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SUMA President's Message: Attend UMAAS Convention!

SUMA's president, Allan Earle, highly recommends that town and village councils consider sending their administrators to the 2011 UMAAS Convention, to be held June 8-10, 2011 (registration June 7) in Regina.

"The convention provides administrators with education, professional network links, and commercial contacts. To be the best we can be we must have informed, educated administrators and the convention is a great tool to ensure that this happens. I know that you will be happy you made that choice!" he said.

The theme for this year's convention is "Responding to Challenges" which is very fitting considering the turmoil experienced in the past few years; everything from a fundamental change in accounting standards, dealing with infrastructure issues, and problems of flooding in many areas of the province.

The highlights for the 2011 UMAAS Convention include kickoff speaker Betty-Ann Heggie speaking on mentorship; Jim Toye, City Manager of North Battleford with a presentation on the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators (CAMA); and Darren Lang, presenting "Staying Up in an Upside-Down World". Elvis impersonator Matt Fairbrother will entertain at the Wednesday Banquet and comedian Tom Liske is featured at the Thursday golf and tour

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Quote of the Week:

"Nonviolence is a powerful and just weapon. which cuts without wounding and ennoble the man who wields it. It is a sword that heals."

-- *Martin Luther King Jr.*

Saskatchewan Municipal Awards

Regina, SK
May 13, 2011

Senator Pamela Wallin, who served as a selection committee member, will be on hand when the 2011

awards ceremony.

Education and presentation sessions will include a Tangible Capital Asset/Asset Management presentation on Wednesday afternoon (a topic in the forefront for administrators in the foreseeable future) and an EMO presentation (in response to disaster situations within the province) and a Community Planning - Subdivision Update presentation on Thursday morning (chosen because many communities are experiencing growth with our booming economy).

The event will include tradeshow viewing, district/division meetings, updates from Municipal Affairs and SUMA, a Wednesday luncheon, the Wednesday evening banquet, and the Thursday evening steak supper at Rodeo's Bar.

The UMAAS Convention is a very important tool for Administrators to learn, network, and relax. All municipal Councils are urged to allow their Administrator/CAO to attend.

FCM's Green Municipal Bylaws Collection Online

A growing number of Canadian municipalities are integrating sustainability in their planning process - through sustainable community plans, integrated community sustainability plans, local action plans, long-range sustainability plans, smart growth initiatives, community improvement plans and Local Agenda 21 plans.

Planning is a complex process in itself, but developing the policies and bylaws needed to support the plans can be an added challenge. This collection provides a variety of excellent examples of municipal bylaws, policies and procedures implemented by small and large Canadian municipalities in each sector of

winners of the Saskatchewan Municipal Awards (SMA) are announced at the fifth annual SMA awards ceremony May 13, 2011 in Regina. The SMA acclaims municipal sector projects of distinction.

"The innovation, creativity and dedication to problem-solving demonstrated by the award entrants never ceases to amaze me," SMA selection committee member Murray Mandryk said of the awards. "We really get to see a display of the best practices in governance."

The 2011 event will celebrate achievements in the categories of Municipal Innovation and Service Excellence, Regional Leadership and Partnerships, Community Development Leadership, Environmental Stewardship and Heritage Conservation Leadership.

You are invited to the awards presentation Friday, May 13 at 12 p.m. The awards presentation begins at 12:30 p.m. The event will be held in the Canadian Ballroom, Ramada Hotel and Convention Centre, 1818 Victoria Avenue, Regina, SK.

To purchase tickets or more information, contact Brenda Zimmerman at (306) 525-

municipal activity supported by GMF.

The municipal bylaw examples are divided into Brownfields, Energy, Waste, Water, Transportation and Multi-Sector. To view the collection [go here](#).

Main Street Program Pre-Application Workshop Info Available Online

Recently, 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 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

4383.

2011 Spring Regional Meetings: Locations and Dates

The SUMA Spring Regional Meetings are coming up! As they become finalized, agendas will be posted on the [SUMA website Regional Meetings page](#).

The meetings have been set as follows:

Southwest Region: May 30, Ponteix
West Central Region: May 31, Macklin
Northwest Region: June 1, Warman
East Central Region: June 13, Springside
Central Region: June 14, Elfros
Southeast Region: June 16, Redvers
Northwest Region: June 21, St. Brieux

SUMA Classifieds:

Positions Available:

SPRA: Field Consultant (04/26/2011)

MuniSoft: Software Support Technician (05/25/2011)

Municipal Affairs: Municipal Advisor (When Filled)

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

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

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/. Information on the May 5 pre-application workshop will be available on the Main Street Saskatchewan website at <http://www.tpcs.gov.sk.ca/MainStreet>. For more information on heritage management in Saskatchewan, please go to [click here](#).

Emergency Flood Program Sees Strong Uptake

In an April 26 release, it was reported that the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority saw an additional 100 requests for assistance under the Emergency Flood Damage Reduction Program between April 19-26, as areas of Saskatchewan continue to come under attack by rising flood waters.

Since the damage mitigation program was announced February 22, the Watershed Authority has received more than 700 requests for help under the program.

"The safety of Saskatchewan people and property is the top priority for government as we face the challenges caused by unusually high spring runoff," Minister responsible for Saskatchewan Watershed Authority Dustin Duncan said. "We are committed to doing all that we can to help alleviate damages, and will continue to operate the Emergency Flood Damage Reduction Program until the dangers caused by spring runoff have passed.

To read more, visit [this website](#)

Town of Lafleche: Town Worker
(When Filled)

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

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)

Town of Southey: Utilities-
Maintenance Person (When Filled)

Village of Dinsmore: Administrator
(When Filled)

Town of Saltcoats: Administrator
(05/12/2011)

RM of Canwood: Admin/Secretary
Treasurer (05/25/2011)

Town of Wakaw: Senior Utility
Person (05/16/2011)



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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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