



August 23, 2010

## **News:**

### **First Quarter Financial Report says budget remains on track**

Saskatchewan's Deputy Premier and Finance Minister Ken Krawetz reported last week that the province's budget remains on track despite additional costs sustained by an extraordinary summer of severe weather. For more information click [here](#).

### **Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) announces 15 new grants**

The FCM has announced \$73,100 in grants to improve housing affordability for Canadians, through the Affordability and Choice Today program. Grants of up to \$5,000 are available to local teams comprised of municipalities, builders and housing stakeholders who promote the improvement of planning and building regulations in their communities. For more information, click [here](#).

### **“Engaging Aboriginal People” workshop provides practical solutions on engaging Aboriginal staff, clients, and organizations**

Over the last 13 years Mawandonan Consulting has helped many organizations make inroads with Aboriginal people and organizations, make workplaces welcoming for First Nations staff, and understand how to do business with Aboriginal organizations. An open-session workshop will be held September 14, 2010 in Regina, but enrolment is limited to 20. For more information, contact Clayton Desjarlais at [cdesjarlais@sasktel.net](mailto:cdesjarlais@sasktel.net).

### **Call for Resolutions for 106<sup>th</sup> Annual SUMA Convention**

SUMA members are asked to send all resolution submissions prior to the 2011 Convention deadline of Nov. 1, 2010. Resolutions are to be sent electronically to [smceachern@suma.org](mailto:smceachern@suma.org). For more information on how to prepare resolutions, [click here](#).

### **Municipalities Today available online**

The July issue of Municipalities Today is available online by clicking [here](#).

### **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](#).

### **Municipal Financial Statement Workshop deadline coming up**

The deadline for registration for the Municipal Financial Statement Workshops is Friday, September 17, 2010. These workshops, which run October 5 (Regina), 6 (Saskatoon) and 7 (Prince Albert) will focus on understanding and analyzing the new financial information in the 2009 financial statements, and municipal budgeting going forward (illustrating and analyzing the changes to municipal budgeting). The cost is \$75 per person. For more information visit <http://www.sasktca.ca/seminar-registration.php>.

### **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 Enabling Accessibility Fund – Deadline: September 10, 2010**

This program is designed to support community based projects that expand opportunities for people with disabilities. Funds support projects that improve accessibility, reduce barriers, and enable Canadians to contribute to their community. This fund provides grants of up to \$75,000 for projects to improve the built environment through renovation, construction and retrofitting of buildings; modification of vehicles for community use; and make information and communication technologies more accessible. For full program details, please click [here](#).

### **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. 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](#).

## **Corporate Services:**

### **August special – “Slow - Watch for children” and Pedestrian Crosswalk safety signs**

During the warm summer and fall months, pedestrians are out and about in increased numbers, and with that comes safety concerns. In an effort to provide added safety, SUMA Advantage partner Signal Industries is offering a selection of crossing and safety signs at a reduced price, for a limited time. For pricing, click [here](#). Contact Signal Industries at [www.signalindustries.ca](http://www.signalindustries.ca) or 1-800-565-9443.

### **September special – “Stop, Yield” signs**

For the month of September, SUMA Advantage partner Signal Industries has the RA-1 Stop and RA-2 Yield signs on sale. Quantities are limited, so act fast. For pricing, click [here](#). Contact Signal Industries at [www.signalindustries.ca](http://www.signalindustries.ca) or 1-800-565-9443.

## **Upcoming Events:**

### **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. For more information, click [here](#).

### **8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:swrc@link.ca).

**Financial Statement Workshops**  
**October 5–7, 2010**  
**Regina & Saskatoon, SK**

For further information, please go to <http://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](mailto: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, Saskatoon, Prince Albert, Kelvington, Swift Current, Moose Jaw & Broadview, 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](#).

**14<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.cwwa.ca)

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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](#).

**2010 National Restorative Justice Symposium**  
**November 14-16, 2010**  
**Regina, SK**

Hosted by the Regina John Howard Society, the first ever National Restorative Justice Symposium will be held at the Ramada Hotel in Regina. Anyone with an interest in restorative justice and effective responses to crime and conflict is welcome to attend. For more information details, click [here](#), or contact the John Howard Society at [rjs\\_2010\\_regina@sk.johnhoward.ca](mailto:rjs_2010_regina@sk.johnhoward.ca), or call 1-888-757-6658 ext. 228.

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

**Classifieds:**

**Positions Available:**

- [Town of Carnduff: Administrator](#) – Sept. 10, 2010
- [Town of Kamsack: Administrator](#) – Sept. 3, 2010
- [Town of Assiniboia: Chief Administrative Officer](#) – Aug. 31, 2010
- [City of Lloydminster: City Manager/CAO](#) – Aug. 31, 2010
- [Village of Abernethy: Village Administrator](#) – Aug. 25, 2010
- [City of Moose Jaw: Manager of Engineering Services](#) – August 23, 2010
- [Town of Regina Beach: Manager of Public Works & Utilities](#) – When filled
- [City of Weyburn: Store/Yard Clerk](#) – When filled
- [Town of Didsbury: Manager of Public Works](#) – When filled
- [Town of Black Diamond: Public Works Equipment Operator II](#) – When filled

**Items For Sale:**

- [Pumper Truck for Sale](#) – Sept. 17, 2010
- [Ice Machine for Sale](#) – August 31, 2010