

## FCM wants municipal issues on the federal election agenda

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) is advocating an election strategy which highlights the key role municipalities play in strengthening the country's economy, in the upcoming federal election.

Beyond its general focus on the economy and on the federal-municipal partnership, FCM underlines the need to see five crucial priorities within the various parties' election platforms. These are:

- \* Infrastructure and Transportation
- \* Housing
- \* Policing
- \* Rural and Northern Issues
- \* The Green Economy

In each of these areas, FCM plans to work to propose clear and concrete objectives to build support among Canadians and political parties.

## SIGI Recreation Pilot Program

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs has recently announced the Saskatchewan Infrastructure Growth Initiative (SIGI) Recreation Pilot Program for the 2011-12 fiscal year, to provide municipalities with interest rate subsidies for up to five years on \$12.5 million of municipal borrowing.

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### Community Airport Partnership Program Deadline Extension

The application deadline for CAP has been extended to April 1, 2011.

Program funding has also been increased to \$700,000 (previously \$500,000) with the maximum ministry contribution for a cost-shared project up to \$250,000.

For more information see [this site](#).

### Quote of the Week:

"The only way to keep your

The pilot program will assist municipalities in developing recreational infrastructure to meet the demand associated with growth in the community and surrounding area.

Eligibility: Projects must commence on or after April 1, 2011 (if some costs are incurred prior to this, application may be made but the grant will exclude those costs); borrowing must occur by Sept. 30, 2011. The deadline to submit applications is May 31, 2011.

For more information, see [www.municipal.gov.sk.ca/SIGI-Rec](http://www.municipal.gov.sk.ca/SIGI-Rec).

## Sask Municipal Awards Deadline Extended to April 1

Established in 2006, The Saskatchewan Municipal Awards (SMA) celebrate the excellent and innovative practices of Saskatchewan's municipal governments. The awards showcase municipal practices that demonstrate good governance, effective management, consistent public engagement, innovation, significance, transferability, sustainability and capacity building.



For more information, see the SMA website at [www.municipalawards.ca](http://www.municipalawards.ca).

## Free CHRA Housing Webinar: April 14

The Canadian Housing and Renewal Association invites municipalities to take part in Exploring Prevention: Working with Homeless and At-Risk Youth and their Families, to be held April 14.

The Family Reconnect Program will be featured, and a PDF of the Reconnect Tool Kit will be provided to participants.

To register, visit this [website](#).

health is to eat what you don't want, drink what you don't like, and do what you'd rather not."

-- Mark Twain

### Funding Available: Building Communities Through Arts and Heritage

The funding deadline for the Building Communities Through Arts and Heritage program, delivered through the Department of Canadian Heritage, is coming up.

The next deadline for all components is April 1, 2011, for festivals taking place between September 1, 2011 and March 31, 2012, and for anniversaries taking place between January 1, 2012 and December 31, 2012.

For more information, see [this website](#).

### SUMA Classifieds:

#### *Positions Available:*

*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)*

*District of Katepwa: Bylaw Officer (Summer Position)(When Filled)*

## Did you know...

Before the coming of the Canadian Pacific Railway, the future site of Regina was flat and dry. It was so unpromising that it was often called "Pile-of-Bones," or "Pile o' Bones," referring to masses of bison bones.

In 1882, Edgar Dewdney, the lieutenant-governor of the North-West Territories, chose "Pile of Bones" as the site of a station on the Canadian Pacific Railway. A more elegant name was needed, so the place became "Regina." The word means "queen" in Latin, and honors Queen Victoria.

Regina has about 350,000 trees now, all of them planted, and not nearly so many bison bones

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

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**Village of Goodsoil:**  
**Utilities/Maintenance**  
**Person (When Filled)**

**Municipality of Crowsnest Pass:**  
**Foreman (04/22/2011)**

**Town of Oyen, AB: Chief**  
**Administrative Officer (04/29/2011)**

**Town of Wolseley: Administrator**  
**(04/30/2011)**

**Items For Sale:**

**For Sale: Swimming Pool**  
**Equipment**

**For Sale: Cat Packer**

**For Sale: 1997 Dodge 3500**

