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Strong uptake for emergency flood damage reduction program

Uptake for the Emergency Flood Damage Reduction Program has been very strong, Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Watershed Authority Dustin Duncan announced today. Since the program was announced on February 22, there have been more than 500 requests for assistance under the program.

"Through this program the province is assisting 158 villages, towns and cities, 65 rural municipalities, 303 individual families and three institutions or other facilities to protect themselves from potential flooding," Duncan said. "One of our government's three major goals is security and I am pleased with the way families and communities are responding to our offer of help in protecting themselves."

Under the \$22 million program announced in February, the Watershed Authority pays for engineering work to determine the most appropriate actions and then shares the cost of the flood protection work. Due to the urgency of taking

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Quote of the Week:

"Politics is the art of looking for trouble, finding it, misdiagnosing it, and then misapplying the wrong remedies."
-- Groucho Marx

STOP! Now isn't the time!

To reduce the risk of Dutch elm disease (DED), pruning of elm trees is prohibited throughout Saskatchewan each year from April 1 until August 31.

Fresh cuts from pruning can attract the beetles that spread the disease, increasing the chance of an infection. The annual pruning ban is in effect during the time of year when elm bark beetles are most active.

Pruning is an important part of regular elm tree care and is encouraged,



protective measures, Watershed Authority is providing verbal authorization to begin the work and following up with written agreements.

To ensure rapid delivery of this program, 18 engineering firms have been contracted to provide assistance to communities and five contracted engineering technicians plus Watershed Authority staff are designing works at individual farmsteads.

Further details about the Emergency Flood Damage Reduction Program, the flood forecast and other flood information are available at the provincial flood website www.saskflood.ca.

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 two positions:

- Event & Corporate Services Coordinator
- Executive Assistant

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

High Performance Pothole Repair

It's spring -- meaning that it's Pothole

before and after the annual ban period. Proper pruning helps keep trees healthy and better able to resist disease. The removal of dead and dying elm wood through pruning also helps to reduce beetle breeding habitat and control the beetle population. Timely and proper disposal of the pruned wood is also essential to keep DED from spreading.

Throughout the year, including the ban period, prompt removal of infected elms is critical to effective disease management.

Provincial regulations also require commercial pruners of elm trees to have taken a recognized training program or be under the supervision of someone who has. Improper pruning techniques can contribute to the spread of many tree diseases, including DED.

Because of the risk of spreading DED, transporting or storing elm firewood is illegal. Any elm wood should be disposed of promptly, using the method and locations chosen by each municipality.

Intro to Economic Development for Western Canadian Communities

*Modules I, II, III and IV
May 31 - June 3, 2011
9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. daily
Saskatoon, SK*

Saskatchewan Economic Development Association, Inc.'s modules were developed to provide training in core economic development principles and practices for new entrants into the profession as well as community employees and leaders.

and

*Project Development Seminar
May 30, 2011
Saskatoon, SK*

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Reminder: Changes to ad policy and UU schedule

This is a reminder that due to the shift to a biweekly publication format, there will be no Urban Update next Monday (April 18). The next issue will be delivered to your inbox April 26.

As well, SUMA has changed its advertising policy:

- 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.

Striving to build community and economic capacity!

For course details and to register, see www.seda.sk.ca/content/calendar/Intro-to-EcDev-WCC-Spring11.pdf.

Registrants responsible for guestroom and lunch costs. To book a room, call 1-800-667-6500 and reference the SEDA block as Group #7952.

SUMA Classifieds:

Positions Available:

Paintearth: Public Works Shop Manager (04/24/2011)

St. Walburg: Foreman's Assistant (When Filled)

Lafleche: Town Worker (When Filled)

Weyburn: HR Manager (05/15/2011)

Moosomin: Water/Sewer Operator (When Filled)

Weldon: Administrator (04/19/2011)

Aberdeen: Public Works Maintenance Manager (When Filled)

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

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

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

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

Mankota: Urban Administrator (04/20/2011)

Birch Hills: Townman (04/08/2011)

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

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

Did you know...

Saskatchewan is called "The Land of The Living Skies" because its citizens have the largest and longest un-interrupted view of the wind system known as the jet-stream which passes through Saskatchewan 73.6 per cent of the year, bringing with it large amounts of interesting cloud formations and ever changing weather systems...

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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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Crowsnest Pass: Foreman (04/22/2011)

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

Wolseley: Administrator (04/30/2011)

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

Items For Sale:

For Sale: 1997 Dodge 3500

