



NEWS FROM THE FIELD

Credit Red-Light Cameras for Fewer Crashes

Canadian Press, Nov 2

Regina's red-light camera system is producing the desired safety results, according to city police. A new study of the system shows a reduction in the number of collisions at four intersections where the camera is set up.

Officials from the City of Regina's engineering department compared statistics for 26 months before the system was installed, and 26 months after.

The results showed that the most serious traffic accident, a right-angle crash, is down by 40 per cent.

Maple Creek Upgrades from 'Boil Water' to 'Best Water'

October 5, Maple Creek News

The Town of Maple Creek held the grand opening of the new Maple Creek Water Treatment Plant October 1.

On hand for the event was Bill Bullee, P.Eng., consulting engineer of Bullee Consulting Ltd. He was the design engineer for the project.

The Town of Maple Creek first unveiled its plans to install a state of the art nanofiltration water treatment plant in June 2003, in an attempt to upgrade tap water quality to recently developed government standards, at a total cost of \$2.35 million dollars.

Six month later in January 2003, Bill Bullee had been contracted to design the project.

The water system upgrade included constructing another well and replacing three others, along with upgrading the power supply.

Concerns over the quality of the water supply for Maple Creek first became an issue in 2000 following the

e-coli outbreak that caused several deaths in Walkerton, Ontario. In 2002, a Boil Water Order was issued for Maple Creek when a water sample tested positive for coliforms.

The new multi-million dollar, state of the art, water filtration plant came on line in June and is now working according to plan, providing ratepayers with the best water available in Saskatchewan. In July 2004 contractors gave a final inspection to the entire water upgrade project.

VCom Makes Waves

News Releases, October 14 and 25, 2004

VCom Inc. purchased a small town British Columbia cable TV and Internet service that provides residential and business subscribers with cable TV programming and high-speed Internet services.

VCom Inc. (formerly WaveCom Electronics Inc.) is a world-leading designer and manufacturer of high quality, state-of-the-art hardware products that enable high-speed, on-demand broadband access to cable and wireless communications systems. VCom, is headquartered in Victoria, British Columbia with primary manufacturing operations in Saskatoon, SK.

YourLink Inc., a VCom Inc. company, has also launched commercial high-speed wireless Internet service in Red Deer, Alberta. The wireless network brings broadband Internet service to rural areas outside the range of traditional cable or telco DSL service. Prior to the introduction of broadband wireless, many rural residents could only access the Internet through dial-up telephone lines. Internet service via traditional cable is not feasible in sparsely populated regions, and satellite services have too much delay

for many Internet applications.

Headquartered in Saskatoon, Canada, YourLink provides high-speed wireless Internet solutions and cable television services to residential and business subscribers. YourLink was formed in 2003 to deploy Saskatchewan designed and manufactured equipment from VCom Inc. YourLink has wireless Internet services in central rural Saskatchewan and Alberta, and Cable Television services in Saskatchewan and British Columbia.

Research Funding Drops

Saskatoon StarPhoenix, November 18, 2004

Following a dramatic boost in research funding two years ago, the University of Saskatchewan's magnetism for research dollars levelled off in 2003, according to an annual ranking.

Research Infosource Inc.'s annual listing of the 50 top research universities puts the University of Saskatchewan in 13th place this year, dropping one spot from 12th last year. In 2003, the university drew in nearly \$117 million compared to \$121 million in 2002.

"Small changes, like moving from 12th to 13th, I don't think is a really major event just because of the nature of research funding," said Laura Kennedy, associate vice-president of finance at the university.

Part of the 3.7 per cent drop can be attributed to uneven funding for the Canadian Light Source, she said. The synchrotron receives grants from the government every other year.

Last week, the university was awarded \$7.1 million for seven new Canada research chairs, one of whom will conduct research with the synchrotron.

In 2003, the U of S received 43 per cent of research dollars from the