

The AMM annually hosts four main events for our members, as well as a series of high quality professional development sessions.

AMM Annual Convention

**Brandon Keystone Centre
November 21-24, 2005**

A grand total of 979 delegates attended the AMM's 7th Annual Convention, held at the Brandon Keystone Centre.



Delegates enjoyed three engaging keynote speakers in Kevin Burns, Peter de Jager, and Warren Macdonald. A selection of eight different workshop sessions were also offered on various topics. As well, several plenary sessions were offered, including a special "New Deal" session, giving delegates an opportunity to voice their opinions on the agreement and the AMM executive an opportunity to present a detailed account of the negotiation process.

Other plenary sessions offered to delegates included Pandemic Influenza Preparedness for Municipal Governments, and a Water & Wastewater Operator Certification Program Update.

Speakers at this year's convention included the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs & Trade, Scott Smith; Leader of the Manitoba Liberal Party, Dr. Jon Gerrard; Representative from the Manitoba Official Opposition, Larry Maguire, MLA for Arthur-Virden; and Gloria Kovach, President of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. Premier Gary Doer also presented his annual address to the delegates.

Resolutions Summary – 2005

Number of Resolutions	67
Number of Late Resolutions	4
Total Number of Resolutions	71
Number carried	63
Number defeated	5
Number withdrawn	3

This year's Ministerial Forum saw six ministers take part. The Honourable Scott Smith chaired the forum and was joined by Ron Lemieux (Transportation and Government Services), Steve Ashton (Water Stewardship), Tim Sale

(Health), Rosann Wowchuk (Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives), and Stan Struthers (Conservation).

Elections

AMM President Ron Bell was acclaimed for a second term as AMM President. Also acclaimed was Lorne Boguski, for a second term as Urban Vice-President. An election took place for the position of Rural Vice-President, with incumbent Garry Wasylowski defeating Doug Dobrowolski.

Municipal Officials Seminar & Trade Show (MOS) February 28-March 1, 2005

Held each year in Brandon's Keystone Centre, MOS provides AMM members the opportunity to participate in education and policy related workshop sessions. Over 800 municipal officials attended workshops on topics including *Canadian corrections, community problem-solving, pre-retirement planning, hiring a CAO, effective email, the future of municipalities, heritage, Manitoba's extended producer responsibility program, and tire stewardship.*

Plenary highlights included *How the New Deal Program Can Work For You*, and *A Rationale for the Delivery of Municipal Leisure Services.*

In conjunction with MOS, the MTCML holds its largest trade show event of the year. This one-day trade show was held the first day of MOS and included over 100 booths.

Mayors, Reeves & CAOs Meetings

March 13—24, 2006

The AMM annual Mayors, Reeves and CAOs meetings were held between March 13 and 24, 2006. These meetings allow the AMM executive to update members on AMM activities and to enhance communications with members.

A breakout discussion on *The Municipal Agenda* was an important part of the meetings this year. Born out of the AMM's annual strategic planning session in January, the AMM felt that the Mayors, Reeves and CAOs meetings were an excellent opportunity to gain valuable input from our members on the topic. A number of key questions were asked of participants and the results compiled into a report on *The Municipal Agenda*.

Hosts for the 2006 Mayors, Reeves & CAOs Meetings were the RM of Kelsey & Town of The Pas, RM of Ochre River, RM of Riverside, RM of Franklin, RM of Park, RM of Morris, and the City of Selkirk.

June District Meetings

June 12—21, 2006

June District Meetings are held in each of the AMM's seven districts. Resolutions passed at June District Meetings are brought forward to the AMM Annual Convention.

The 2006 meetings were hosted by the RM of Hanover, RM of Arthur & Town of Melita, RM of Dufferin & Town of Carman, RM of Miniota, City of Flin Flon, RM of Mossey River, and the Town of Teulon. Total attendance at this year's June District Meetings was 672 delegates.



2006 June District Meetings

Municipal Visits

Each year, the AMM travels extensively throughout Manitoba on municipal visits. During the visits, the AMM meets with local councils to discuss issues the AMM board is working on, and to hear from the councils regarding the issues facing these communities.

The AMM visited 67 municipalities in 2006.

AMM Education Program

This year, AMM members were offered two outstanding education sessions. In the first session, held in Brandon on March 1, 2006, well known law firm McCandless Tramley teamed with Roger Bouvier of Municipal Solutions to present a hands-on session to over 100 participants.

The second session, held in Winnipeg on May 4, 2006, featured George Cuff presenting "The Essential Elements of Local Government: How to Make it Work for Your Municipality" to 73 participants.



Delegates line up to register for February's Municipal Officials Seminar (MOS)