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WANTED: Members for Municipal Asset Management Working Group

In response to the increasing demand for information and learning opportunities on asset management, SUMA is developing a municipal asset management working group. The objectives of this group have not been firmly set, but overall the group will provide support, guidance and direction to Saskatchewan's municipalities on the practice of asset management; support development of a municipal asset management strategy across the province and suggest specific programs, tools or opportunities that will assist municipalities respecting asset management.

The proposed composition of the group will be representatives from municipalities, municipal associations, the provincial government and the private sector. Participation in the working group is voluntary.

If you are interested in being a member of this group and helping to advance asset management within the municipal sector, please contact Sean McEachern, Senior Policy Advisor at smceachern@suma.org.

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Upcoming Events

Canada Water Week: "Rethinking Water"

March 22, 2011
Regina, SK

The University of Regina's Geography Department and partners are hosting an educational event in Regina to commemorate World Water Day.

Taking place from 4 to 6 p.m. in the theatre and lobby of the RIC Building, the event will feature speakers, a screening of the documentary "Choking Lake Winnipeg" and water-themed displays.

For more information contact Ben Brodie
(benjaminbrodie@gmail.com)

The Saskatchewan Municipal Awards program is accepting nominations until **Friday, March 18th**.

Don't miss out on this opportunity - get the recognition your municipality deserves this year. Are you doing something out of



the ordinary, creative or innovative for your ratepayers? Your municipality's practice, big or small, could be a winner at this year's awards luncheon and these are the types of things that the Saskatchewan Municipal Awards Selection Committee is looking for. There are awards in the following categories: Community Development Leadership; Economic Development Leadership; Environmental Stewardship; Regional Leadership and Partnerships; Heritage Conservation Leadership; and, Municipal Innovation and Service Excellence.

Check out the awards website (www.municipalawards.ca) for forms or more information as the deadline is almost here. If you need any assistance with the nominations or have questions about the program, please contact **Mark Cooper** at awards@municipalawards.ca or (306) 525-4388.

Communities With Housing Concerns Welcome to Attend SHC Consultation

As part of its move toward a comprehensive provincial housing strategy, the Saskatchewan Housing Corporation will be holding half-day consultations in 10 communities across Saskatchewan, and communities and other members who have an ability to impact change are urged to attend.

The sessions will be:
Meadow Lake - Mar. 14 (afternoon)
North Battleford - Mar. 15 (afternoon)
Prince Albert - Mar. 16 (afternoon)

or Dave Espeseth
(daveespeseth@gmail.com).

13 Ways to Kill Your Community Free Community Presentation April 6, 2011 Yorkton, SK

An expert in rural prairie communities, Doug Griffiths, MLA for Battle River-Wainwright and coauthor of "13 Ways to Kill Your Community" will present his advice on how to ensure YOUR community remains viable and vibrant.

To register or for more information call the Yorkton Exhibit Office at (306) 783-4800 or visit the website at www.yorktonexhibition.com.

New Horizons for Seniors Program Update

The Government of Canada has introduced modest enhancements to the NHSP to allow a broader array of organizations to develop a greater variety of projects that meet the changing needs of communities.

In the past, the program has funded projects through three separate funding streams: Capital Assistance, Community Participation and Leadership and Elder Abuse Awareness.

Rather than fund projects through these three distinct streams, the program will now support those that meet one or more of the program's five objectives: promoting

Saskatoon - Mar. 22 (morning/afternoon)
Regina - Mar. 24 (morning/afternoon)
Estevan - Mar. 28 (afternoon)
Swift Current - Mar. 29 (afternoon)
Yorkton - Mar. 31 (afternoon)
Nipawin - Apr. 4 (afternoon)
LaRonge - Apr. 5 (afternoon)

Space is limited at each session. Please register with Shelley Bast (Shelley.Bast@gov.sk.ca, or (306) 787-0116) stating which session you plan to attend.

SUMA Classifieds

Positions Available:

Town of Southey: Utilities/Maintenance Person (When Filled)

Town of Eston: Public Works Superintendent (03/22/2011)

Village of Lucky Lake/RM of Canaan: Administrator (When Filled)

RM of Sherwood: Manager of Engineering Operations (03/14/2011)

Town of Spiritwood: Administrator (03/21/2011)

UMAAS - Board of Examiners: Secretary (03/15/2011)

Town of Morinville, AB: Building Maintenance Worker (03/21/2011)

Resort Village of Candle Lake: Building Inspector (03/24/2011)

Items For Sale:

For Sale: Swimming Pool Equipment

About Us

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

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volunteerism among seniors and other generations; engaging seniors in the community through the mentoring of others; expanding awareness of elder abuse, including financial abuse; supporting the social participation and inclusion of seniors; and providing capital assistance for new and existing community projects and/or programs for seniors.

As in previous years, the community-based projects will be eligible for up to \$25,000 in grant funding per year. Pan-Canadian projects supporting elder abuse prevention will be eligible to receive up to \$250,000 per year in grant or contribution funding to a maximum of three years. For more information, click on [this link](#).

Business or Pleasure...

Get a great rate with SUMA host hotels!

SUMA is pleased to announce our host hotels for 2011, effective March 1st, 2011:

Regina

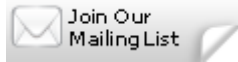
Regina Inn
Rates starting at \$109/night
800-667-8162
www.reginainn.com

Travelodge Regina

Rates starting at \$109.95/night
306-586-3443
www.travelodgeregina.com

Saskatoon

Park Town Hotel
Rates starting at \$129/night



800-667-3999

www.parktownhotel.com

Travelodge Saskatoon

Rates starting at

\$120/night

306-242-8881

www.travelodgesaskatoon.com

When making reservations please advise that you are a SUMA member. Please note that hotels will honour 2010 membership cards if presented.

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