 19

Manitou Beach, SK

This is the last of the only round of workshops being offered. For more info, contact msteranka@sasktel.net.

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.

**CES Summit 2010
Sustainable Saskatchewan – Managing The Growth
September 16, 2010
Saskatoon, SK**

The Consulting Engineers of Saskatchewan is hosting a summit of interest to all wishing to positively influence the Saskatchewan economy. Bringing together representatives from major economic segments in our province with a focus on Human Resources and Industry/Infrastructure issues, the Summit will give attendees the chance to network on innovative solutions to manage the province's growth. Early bird deadline: August 20. For more information, click [here](#).

**8th Annual Western Municipalities Aboriginal Gathering
September 27-29, 2010
North Battleford, SK**

"Strength, Unity and Pride" is the theme for this year's gathering. The purpose of the Western Municipalities Aboriginal Gathering is to provide opportunities to meet colleagues, discuss challenges and solutions, as well as share practices that have proved to be successful. For more information, email Ray Fox at ray_rkfox@sasktel.net or (306) 937-6898.

Municipalities are invited to join the gathering to make short presentations on current initiatives, services and practices related to their Aboriginal citizens. To register a delegate for presentations or to register for attendance at the gathering, contact Jim Toye at the City of North Battleford, jtoye@cityofnb.ca or fax (306) 446-3288.

**Fall '10 Waste Minimization Forum
September 30–October 1, 2010
Humboldt, SK**

This forum is hosted by the Saskatchewan Waste Reduction Council. For more information or to register call (306) 931-3242 or email swrc@link.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](#).

**North American Rail Summit 2010
October 17-20, 2010
Montreal, QC**

The North American Rail Summit (formerly the Railway Interchange Conference) focuses on sharing knowledge and experience among railway researchers, practitioners and decision makers in North America. For more information, contact Janet Greene at (613) 564-8109 or JanetG@railcan.ca.

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](#).

Tax Enforcement Workshops

October 19-28, 2010

North Battleford, SK

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](#).

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

2nd Agri-Investment Symposium (Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada)

November 8-9, 2010

Saskatoon, SK

Companies across Canada are being called to present innovative investment-ready agri-technologies or start-up or growth-stage agri-enterprises to 20 potential investors. Formal "requests to present" must be submitted to the AAFC by September 15, 2010. Further information and instructions are available by clicking [here](#).

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

Classifieds:

Positions Available:

- [City of Weyburn: Store/Yard Clerk](#) – When filled
- [City of Weyburn: Water & Sewer Chargehand](#) – When filled
- [City of Melville: Assistant Public Works Director](#) – When filled
- [Town of Didsbury: Manager of Public Works](#) – When filled

- [Village of Abernethy: Village Administrator](#) – Aug. 25, 2010
- [Town of Ituna: Urban Administrator](#) – Aug. 23, 2010
- [City of Moose Jaw: Manager of Engineering Services](#) – August 23, 2010
- [Village of St. Louis: P/T Maintenance & Waterworks](#) – August 17, 2010
- [Town of Maidstone: Urban Administrator](#) – August 13, 2010
- [Town of Luseland: Administrator](#) – August 6, 2010
- [Town of Black Diamond: Public Works Equipment Operator II](#) – When filled

Items For Sale:

- [Ice Machine for Sale](#) – August 31, 2010