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## 2011 SUMA Convention

*Connecting Voices*  
Strengthening  
Communities

Resolutions for the 2011 convention and information for the Annual General Meeting will be mailed to member municipalities this week. You should receive this information before January 1, 2011.

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## Did you know...

SaskTel's analog wireless network will be retired on **December 31, 2010**. After this date, analog phones **will no longer work**. You must switch to a digital phone as soon as possible if you wish to continue using wireless service.

If you have any questions, please call 1-800-727-5835 or go to [www.sasktel.com](http://www.sasktel.com).



**On behalf of the Board of Directors and Staff best wishes for a wonderful holiday and a happy new year.**

**Allan Earle**  
President - SUMA

## RCMP enforcement of municipal bylaws

At a recent meeting with the RCMP, members of the SUMA Protective Services Committee

## SUMA Classifieds

*Positions Available:*

**Town of Willow Bunch:**  
**Working Foreman**

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

**Town of Kindersley:**  
**Municipal Engineering Assistant (When Filled)**

brought forward the issue of the RCMP enforcing municipal bylaws. The request by SUMA was for the RCMP to ensure that the policy regarding municipal bylaw enforcement was being applied consistently in all municipalities. A letter received from the RCMP on this matter can be viewed [here](#).

## SUMA and City Mayors respond to Vicq report on taxation

The Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce in partnership with the Association of Saskatchewan Realtors, and the three accounting professions in Saskatchewan: Chartered Accountants, Certified General Accountants and Certified Management Accountants recently released the report "A Tax Framework for Saskatchewan's Continuing Prosperity". The report was authored by Jack Vicq of the Canada West Foundation.

The project sponsors wanted to create a report outlining the current situation and to identify reforms to enhance the province's tax policy. The study was to review personal income taxes, property taxes, sales taxes and corporate taxes, and develop a comprehensive taxation enhancement strategy.

The report outlined seven reforms that could be acted upon to create a more competitive tax environment in Saskatchewan. The seven reforms included changes to: personal income tax, the financial corporate capital tax, the education and municipal property tax and other policies that would enhance the competitiveness of Saskatchewan companies.

A number of the recommendations in the report impact municipalities.

To read the full report [click here](#).

To read SUMA's and CMC's response [click here](#).

**Village of Forestburg:  
CAO (When Filled)**

**Village of Choiceland:  
Administrator (When Filled)**

**Vulcan County: CAO  
(1/14/2011)**

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

**RM of Wilton:Road  
Maintenance Operator -  
Manager(14/01/2011)**

**Town of Oxbow: Public  
Works Operator(When Filled)**

**Town of Lumsden: Water  
and Waste Water Operator  
(When Filled)**

**Village of Abernethy:  
Maintenance/Water Plant  
Operator(07/01/2011)  
(When Filled)**

## Calendar of Events

### Recycling Agricultural Plastics Workshop

Thursday, January 20th, 2011

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
(registration begins at 9:30)

Lakeview United Church,  
3200 McCallum Avenue,  
Regina, SK

The program includes:

- an update on ag plastics recycling in Alberta
- the Moose Jaw Watershed ag plastics recycling program
- Merlin Plastics' system for recycling grain bags

## Planning for Growth program 2nd intake ends soon

SUMA wants to remind you that the 2<sup>nd</sup> intake for the Planning for Growth program ends on Friday, December 31, 2010.

For more information on the program and how to apply, you can visit the program webpage [here](#).

You can also contact the program manager Jennifer Fink at (306) 787-8912 or [e-mail](#).

- information on an ag plastics quantification study
- discussion of the issues and possible actions

This is an opportunity for people concerned about agricultural plastics to have input and work on a solution together.

More details are included in the attached [registration form](#). Mail with your cheque to WUQWATR at the address provided, or scan and email the completed form to [wuqwatr@sasktel.net](mailto:wuqwatr@sasktel.net).

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

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

### Quote of the Week:

"The farther backward you can look, the farther forward you are likely to see."

**Winston Churchill**



## About Us

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

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