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2011 Private & Public Investment Intentions at Record Levels

Private and public investment in Saskatchewan is expected to reach a record \$17 billion, according to a report released by Statistics Canada.

According to the report, this province will have the second highest percentage increase in Canada, up 7.2 % over 2010. Nationally, investment is expected to rise by 2.2 % over the same period.

For more information, see the [news release](#).

Bridge Funding Deadline Extended to March 1

Many of the second submissions for the Bridge Funding Program are still outstanding. We thank those municipalities who have already submitted their forms, and will provide an email confirmation at a later date.



Those communities still collecting tonnage receipts are reminded to include the Receipt Submission Form ([located here](#)) with your tonnage receipts. Re-submission of a Declaration Form is not required.

Anyone with questions is requested to contact recycle@suma.org or call (306) 525-4399. For more

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Quote of the Week

"In only a century and a quarter since Confederation, Canadians have shaped out of the North American wilderness one of the most privileged societies on the face of the earth. Ranking among the seven most prosperous nations in the world, Canada is rich not only in the abundance of our resources and the magnificence of our land, but also in the diversity and the character of our people. We have long been known as one of the most tolerant, progressive, innovative, caring and peaceful societies in existence."

*from "The Will of a Nation:
Awakening the Canadian
Spirit"*

information on the Bridge Funding Program please visit the [website](#).

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Great Interest in Emergency Flood Damage Reduction Program

Since the announcement of the \$22 million Emergency Flood Damage Reduction Program on February 22, the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority has experienced strong interest in the program. Seventy urban communities, seven rural municipalities and 25 individual farmsteads are now receiving assistance from the program, with more being approved daily.

"I am delighted with the interest and uptake that the Emergency Flood Damage Reduction Program has had in such a short time," Minister responsible for Saskatchewan Watershed Authority Dustin Duncan said. "It is clear that people in general and those in leadership roles are taking a proactive approach to the potential risk of flooding this spring."

For most communities, the first step is an engineering investigation by an engineering consultant to determine and design the actions necessary to mitigate flooding. According to the Consulting Engineers of Saskatchewan (CES), 13 firms are currently working with engineers from the Watershed Authority to develop flood protection plans for municipalities across the province. To find out more about the program, see this [link](#).

Calendar of Events

Saskatchewan Low Impact Development Conference

Yorkton, SK
March 18, 2011

In light of the record amounts of rainfall Saskatchewan received in 2010 and the widespread flooding that ensued, the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority (SWA) has been tasked with developing drought and flooding preparedness plans for various pilot site watersheds across the province.

SUMA Classifieds

Positions Available:

Town of Kindersley: Bylaw Enforcement/Animal Control Officer (When Filled)

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 Wilkie: Public Works Level 2 (When Filled)

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)

SPRA: Field Consultants (When Filled)

Did you know...

- The Big Muddy (near Big Beaver) in south-central Sask. was the only Canadian stop on the Outlaw Trail. The Outlaw Trail, which ran

This conference has been created as part of SWA's planning initiative to facilitate an understanding regarding the use of Low Impact Development to manage stormwater runoff.

Invited guests will include planners, developers, academics, government, nonprofits and other professionals from SK and MB. Registration is free, but is requested by March 11. Register online at www.assiniboinewatershed.com. Click the "Contact Us" link and send an email with the name(s) of the guest(s) attending.

SafeGrowth: Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design
Wicked Problems. Wicked Times

Saskatoon, SK
March 16-17, 2011

An innovative and updated training program in safe urban design, this course encompasses first and second generation CPTED principles and builds on those to introduce students to the most recent community-based crime prevention model called SafeGrowth.

Participants will work in small groups in a multi-disciplinary, interactive fashion on real life projects. This allows participants to practice basic concepts and develop initial skills.

Cost: \$900. Contact Elisabeth Miller at elisabeth.miller@saskatoon.ca to register, ASAP.

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from Canada to Mexico, was used by Butch Cassidy and his gang, and by cattle and horse thieves. The Big Muddy Badlands had deep coulees and caves which were perfect places for the outlaws to hide out!



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