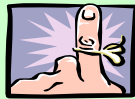




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Have you updated **YOUR** information in the **Municipal Directory On-Line?**



**Check it out!**

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### Government Creates New Departments

On October 1, 2004, Government Relations and Aboriginal Affairs became two departments.

The First Nations and Métis Relations Department will manage the province’s relationship with Aboriginal peoples in the province and provide overall direction to the government’s approach on issues concerning First Nations and Métis people.

The Department of Government Relations continues to be diverse, offering a variety of programs and services to the people of Saskatchewan. We will continue to focus our efforts on:

- € ensuring respectful, effective municipal-provincial relationships that strengthen the quality of local governance for the benefit of Saskatchewan residents;
- € ensuring Canada’s constitutionally recognized communities and people are acknowledged, respected and supported within our province as well as the federation;
- € ensuring Saskatchewan’s social, economic and constitutional interests are advanced, and its values are recognized and reflected within a strong, united Canadian federation and within the international community; and

€ ensuring Saskatchewan’s identity, heritage and the achievements of our people are honoured, promoted and celebrated.

We are looking forward to our continued high level of service to our partners and citizens.

For more information on the departments you can go to the websites:

- [www.gr.gov.sk.ca](http://www.gr.gov.sk.ca)
- [www.fnmr.gov.sk.ca](http://www.fnmr.gov.sk.ca)

### RM Election Day

On November 3, 2004, elections will be held in Rural Municipalities for Reeves and Councillors in odd-numbered divisions. Last month’s issue of *Municipalities Today* featured two publications intended to assist Rural Municipalities with elections. “*An Election Guide for Rural Municipalities*” is a comprehensive reference tool. “*The Rural Election Calendar*” is an outline of election deadlines. To view these publications visit Municipal Relations Division’s website at:

- <http://www.municipal.gov.sk.ca/mrd/mrdpublications.shtml>



# Events

## November

- 2 MLDP workshop, Outlook
- 3-4 Assessment & Taxation Workshops, SUMA
- 9-10 SARM Mid-Term Convention, Saskatoon
- 16 MLDP workshop, Midale
- 17 MLDP workshop, White City (Full)
- 18 MLDP workshop, Luseland
- 24 MLDP workshop, Regina (SARM Members)
- 25 MLDP workshop, Saskatoon (SARM members)

SUMA-Assessment & Taxation Workshops [[www.suma.org/modules.php?name=Calendar](http://www.suma.org/modules.php?name=Calendar)]

SARM Mid-Term Information: [[www.sarm.ca/Events/agendas/2004Midterm.pdf](http://www.sarm.ca/Events/agendas/2004Midterm.pdf)]

## December

- 1 MLDP workshop, Leader
- 2 MLDP workshop, Wadena (Full)
  
- 14 MLDP workshop, Ponteix
- 15 MLDP workshop, Rosthern (Full)

# Feature Publication

Sample Bylaws

[[www.municipal.gov.sk.ca/mrd/mrdsamplebylaws.shtml](http://www.municipal.gov.sk.ca/mrd/mrdsamplebylaws.shtml)]

## Printing The Municipal Directory

The Municipal Directory can be found on MRD's website at: <http://www.municipal.gov.sk.ca/mrd/mundirect.shtml> and can be printed by following these instructions. There are three print options available:

1. To **print one page**, click the right hand side mouse button and then select "Print" from the pop up menu list, or press the "Ctrl" and "P" keys at the same time.
2. **Full Version** - Make sure your computer has *Adobe Reader*®. On the Municipal Directory Welcome screen at: [www.municipal.gov.sk.ca/apps/Pub/MDS/welcome.aspx](http://www.municipal.gov.sk.ca/apps/Pub/MDS/welcome.aspx) Go to "Download in PDF Format" and make a selection from the drop down list. Click "Generate PDF". Once done, a new screen opens allowing the copy to be printed or saved. With slow internet connections, select and download the Directory one part at a time.
3. **Customized lists** can be created using the Advanced Search feature. Users select fields containing the data they want. The selected fields can be previewed in a table which can be copied into a spreadsheet or data base program.

If you would like more details or have more questions, please check out:

[www.municipal.gov.sk.ca/mrd/mdhelp/mdsfaq.shtml](http://www.municipal.gov.sk.ca/mrd/mdhelp/mdsfaq.shtml)

## Leadership a "Hot Ticket"

The fall series of Municipal Leadership Development Program (MLDP) workshops are filling up fast. The program is structured around five key workshops, all designed to benefit mayors, reeves, councillors and senior municipal staff.

For workshop details and to register please go to [www.mldp.ca](http://www.mldp.ca) or phone Kristin Dowler, MLDP Administrator at 306-761-3731. The MLDP is a joint initiative of SUMA, SARM, UMAAS, RMAA, SANC and the Department of Government Relations.

## New Look to the Municipal Relations Division Website

The Municipal Relations Division website now has a new look. Some features of the site are:

- € A search function which now searches only the documents on the [www.municipal.gov.sk.ca](http://www.municipal.gov.sk.ca) site.
- € Menus which expand and collapse helping with navigation throughout the site.
- € Print-on-Demand function which follows government printing standards.

For more features and details, please check out:

[http://www.municipal.gov.sk.ca/mrd/site\\_accessibility.shtml](http://www.municipal.gov.sk.ca/mrd/site_accessibility.shtml)



# Environmental Considerations in Road Construction Workshops

## “What You Need to Know!”

Being aware of the environmental and heritage resource requirements associated with transportation projects in Saskatchewan is a challenge to municipalities and road construction contractors. The complexity of the regulations, the uncertainty of which agency (federal or provincial) to contact, and concerns regarding job completion, combine to create frustration and possible job delays. The Saskatchewan Transportation and Environment Committee\* is sponsoring workshops to address these concerns.

### Workshop Topics

- *Environmental Issues and Requirements for Road Work, Stream Crossings, Gravel and Borrow Pits*
- *Erosion Control Methods and Technologies*

(The format will allow time for questions and answers after each presentation)

### Workshop Locations

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (9:30 a.m. registration)  
(Lunch will be provided)

Dec. 1 – Swift Current, Days Inn

Dec. 2 – Moose Jaw, Heritage Inn

Dec. 3 – Estevan, Elks Club

Dec. 8 – North Battleford, Tropical Inn

Dec. 9 – Melfort, Travelodge

Dec. 10 – Yorkton, Travelodge

### Who should attend?

RM Administrators, RM Councillors, Contractors, or Urban Municipalities if involved in road construction projects

### No cost to attend!

Register online at [www.se.gov.sk.ca/environment/assessment/workshops](http://www.se.gov.sk.ca/environment/assessment/workshops) or phone Linda Leader (Saskatchewan Environment) at 306-787-6132 – for a registration form

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2004**

\* Workshops sponsored and facilitated by the Saskatchewan Transportation and Environment Committee (STEC). STEC is an association of organizations including, but not limited to, Saskatchewan Environment, Dept. of Fisheries and Oceans, Provincial Heritage Resources Branch, Environment Canada, Transport Canada, Saskatchewan Watershed Authority, PFRA, Consulting Engineers, Saskatchewan Highways and Transportation, SARM, SUMA, and Roadbuilders and Heavy Construction Association of Saskatchewan (RBHCA).

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