



October 26, 2010

News:

SUMA welcomes new Northwest Region Director Ben Buhler

SUMA is pleased to announce that Ben Buhler, Mayor of the Town of Osler, has accepted the position of Northwest Region Director. Ben will replace the late Gordon Hall in the position. We are looking forward to getting to know our new Director, and welcome him to the SUMA Board!

FCM says federal government responding to stimulus deadline concerns

Last week, the FCM appeared before the House of Commons Infrastructure and Transportation Committee to discuss the March 31 stimulus deadline. From the start, FCM has urged the federal government – one stimulus partner to another – that it had to show flexibility on the deadline. In this most recent meeting with the committee, FCM reiterated that municipalities have been working flat out to meet the deadline – and that most projects are on or ahead of schedule. They said that where communities have worked hard and played by the rules, our federal, provincial and territorial partners had to be supportive. The FCM recently reported that it is pleased to report the federal government has started responding to these concerns. Finance Minister Jim Flaherty has said the government would treat municipalities fairly and reasonably -- a big step in the right direction. FCM will continue to urge our stimulus partners to show flexibility on the deadline. If you have any questions about this information, please contact Carole Saab, FCM Government and Media Relations Manager, at 613-907-6301 or csaab@fcm.ca.

Guide to changing municipal boundaries now online

A practical guide for use by municipal councils and administrators, explaining the process for seeking boundary alterations, factors that should be considered, and the importance of communications and planning is now online, along with other resources including guides to community planning processes in Saskatchewan, and a guide to organized hamlets. Visit the [Planning for Growth](#) website for these resources.

FCM seeking nominations for Sustainable Communities Awards

Is your municipality a leader in housing regulations? Does an initiative in your community merit national recognition? The 2011 FCM Sustainable Community Awards celebrate excellence in sustainable community development by highlighting the best municipal initiatives that link environmental, social and economic goals. If your community has made regulatory changes to improve housing affordability and housing options, you may be eligible for an award in the residential development category. Eligible initiatives include the development of or changes to municipal policies and bylaws, building codes, development standards, renovation guidelines and approval procedures that help reduce the cost of housing or increase housing options.

Awards will also be granted in eight categories: brownfields, buildings, energy, planning, residential development, transportation, waste and water.

Applications will remain open until November 5, 2010. For more information, email awards@fcm.ca, or call (613) 907-6334.

The province is yours at the click of a mouse! Free SUMA member registration to Sask Geospatial Imagery Collaboration (SGIC)

Through SUMA's participation in the SGIC, SUMA members can now access high-resolution satellite imagery of their municipality, their region and the whole province. Urban administrators and councils will likely find the content more current than aerial photos located in municipal offices. It allows users to

search, zoom, pan and add information layers. Apply for your municipality's free username and password by emailing suma@suma.org or call Gail Meyer, Manager of Member and Administrative Services at (306) 525-4398.

Funding available for research and design of household water conservation programs

Please be advised that the Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment, Go Green Unit will be issuing an RFP to research and design household water conservation programs for potential funding through the Go Green Fund. The RFP and details will be issued on Oct 20, 2010. To view and download the RFP, please see the Government of Saskatchewan's SaskTenders website:

<http://www.sasktenders.gov.sk.ca/content/public/index.aspx>, on or after Oct. 20. For more details, please contact Janice Thompson, Sr. Project Manager with the Go Green Unit: janice.thompson@gov.sk.ca.

Grant of the Week:

Family Violence Initiative (Department of Justice Canada)

The Family Violence Initiative supports the development, implementation, testing and assessment of models, strategies and tools to improve the criminal justice system's response to family violence. It also supports projects that raise public awareness of the issue and encourage public involvement in responding to family violence. The objective is to prevent and reduce the occurrence of family violence in Canada.

Funding may be available to organizations that want to conduct pilot projects to develop, test and assess models, strategies and tools to improve the criminal justice system's response to family violence. Funding may also be provided to support Public Legal Education and Information (PLEI) projects to promote public access to family violence information, promote public awareness of the factors contributing to family violence, and advance public involvement in the responses to family violence. Note: All projects must be short term and innovative. \$10,000 - \$50,000 per project is available. Projects must also meet the funding criteria established for the Department's Justice Partnership and Innovation Fund.

Deadline: Anytime during the year. Decisions on funding may take up to 12 weeks after receipt of the completed application.

Visit the webpage [here](#) for more information.

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

Upcoming Events:

2010 Annual CES Awards Banquet

November 25

Saskatoon, SK

Join the Consulting Engineers of Saskatchewan at its annual awards banquet event. Network, find industry contacts, acknowledge and celebrate the Consulting Engineering/Geoscience Industry. An entertaining and relaxing evening with entertainment by comedian Big Daddy Tazz. Reservation deadline November 8. For more information, email ces1@sasktel.net or call (306) 359-3338.

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

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

Classifieds:

Positions Available:

- [City of Melfort: Facilities Manager](#) – October 22, 2010
- [Town of Strasbourg: Utility Maintenance Operator](#) – October 26, 2010
- [Town of Gull Lake: Foreman](#) – November 21, 2010

- [North of Divide Community Association: RFP for Professional Community Planning Services](#) – November 21, 2010
- [Town of Lestock: Administrator](#) – December 7, 2010
- [RM of Cote: Administrator](#) – When filled
- [City of Estevan: Parks Manager](#) – When filled
- [City of Estevan: Leisure Services Manager](#) – When filled
- [Town of Black Diamond: Public Works Equipment Operator II](#) – When filled
- [Town of Kindersley: Water Treatment Plant Manager](#) – When filled
- [RM of Wilton: Finance Manager](#) – When filled

For Sale:

- [1978 Champion 740 Grader](#) – When sold
- [1966 Thibault Fire Truck](#) – When sold