



SPECIAL SECTION: Sask. Flood 2011

In response to the high water levels Saskatchewan municipalities are experiencing this spring, SUMA has received information from several sources which will be of assistance to those experiencing flooding.

RED CROSS:

Following flooding where the affected individuals are still in their homes:

- Red Cross may conduct a needs assessment of flood-affected residents, and may provide assistance such as the provision of clean-up kits

Following a flood where the individuals evacuate their home, and the municipality has NOT declared a State of Emergency:

- Red Cross can provide for basic needs including food, clothing, lodging, personal services, and children's needs during the first seventy-two (72) hours
- Red Cross can offer support through information and referrals.
- Red Cross may assess the needs of flood-affected residents and work with them to

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Quote of the Week:

"I'm an idealist. I don't know where I'm going, but I'm on my way."

-- *Carl Sandburg*

CHRA Congress 2011: Housing Ideas That Matter; Housing Tools That Work

Regina, SK

June 21-23, 2011

This year's Canadian Housing & Renewal Association Congress will be held in Regina, and in order to optimize attendance, the Early Bird rate has been extended until the end of April. For more information, see the event micro-site at <http://chra-achru.ca/en/index.php/congress/home/>

move back into their homes as soon as possible. Assistance could take the form of financial help, clean-up kits, or information kits.

- Our aim is to provide for those basic needs not already addressed through the assistance of governments, insurance companies and other agencies. The level of support we provide will depend on the magnitude of needs, support available through other sources, and the generosity of donors.

NOTE: Anyone who plans to apply for disaster compensation should contact their municipality for information on qualifying for relief.

Should someone in your community be in need of Red Cross personal disaster assistance, they may access the toll-free emergency line by dialing: 1-888-800-6493.

CMHC:

It is important to note that in the case of large disasters, such as wide-spread and devastating flooding, the municipality is responsible for the provision of Emergency Social Services until a State of Emergency is declared.

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) has a website specific to providing information regarding flood issues and concerns as well as various hard copies and pdf versions of the information found on our website

<http://cmhc/flood/>

CMHC's website devoted to flood information; <http://cmhc/flood/> provides additional information to municipalities and residents facing flooding.

CMHC will send municipalities hard copies and pdf versions (free of charge) of the information found on the website to distribute to flooding victims.

SUMAdvantage Website Development Survey

SUMA needs your feedback! We are looking to partner with a website development company to offer our members a website program that is simple to use and cost effective. In order to do so though we need feedback from you to know if this is something that is of interest to our members.

To take the survey, visit:

[**http://tinyurl.com/3todvcq**](http://tinyurl.com/3todvcq)

Thank you in advance for taking the time to fill out the survey.

SUMA Member Benefit Municipal World Discount

SUMA is partnered with Municipal World to offer a 12 month subscription at a discount of 42% off the full price subscription fee.

Municipal World provides in-depth coverage of municipal issues and valuable information that just is not available anywhere else. [See this file](#) for more information on how to take advantage of this offer.

Code Changes

The Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety recently announced that the province is proposing the adoption of the 2010 National Building Code (NBC) and 2010 National Fire Code (NFC) effective September 1, 2011.

Saskatchewan adopts the NBC, with few amendments, as the minimum standard for the construction and renovation of buildings throughout the province. The NFC is adopted as the minimum standard for the fire safe operation of buildings and facilities.

The codes are developed by the National

SERVICE CANADA:

In light of anticipated flooding conditions in the province of Saskatchewan, Service Canada is offering its assistance to employers who may experience layoffs due to the flooding.

In the event a business in your area is required to close for a period of time, Service Canada can offer employees with information sessions on Employment Insurance and other federal programs and benefits which may be of assistance.

These presentations are free of charge and will provide employees with access to information and/or resources while they are temporarily out of work.

Please contact one of the following to arrange a session:

Donna Paget (Saskatoon) - (306) 975-4221; Eileen Humphreys (North Battleford) - (306) 446-1766; Jason Elliott (Regina) - (306) 737-7092; and Betty Hegedus (Regina) - (306) 564-5555.

SASK POWER:

The Corporation has also 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).

Win 2 Tickets to 2012 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 into a draw for two tickets to the President's Banquet. Put

Research Council's (NRC) institute for Research in Construction under direction of the Canadian Commission on Building and Fire Codes. The Province of Saskatchewan participates in this process through representation on the Provincial Territorial Policy Advisory Committee on Codes.

The Ministry of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing, Building Standards Unit (BSU) is responsible for reviewing the codes and preparing for their adoption. The 2010 Codes Adoption Guide, is available for download from the BSU website. It provides the following information:

- 2010 NBC changes
- Saskatchewan's proposed amendments to the 2010 NBC
- 2010 NFC changes
- Saskatchewan's proposed amendments to the 2010 NFC
- Cross reference of provisions moved from the NFC to the NBC
- Comment forms

The 2010 editions of the NBC and NFC will replace the 2005 editions. Please visit the Codes and Standards page at the BSU website (www.cpsp.gov.sk.ca/bscs) for additional information and upcoming presentations for code users.

Think Summer: Register for the SUMA Golf Tournament Today!

Now that the snow is gone, have you dug out your drivers and putters yet? It's not too early to register to join your SUMA Board of Directors and staff at the annual SUMA Golf Tournament, to be held at the scenic 18 hole golf course in Melfort on August 18 and 19, 2011.

Register early in order to reserve your spot at this entertaining and enjoyable event. Your \$90 registration includes a supper and social Thursday evening,

some thought into it and send your themes to: tmeier@suma.org.

Creating 3D Maps of Saskatchewan's Groundwater

For years concerns have been raised about the health of lakes and rivers, but how often is attention paid to the water beneath the surface? Given that 75 per cent of communities and farms in southern Saskatchewan use groundwater for everything from drinking and bathing to agriculture and industry, more attention to this resource is warranted.

SRC is working with the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority to map groundwater in Saskatchewan's agricultural areas over the next five years to create a single 3D model. This mapping and 3D model will help to ensure safe drinking water, healthy aquatic ecosystems and a reliable water supply for industry.

The project stems from SRC's work with the Watershed Authority over the last 25 years to update groundwater maps. This latest generation of groundwater mapping is aimed at developing a standard for geologic/hydrogeologic mapping and groundwater characterization to apply throughout Saskatchewan's agricultural areas. A large, interactive database will be available to users, including consultants, planners, municipalities and the public, who will have access to a wide variety of high quality data.

The Saskatoon region has been chosen to pilot the new mapping standard because it is a well-explored area, rich in data. Over the next five years, it is hoped that the 20 watershed areas in

breakfast Friday morning, 18 holes (Texas Scramble) and use of a golf cart, and Friday lunch. Non-golfer registration (\$40) includes the supper and social, and Friday breakfast. Tours of the Melfort Museum, Kerry Vickar Centre are available.

Accommodations in the area include the Travelodge (752-5961), Carra Valla Inn (752-2828), Melfort Inn (752-2836), or the Melfort Campgrounds located just west of the junction of Highways 3, 6 & 41 (752-5911).

For more information or to register, contact the City of Melfort at (306) 752-5911 or email city@cityofmelfort.ca. Download the brochure [here](#), or the registration form [here](#).

SUMA Classifieds:

Positions Available:

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

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

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

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

SPRA: Field Consultant (04/26/2011)

County of Paintearth: Public Works Shop Manager (04/28/2011)

Town of St. Walburg: Foreman Assistant (When Filled)

Town of Lafleche: Town Worker (When Filled)

City of Weyburn: HR Manager (05/15/2011)

Saskatchewan will be mapped to this standard and formed together to create a single 3D model.

To learn more about SRC's work on groundwater mapping click [here](#) to watch an SRC expert interviewed on YouTube.

To arrange an interview to learn more about the work SRC is doing in groundwater mapping, contact Jaime Procknow, Communications Coordinator, at (306)933-7456 or procknow@src.sk.ca.

Main Street Sask Promotes Downtown Revitalization

Last week, the Government of Saskatchewan announced a \$1.65 million investment over three years in an innovative redevelopment program for communities of all sizes to help them realize a new future starting on Main Street Saskatchewan.

"Main streets are the traditional centres of commercial and cultural life in communities across Saskatchewan," Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Bill Hutchinson said. "This community-driven program will revitalize historic downtown commercial districts based on the principles of community organization, economic development, marketing and heritage conservation."

As mentioned in the budget 2011-12, the program will include matching funding assistance for the revitalization of downtown commercial areas in four demonstration communities. Communities

Town of Moosomin: Water/Sewer Utilities Manager (When Filled)

Town of Rosetown: Rec Director (05/06/2011)

Town of Lashburn: Apprentice Town Foreman (05/09/2011)

Morinville, AB: Deputy CAO (05/01/2011)

Resort Village of Glen Harbour: Village Clerk (05/15/2011)

Village of Buena Vista: Administrative Assistant (05/02/2011)

Town of Birch Hills: Rec Director (05/13/2011)

RM of Duck Lake: Administrator (05/10/2011)

Town of Kelvington: Administrator (05/13/2011)

NTPC Offers Municipal Development Assistance

The North Central Transportation Planning Committee (NCTPC) is committed to providing services and information to municipalities within its boundaries.

The challenges and opportunities which sustainable infrastructure development presents to the province of Saskatchewan prompted the NCTPC to launch the Municipal Support Program. This program will be offered free of charge to members of the NCTPC; non-members will be charged a per diem and mileage.

The Municipal Support Program is geared towards assisting municipalities in bidding on Road Building tenders, tender opening (ensuring criteria are being met prior to awarding of tender), locating gravel sources within your municipality, development of gravel specifications within your municipality, review of gravel tenders prior to posting, road maintenance agreements, liaising between municipality and third parties (contractors, government agencies, etc.), review of general tenders prior to

of varying population size will be invited to participate through a Request for Proposals (RFP) process. Eligibility will be determined on the basis of community capacity, community support, downtown viability and existing heritage buildings. For the selected communities, matching funding for three years for capital expenses and administrative costs will be provided.

Main Street programs are time-tested initiatives that have encouraged economic and social development of communities across North America through heritage conservation. Past examples of successful Main Street revitalizations here in Saskatchewan include Moose Jaw, Gravelbourg and Saskatoon's Broadway Avenue. All three achieved significant economic development and heritage conservation results.

"The new Main Street program is a good example of how the Government of Saskatchewan's cultural policy, Pride of Saskatchewan, is supporting heritage stewardship and strengthening our vibrant arts and culture sector," Hutchinson said.

For information on applying to the Main Street Saskatchewan demonstration program, visit www.tpcs.gov.sk.ca/heritage/.

Did you know...

Holy Trinity Anglican Church at Stanley Mission is the oldest church in Western Canada. The church was built between 1854 and 1860 and is still providing religious services. This unique building is on the north bank of the Churchill River and can be reached by boat.

posting, contract agreements, operator competencies, planning road maintenance, patrol cycle, gravel quantities, etc., direction for formulating overall municipal operating plans and rehabilitation of existing infrastructure, supporting development, etc.

One time users can get help with concentrated hauls and new developments. Municipalities needing help with direction for formulating Official Community Plans, accessing plans, detour plans, and traffic accommodation plans, and direction for formulating emergency plans (EMO) may also find our services of use.

The NCTPC believes this is a program that will assist municipalities in meeting their obligations to their tax/ratepayers and will allow for sustainable growth throughout Saskatchewan.

The NCTPC fully realizes that the challenges faced by each municipality are unique and certain action items may not appear on the program list above, the NCTPC welcomes inquiries at (306)747-7694.

The North Central Transportation Planning Committee believes that a comprehensive, proactive approach to municipal support is one way to ensure the public's safety and prosperity into the future. For additional information on the NCTPC Municipal Support Program or to register in the program, please call (306) 747-7694.



About Us

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

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