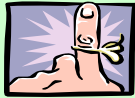




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Inter-jurisdictional Report on Assisting Communities with Industry Closure

Saskatchewan Government Relations has participated with other provinces and territories in developing a report on resource-dependent rural communities facing industry closure. As part of the research, case studies were developed on 16 resource-dependent communities across Canada that had faced industry closure, including the communities of Uranium City, Omega and Meadow Lake in Saskatchewan.

A report entitled *Facing the Challenge of Industry Closure: Managing Transition in Rural Communities* has been completed. The report provides insights into the context, circumstances and actions that influence the recovery of resource-dependent rural communities facing the crisis of industry closure.

Copies of the report can be obtained from the Intergovernmental Committee on Urban and Regional Research, at (416) 973-5645 or execdir@icurr.org



Municipalities Act Preparedness (MAP) Committee

The Municipalities Act Preparedness (MAP) Committee was established in January to assist municipalities with the implementation of the proposed new act. The MAP committee is developing workshops and resource materials including several fact sheets and a Transition and Implementation Checklist. In an effort to keep your municipality informed on the actions of the MAP committee, watch for future information updates in *Municipalities Today* and the Government Relations website!

The MAP Committee and Government Relations advisors will present at the following municipal association events throughout 2005:

- RMAA Annual Convention
May 16-19, Saskatoon
- SUMA Spring Regional Meetings
May 10-June 22 (7 meetings)
- PARCS SE & SW Regional Meeting
June 2, Bulyea
- UMAAS Annual Convention
June 7-10, Saskatoon
- SARM District Meetings
June 14-23 (6 meetings)
- PARCS Annual Convention
October 29, Saskatoon

Events 2005

May 10th – 12th
SUMA Regionals

May 16th – 19th
RMAA Annual Convention

May 24th – 27th
SUMA Regionals



Facts

The Weyburn Security Bank once issued its own currency which was widely accepted in the local marketplace.

The Weyburn Security Bank was established in 1911 as the first and only chartered bank with its head office in Saskatchewan.

One of the most prominent figures involved in the formation of the Weyburn Security Bank was local resident Frank Moffet.

Following a period of financial turmoil, the Weyburn Security Bank, as well as its building, was purchased by the Imperial Bank of Canada, which later merged with the Canadian Bank of Commerce to form the Canadian Imperial Bank of Canada (CIBC).

Source: www.sask2005.ca

Protecting Outside Workers

The arrival of spring brings many new things – animals birthing, birds nesting, trees



budding and flowers blooming. It also brings diseases such as West Nile Virus, Lyme

Disease and Hantavirus. Here are several links to provide you with information about these diseases. Let's ensure the safety of our employees and have a healthy spring.

West Nile Virus



www.health.gov.sk.ca/rr_wnv_info.html
www.hc-sc.gc.ca/english/diseases/west_nile.html

Lyme Disease



www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/lyme/index.htm
www.cdc.gov/healthypets/diseases/lyme.htm
www.cdc.gov/travel/diseases/lyme.htm

Hanta Virus



www.health.gov.sk.ca/rr_hantavirus_disease.html

Legislation Introduced in the Spring Session

Len Taylor, Minister of Government Relations, introduced four bills in the Legislature. Bill 104 - *The Planning and Development Amendment Act, 2005* and Bill 105 - *The Local Government Election Amendment Act, 2005* were introduced April 8, 2005. Bill 106 - *The Municipalities Act* and Bill 107 - *The Municipalities Consequential Amendment Act, 2005/Loi de 2005 sur les modifications corrélatives découlant de la loi intitulée The Municipalities Act* were both introduced on April 18, 2005.

Bill 115 - *The Education Property Tax Credit Act*, which is also of interest to municipalities, was introduced in the house on April 19, 2005, by Andrew Thomson, Minister of Learning.

For further information on the progress of bills, click on the following link to Assembly Documents:
www.legassembly.sk.ca/publication/default.htm



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