

MEMBER SERVICES

AMM EVENTS

AMM ANNUAL CONVENTION NOVEMBER 27-30, 2006

A record-breaking 1,014 delegates attended the AMM's 8th Annual Convention, held at the Winnipeg Convention Centre from November 27-30, 2006. The theme was "*Leadership Builds Municipalities*".



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The event kicked off with a pre-conference seminar. A total of 427 delegates took in this informative session.

Speakers at this year's convention included keynotes Kit Grant and Jeffrey Simpson; Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada Vic Toews; Minister of Intergovern-

mental Affairs Steve Ashton; Leader of the Manitoba Official Opposition Hugh McFadyen; Leader of the Manitoba Liberal Party Dr. Jon Gerrard; and Gloria Kovach, President of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

Premier Gary Doer presented his annual address to delegates at the gala banquet. Delegates also had the opportunity to attend several workshops and plenary sessions.

MINISTERIAL FORUM

This year's Ministerial Forum saw Premier Doer and seven



Ministers take part. Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs Steve Ashton chaired the forum and was joined by Ron Lemieux (Infrastructure), Peter Bjornson (Education), Theresa Oswald (Health), Rosann Wowchuk (Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives), Scott Smith (Competitiveness, Training and Trade) and Stan Struthers (Conservation).

ELECTIONS

AMM President Ron Bell was again acclaimed to serve a third term as AMM President. An election took place for both Vice-President positions. Mayor Shirley Kalyniuk defeated Mayor Randy Sigurdson with 374 votes to Sigurdson's 349. For the position of Rural Vice-President, Councillor Doug Dobrowolski received 428 votes while Reeve Alice Bourgoiu received 296.

RESOLUTIONS

A total of 38 resolutions were debated, with 22 carried, seven defeated, and six withdrawn. Three were AMM standing policy.

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MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS SEMINAR & TRADE SHOW (MOS) FEBRUARY 27-28, 2007

A total of 674 municipal officials attended this year's Municipal Officials Seminar & Trade Show. Delegates enjoyed a wide variety of policy and professional development breakout sessions. Plenary sessions included such topics as *Public Private Partnerships*, *Green Manitoba*, *Growing Opportunities*, *Municipal Leadership* and *Managing Unresolvable Issues*.

In conjunction with MOS, the Municipal Trading Company (MTCML) held its largest trade show event of the year. This one-day trade show included over 100 booths.

MAYORS, REEVES & CAOs MEETINGS MARCH 5-20, 2007

The AMM annual Mayors, Reeves and CAOs meetings were held between March 5 and 20, 2007. The AMM Executive updated participants on the topics of fiscal balance, infrastructure, water and planning issues, green issues and healthy communities, among others.

2007 hosts included RM of Lac du Bonnet, RM of Macdonald, RM of South Cypress and Village of Glenboro, RM of Langford and Town of Neepawa, Town of Lynn Lake, Town of Winnipeg Beach, and RM of Ste. Rose.

JUNE DISTRICT MEETINGS

JUNE 7-15, 2007

This year's June District Meetings saw 171 municipalities represented, or 86 per cent. The 720 delegates heard presentations on the Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB) requirements, fire protection and emergency response responsibilities of municipalities, and municipal insurance. Resolutions debated totaled 51.

The 2007 meetings were hosted by the Town of Lynn Lake, Town of Arborg, RM of St. Clements, Town of Morden, RM of Morton and Town of Boissevain, RM and Town of Shoal Lake, and RM and Town of Grandview.

MUNICIPAL VISITS

Each year the AMM travels extensively throughout Manitoba, meeting with local councils to hear firsthand about the issues facing these communities. The AMM visited 47 municipalities in 2007.

The AMM's goal is to meet with each municipal council during their four-year term.

AMM EDUCATION PROGRAM

AMM members were offered four outstanding education sessions in 2007. The first session, *Human Resources for Elected Officials* was held in Brandon. A panel of experts led 127 participants through this session.

The second and third sessions featured municipal governance expert *George Cuff* in both Winnipeg and Brandon. The AMM subsidized the sessions so the fee was only \$20. A total of 140 AMM members attended.

The year's final session, *Governance Success with Gord McIntosh*, took place in Portage la Prairie and was attended by 130 delegates.

"I WAS AT THE GEORGE CUFF PRESENTATION. THIS MAN REMINDED ME OF WHY I GOT INTO MUNICIPAL GOVERNANCE TO BEGIN WITH. HE WAS DIRECT, TO THE POINT AND PULLED NO PUNCHES. HOW REFRESHING TO LISTEN TO SOMEONE SPEAK IN A FRANK AND UNDERSTANDABLE MANNER.

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*Councillor
Dave Quinn
City of
Portage
la Prairie*