

SaskPower aids in flood preparation

SaskPower has prepared information regarding electrical and gas safety before, during and after a flood. In addition, information is available regarding the safe use of portable generators. This material, along with other useful tips, is available (in pdf form) on the SaskPower website, www.saskpower.com. Electrical and gas contractors will find information regarding flood damaged properties and proper processes for restoration of services.



The Corporation has established a toll free number 1-877-585-3395 for customers who need to obtain flood or account information. As always, emergencies can be reported by calling 310-2220 (toll free).

SUMA seeking team members

SUMA is looking for three individuals to join our team. If you're passionate about your work, are a team player, creative, detail-oriented and are seeking a great place to work, SUMA may have the job you've been looking for.

SUMA is currently seeking to fill three

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Help the recycling effort - Kal Tire paying for OTR tire casings!

Kal Tire is looking for radial OTR tire casings, for use in producing retread tires.

Retreading is one way to recycle, so do your part and call Kal Tire today!

For more information call John Huthersall from Kal Tire at (204) 223-3922 or click on [this link](#).

Quote of the Week:

"It's easy to make a buck. It's a lot tougher to make a difference."
-- Tom Brokaw

Building Communities, Building

positions:

- Event & Corporate Services Coordinator
- Executive Assistant
- Policy Research Assistant (Summer Student)

For more information see the [SUMA website](#).

FCM - Launching election campaign platform and website

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) is launching its federal campaign platform and website this week.

The website will include platform information, important updates and tools to help people become involved in the campaign. Included will be debate questions for local candidates' debates and town halls.

In the interim, FCM has included below key messages you may find useful when responding to local media questions until the platform launch.

Key messages:

1. In the last few years, all federal political parties in Ottawa have come to realize why Canadian cities and communities matter. During this election campaign, they need to show Canadians they will continue to act on it. All parties need to use these lean years to prepare the country for the future. They need to make cities and communities a top economic priority by:

- declaring war on traffic gridlock, so people can get to work and home again without wasting time sitting bumper to bumper;
- fixing a housing system that leaves too

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A Housing and Development Summit
Saskatoon, SK
April 19-21, 2011

With a focus on the creation of sustainable housing development, this conference includes sessions on planning, community needs, partnering with industry and government, and progressing from 'vision' to 'action'.

Register by emailing events@chbsaskatchewan.com or phoning 1-888-955-5188.

For more information visit the website at www.socialservices.gov.sk.ca/housing.

Saskatchewan Scrap Tire Corp. continues to give back to communities

Once again the Saskatchewan Scrap Tire Corporation is taking applications for Community Demonstration Grants. The SSTC established the grant program as a way to encourage communities to undertake projects that make use of recycled tire products. Over the past 5 years, the SSTC has provided more than \$130,000 in funding to over 50 communities.

Now is your community's opportunity to take advantage of this great program. The deadline for [application](#) is May 30, 2011. www.scraptire.sk.ca.

Win two tickets to next year's Convention banquet

It's easy to enter - just put your brain to work! We are looking for a new and dynamic convention theme for the 2012 SUMA Convention. Everyone who enters will have their name put

- many Canadians out in the cold;
- giving a hand to over-stretched municipal police departments; and
- ensuring the sustainability of rural, remote and northern communities.

2. All parties must protect core investments in infrastructure, housing and policing. Pulling those dollars out of our communities would only increase the infrastructure deficit and shift the burden onto property taxpayers.

3. Municipalities need a new partnership with Ottawa to meet our national challenges. Municipalities can't do it on their own: they collect just eight cents of every tax dollar paid in Canada but build one-half of Canada's infrastructure, pay two out of three police officers' salaries, and fund downloaded responsibilities for affordable housing, federal policing and immigrant settlement.

For more information, contact election 2011@fcm.ca.

Municipal Cultural Engagement and Planning Grant

The Municipal Cultural Engagement and Planning Grant is intended to encourage municipalities to invest in cultural engagement and cultural planning. The matching grant aims to support Saskatchewan municipalities explore and plan for the creative and cultural potential of their community through engagement and planning initiatives. The deadline for application is April 15, 2011.

This grant is intended to support municipal initiatives that explore, engage and plan for culture and the cultural life of a community;

into a draw for two tickets to the President's Banquet. Put some thought into it and send your themes to: tmeier@suma.org.

Changes to ad policy and UU schedule

In order to focus our efforts on timely, pertinent and useful news for our members, SUMA will shift to a biweekly publication format, effective April 11.

This means that the UU will be published next Monday (April 11) and then not again until Tuesday, April 25, and then Monday, May 9.

As well, SUMA will be changing its advertising policy. Ads sent in prior to April 4 will be honoured for the length of time for which they were submitted.

Beginning today:

- ads may be submitted for month-long increments only.
- ads will be uploaded on the first and 15th of each month.
- Ads may continue to be submitted via the website at www.suma.org/submitanad.php.
- Cost covers ad posting on website, and insertion in Urban Update.
- Length limit: 250 words.
- One link to email address, and/or one link to advertiser's website.

For more information on cost and formatting, please see that page.

SUMA Classifieds:

Positions Available:

Village of Weldon: Administrator
(04/19/2011)

Town of Aberdeen: Public Works
Maintenance Manager (When Filled)

support municipal cultural planning, development and investment that is coordinated and integrated with community planning & community development; support initiatives aimed at increasing communication, collaboration and cooperation amongst cultural organizations and between cultural organizations and other organizations in the community (examples: business, education, health, tourism, social, environmental); and support partnerships that promotes cultural vitality, creativity and economic sustainability (including organizations in the culture, business, social and environmental sectors).

Criteria includes meeting one or more of the above objectives, as well as municipal commitment to the project; unicipal financial contribution, at least matching MCP Grant; quality of the application and proposal; extent of community involvement; realistic and responsible use of the funds; and municipal commitment to potential initiatives resulting from this project.

The grant is open to urban and rural municipalities and First Nations Bands.

See [this website](#) for further details, or call (306) 780-9625.

Did you know...

Saskatchewan has more inventors per capita that anywhere else in Canada? It's true!

City of Lloydminster: Municipal Waste Manager (04/15/2011)

Town of High River, AB: Chief Administrative Officer (04/29/2011)

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)

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)

RFP: Engineering Services, Curbside Recycling Project, Moose Jaw (04/21/2011)

Items For Sale:

For Sale: Swimming Pool Equipment

For Sale: 1997 Dodge 3500

About Us

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

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