



September 13, 2010

## **News:**

### **Economic Development Caution: Scam Warning**

Recently a southeast Saskatchewan community was targeted by someone claiming to be an important land developer from out of the country. If your community is approached please note:

- It is important for the person to give you a physical address, phone number and contact information.
- Verify claims—if they say they are working with local contractors and banks, check who they are working with and then call them.
- Read the business plan.
- Make sure the business plan complies with local labour and immigration laws.
- Check with the Better Business Bureau.
- Make sure the business plan reflects a working knowledge of your area.
- If it sounds too good to be true... *(Courtesy Lorri Solomon)*

### **Don't miss – Sept. 17 is the registration deadline for the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association Conference**

Join the SPRA October 14-16 at the annual Conference and Annual General Meeting in Regina. Conference sessions and keynotes will demonstrate ways in which the field of recreation can advance in the areas of technology, community engagement and operational effectiveness, and address the physical inactivity crisis affecting the province. The deadline for registration is Sept. 17. For more information click [here](#).

### **Community development statements provide direction for local and regional growth**

Successful local and regional development depends on plans to outline goals, objectives and processes for decision making. Planning for land use and development is complex. The Statements of Provincial Interest have addressed 15 areas of interest common to municipalities and the province. For more information click [here](#).

### **Last Chance to register – Municipal Financial Statement Workshop deadline Sept. 17**

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>.

### **Economic Development Concessions Research Available Online**

SEDA has recently completed 2010 research on Saskatchewan Economic Development Concessions. Economic development concessions are valuable tools used to influence decisions on where a new investment may locate. Concessions, commonly referred to as incentives, are used among municipalities, regions and organizations in their efforts to foster economic growth by increasing assessment or other deliverables such as job creation. The provincial marketplace was surveyed, and responses organized by Enterprise Region. Municipalities, regions and organizations wishing to update and/or add relevant data to this publication for 2011 may forward their information to the SEDA office at [seda@seda.sk.ca](mailto:seda@seda.sk.ca). The report can be downloaded by clicking [here](#).

## **FCM's Green Municipal Fund newsletter online; new funding projects announced**

The latest issue of FCM's Green Municipal Fund newsletter is available online, and new Green Municipal Fund projects have been announced. To view this edition, click [here](#).

## **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.

## **Urban housing construction strong in Saskatchewan**

Urban housing construction continues to show substantial growth in Saskatchewan, particularly in relation to the rest of the country, according to a report released today by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC). View article [here](#).

## **Saskatchewan Infrastructure Growth Initiative (SIGI) deadline approaching: September 30**

To be considered for funding approval for the 2011-2012 fiscal year (Intake 4), applications must be received (or postmarked) by 5 p.m. September 30. To view the application form and guidelines for the SIGI program, click [here](#).

## **Call for Resolutions for 106<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:smceachern@suma.org). For more information on how to prepare resolutions, [click here](#).

## **Grants of the Week:**

### Community Grants Program (SGI) – Deadline: October 31, 2010

SGI and the Acquired Brain Injury Partnership Project are proud to offer the Community Grants Program to help offset the costs of traffic safety and brain injury prevention programs for local organizations. For more details click [here](#).

### Community Vitality Program (Tourism, Parks, Culture & Sport) – Deadline: October 1, 2010

The Community Vitality Program aims to respond to challenges at the local community level and assist communities to remain vibrant places to live. It will support small capital project that improve the quality, accessibility and use of facilities in communities, and projects and events that build community pride, encourage volunteerism and community involvement, and engage Aboriginal and young people as leaders in community activities. For more information 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](http://www.signalindustries.ca) or 1-800-565-9443.

## **Upcoming Events:**

### **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.

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](mailto: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](mailto:swrc@link.ca).

**Financial Statement Workshops**  
**October 5–7, 2010**  
**Regina, Prince Albert & 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](#).

**Media Relations & Public Speaking Training**  
**October 14, 2010**  
**Regina, SK**

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](#).

**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 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](#).

**Growing Saskatchewan 2010: Economic Development and Rapid Change**

**October 26-27, 2010**

**Saskatoon, SK**

Growing Saskatchewan 2010 is a collaborative 2-day high impact event hosted by SEDA and CFS in partnership with Enterprise Saskatchewan and Saskatchewan First Nations & Métis Relations and anchored in Saskatoon by our partner SREDA. For more information email SEDA at [verona.thibault@seda.sk.ca](mailto:verona.thibault@seda.sk.ca).

**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. 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](mailto:rjs_2010_regina@sk.johnhoward.ca), or call 1-888-757-6658 ext. 228.

**Building Capacity, Building Communities: Homegrown Housing Solutions for Saskatchewan**

**November 17-19, 2010**

**Saskatoon, SK**

Hosted by the Saskatoon Housing Initiatives Partnership, this event will feature Saskatchewan-based guest speakers from governmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as builders and developers from the residential construction industry. To register or for more information, please click [here](#).

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

**Classifieds:**

Positions Available:

- [City of Moose Jaw: Manager of Engineering](#) – Sept. 24, 2010
- [Village of Buena Vista: Foreman](#) – Sept. 15, 2010
- [Town of Carnduff: Administrator](#) – Sept. 10, 2010
- [Village of Kincaid: Working Foreman](#) – Sept. 8, 2010
- [Town of Nipawin: Director of Works & Utilities](#) – When filled
- [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:

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