

TPCS lists available grants

Looking for funding to help your project along?

The Ministry of Tourism, Parks, Culture & Sport recently provided a listing of application-based programs available through TPCS and other related agencies.

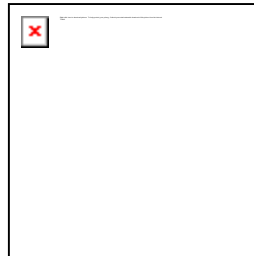
Adjudication of all grant applications is the responsibility of each agency.

To access the list, please click [this link](#).

Wanted: Volunteer Communities to Test Municipal Sustainability Toolkit

SUMA is working with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs to develop a self-assessment tool for Saskatchewan municipalities, which will focus on indicators of sustainability for municipal government in eight core areas: governance, administration, finance and financial management, service delivery, public safety, infrastructure, demographics and partnerships.

To this point we have been working with Acton Consulting



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Website will help prepare for flooding

The Government of Saskatchewan has launched www.saskflood.ca, a website designed to help Saskatchewan residents prepare for possible flooding and to provide timely updates on flood events as they occur in the province.

Quote of the Week:

"Compassion is the basis for all morality"

-- German Philosopher Albert Schopenhauer

PDAP Changes Will Expedite Process

Changes to the provincial Disaster Assistance

out of Edmonton to build a logical understanding of what sustainability would look like in each of the categories in the various types of municipalities in the province. We have identified a number of measures that we think will indicate where a municipal corporation, like you, might fit on a simple spectrum from "highly" sustainable to "challenged" in sustainability.

The next step in the project is to test these measures using real data from test municipalities. We would really like you to participate in this process.

We know how busy that you are, but we feel that this is a very worthwhile venture for you to participate in. You will be asked to complete a data collection worksheet. This worksheet will be in Excel 2003 and will list all of the measures identified in the eight areas of sustainability. For each measure, you will need to provide a response. Depending on the measure, the response may be yes, no or a number (this may be something that you formally track or an estimate based on your knowledge of the municipality). Some of the measures will come from data already reported to Municipal Affairs. We will put that into the worksheet for you. We think that it will take about two to three hours to complete the worksheet. The time required will vary depending on whether you need to locate and review records or consult with others in your organization.

Your responses will not be identified to Municipal Affairs or any other of the participants. The report to the project team from the consultant will remove the names of the municipalities and describe you only by characteristics such as size, location or type. The data will allow Acton to conduct a statistical analysis of the measures to test the relevancy and availability of data within municipalities.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Sean McEachern, Senior Policy Advisor at smceachern@suma.org by 12:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 23, 2011.

Did you know...

The average annual temperature for Saskatchewan is 2.6 Celsius!

(Now, don't you feel warm?)

About Us

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

Program will significantly reduce the amount of time claimants wait for their claim to be processed, as program staff work toward processing remaining 2010 PDAP claims more quickly.

For more information contact Judy Orthner at (306) 787-5883, judy.orthner@gov.sk.ca

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,

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SUMA Classifieds:

Positions Available:

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

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

*Town of Kindersley: Water
Treatment Plant Operator
(03/15/2011)*

*District of Mackenzie: CAO
(04/15/2011)*

*Village of Mankota: Urban
Administrator (04/20/2011)*

*Town of Birch Hills: Townman
(04/08/2011)*

*Village of Canwood: Foreman
(When Filled)*

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

Items For Sale:

*For Sale: Swimming Pool
Equipment*

For Sale: Cat Packer

