



AMM Education 2005

Introduction

The AMM's aim is to provide innovative and stimulating education and training for effective leadership and organization. What you receive from the sessions, you take back to your community in proficiency, professionalism and a revitalized sense of personal ability.

We also help to make your Professional Development day a great value, in time and dollars. Budgets are tight all over and with the quality and selection of presenters, the return on your investment is guaranteed.

We notify you of sessions well ahead of time, so it is easy to plan them into your schedule. Imagine what you can gain by attending!

Don't miss the next AMM education session, "Decision-Making for Councils and Boards," presented by McCandless Tramley. This session is being held on March 18, 2005 at the Royal Canadian Legion in Portage la Prairie.

Session Overview

Decisions made by municipal councils and planning district boards are coming under increasing pressure and scrutiny. Sound decision-making not only promotes public confidence in council's actions, it also decreases the likelihood of court intervention.

Recent court judgments have raised the bar on the standards to be met in making decisions that approve or reject development proposals. For example, the Supreme Court ruled that a Quebec municipal council should have stated reasons for turning down a re-zoning application. The Province's *Bill 40* proposes changes to the Planning Act that call for a new approach to decision-making for intensive livestock operations. In fact, issues can arise when councils and boards consider *any* permits and licenses under municipal by-laws.

In this session, Greg Tramley will help participants consider the duties and responsibilities of council and board members as formal decision-makers.

Presenter Profile

Mike McCandless and Greg Tramley are municipal lawyers with the law firm of McCandless Tramley. They provide advice to CAOs, Councils and Boards on an ongoing basis in all areas of law affecting municipalities and Planning Districts, including land use control, taxation, by-law making, enforcement, and interpretation of municipal legislation. They conduct seminars on municipal law issues, and teach the legal component of the Manitoba Municipal Administrator's Certificate Course.

McCandless Tramley is a four-person law firm specializing in municipal law. The firm acts only for municipalities, planning districts and other governmental and institutional clients. It provides advice to CAO's and Councils on an ongoing basis in all areas of municipal and planning law, such as:

- land use control, subdivisions, and road openings and closings,
- by-law drafting and enforcement,
- drafting and implementation of development agreements,
- drafting zoning and other municipal agreements,
- expropriations,
- local improvements,
- the conduct of lawsuits,
- taxation, and
- the interpretation of municipal and planning legislation.

How to register

To register for this session, visit the AMM website at www.amm.mb.ca/education. Or, contact Donna Belbin, AMM Events Coordinator, at 204-856-2374 or email dbelbin@amm.mb.ca.



Greg Tramley, of McCandless Tramley, will present 'Decision Making for Councils and Boards' in Portage la Prairie on March 18, 2005.

This is what your municipal colleagues had to say about the October 1, 2004 AMM Education Seminar entitled *“What’s on First Base? Priority Setting in Local Government,”* presented by **Gord MacIntosh** of the LGL Institute:

- “Your program was well received by those involved. It was very effective leaving one with a better understanding of Council’s role and responsibilities.” - *Reeve Marvin Horvoka, RM of Piney*
- “Very enlightening and inspiring.” - *Ian MacKenzie, Mayor, City of Portage la Prairie*
- “This is very valuable information in helping to deal with our CAO and staff on a daily/weekly basis as well as helping to govern our community.” - *Jim Butler, Councillor, Town of Souris*
- “One of the best I have been to. Keep them coming! One of the few that kept me interested throughout its time frame. Brings awareness to setting priorities. It was well presented, overall.” - *Steve Strang, Reeve, RM of St. Clements*
- “I enjoyed the day and left with considerably more knowledge than when I came. Thank-you!” - *Earl Dick, Councillor, Town of Altona*
- “I will use the solution seeking process, particularly the ‘key result’ and ‘essential questions’ process to help guide our council in their decision-making.” - *Gordon Dearsley, CAO, RM of Argyle*
- “Every municipal council would benefit from this session.” - *Reeve John Holland, RM of Springfield*

A note about...

The cancelled January 14 education session featuring Alex Wray of the Wray Group. After weighing the pros and cons of the situation, the AMM felt it was in the best interest of its members and the presenter to cancel the session, to avoid any further financial commitments to the seminar.

We are sure many factors contributed to the lack of response to this session. The date of the session, the logistics of winter travel and other commitments of municipal officials may all be factors.

Mark your calendars now for the May 6, 2005 education seminar, entitled *“Communicating when Strangling isn’t an Option!”* The presenter, **Sue Hershkowitz-Coore** has been helping people improve the way they communicate for over 20 years. Best of all, this must-attend session is open to *everyone* – not just municipal officials – so don’t miss it!

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