

# Governance Success: It's No Accident



The fourth workshop of the 2007AMM Education Program was a great finale to a year of informative and practical sessions for municipal officials.

On October 5, 2007 in Portage la Prairie, **Gordon McIntosh**, President of the Local Governance Leadership (LGL) Institute, led 130 municipal officials in the exceptional and interactive workshop, **Governance Success: It's No Accident**. The purpose of the session was to develop indicators of governance and administrative success as well as strategies to achieve maximum organizational excellent.

Gordon began the day by identifying the four fundamental components that were covered in the session: common expectations, good decisions, clear roles, and organizational improvements. From there, he addressed each of the components individually with a presentation, work group exercises and a full participant discussion.

Along with identifying criteria used to assess effectiveness of local government and its governance and administration, the workshop also focused on the core functions of local governments: strategic direction and policy choices, systems coordination, and service delivery. The group then identified the top success indicators for the functions. The work group exercises kept the partici-

pants busy by exchanging ideas, commonly encountered issues and practices that have proven successful.

Gordon provided challenging ideas and

useful tools to the enthusiastic participants. Better yet, he reminded the group of the motivational goal to "leave your organization in a better place than it is today." ☞



Workshop presenter Gordon McIntosh (L) chats with Councillor Bob Bodnaruk, RM of Springfield, during the October 5 Education session in Portage la Prairie.

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