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Urban Agenda Dialogue Session

Municipal leaders and senior government officials gathered in Saskatoon Thursday, Aug. 31, and Friday, Sept. 1, to discuss developing Saskatchewan's Urban Agenda.

The dialogue session was a chance for municipal leaders, city managers, representatives of SUMA, SARM, several REDAs and chambers of commerce to provide their insight to the provincial government as it begins the process of developing the Urban Agenda.

The Urban Agenda should help bring clarity to the roles and responsibilities of the province and municipalities in meeting the needs of the people of Saskatchewan. It will also help provide the framework for long-term strategic planning and resource allocation by provincial and municipal governments. In addition, developing the Urban Agenda will increase the level of co-operation between provincial government departments on matters relating to municipalities.

The provincial government is committed to communicating with municipalities during the development of the Urban Agenda. A continued exchange of ideas between the province and municipalities will be vital to the shaping of the Urban Agenda and to making it a framework that will

help our cities, communities and province be competitive.

Government Relations will also continue to work with the municipal sector to define the initial steps in financial realignment that should be considered as the 2007-2008 budget is developed. More detailed work will follow as the province and municipalities work together to build a framework for the future.

Updates on the Urban Agenda will be included in future issues.

Develop your skills as a municipal leader

Local municipal officials are called upon every day to lead. They lead their fellow council members and administrators, their ratepayers, committees, councils, boards, and associations. They lead our province with a strong vision for their community. They have a great understanding of their business, of their local people, and of what they want their communities to achieve. There is no limit as to what a dedicated and experienced municipal leader can do for rural Saskatchewan.

The Municipal Leadership Development Program provides a way for all municipal officials to develop their skills and gain the tools required to meet their

responsibilities head-on. With five modules, tailored to councillors, administrators, reeves, mayors, and senior municipal staff, the program is designed to strengthen local government leadership. Whether you are a newly elected councillor or a reeve who has served for 15 years, the MLDP will benefit you.

The MLDP modules were designed by municipal organizations in Saskatchewan, to ensure the program focuses on your issues and concerns. The small class size provides interactive sessions and gives each attendee ample opportunities to ask questions.

There are many reasons to attend an MLDP seminar. You will:

- learn effective leadership skills;
- receive practical advice from professionals;
- enhance your invaluable network;
- gain recognition with your peers and in your community;
- improve interaction with council, ratepayers, and staff.

The MLDP wants to assist in developing your skills as a municipal leader. We actively work to bring the seminars to your area of the province. There are 12 modules planned for the fall MLDP session and we hope to see you at one of them.

For module or registration information, please visit www.mldp.ca or call Kristin Dowler, Program Administrator, at 306.761.3730.

Have a look – see a module near you?

- October 17 - *Module 3* – Asquith
- October 17 – *Module 5* – Nipawin
- October 18 – *Module 4* – Saltcoats
- November 29 – *Module 2* – Kerrobert
- November 29 – *Module 3* – Vibank
- November 30 – *Module 2* – Cudworth
- December 5 – *Module 4* – Warman
- December 5 – *Module 5* – Herbert
- December 6 – *Module 2* – Weyburn
- December 6 – *Module 3* – Hudson Bay
- December 12 – *Module 5* – Kipling
- December 13 – *Module 4* – Holdfast



Tax enforcement workshop

The Advisory Services Unit in cooperation with the Rural Municipal Administrators' Association of Saskatchewan (RMAA) and Urban Municipal Administrators' Association (UMAAS) will be conducting a series of one-day Tax Enforcement Workshops this fall for urban, rural and northern administrators. Staff from Advisory Services Unit, Information Services Corporation (ISC), Provincial Mediation Board, and Public Legal Education Association of Saskatchewan will be the facilitators for the workshops. [Please click here for more information and registration.](#)

Community Initiatives Fund Community Grant Program

Grant guidelines have been revised and the application form has been redesigned to clarify program eligibility and streamline the application process.

Deadline is November 1, 2006

For further information, go to <http://cyr.gov.sk.ca>.