



Joe Masi, Executive Director

Be proud of our accomplishments

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Annual Conference recently wrapped up in St. John's, Newfoundland. One of the highlights of this conference for me is the annual meeting with Executive Directors from across Canada. This meeting gives the AMM the opportunity to look at how we do business as compared to other associations. What I found out is that the AMM is doing many things very well:

1. Policy – We have made good progress in the area of infrastructure funding and the new deal, as well as with planning issues. There has been also some positive movement around education taxes and other policy initiatives such as by-law enforcement, changes to the *Workers Compensation Act*, and an improved water bomber policy. The AMM also undertook a unique initiative in the form of Lobby Days, which gave us the chance to dialogue with over 30 MLAs over two days in April.
2. Communication – The AMM places a high priority on communication with our members and this is reflected in our quarterly magazine, *The Municipal Leader*, our website, our bi-weekly news bulletins, and our mailings. We are always striving to improve and expand our relationship with the Manitoba media as well.
3. Insurance – Our insurance program is one of the best. We refunded over \$1 million

last year and \$919,000 this year out of our insurance loss pool.

4. Municipalities Trading Company of Manitoba Ltd. (MTCML) – The MTCML continues to be strong, rebating \$900,000 to municipalities over the past three years based on their MTCML sales.
5. Events – The AMM's four major events (Annual Convention, June District Meetings, Municipal Officials Seminar, and Mayors, Reeves and CAO's Meetings) enjoy excellent attendance and we continually receive positive feedback from our membership.
6. Education Program – We offer very high quality professional development opportunities for elected officials, and are always striving to meet or exceed the needs of our members.

The FCM Executive Directors meeting is an excellent opportunity to learn from other Associations across Canada. It is especially gratifying to know that, on many fronts, we are doing many things in an outstanding manner to best serve our membership. We are committed to continued improvement as our organization evolves to meet the challenges facing municipalities.

If you have any questions about any of the other Associations, please contact me at 204-856-2360 or email jmasi@amm.mb.ca. ☎

The AMM executive and staff met with representatives of Manitoba Hydro recently. (L-R) Lorne Boguski (AMM), Jack Dent (MB Hydro), Tyler MacAfee (AMM), Bob Brennan (MB Hydro), Ron Bell (AMM), Garry Wasylowski (AMM), Gerry Rose (MB Hydro) and Joe Masi (AMM).



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