



September 27, 2010

News:

Stimulus projects deadline may accommodate weather-delayed projects

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty announced today that the federal government will be "fair and reasonable" at the end of March if stimulus projects are nearing completion but not completed. Read full article [here](#).

Saskatoon Statements of Provincial Interest Open House postponed due to by-election

Due to the Saskatoon by-election, the Open House on Statements of Provincial Interest has been postponed. A new date has not yet been set.

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

SaskTel 3G+ coverage for six more communities

SaskTel has expanded its 3G+ wireless network to the Blewett, Fox Valley, Lashburn, Lemberg, Lemsford and McLean areas. The 3G+ network provides increased bandwidth with download speeds approximately four times faster than existing speeds. For more information click [here](#).

Whooping Cough spikes – vaccinations urged

Cases of Whooping Cough are on the rise in Saskatchewan, with about 120 cases having been reported since January, 2010. The Ministry of Health recommends that children get immunized, and parents and caregivers of infants under six months of age be immunized as well. For more information, click [here](#) or call HealthLine at 1-877-800-0002.

Building Operator Training Sessions – dealing with rising energy costs

The Saskatchewan Environmental Society invites building operators, custodians or facility personnel to attend Building Operator Training, in North Battleford Oct. 19, Nov. 19 and Dec. 8, in Saskatoon Nov. 16, Nov. 26 and Dec. 7, and in Regina Oct. 20, Nov. 17 and Dec. 10. Cost is \$100 for a single session (includes an 80 page manual) and \$70 for each additional session. For detailed information on each session or to register click [here](#).

Innovative water filtration system project receives funding

The governments of Canada and Saskatchewan today announced funding for the field-testing of an exciting new technology in surface water filtration in the new resort community of Sun Dale. Tec-Water Supplies of Tisdale will receive a grant of \$120,000 to assist it in completing the project. Funding is provided by Communities of Tomorrow through its Municipal Infrastructure Innovation Fund. For more information on the project click [here](#).

Northwest RIC 2010 Forum: A Strong Saskatchewan Economy with Smart Family Policy

Registration is being accepted for the Northwest Regional Intersectoral Committee's Fall Forum, to be held from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Nov. 15 in North Battleford. Guest speaker Dr. Paul Kershaw, one of Canada's leading thinkers about family policy, will make a presentation on the importance of family policy. Registration deadline is Nov. 8, 2010. For more information email Karen Weran at Karen.weran@gov.sk.ca.

Subdivision Regulation Proposal for Review

As part of its ongoing regulatory review program, the Community Planning Branch of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs is examining The *Subdivision Regulations, 1984* to bring them up to date pursuant to the *Planning and Development Act, 2007*. Feedback is being sought on the draft proposal to amend the Regulations ([click here to see draft](#)). Comments may be sent to John Nanson at John.Nanson@gov.sk.ca by Dec. 30, 2010. To discuss the proposal or meet with MA officials prior to this date, please call John at (306) 933-5394 to make arrangements.

Grant of the Week:

Municipal Transit Assistance for People with Disabilities Program

The Municipal Transit Assistance for People with Disabilities Program (TAPD) is to provide financial assistance to participating cities and towns in support of special needs transportation services for persons with disabilities. Provincial support is provided because special needs transportation (paratransit) provides a critical link to social services and health clients and public housing residents for various purposes, as well as being essential to meet the needs of persons with disabilities. Participating municipalities must submit a "Form A – Application for Grant Approval" by Nov. 1 of each year for funding consideration in the subsequent provincial fiscal year. 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 or 1-800-565-9443.

Upcoming Events:

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.

Growing Saskatchewan 2010: Economic Development and Rapid Change

October 26-27, 2010

Saskatoon, SK

****Note: Early Bird Registration Deadline September 30!****

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 or visit www.growingsask.ca to register.

For more events, visit the [SUMA Urban Update Events](#) page.

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Classifieds:

Positions Available:

- [Town of Carnduff: Administrator](#) – When Filled
- [Town of Nipawin: Director of Works & Utilities](#) – When filled
- [Town of Black Diamond: Public Works Equipment Operator II](#) – When filled
- [Resort Village of Grandview Beach: Part-time Administrator](#) – When filled