



Urban Update

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FCM offering municipal campaign training webinars for women

Berry Vrbanovic, president of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and councillor for the City of Kitchener, Ont., announced a free webinar series aimed at helping women overcome the obstacles they face in running for municipal office.

"The webinars will provide valuable information for women interested in running for municipal office but who have not been able to attend the in-person workshops FCM has been offering across the country for the last two years. They are another contribution to our continued efforts to increase the participation of women in municipal decision-making," said Vrbanovic.

Each of the five English webinars will cover a key campaign issue: campaign finances (November 22, 2011); deciding to run (January 12, 2012); media relations (January 25, 2012); campaign literature (February 7, 2012) and social media (February 14, 2012). A series of French webinars will also be offered.

Webinars are free, but space is limited and participants must pre-register.

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Quote of the Week:

"I hope that I may always desire more than I can accomplish."

- *Michaelangelo di Lodovico Buonarroti Simoni*

New resource: A Policy Agenda for Canadian

Grant Opportunity: My Healthy Community Grants

Grants of up to \$4000 are available to Saskatchewan groups and organizations, to develop projects that will make a healthy difference, with a particular focus on children, youth and families, through the Heart and Stroke Fund's My Healthy Community Grants program.

Any program whose goal is to improve opportunities for physical activity, healthy eating or to reduce tobacco misuse, could be considered for funding.

The program is offered through the Heart and Stroke Foundation's Heart Healthy Children & Youth initiative.

Deadline for applications: Dec. 20, 2011. Learn more at www.heartandstroke.sk.ca/communities

Saskatchewan Waste Reduction Council Seeks Nominees

The Saskatchewan Waste Reduction Council is seeking nominations for the Saskatchewan Waste Minimization Awards for 2011. If you know of an individual, business, municipality or community organization who should be recognized for their waste minimization efforts, please submit the attached nomination form. Help us celebrate the good things happening in Saskatchewan!

The awards ceremony will be held in conjunction with the Saskatchewan Waste Reduction Council's Spring '12 Waste Minimization Forum, April 19 and 20 in Regina. Watch for registration information for this event on our website, www.saskwastereduction.ca.

Green Funding Application Begins December 1

Municipalities to Advance Sustainability

The Royal Roads University Canada Research Chair on Sustainable Community Development has released a new publication: [A Policy Agenda for Canadian Municipalities to Advance Sustainability](#).

Drawing on the results of the Sustainable Cities Strategic Review released earlier this year in partnership with the Sustainability Solutions Group, the Policy Agenda highlights two key needs for effective sustainability planning:

- * clear, multi-level governance arrangements to bring key stakeholders to the table
- * accurate data to measure progress toward strategic outcomes

As well, the [FCM website](#) has additional sustainability resources.

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](#).

East Central Regional Meeting set for November 30

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities 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 before December 1 using the current GMF Application Form. All applicants will need to use an updated form after December 1.

Program updates effective December 1, 2011
To best manage the funding available to support the strongest initiatives, these program updates will take effect on December 1, 2011:

- a new competitive selection process for capital projects in the energy, transportation, waste and water sectors
- updated eligibility criteria and maximum grants for plans, studies and tests
- an updated GMF Application Form and new support tools for applicants

No need to rush: The new selection process for capital projects in the above sectors is designed to enable us to continue accepting new applications year-round and to ensure that the best projects are approved regardless of when the application is submitted.

For more information, see the FCM website for further program updates, or contact Paul Gregory, regional advisor, at (613) 907-6291.

Did You Know...

Saskatchewan has 35.5 million hectares of forest land, of which 97 per cent is provincial Crown land and belongs to all the people of the province!

This is a reminder that the East Central Regional Meeting has been scheduled to be held November 30 in Canora.

To access the meeting agenda, visit the SUMA Regional Meetings page.

SUMA Classifieds

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

City of Swift Current: City Clerk
(11/14/2011)

Town of Spiritwood: Waste Collection Personnel (When Filled)

Town of Kamsack: CAO
(12/09/2011)

Town of Cabri: Assistant Town Foreman
(12/21/2011)

Town of Strasbourg: Town Foreman
(11/14/2011)

RM of Britannia: Administrator
(12/10/2011)

Village of Buena Vista: Administrative Assistant
(12/09/2011)

For more details on any of these ads, visit the SUMA Classifieds.



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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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