

Wakaw to Host Rural Municipal Health Presentation

Anyone concerned with health care in smaller urban areas is invited to attend the "Disparity in Rural Health" session in Wakaw Sept. 10 at 1 p.m.

Presenters will provide background information regarding recruitment, retention and allocation of physicians in smaller communities; A voice for Rural Health; Redesigning Primary Health Care Models for smaller urbans; Redesigning Roles and Functions of Health Care Practitioners; and the economic impact health care has on smaller urban centres. After each presentation, open discussion will be held to develop recommendations for presentation to the Provincial Government and Ministry of Health.

The event is convened by concerned citizens of the area. For more information contact Cliff at (306) 233-5644, Fay at (306) 233-4365, Mary at (306) 233-5109 or Marilyn at (306) 233-4889.

The Urban Age Online

SUMA has worked to offer the two books it has published (The Urban Age: Building A Place for Urban Government in Saskatchewan; and The New Urban Age: Bridging to Our Future as Urban Government in Saskatchewan) to its membership and

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Quote of the Week:

"We have the mounties, they have the FBI. Can you imagine the FBI doing the Musical Ride?"
-- Dave Broadfoot

New, Lower Lapel Pin Prices!

SUMAdvantage partner Laurie Artiss Ltd. has new, lower pricing

the general public through Google Books.

The scanned publications are available online by visiting the links below, or entering the books' names in the search bar at www.books.google.com. Fully searchable, both "The Urban Age" and "The New Urban Age" will prove to be invaluable tools for those studying urban government and the history of the province.

[The New Urban Age: Bridging to Our Future as Urban Government in Saskatchewan](#)

[The Urban Age: Building A Place for Urban Government in Saskatchewan](#)

Minimum Wage Increasing This Week

Employers are reminded that the province's minimum wage is increasing from \$9.25 to \$9.50 per hour, which will also result in a corresponding increase to the minimum call-out pay to \$28.50.

Heritage SK Forum 2012

The Heritage Saskatchewan Forum 2012 will be held Feb. 24 - 25 in Saskatoon. For more information visit www.heritagesask.ca.

SUMA Grants Updated

SUMA website visitors are advised that the Grants page of the site has been updated. Grants featured there are now up-to-date, and work is underway to add additional information on other funding

on lapel pins!

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

EVENTS

TAGS: The Anti Graffiti Symposium

October 18-19, 2011
Edmonton, AB

TAGS is an annual conference geared at preventing and reducing graffiti vandalism and increasing criminal and civil enforcement efforts.

To register:
www.tagsconference.com.

Early bird deadline is September 6; final deadline is October 4.

[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

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)

opportunities.

<http://suma.org/index.php?p=Grants>

Volunteer Firefighters Tax Benefits

SUMA recently received a letter from the Canadian Minister of Finance regarding the tax treatment of volunteer firefighters.

The 2011 Federal budget proposes a 15 per cent nonrefundable Volunteer Firefighter Tax Credit on an amount of \$3000 for volunteer firefighters who perform at least 200 hours of service annually.

Minister Flaherty also said the Income Tax Act exempts the first \$1,000 in honoraria provided by municipalities to these volunteers, and permits all out-of-pocket expenses incurred by volunteers to be reimbursed on a non-taxable basis.

He concluded that eligible volunteer firefighters who receive honoraria in respect for their duties as volunteer firefighters will be able to choose between the new tax credit and the existing \$1,000 exemption for honoraria.

Roundtables Publication on Water Priorities Available

With increasing food and energy prices, a growing world population and the potential effects of climate change, water-and how it is managed-is more important than ever. A new publication by the Canada West Foundation delves into the views of water policy experts across the West to determine key highlights and priorities for our water future.

[Lo 'e' Blanket and Natural Gas Stove \(When Sold\)](#)

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

[Town of Unity: Director of Public Works & Utilities \(When Filled\)](#)

[Town of Assiniboia: Water Treatment Plant Operator \(When Filled\)](#)

[Town of Stoughton: Superintendent of Public Works \(09/30/11\)](#)

[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 \(09/12/11\)](#)

[Village of Riverhurst: Administrator \(08/31/11\)](#)

[Town of Daysland: Public Works Operator \(09/06/11\)](#)

[Town of Morinville: Operations Manager \(09/09/11\)](#)

MUNICIPAL SERVICES OFFERED

[Municipal Office Assistance Available](#)

Did You Know...

Davidson is home to the world's largest coffee pot? The statue is a nod to the community's "midway" location - halfway between Regina and Saskatoon, where many travelers stop for

Wave of the Future: Water Policy in Western Canada by Dr. Roger Gibbons and Larissa Sommerfeld highlights viewpoints from over 50 water management, governance or study experts brought together for the Hon. James A. Richardson Discovery Roundtables.

For copies of the publication or any other Canada West Foundation Report visit www.cwf.ca.

2011 SUMA Golf Tourney

A big thank you goes out to the City of Melfort for hosting the 2011 SUMA Golf Tournament. The organizing committee did an outstanding job and put on a flawless tournament complete with sunshine on tournament day! Thanks go out to all those involved in the planning and who attended the event. A full story and pictures will appear in the October edition of the *Urban Voice*.

Physician Recruitment Newsletter Online

The Physician Recruitment Agency of Saskatchewan has recently begun to publish an e-newsletter underlining the success stories it has to share as it continues physician recruitment and retention efforts across the province.

Subscribe to the e-newsletter at www.saskdocs.ca.

Homelessness Teleforum: Web Learning Opportunity

Pathways Out of Homelessness: Metro Vancouver Regional Study will be held via teleforum Sept. 14 from 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. (presentation will take

coffee!

(On July 5, 2010, Canada Post made a commemorative stamp of the Coffee Pot as part of its Roadside Attractions collection!)

Municipal Links:

[SaskCulture: Municipal Cultural Engagement and Planning Grant](#)

The Municipal Cultural Engagement and Planning Grant is intended to encourage municipalities to invest in cultural engagement and cultural planning. The matching grant aims to support Saskatchewan municipalities explore and plan for the creative and cultural potential of their community through engagement and planning initiatives.

Applications will be assessed by a volunteer committee according to criteria related to meeting one or more of the objectives for the Municipal Cultural Engagement and Planning Grant as well as:

- Municipal commitment to the project
- Municipal financial contribution, at least matching MCP Grant
- Quality of the application and proposal
- Extent of community involvement
- Realistic and responsible use of the funds
- Municipal commitment to

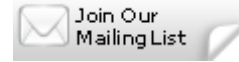
approx. 45 minutes, followed by a question period).

An overview of research done on the post-homelessness situations housed through BC's provincial programs, this study highlights success factors enabling homeless people to maintain their housing.

To register, email na-hps-teleforums-spligd@hrsdcc.gc.ca or call 1-819-944-1713. There is no cost to participate.

potential initiatives resulting from this project

Do you have a suggestion for the Municipal Link? Send it along to communications@suma.org.



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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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