



Correction to UMAAS article: Saskatoon, not Regina!

The UMAAS Convention noted in the last edition of the Urban Update was incorrectly referred to as being held in Regina.

Please note, ***the Convention is being held in Saskatoon*** this year. We regret any confusion this may have caused.

Sask Municipal Award Winners

Saskatchewan communities are trend leaders in projects using innovation and enterprise. On May 13, the annual Saskatchewan Municipal Awards ceremony celebrated some of the best and brightest of these, including environmentally friendly improvements for recreational facilities; engaging youth; taking pride in preserving the past; employing municipal cooperation to create a joint sanitation system; and finding common interests in improving healthcare services through providing a residence for doctors and students.

The 2011 winners who received awards at the annual SMA luncheon in Regina included:

Municipal Innovation and Service Excellence Award:

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Quote of the Week:

"Change before you have to."

-- Jack Welch

\$700,000 CAP Grants Announced

Highways and Infrastructure Minister Jim Reiter today announced the 11 eligible community airports that will share the \$700,000 available for this year's provincial cost-shared infrastructure grants for projects like runway improvements.

"We've increased the province's investment by 40 per cent for this grant program so more can be

Village of Hazlet - Wind Powered Rink Complex

The rink complex was facing rising power costs, shorter rink seasons and was starting to increase rink fees substantially to cover the costs. The Village of Hazlet recognized the increasing power costs and importance of the rink complex to the community and came up with the idea to install an artificial ice plant powered by a wind turbine. In order to counter the extra cost of power for the plant, the village received funding from the Recreational Infrastructure Canada program and is the first of its kind in Saskatchewan.

Regional Leadership and Partnerships Award: *Towns of Rosthern, Hague, Duck Lake and Waldheim, RMs of Duck Lake No. 463, Rosthern No. 403, and Laird No. 404, and Villages of Hepburn and Laird - Doctor/Medical Professionals' Residence*

In response to a request from local physicians that the community invest in a living quarters for nursing, medical and lab technicians students, the nine municipalities partnered together to renovate the historic Rosthern Post Office into a residence for medical professionals.

Community Development Leadership Award: *Town of Kindersley - Kindersley Youth Council*

In October 2009, the Kindersley Youth Council was established, along with the creation of a part-time Culture and Youth Coordinator position to facilitate work with the junior council. Made up of seven members (six councillors and one youth mayor), the Youth Council was intended to be a means with which to expose youth to municipal governance, encourage leadership, and promote increased community participation and volunteerism.

Environmental Stewardship Award: *Town of Dundurn, RM of Dundurn No. 314, and Resort Villages of Thode and Shields - Joint Sanitary Sewer System*

This project provides a sanitary sewer system jointly owned and operated by four municipalities and provides a sewer system to a Hutterite Colony and 180 acreage sites in the rural municipality.

Heritage Conservation Leadership: *City of Humboldt - Humboldt's Heritage Values*

The museum board had identified several heritage issues as a result of a community analysis conducted during its strategic planning process. Among the issues identified in the analysis was the need for a plan for overall heritage and cultural development for the city. The first step was to develop a heritage policy, which was approved in 2008 as part of the City's Official Community Plan.

done to improve airport infrastructure," Reiter said.

"Community airports are important to our economy as they are used by the energy and mining sectors and also provide vital air ambulance service to Saskatchewan residents."

The grants are through the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure's Community Airports Partnership (CAP) program and are equally matched by eligible recipients, which means up to \$1.4 million is expected to be invested by the end of the fiscal year. Airports that will receive the grants (which will be matched by the communities that own the airports), amounts and planned projects are:

Estevan, \$103,000, to repair runway cracks and pave aprons;
RM of Frontier, \$24,000, to rehabilitate runway and tarmac;
Kindersley, \$7,500, to seal apron cracks;
Kipling, \$31,000, to seal runway cracks;
Maple Creek, \$20,000, to install a global positioning system (GPS);
Moose Jaw, \$35,000, to seal runway cracks, upgrade apron and taxiway lighting;
North Battleford, \$37,500, for major crack repairs;
Rosetown, \$47,000, to install runway lighting;
Shaunavon, \$25,000, for an Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS);
Weyburn, \$197,000, to

Saskatchewan Municipal Awards is a program partnership between the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA) and the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM), the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, New North, the Rural Municipal Administrators' Association of Saskatchewan (RMAA) and the Urban Municipal Administrators Association Saskatchewan (UMAAS).

To view the videos of the winning entries, see the website at www.municipalawards.ca.

MMRP Funding Survey

Members are being asked to provide input on the process for administering the MMRP program and the recent lobbying efforts we undertook.

Please take a few moments to complete the survey at <http://tinyurl.com/3zk6czp>. Your help in making SUMA's work better and more successful is appreciated!

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/3todvcg>

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

Regional Meeting Agendas

recap part of one runway and to completely recap main runway; and **Yorkton**, \$173,000, for runway and taxiway repairs, runway lighting and drainage rehabilitation.

"It's wonderful to see the province increase the funding and recognize aviation's important role," Saskatchewan Aviation Council President Janet Keim said. "We also appreciate the support we've seen for this program from various communities, as they see the value of this transportation sector to their local economies."

This is the first time CAP funding has increased since the program began in 2007. By the end of the current fiscal year when combining ministry and applicant funds, up to \$4.8 million will be invested in 23 communities for airport rehabilitation over five years.

FCM Needs Your Photos!

FCM's Green Municipal Fund™ (GMF) is on the hunt for digital pictures of municipal green projects to showcase on their new website, and in other GMF resources and publications.

Have you recently retrofitted a municipal facility to improve

Posted

Agendas for the Spring 2011 Regional Meetings have been posted on the [SUMA website](#).

Please note that the agenda for the West Central Region has been amended to reflect new times.

Building & Fire Code Change Info Meetings

September 1, 2011, Saskatchewan will be adopting the 2010 National Building Code of Canada (NBC) and the 2010 National Fire Code of Canada (NFC), with few amendments.

The NBC is adopted as the minimum standard for the construction and renovation of buildings. The NFC is adopted as the minimum standard for the fire safe operations of buildings. Both standards apply throughout the province.

The 2010 editions of the NBC and NFC will replace all earlier editions.

The Ministry of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing, Building Standards Unit (BSU) is responsible for reviewing these Codes and preparing for their adoption. Information sessions will be hosted the BSU for building owners, industry, building officials, the fire service and other code users as follows.

Saskatoon

Wednesday May 25
Delta Bessborough Hotel
Adam Ballroom
8 - 11:45 a.m. and 1:15 to 5 p.m.

Regina

Thursday May 26
Regina Inn
Wascana Ballroom

its energy efficiency?
Constructed a new municipal energy-efficient building? Put a district energy system in place? Implemented a net zero emissions municipal system like solar street lighting?

We're looking for photos of your energy projects that include people in action, feature "before" and "after" perspectives, if possible, and highlight what makes you proud of your project.

E-mail your high-quality pictures (up to 10 MB but no smaller than 1 MB) to Magali Leblanc
<<mailto:mleblanc@fcm.ca>>
or call her at 613-907-6345 to arrange delivery of pictures larger than 10 MB.

Help us showcase your success - be sure to include appropriate captions and credits with your pictures.

SUMA Classifieds:

Positions Available:

Town of Southey:
Utilities/Mtce Person (When Filled)

Village of Dinsmore:
Administrator (When Filled)

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

8 - 11:45 a.m. and 1:15 to 5 p.m.

Download a registration form and more information in PDF format by visiting [this link](#).

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

FCC Agri-Spirit Canada

The FCC AgriSpirit Fund is about making life better for people in rural communities. This year, FCC will provide \$1 million to support rural capital projects across Canada. We award between \$5,000 and \$25,000 for capital community improvement projects such as emergency services equipment, playgrounds, recreation centres and care homes in communities with populations fewer than 100,000.

Registered charities, municipal bodies and non-profit organizations that partner with municipal bodies are eligible for funding. Eligible organizations that are interested in applying for funding this year are encouraged to apply online from May 9 to June 20 at www.agrispirit.ca, where you can find complete information and eligibility criteria.

P3 Canada RFP for Municipal Infrastructure Projects

Recently, P3 Canada launched its third request for proposals for potential P3 municipal infrastructure projects. P3 Canada is the federal agency tasked with administering the Government of Canada's \$1.25-billion Public-Private Partnership (P3) Fund.

This fund remains one of the few federal funding envelopes still available to municipalities for near-term infrastructure investment. Federal stimulus programs are winding down. And, at present, FCM is working with the Government of Canada to develop a long-term infrastructure plan and renew the existing Building Canada Fund when it expires in 2014.

Eligible infrastructure projects can receive up to 25 per cent of the direct cost of construction for a P3 project. The partnership fund has already supported 68 projects across the country. More than one-half of these projects were municipal initiatives, including water and wastewater

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

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

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

Ministry of Municipal Affairs: Municipal Advisor (When Filled)

RM of Rosthern: Patrol Operator (When Filled)
Town of Rosetown: Town Superintendent (06/10/2011)

Ministry of Municipal Affairs: Executive Director (05/28/2011)

Town of Rosetown: Town Superintendent (06/01/2011)

Village of Hodgeville: Administrator (06/18/2011)

For Sale:

Supplies & Equipment for Tender (Creighton)

Did you know...

Grasslands National Park of Canada is the only place in Canada where colonies of black-tailed prairie dogs are still found in their natural habitat.



infrastructure projects, green energy facilities, transportation-related projects and recreation and tourism initiatives.

The deadline to submit proposals is Thursday, June 30, 2011. For more information on P3 Canada or the application process, please visit the [P3 Canada website](#).

About Us

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

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