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Celebrate Waste Reduction Week in Saskatchewan

The Saskatchewan Waste Reduction Council encourages the province's residents to take part in the annual national Waste Reduction Week (WRW), slated for October 17-23.

Now in its 11th year, WRW celebrates efforts to reduce, reuse, recycle and compost. The theme this year is "Too Good To Waste".

SWRC encourages you to visit the WRW website at WRWCanada.com/get-involved to register your WRW events and activities for 2011 and check out what other Canadians are doing. If you don't have a specific event planned yet, but want to show support, it's as easy as typing a support message in the events section. For more ideas and resources, check out the SWRC's saskwastereduction.ca page. If you let SWRC know of your events at info@saskwastereduction.ca, they will promote your WRW activities and events!

FCM Launches New Website

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities has launched its new website, and it invites people to visit it.

The new website, fcm.ca, puts cities and communities from every corner of the country in the spotlight.

With this site, the FCM aims to tell the story of its members in a way that connects with all Canadians, reflecting the role of municipalities in

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Quote of the Week:

"Thanksgiving was never meant to be shut up in a single day."
-- Robert Caspar Lintner

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

[*Town of Southey: Utilities/Maintenance Person \(10/06/11\)*](#)

everyday life, the importance of urban government to citizens young and old, and its impact on the social and economic fabric of Canada.

In addition, the site shows how FCM unites the urban perspective to speak with one strong voice, overcome common challenges and influence federal policies and programs.

This website is a go-to resource for anyone with an interest in Canadian municipal affairs. Resources include frequent updates on key issues, FCM's advocacy activities in Ottawa and our national and international programs. An important new feature is our members-only area to:

- Join issue-specific discussion groups
- Access FCM Board of Directors documents
- Manage your profile

But mostly this website is a showcase for municipalities and their contributions toward a better quality of life in Canada. In that vein, FCM is requesting viewers to send your stories, your photos and your ideas. Your contributions will ensure visitors get a true and compelling picture of Canadian municipalities and how we impact the lives of our citizens.

[Village of Beechy: Public Works Foreman \(10/11/11\)](#)

[Resort Village of Aquadeo: Administrator \(When Filled\)](#)

[Village of Vibank: Village Foreman \(When Filled\)](#)

[City of Saskatoon: General Manager of Community Services \(10/14/11\)](#)

[Town of Central Butte: Maintenance Foreman \(When Filled\)](#)

[Town of Hudson Bay: Community Development Director \(10/25/11\)](#)

[Town of Wolseley: Administrator \(10/21/11\)](#)

[Town of Coaldale, AB: Director of Operations \(11/01/11\)](#)

[RM of Britannia: Administrator \(10/27/11\)](#)

Call for Resolutions SUMA Convention 2012

SUMA is accepting resolutions for presentation at the 2012 convention, Jan. 29 - Feb. 1, 2012. Members are encouraged to submit resolutions anytime throughout the year; however, the deadline for receipt of council resolutions for the 2012 Convention is Nov. 18, 2011. Submissions should be forwarded to the Resolutions Committee at the SUMA office in Regina via email to smceachern@suma.org.

The Committee--and SUMA's policy committees--will review the resolutions, combine similar ones, and provide a package to all members prior to Dec. 31, 2011.

Late resolutions will be reviewed by the Resolutions Committee but only those considered to be newly emergent and urgent will be presented to the Convention as emergency resolutions. Other late resolutions could be

NCTPC Municipal Support Program

The North Central Transportation Planning Committee (NCTPC) continues to offer assistance through the Municipal Support Program (MSP).

Contact Richard Porter at (306) 747-7694 for further information or assistance.

Did You Know...

The town of Leader is definitely a leader in Saskatchewan, in terms of tourist attraction statuary! As well as a giant burrowing owl, mule deer, kangaroo rats, rattlesnake, cactus and meadow lark all by Cabri designer Ralph

sponsored by the Board of Directors or considered after convention.

Resolution Procedures

All resolutions must be submitted to with confirmation of endorsement by council (with date).

Resolutions should also be accompanied by background information, which will help both the committee and convention delegates fully understand the issue.

Municipalities will be contacted if the committee requires more than minor editing of the resolution.

The Resolutions Committee will determine the order in which resolutions are presented at the convention, partly based on whether the concern is likely to be widely shared among urban councils or is of more limited interest and application.

SUMA bylaws dictate that issues of purely local interest are not appropriate for presentation at convention, and resolutions will not be accepted from third party individuals or organizations unless endorsed by a member council.

Purpose of Convention Resolutions

Issues confronting urban councils often require action either by the provincial or federal government or another agency. These issues are usually of concern to many if not all urban municipalities. SUMA members submit resolutions to gain the endorsement of the Association through support by a majority of Saskatchewan urban municipalities represented at the Annual Convention. It is important that the wording of the resolution be as clear as possible and that its relevance to other municipalities be clearly explained.

Subdivisions and Site Approvals Up Significantly

Saskatchewan's strong economy is fostering growth throughout the

Berg, the town boasts a large redheaded woodpecker, ferruginous hawk, sturgeon, and lifesized statues of a man and a child.

Courtesy www.bigthings.ca

EVENTS

Survive or Succeed - IT's our choice
October 25, 2011
Swift Current, SK

The registration deadline for Survive or Succeed is just a week away, and the Southwest Enterprise Region (SWER) reminds the region to register now and join together to advance the southwest.

IT's time to connect, think big and be motivated because every municipality can have a plan for the 21st Century and become a global leader by using broadband, working together and planning for the future. Get prepared to capitalize on the Southwest Advantage. SWER wants communities to have a local plan that feeds into a larger regional plan. Through coordination and collaboration, SWER hopes to work with municipalities to help leverage the resources required to develop and implement an official community plan.

Speakers include, Robert Bell, Co-founder of the Intelligent Community Forum and John Gormley, Saskatchewan's top rated talk show host. For more information and to register, visit www.southwestsask.ca/connect2011.

Municipal Links:

[SaskEnergy Community Fund](#)

This fund, formerly called "Share The Warmth", sees SaskEnergy sponsor projects in over 300 communities each year.

Across all key areas for support, preference will be given to

province, including areas outside of its largest cities. Subdivision and site approvals in smaller urban and in rural municipalities have surged in the fiscal years 2007 through 2011, resulting in a 240 per cent increase in site approvals over the previous four years.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs, through its Community Planning branch, has approved 5,269 subdivision applications resulting in 19,780 sites approved for the fiscal years 2007 through 2011, in areas outside of the province's ten largest cities.

The province has supported the development of residential, commercial and industrial lots through the Saskatchewan Infrastructure Growth Initiative (SIGI), which provides interest rate subsidies for up to five years for municipal borrowing.

More information on provincially-administered municipal programs is available at www.municipal.gov.sk.ca.

projects benefiting youth, disadvantaged groups, or families. Special emphasis is also given to Aboriginal events and initiatives, particularly those which support the Corporation's Aboriginal Policy Framework (i.e., business development, education & training, employment.)

To learn more, visit the [SUMA Grants](#) web page .

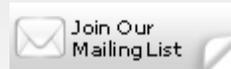
Do you have a suggestion for the Municipal Link? Send it along to communications@suma.org.

Call for Convention Panelists

At the upcoming SUMA convention, many of the education and information sessions will include panels of elected officials. If your community has success stories and lessons learned to share with others, please consider submitting your name for consideration. A list of session topics requiring panelists is below. If you are interested in participating, please email the name of the session, your community's name, and the name of the person you're suggesting as a speaker. All details can be sent to suma@suma.org

Convention Session Looking for Panelists:

- Performance Review with your CAO - the session explores best practices for conducting performance reviews of urban administrators. If your urban government has experience in this area, let us know;
- Building and Supporting Tourism - the session is focused on urban engagement with tourism development. We're looking for communities with valuable experiences to share; and
- Dealing with Difficult Citizens- the session will provide strategies for how elected officials can deal with the



About Us

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

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difficult citizens we find in every community. Panelists should have constructive experiences to share about their handling of the challenging people.

Congratulations to Communities in Bloom Provincial Winners

On Friday, October 21, 2011, the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association (SPRA) will recognize all 2011 Communities in Bloom Provincial Participants and acknowledge the winners of the Provincial Edition during SPRA's Annual Volunteer Awards Banquet in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

The Communities in Bloom program, managed by SPRA with sponsorship from Equinox Industries, strives to increase civic pride through a focus on environmental awareness and preservation of heritage and culture; the program also increases the appeal of Canada's neighbourhoods and green spaces through the act of conservation, and the imaginative use of flowers, plants and trees.

Of the 33 participating municipalities, the Town of Eatonia (4 Bloom rating and special mention for innovative funding), the Town of Indian Head (5 Bloom rating and a special mention for a beautiful and diverse urban forest), the Town of Eston (4 Bloom rating and special mention for floral displays and CiB documentation), the Town of Maple Creek (4 Bloom rating and special mention for culture and heritage preservation and celebration) and the City of North Battleford (4 Bloom rating and special mention for urban forestry) were the winners.