



August 30, 2010

News:

SUMA meets with ministers to discuss issues of mutual concern

SUMA directors and policy team members met with the ministers for Environment, Health, Highways, Social Services, Finance and Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport (TPCS) Thursday, August 19 and Friday, August 20 to discuss issues of mutual concern stemming from the provincial mandate letters released earlier this summer, and to continue SUMA's advocacy work on behalf of their membership. To read about the meetings in more detail, click [here](#).

Recognize outstanding municipal work – Scoop Lewry Award nominations open

Municipalities are encouraged to submit nominations for the **Scoop Lewry Award**. SUMA presents "The Scoop" at the SUMA Convention Awards Program, in recognition of outstanding service in municipal government or administration, on a local and provincial/national basis. Those eligible for nomination include elected officials, administrators, SUMA officials and personnel in Municipal Affairs and First Nations and Métis Relations. The nomination form is located on the [SUMA website](#). The submission deadline is September 14, 2010.

First CEO of the Physician Recruitment Agency of Saskatchewan hired

Health Minister Don McMorris has announced the hiring of Edward Mantler as Chief Executive Officer of the Saskatchewan Physician Recruitment Agency. His first mandate: recruit and retain more physicians for the province. For more information, click [here](#).

Media Relations & Public Speaking Training Oct. 14 in Regina

Benchmark Public Relations is sponsoring two sessions for public representatives of organizations, associations and businesses Oct. 14 at the West Harvest Inn in Regina. The half-day morning session will focus on media relations, and feature mock interviews and information on how the media operates. The afternoon workshop is on dynamic public speaking by David Benjatschek. For more information click [here](#).

Red Cross toll-free information & recovery line will continue indefinitely

The Red Cross has decided to maintain the province wide toll-free number intended to reach out to people affected by severe weather indefinitely. The Red Cross made this decision after finding that Saskatchewan disaster victims' circumstances, in many cases, are still uncertain and their need for assistance is ongoing.

This service aims to make 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 number is free to call and confidential. The Red Cross provides assistance at no cost to the recipient; this assistance is coordinated with governments, insurance and other organizations to ensure needs are met without duplication. For more information, see www.redcross.ca.

Recognize your employees and council – send in a nomination!

It's not too early to get thinking about recognizing long-serving municipal government employees and elected officials through the SUMA Convention Awards Program, taking place February 1, 2011. Nomination forms can be located on the [SUMA website](#). The submission deadline is September 24, 2010.

Call for Resolutions for 106th Annual SUMA Convention

SUMA asks its members to send all resolution submissions prior to the 2011 Convention deadline of Nov. 1, 2010. Send resolutions electronically to smceachern@suma.org. For more information on how to prepare resolutions, [click 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 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](#).

Invest Canada-Community Initiatives – Applications start September 7

The goal of ICCI is to increase total Canadian employment by facilitating the participation of Canadian communities in collaborative efforts to attract, retain and expand foreign direct investment. Eligible recipients are Canadian communities and non-profit locally based organizations. Non-repayable contributions range from \$3,000 to \$300,000, and agreements cover a one-year period, from January 1 to December 31. ICCI provides matching funds of up to 50 percent of eligible expenses. If a community accesses other federal government support, the total federal support cannot exceed 50 percent. For full program details, please click [here](#).

Corporate Services:

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 or 1-800-565-9443.

Upcoming Events:

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

The Consulting Engineers of Saskatchewan is hosting a summit of interest to all wishing to influence the Saskatchewan economy in a positive way. 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](#).

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.

The organizers invite municipalities 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

The Saskatchewan Waste Reduction Council hosts this forum. 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 <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.

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 highlight 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](#).

**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. The deadline for formal "requests to present" to the AAFC is September 15, 2010. Further information and instructions are available by clicking [here](#).

2010 National Restorative Justice Symposium

November 14-16, 2010

Regina, SK

The Regina John Howard Society will host the first ever National Restorative Justice Symposium 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, or call 1-888-757-6658 ext. 228.

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

Classifieds:

Positions Available:

- [Village of Buena Vista: Foreman](#) – Sept. 15, 2010
- [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
- [Town of Regina Beach: Manager of Public Works & Utilities](#) – When filled
- [Town of Black Diamond: Public Works Equipment Operator II](#) – When filled
- [Town of Arcola: Urban Administrator](#) – When filled
- [City of Estevan: Facilities Manager](#) – When filled

Items For Sale:

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