



September 20, 2010

## **News:**

### **Community Development Statements (Statements of Provincial Interest) Open Houses**

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, and nine open houses have been scheduled to provide more information.

The open houses are scheduled for Swift Current (Sept. 20), Regina (Sept. 21), Estevan (Sept. 22), North Battleford (Sept. 28), Saskatoon (Sept. 29), Melfort (Sept. 30), Creighton (Oct. 4), Buffalo Narrows (Oct. 5) and La Ronge (Oct. 7). For more information click [here](#).

### **New process means more doctors will practise in Saskatchewan**

Health Minister Don McMorris today announced a new Saskatchewan-based assessment process designed to better recruit more foreign-trained physicians to the province. Effective January 1, 2011, the assessment will ensure physicians are screened with sufficient rigor to ensure patients receive safe, high quality care, while meeting the needs of communities and health regions in more efficiently recruiting International Medical Graduates. To see the entire article, click [here](#).

### **Flu Clinics starting October 12 across Saskatchewan**

Saskatchewan's publicly funded seasonal influenza immunizations will be available across the province beginning October 12. As this is a post-pandemic year, the seasonal flu vaccine will be available free of charge at public health clinics and from physicians. For more information click [here](#).

### **It's elm tree pruning time!**

Each year, pruning of elm trees between April 1 and August 31 is prohibited, to reduce the risk of Dutch Elm Disease. Late summer and early fall, however, are opportune times for tree maintenance. To read more, click [here](#).

### **Time's almost gone – Recognize your employees and council!**

Recognize 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.

### **Registration deadline for the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association Conference extended to Oct. 1**

For details on the SPRA conference and registration information click [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](#).

## **Grant of the Week:**

### **Planning for Growth (PFG) – Deadline: Sept. 30, 2010**

PFG seeks to enhance regional planning capacity and establish best practices facilitating sustainable growth and development across the province. PFG will cost share projects to facilitate regional planning

to support the coordination of infrastructure and land use to accommodate growth; demonstrate best practices for planning including processes, methodologies and planning models; build municipal and professional planning capacity in municipalities and regions; and build and enhance relationships required to support regional planning initiatives. For more information click [here](#).

For more funding opportunities, please check out the grant section of SUMA's webpage by clicking [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](mailto: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).

### **Engaging Aboriginal People**

**October 28, 2010**

**Regina, SK**

This workshop assists organizations in making inroads with Aboriginal people and organizations. Topics include making the workplace a more welcoming environment for Aboriginal staff, developing a better understanding of how to do business with Aboriginal organizations, receiving feedback from an Aboriginal perspective, and increasing the Aboriginal workforce. Last day for registration is Oct. 22. Class size is limited to 20. For registration forms and information call Mawandonan Consulting at (306) 543-6823 or email [cdesjarlais@sasktel.net](mailto:cdesjarlais@sasktel.net).

### **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
- [Town of Carnduff: Administrator](#) – When Filled
- [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
- [Resort Village of Grandview Beach: Part-time Administrator](#) – When filled

*Items For Sale:*

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