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## Help Shape Your Convention

Planning for the 2012 SUMA Convention is underway. In order to provide our members the best, most pertinent educational sessions, we're seeking your input.

Please take the following survey to indicate your interest in education session topics. Thank you!

<http://conta.cc/ot8va3>

## Streamlined Review and Approval Process for Flood Damage Repair

In response to the extensive flooding that has occurred across Saskatchewan in the spring and summer of 2011, Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) and The Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment (ENV), in consultation with the Saskatchewan Ministry of Corrections Public Safety and Policing, have been working to provide a coordinated, streamlined review and approval process for repairs to flood-impacted municipal infrastructure.

To read the Aquatic Habitat Protection Permit and cover letter, shoreline stabilization protocols and standard mitigations for bridge repair or replacement, and package outlining DFO requirements for work in and around fish-bearing

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### Quote of the Week:

"The greatest glory of living lies not in never failing, but in rising every time we fall."  
-- Nelson Mandela, quoting Marianne Williamson

**New, Lower Lapel Pin Prices!**

waters, click [here](#).

## SUMAssure Subscriber Reminder

This is a reminder to all SUMAssure Subscribers that the deadline for submission of the mail-in ballot for proposed bylaw changes is quickly approaching.

If you haven't already done so, please send in your ballots no later than August 31.

## Twinning can help nurture economic opportunities

One of the sessions at the FCM conference this past June examined how municipal twinning can help nurture economic opportunities. For more information on what a municipal twinning arrangement is and how to establish one, The Saskatchewan Ministry of Municipal Affairs has a [resource](#) that could help.

Also, one of SUMA's sister associations, the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, has co-produced a [twinning toolkit](#) which includes sections on maximizing the potential of the arrangement, measuring progress, and profiles of existing arrangements.

Incidentally, our research to date suggests that six Saskatchewan towns and cities have municipal twinning arrangements. If your village, town, or city is twinned, SUMA's policy research assistant would like to hear from you. You can e-mail Shannon at [policy@suma.org](mailto:policy@suma.org).

SUMAdvantage partner Laurie Artiss Ltd. has new, lower pricing on lapel pins!

[See this](#) for more information and to obtain a current price list.

### EVENTS

[Co-operative Solutions: A Forum on Housing Co-ops](#)  
September 9, 2011  
Sheraton Cavalier  
Saskatoon, SK

Housing co-op experts will provide relevant info on housing co-op development, to better equip interested parties in forming housing co-ops in their own communities.

To register, please visit [this page](#).

For more details, see [this page](#) or call Fred Khonje at the Sask Co-operative Association (306) 244-3702.

### [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:

# Help Decide Provincial Election Topics

You are being asked to help decide which topics parties running in the 2011 provincial election need to address.

Access Communications, Association of Regina REALTORS Inc., Regina & District Chamber of Commerce, Regina & District Food Bank and the Regina & Region Homebuilders' Association are conducting a brief survey and will ask the political parties to respond to the top four issues respondents choose during a future televised debate.

SUMA urges its members to pick the following among their choices:

- Infrastructure
- Housing Affordability & Availability
- the Environment

The survey is available until August 22 at <http://svy.mk/o29VDq>.

## Saskatoon neighbourhoods requested to participate in activity levels survey

Smart Cities, Healthy Kids has been conducting research on Saskatoon's neighbourhoods and children's activity levels in Saskatoon since 2009. The group now plans to conduct workshops with community stakeholder groups to share their findings. The free workshops will take place between November 2011 and June 2012.

Interested individuals are encouraged to answer a

**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)**

**City of Lloydminster: General Manager of Finance (08/15/11)**

**City of Lloydminster: Manager of Aquatics (08/15/2011)**

**Town of Porcupine Plain: Town Foreman (08/22/11)**

**Village of Riverhurst: Administrator (08/31/11)**

**Town of Daysland: Public Works Operator (09/06/11)**

**Town of Morinville: Operations Manager (09/09/11)**

For Sale:

**1985 Chev Dump Truck, 1975 Ford V8, 1985 GM Flat Deck 1-ton (09/15/11)**

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

**Did you know...**

What renowned British actor,

few brief survey questions to determine topics of interest. To take part, email project manager Tracy Ridalls at [tracy.ridalls@usask.ca](mailto:tracy.ridalls@usask.ca), or call (306) 966-2237 or (306) 966-1355. All answers will remain confidential.

## Participate in OH&S Review

Last year in Saskatchewan, the Workers' Compensation Board saw over 3200 claims for illness or injury. The Occupational Health and Safety Act, 1993 and Regulations, 1996 protect the health and safety of workers.

The OH&S Council is conducting a review of the Act and Regulations' administration (note: this will not deal with revisions to the Act or Regulations).

You are invited to make written submissions to Council by Sept. 19. Please send to:

Occupational Health & Safety, Administrative Review  
Chairperson, OH&S Council  
c/o Ministry of Labour Relations & Workplace Safety  
300-1870 Albert St., Regina, S4P 4W1

Email: [ohs.legislation@gov.sk.ca](mailto:ohs.legislation@gov.sk.ca)  
Fax: (306) 787-2208

Information on the review process and types of issues involved are available at [www.lrws.gov.sk.ca](http://www.lrws.gov.sk.ca) or by calling 1-800-567-7233.

## 2011 Prime Minister's Volunteer Awards

Nominations are being accepted for the Prime Minister's Volunteer Awards program, which recognizes and celebrates exceptional volunteers, local businesses and innovative not-for-profit organizations in improving the well being of families and their communities.

appearing in a play in Regina at the time of the notorious June 30, 1912 cyclone, stayed on in the city for a number of weeks to volunteer as a rescue worker?

William Henry Pratt – who later changed his name to Boris Karloff, and achieved stardom as Frankenstein's monster.

### Municipal Links:

**FCM: GMF Opportunities**

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) is pleased to announce that they will begin accepting new applications for capital projects in the energy, transportation, waste and water sectors, as well as for plans, feasibility studies and field tests, on December 1, 2011.

Applications for capital projects in the brownfields sector can be submitted at any time.

For more information on these or other funding opportunities visit the website [here](#).

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



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There are 2 national and 15 regional awards. The call for nominations closes Sept. 9. Award recipients will be recognized at a ceremony in early 2012, and they will be eligible to identify a not-for-profit organization to receive a grant for a \$5,000 (regional) or \$10,000 (national).

To learn more about the awards, visit [www.pm.gc.ca/awards](http://www.pm.gc.ca/awards) or call 1-877-825-0434.

## Take part in Medical Marijuana Access Regulation Working Group

Senior municipal staff (those responsible for licensing and enforcement) are sought to participate in a Medical Marijuana Access Regulation (MMAR) Working Group, alongside Health Canada officials.

The face-to-face consultation will take place prior to the end of September. Ten to 15 municipal practitioners experienced in dealing with medical marijuana (crime prevention, bylaw enforcement and inspection, for example) are sought for the MMAR Working Group.

Please send an email ASAP, providing contact information, to Leanne Holt at [lholt@fcm.ca](mailto:lholt@fcm.ca).

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

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