

Framework for Safe Drinking Water

In Canada municipalities own and are responsible for drinking water treatment facilities and must supply the public with safe drinking water. This task is often more difficult in rural municipalities. Smaller communities generally have less expertise, fewer resources, and poorer quality source water than larger cities. Another problem is that most existing water treatment technologies are optimized for larger centres and may not work as well when scaled down.

The Safe Drinking Water Foundation (SDWF) has developed a framework meant to counter these challenges and streamline the daunting task of building new or updating older drinking water treatment facilities. By looking at it from both the legal and health perspectives we can help communities get the safest drinking water possible. Please take the time to visit the website's [Framework for Safe Drinking Water](#), and contact the SDWF if you have any questions.

MLDP Fall 2011 Modules Confirmed

The Municipal Leadership Development Program (MLDP) is now accepting registrations for the fall modules.

The locations include Prince Albert, Rosetown, Kamsack, Lafleche, Waldheim, Herbert, Moose Jaw, St. Walburg, Insinger and Estevan.

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Quote of the Week:

"He who knows his enemy and himself will not be defeated easily."

-- Sun Tzu

EVENTS

SWRC Fall '11 Forum
September 15-16
Swift Current, SK

The Saskatchewan Waste Reduction Council Fall '11 Forum will be held September 15-16 at the

To see the full schedule, visit <http://www.mldp.ca>, or for more information contact Teresa Edwards at mldp@sasktel.net.

Net Metering Rebate Program Extended

The province's Go Green Fund has committed an additional \$2.9 million to support environmentally preferred power generation options and reduce greenhouse gas emissions in Saskatchewan. The Net Metering Rebate Program provides rebates of up to \$35,000 to people who wish to install small, less than 100 kilowatt (kW), wind, solar or other green power generation equipment and connect to the province's electricity system.

The program has also been extended to March 30, 2012 due to the significant increase in uptake in the past year.

To learn more about the Net Metering Rebate Program and its application requirements and deadlines go to: <http://www.environment.gov.sk.ca/gogreen>.

For more information on SaskPower's Net Metering Program, including a list of approved technologies, and how to connect to the provincial grid, visit saskpower.com (click on the sustainable growth tab). To apply to the Net Metering Rebate Program visit <http://src.nu/srcnetmetering>.

Convention Award Nomination Deadlines Near!

SUMA presents "The Scoop" at the SUMA Convention Awards Program, in recognition of outstanding service in municipal government or administration, on a local and provincial/national basis. Those eligible for nomination include elected officials, administrators, SUMA officials and personnel in Municipal Affairs and First Nations and Métis Relations. This award is dedicated to the memory of "**Scoop**" **Lewry**. Scoop was a long-serving Mayor of Moose Jaw who dedicated his career to improving his community

Sky Centre in Swift Current.

The theme is "To Infinity and Beyond Waste", featuring keynote speaker Maria Kelleher on the impact of lifestyle changes on curbside recycling programs, a workshop on personality dimensions, and sessions on preparing for the phase-out of incandescent lights, markets and end uses for recycled materials, and more.

Contact Martha Hollinger, SWRC, (306) 931-3242.

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)

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

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

[Village of Wilcox: Village Maintenance Foreman](#) (When Filled)

[Town of Shaunavon: Parks and Facilities Manager](#) (When Filled)

with a kind and humanitarian spirit.

The nomination form is located on the SUMA website. The submission deadline is **September 14, 2011**.

Also, it's not too early to get thinking about recognizing long-serving municipal government employees and elected officials through the **SUMA Convention Awards Program**.

Nomination forms can be located on the SUMA website. The submission deadline is **September 23, 2011**.

Online Consultation on Immigration Levels and Mix

Citizenship and Immigration Canada would like to invite you to participate in an online consultation on Immigration Levels and Mix.

You are invited to submit feedback through an online questionnaire, available until September 19. Prior to completing the questionnaire, please read the [background document](#). This serves to give you a sense of some of the challenges and realities we face as we strive to best answer the difficult questions involved in managing Canada's immigration system.

The on-line consultation will be available at <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/department/consultations/index.asp> from August 29 to September 19.

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

Town of Wynyard: Director of Leisure Services (09/20/11)

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)

Village of Riverhurst: Administrator (09/23/11)

MUNICIPAL SERVICES OFFERED

Municipal Office Assistance Available

Did You Know...

Saskatchewan's motto is "*From many people, strength!*"

Municipal Links:

[Municipal Cultural Engagement and Planning Grant](#)

The Municipal Cultural Engagement and Planning Grant is a matching grant to a maximum of \$25,000. The deadline for applications is **Oct. 31**. Eligible applicants are urban municipalities, rural municipalities and First Nations bands. For details, check out the guidelines and application on the SaskCulture website at www.saskculture.sk.ca.

If you have questions, contact Dennis Garreck, Community Outreach and Development Coordinator, at

water future.

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.

Saskatchewan Recreation Strategy - Environmental Scan

Over the past two years SPRA and the Ministry of Tourism Parks Culture and Sport (TPCS) have been discussing the development of a Provincial Recreation Strategy. Part of the development of the strategy included engaging SPRA to conduct an environmental scan to help guide the process. The deliverables for the project included:

- A summary of the current structure of the Recreation sector in Saskatchewan
- A summary of strategies from other provincial jurisdictions from across Canada
- Key areas of focus in strategies that were reviewed
- Identifying best practices and approaches used to develop strategies
- Identification of significant actions that could be considered in the development of Saskatchewan's Provincial Recreation Strategy
- Discussion of key issues, challenges and findings

The Environmental Scan has been completed and submitted to the Ministry. [Click here](#) to access the Environmental Scan Report.

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



About Us

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

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