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New Health Funding Formula is Proof Province Listening to Urban Governments

"Today's announcement by Minister McMorris is good news for all Saskatchewan residents," said Allan Earle, President of SUMA. "SUMA has always made the case that health is a provincial interest, and should be fully provincially funded. The new funding formula allows cities, towns and villages to use a greater portion of property tax revenue for its intended use: to provide municipal services such as safe drinking water, effective public safety, waste management, roads and sidewalks, and transit."

"At the SUMA convention, Minister Hickie and Minister McMorris both acknowledged that the province is willing to act when urban governments make a good case to advance their interests," Earle said. "This announcement is proof positive of their words. SUMA advanced this position in its budget submission to the province, and today we see the province delivered."

In recent years Saskatchewan's urban governments have partnered with the provincial government on matters of mutual interest. This relationship emerged because of the recognition that local urban actions impact the province's economy and vice versa. The constructive and respectful government-to-government relationship which now exists between the two orders of government is essential to making sure Saskatchewan

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Did you know...

Saskatchewan has artifacts OLDER THAN THE PYRAMIDS - A place with findings that are older than the Great Pyramids of Egypt is right here in Saskatchewan at Wanuskewin Heritage Park (5 km north of Saskatoon).

The findings date back more than 8,000 years. The site contains tipi rings, stone cairns, a medicine wheel and many more findings that give us a picture of what life was like on the Great Plains a very long time ago .

SUMA Classifieds

Positions Available:

[Town of Kindersley: Bylaw Enforcement/Animal Control Officer \(When Filled\)](#)

remains a place where people choose to live, work, and play.

SUMA continues to work towards 100% provincial funding of health care capital projects.

Plastic Grain Bag Recycling Available

Crown Shred & Recycling Inc. is Saskatchewan's first & foremost recycling center located in Regina. Through our Residential Curbside Program, Office Recycling & Document Destruction Service and our Brokerage Service, we collect process & ship all grades of paper, cardboard, plastics and tin.

GRAIN BAGS

Today, Jack Shaw, President & CEO Crown Shred & Recycling Inc. announced that we are accepting Plastic Grain Bags at our two Drop-Off Centers located at:

Crown Shred & Recycling Inc.
225 - 6th Avenue East
Regina, SK

Or

Crown Shred & Recycling Inc.
460 - 40th Street East
Prince Albert, SK

No Drop-Off Fee
Drop-Off by Appointment only

Contact Jack Shaw at (306) 543-1766 (e-mail csrregina@sasktel.net), or Elmer Epp at (306) 543-1395 (e-mail csrelmer@sasktel.net), or visit our website at www.crownshredandrecycling.com

[*Town of Mossbank: Public Works Labourer \(02/28/11\)*](#)

[*Village of Fox Valley: Foreman \(When Filled\)*](#)

[*Woodlands County: Director, Infrastructure Services \(02/28/11\)*](#)

[*Town of Spiritwood: Administrator \(03/21/11\)*](#)

[*UMAAS: Board of Examiners Secretary \(03/15/11\)*](#)

[*Town of Wilkie: Public Works Level 2 \(When Filled\)*](#)

[*Village of Smeaton: Part Time Administrator \(Trainee\) \(When Filled\)*](#)

[*City of Meadow Lake: City Manager \(02/21/11\)*](#)

[*Town of Olds: Director of Corporate Services \(02/28/11\)*](#)

[*Town of Cabri: Labourer \(03/10/11\)*](#)

[*Village of Lucky Lake/RM of Canaan: Administrator \(When Filled\)*](#)

[*Village of Vibank: Maintenance Operator \(02/25/11\)*](#)

[*RM of Sherwood: Manager of Engineering Operations \(03/14/2011\)*](#)

Quote of the Week:

"What we think, or what we know, or what we believe is, in the end, of little consequence. The only consequence is what we do."

-- John Ruskin (1819 - 1900)

Nominations for Sask Municipal Awards open

Jack Shaw
President & CEO
February, 2011

Municipal Input Sought

As part of its efforts to prepare for its upcoming report 'First Annual State of Sustainability Report: A Local Government Perspective on Canada's Industrial Lands', Eco-Industrial Solutions is surveying local governments across Canada, and they are asking for your input!

The survey, located at www.surveymonkey.com/s/IndustrialLandSustainability, contains mainly multiple choice questions that should be quick to answer.

The report will be made publicly available in March 2011 (electronic copies free of charge). The report will present a snapshot of Canada's industrial lands and allow comparison and measurement of future progress. We hope that this report will spur knowledge transfer and benchmarking between Canadian municipalities, and to help Canada's industrial lands continue to evolve more competitively and to meet sustainability objectives.

Housing At Forefront of Government Initiatives

Housing has become a key issue for the government of Saskatchewan, judging from two recent announcements.

The first, announced during the SUMA convention in early February, is that the provincial government has promised a comprehensive housing strategy by the end of June, 2011. Working with industry shareholders, municipal leaders and other organizations, the government will try to find ways to augment the current affordable housing system, as well as to encompass the full range of housing in the province. The aim is to

Nominations are now being accepted for the 5th annual Saskatchewan Municipal Awards, to be held in Regina May 13, 2011.

Achievements in six categories (Municipal Innovation and Service Excellence, Economic Development Leadership, Regional Leadership and Partnerships, Community Development Leadership, Environmental Stewardship, and Heritage Conservation Leadership) are celebrated. Nominations close at 4 p.m. Friday, March 18, 2011.

For more information, visit the SMA website at www.municipalawards.ca.

Events

2011 CHRA Congress

June 21-23, 2011
Regina, SK

From practical to policy and covering the widest cross-section of topics possible, the 2011 CHRA Congress ("Housing Ideas That Matter; Housing Tools That Work") is pleased to host its 2011 Congress event in Regina.

To view full details of each day of the Congress, please visit the site at <http://chra-achru.ca/en/index.php/congress/schedule/>. Special rates are available at the Regina Inn. For more information, call (613) 594-3007 or email cmguire@chra-achra.ca.



About Us

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

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remove barriers and increase the number of homes being built in Saskatchewan.

The second is an announcement made by the provincial government February 18 that nearly \$34 million in new funding for affordable housing has been made available. The money will go toward the development of more affordable rental housing in more than 100 communities with a long-term housing need, and rejuvenating government-funded housing across Saskatchewan.

The news release said that more details about specific projects will be announced in the coming weeks.

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