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## MCDP revises fee structure

Effective August 1, 2011, pricing for services through the Municipal Capacity Development Program (MCDP) may vary, depending on the number of municipalities involved and the actual hours to complete the work.

Services including Community Action Plans (CAP), Memorandums of Understanding (MOU), Communications Plans, Socio-economic Profiles, Needs Assessments, Requests for Proposals, Planning Agreements, and Community Resource Inventories. A specialized package including a CAP, Needs Assessment, MOU and Communication Plan is available.

MCDP's current, active working groups will continue to receive services free of charge, and initial presentations, access to website resources, community forum and Interconnections newsletter continue to be free to all municipalities.

For more information about service pricing or questions about the new process visit the website at [www.municipalcapacity.ca](http://www.municipalcapacity.ca) or click [here](#).

## Septic Waste - where does it go?

The Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment is initiating a campaign to increase awareness of proper disposal and regulation of liquid domestic (septic) waste hauling in Saskatchewan. The purpose of this campaign is to further educate septic haulers, customers of septic hauling services, stakeholder

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### Quote of the Week:

"Do, or do not. There is no 'try'."  
-- Yoda, *The Empire Strikes Back*

### Have you looked at SUMA's list of available grants lately?

To access a current list of grants available to municipalities and communities, see [the SUMA grants page](#).

### SUMA Classifieds:

### Positions Available:

organizations and the public regarding the conditions of the permits issued to septic haulers.

To help ensure public health and safety and protection of the environment, there are certain regulations and requirements for the disposal of liquid domestic waste. Every year, the ministry receives reports of illegal dumping of sewage. By increasing awareness of the regulations and the importance of proper disposal, the amount of illegal dumping of septic waste can be reduced.

If residents are aware that septic waste is not being disposed of properly, or if they observe improper dumping, the offense can be reported by calling the ministry's toll-free TIP line at 1-800-667-7561 or #5555 on your SaskTel cell phone.

For more information about the hauling and proper disposal of septic waste, see [this factsheet](#), visit [www.environment.gov.sk.ca](http://www.environment.gov.sk.ca) or contact your local Ministry of Environment Office.

## Summit Action Fund - Call For Proposals

The Saskatchewan Housing Corporation (SHC) is seeking proposals for the Summit Action Fund (SAF). SAF is designed to increase housing supply across the province, and is funded by the Government of Saskatchewan through SHC. Announced in April 2011, a total of \$6 million has been made available to encourage housing stakeholders to propose creative housing solutions that are not currently covered by existing housing programs.

There is no minimum requested funding amount, however, the fund will cover between 30 to 70 per cent of eligible project costs, or to a maximum of \$500,000. All projects will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

**Resort Village of Etters Beach: Maintenance Manager (08/15/2011)**

**Town of Stoughton: Town Superintendent (08/15/11)**

**Town of Maidstone: Administrator (When Filled)**

**City of Meadow Lake: Public Works Manager (08/15/11)**

**Town of Arcola: Administrator (08/15/11)**

**Village of Dinsmore: Public Works Foreman (When Filled)**

**Town of Kindersley: CAO (08/26/11)**

**Town of Whitewood: P/T Office Clerk (08/12/11)**

**SPRA: Communication, Information & Research Manager (08/19/11)**

**For Sale:**

**Used 1984 Rescue Unit Van (When Sold)**

**1990 Dump Truck, 1989 Street Sweeper (When Sold)**

### Did you know...

The provincial tartan of Saskatchewan was registered with the Court of Lord Lyon King of Arms in Scotland in 1961!

### Municipal Links:

- Impact on housing supply;
- Level of innovation;
- Level of private investment;
- Demonstration value;
- Value to the housing industry;
- Probability of success;
- Urgency;
- Long-term benefit; and
- Alignment with Summit Action Fund principles.

Two application intakes will occur. The first application deadline is September 1, 2011. Successful applicants will be notified within one month of the closing deadline. The second application deadline is January 15, 2012.

For further information on the Summit Action Fund, see the full press release [here](#).

## Register today - Asset Management Workshop

Don't miss out on the SUMA-hosted two-day asset management workshop, to be held October 19 and 20 at the Sheraton Cavalier Hotel in Saskatoon! Space is limited to 120 people, so fill out the registration form located [here](#), and send it in today.

City Managers, CAOs, Administrators, Treasurers/Directors of Finance, Municipal Engineers, and Public Works/Asset Managers will find this workshop, tailored especially to urban and rural municipalities, very helpful.

Admission to this two day session is \$150.00 plus GST per registrant. Lunch and coffee breaks for both days are included in the cost. Payment with registration form can be sent to SUMA prior to August 31 at: 200-2222 13th Avenue, Regina, SK S4P 3M7.

A block of rooms has been set aside at the Sheraton

### Awards of Excellence Program

Each January, the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators (CAMA) recognizes the value of excellence and professionalism in municipal administration through the Annual Awards Program in three areas of Program Excellence.

The awards recognize the achievements of local governments and their chief administrators in the development and implementation of successful programs, projects or services. Learn more about this program by visiting <http://bit.ly/r76ax7>.

*Do you have a suggestion for the Municipal Link? Send it along to [communications@suma.org](mailto:communications@suma.org).*

## Leading the way

Saskatchewan's burgeoning economy seems to have the province in the lead position in more than one area this month.

Recent press releases by the Government of Saskatchewan announced that the province is first in national home building (July 11), its manufacturing stats increased to quadruple the

Cavalier, 612 Spadina Crescent E. When booking, state that you are attending the Asset Management Workshop being hosted by SUMA.

Any questions regarding this event can be directed to SeanMcEachern, Senior Policy Advisor via e-mail at [smceachern@suma.org](mailto:smceachern@suma.org), or by phone at (306) 525-4394.

## First deadline for Bridge Funding has passed!

The July 28 deadline for the first wave of funding through the Bridge Funding Program has passed -- have you sent your application in? Don't wait -- send it today! For more information or assistance email SUMA Policy Advisor Che-Wei Chung at [cchung@suma.org](mailto:cchung@suma.org) or visit the newly revised Bridge Funding website at [www.saskmunicipalrecycling.ca](http://www.saskmunicipalrecycling.ca).

## Sustainability Assessment for Cities

Simon Fraser University's Urban Studies program is offering an online graduate-level course, Sustainability Assessment for Cities, in Fall 2011 for urban professionals/practitioners and graduate students.

The course provides an overview of concepts, methods, tools and techniques for monitoring performance and measuring sustainability with focus on designing measurement systems aligned with contemporary innovative urban policy goals such as sustainability, smart growth, and competitiveness and processes such as performance measurement and results-based accountability.

A detailed course outline and video introduction is

national average (July 15), and the province leads Canada in new vehicle sales (July 18).

Other news stories from the same source place Saskatchewan as Canada's wholesale trade leader (tripling the national average in wholesale trade gains) and stating that retail sales here in May almost doubled the national average.

It's good to be 'out front'!



### About Us

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

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Interested professionals should be in contact with Meg Holden at [mholden@sfu.ca](mailto:mholden@sfu.ca) by July 31 for additional information.

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