



Cluster E-News Sustainable Infrastructure Update



A new integrated approach for better management of municipal infrastructure assets

Vital services like drinking water, storm water and wastewater systems, together with community connectors like roads and bridges, are Canada's lifelines. Each year, municipalities spend \$12 to 15 billion on these lifelines, 80% of which goes to system repairs and renewals. However, current work practices have resulted in significant process and data fragmentation, which has created inefficiencies. Also, water, sewer and road networks are typically managed independently, with little or no consideration paid to their interrelationships. This lack of integration can result in significant misdirection of limited infrastructure renewal resources.

The National Research Council Centre for Sustainable Infrastructure Research (NRC-CSIR), established as one of the partners in the sustainable infrastructure technology cluster in Regina, has as one of its goals to collaborate with the City, with industry and other researchers to develop new techniques for monitoring, assessing and managing municipal infrastructure, including developing decision support systems (DSS). [\[Read More Here\]](#)



Cluster Profile: *SpringBoard West Innovations Inc.*

Created with \$6.2 million in provincial and federal funding, SpringBoard West Innovations Inc. is prepared to fulfill its mission of "making ideas work." SpringBoard, a non-profit organization located in Regina, strives to mentor inventors as they transform their ideas into a commercial reality. [\[Read More Here\]](#)



Building Saskatchewan Green

The Regina Inn is getting ready to host the Saskatchewan Sustainable Building Conference and Tradeshow on November 15-16, 2007. The conference will discuss the benefits of sustainable building developments, including environmentally friendly "green," economic, healthy, socially responsible and high-performance building structures. Kevin R. Hydes, Chair of the World Green Building Council, will be one of several renowned guest speakers that will make presentations at this event. For more information contact Jeff Jurzyniec at jeff.jurzyniec@stantec.com or visit www.buildsaskgreen.ca.

Cluster Champion Profile: Larry Hiles



Since part of the mandate of the Regina Regional Economic Development Authority is to help identify opportunities for businesses, President and CEO Larry Hiles says it was natural for RREDA to become a Communities of Tomorrow (CT) and Sustainable Infrastructure Cluster supporter. Hiles is part of the Cluster Champions Program, which encourages businesspeople to promote the Sustainable Infrastructure Cluster in the Regina region. [\[Read More Here\]](#)

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