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SUMA offers interest-targeted emails

As part of its mandate to improve communications with its members, the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association will offer council members who represent SUMA member municipalities the opportunity to receive communications targeted to the recipient's areas of interest.

Beginning later this week, a button will be added to the home page of the suma.org webpage, which will lead viewers to a sign-up page including such topics as Community Development (including housing, health, education, immigration, culture, sport and rec issues), Economic (finance, Crown Investments Corporation, Energy and Resources, Enterprise Sask, and economic development issues), Protective Services (including Justice, Corrections, Public Safety & Policing, fire departments, and bylaw enforcement), Environment (including water, wastewater, waste management and recycling issues), Transportation (including UHCP and issues pertaining to roads), Northern Issues (specific to northern communities), Municipal (including infrastructure, revenue sharing and legislative changes), and Priority Updates (including infrastructure, housing and MMRP).

Individuals signing up for the email campaigns will receive only emails pertaining to the area in which they enroll. The purpose of this initiative is not to flood users with information they do not necessarily need, but to keep interested members up to date on the work SUMA

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Grant of the Week:

[Green Municipal Fund \(Federation of Canadian Municipalities\)](#)

Through GMF, FCM provides funding to three types of environmental initiatives: plans, studies and projects. Grants are available for sustainable community plans, feasibility studies and field tests, while a combination of grants and loans are available for capital projects.

Funding is allocated in five sectors of municipal

is doing on their behalf. Emails will only be sent when developments warrant, to inform our members.

One alternative to joining via the web page is joining the lists by clicking the "Join Our Mailing List" button near the bottom of this email, and choosing topics of interest.

Linear Activities Content Committee seeks members

The Linear Activities Content Committee is calling for potential members. Further to the establishment of the seven Content Committees for the Sask Environmental Code, the Code Development Committee has requested the Code Secretariat establish an eighth Content Committee to begin developing code content for linear activities.

Linear activities occur in long, narrow areas and have the potential to fragment habitat and increase access to areas. Linear activities include, but are not limited to roads, trails, seismic lines, transmission lines, pipelines right of ways, etc.

The scope of activities to be captured under this Content Committee is currently being developed. In the short term, the focus could be on the items common to all linear activities, such as clearing of brush on existing approved linear developments and other efficiency improvements. This chapter is not required for The Environmental Management and Protection Act, 2010, The Forest Resources Management Act or The Management and Reduction of Greenhouse Gases Act to come into force and as such, the timeline for completion of this content is not tied to these Acts coming into force (targeted for June 17, 2011).

The linear activities Content Committee will consist of knowledgeable individuals who will provide advice and guidance from many perspectives. Members will be selected on the Committee's needs and the individual's expertise and diversity. Committee members will not represent SUMA, but will act on their own merit.

Committees members are asked to provide their expertise as an in-kind contribution. It is anticipated

activity: brownfields, energy, transportation, waste and water.

Applications may be submitted at any time. The GMF will provide up to 80% of your project costs to a maximum of \$400,000 in grants and up to \$4 million in loans. The GMF will provide up to 50% of your plans and studies costs to a maximum of \$350,000 in grants.

For more information on this or other grants, visit the [SUMA Grants page](#)

SUMA Classifieds

Positions Available:

Town of Kamsack: Equipment Operator (12/03/2010)

Town of Lestock: Administrator (12/07/2010)

Town of Wilkie: Assistant Administrator (12/12/2010)

City of Melville: Assistant Public Works Manager(When Filled)

Town of Willow Bunch: Working Foreman (When Filled)

Town of Kyle: Assistant Foreman (When Filled)

Town of Assiniboia: Director of Works & Utilities (When Filled)

Town of Kindersley: Municipal Engineering Assistant (When Filled)

RM of Leask: Administrator (Dec. 13)

Village of Leask: Administrator (Dec. 13)

Village of Forestburg: CAO(When Filled)

Village of Choiceland:

that the committee will meet one to two times a month by teleconference, or face-to-face when required, until the content is completed. First meetings are expected to begin in early 2011.

Interested persons may contact the Code Secretariat at saskcodesecretariat@gov.sk.ca with a one page description of knowledge and experience, prior to Dec. 30. Committee size is limited; only selected individuals will be contacted.

More MLDP modules coming up!

Following the success of last year's winter modules scheduled prior to the SUMA and SARM conventions, the five modules will be offered on Saturday, January 29 (TCU Place, Saskatoon) and Monday, March 7 (Prairieland Park, Saskatoon).

MLDP is the only program developed for elected and appointed municipal leaders in Saskatchewan.

Mayors, reeves, councillors and municipal staff are able to benefit from this innovative program that is designed to strengthen local government leadership. MLDP is structured around key workshops - or modules - which in most instances, are delivered over a one-day timeframe. The modules target specific issues of importance to northern, rural and urban municipalities. Program participants receive a Certificate of Completion to acknowledge the workshops attended.

To view more detailed information on the MLDP modules or to download registration forms, see the [SUMA website](#).

Building permit numbers up in October

A report released by Statistics Canada today shows that building permits in the province climbed significantly higher in October 2010.

Administrator *(When Filled)*

Vulcan County: CAO

(1/14/2011)

For Sale:

For Sale By Tender: Leon

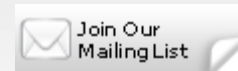
Loader, DE Filters, Pumps *(Dec.*

9, 2010)

Did you know...

Saskatchewan jumped from 8th to 2nd place (behind Alberta) in the ranking of best performing labour markets prepared annually by the Fraser Institute (2nd in Canada, 3rd in North America).

(~From A Provincial Point of View, Hon. Ken Cheveldayoff)



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We'd like to thank you for reading the Urban Update every week, and we welcome your comments.

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According to the report, building permits were up 52.4 per cent in October 2010 over September 2010 (seasonally adjusted). Saskatchewan had the second highest percentage increase in the nation.

Non-residential permits were up by 105.6 per cent over the same period while residential permits were up 14.9 per cent.

"This is a significant increase in construction that is a strong indicator that our economy is picking up momentum as we finish off 2010," Enterprise Minister Jeremy Harrison said. "The amount of non-residential construction in October was double the September figure, and definitely gives us reason for optimism."

Regina had an increase of 126.6 per cent and in Saskatoon, permits rose by 23.4 per cent between September and October 2010.

Supports for people with disabilities increased

People with disabilities who are clients of the Saskatchewan Assured Income for Disability (SAID) program and the Saskatchewan Assistance Program (SAP) will benefit from an increase to earnings exemptions, effective February 1, 2011.

For more information on the changes, see the announcement [here](#).

Quote of the Week:

"Regional exchange can be a source of growth and development, and of enhancing good governance."

~Anna Lindh

Calendar of Events

PSMJ Project Management Bootcamp

Saskatoon

February 10-11, 2011

This event will feature two complete days of High Impact Training in A/E/C Project Management, including how to bring projects in on time and under

budget, how to fulfill the six roles of a Project Manager, how to actively manage the six roles of Project Manager, effectively control "scope creep" and how to make proposals become winners. Seating is limited, so register early.

For more information, or to access registration forms, click [here](#).

Brownfields to Bling

Victoria, BC

February 8-10, 2011

This seminar, held during the FCM Sustainable Communities Conference and Trade Show, will provide participants with the tools to tackle three of the main challenges to brownfield remediation and development: understanding legislation, working with private landowners, and finding funding at each stage of the process.

The early bird deadline has been extended to December 15, 2010. For more information, see their [website](#).

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

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