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AMM Education Session #1 – March 1, 2006: a recap

From around the Province, 110 municipal elected and appointed officials endured the lion-like arrival of March 1 to attend the AMM's Education Session in Brandon. This was the first of two education sessions in the AMM's 2006 Education Series. This session featured renowned municipal consultant **Roger Bouvier** of Municipal Solutions, along with **Mike McCandless** (recently returned from a business trip to Mongolia) and **Greg Tramley**, principals of the law firm McCandless and Tramley.

This session promised to be "truly tailored to YOUR questions and concerns" and it definitely lived up to this promise. Prior to the session, registrants were asked to submit questions so the team could prepare a written response and offer a general discussion. The questions crossed the spectrum of municipal operations, including matters dealing with:

- Conflict of interest
- Zoning by-law enforcement
- Elections
- In-house council committees
- Legal issues



- Roles and responsibilities of elected officials as a council
- Roles and responsibilities of the CAO in relation to staff and the council

Each presenter spoke and fielded these and many other questions from the audience. A summary of this question and answer session is available in complete detail on the AMM website at www.amm.mb.ca.

The inclement weather finally made its way to Brandon in the early afternoon. Roger, Mike and Greg wrapped up early and provided one-on-one consultation with the remaining officials. All in all, it was an excellent introduction to the AMM's 2006 Education Series and we are most appreciative of the expertise shared by our presenters.

Education Session #2 – May 4, 2006



GEORGE CUFF - The Keys to Effective Local Governance

This session will focus on the definition of governance, elements of leadership, the roles of Mayor, Council and CAO, effective communication and conclude with George's "Challenge to You" as an elected or appointed official.

- Importance of and Effective Decision Making Process
- Formulating the Agenda
- Governance Questions
- Guidelines for Council Behaviour
- Effective Communication
- Significance of Trust in Team-Building
- Expectations of the Governing Body

- Key Managerial Prerogatives & Responsibilities
- Best Practices

George Cuff has a reputation for consulting, speaking and writing plainly and for taking on very difficult issues and reviews. His advice is candid and aimed at getting results.

Presented to you like only George Cuff can!

Insights, advice and recommendations to your most in-depth questions on:

- Key Issues Impacting Governance
- Governance Defined
- Challenges In Effective Governance
- Role Clarity
- Leadership
- Understanding Key Roles
- Essential Elements of a Successful Relationship

Biography

George Cuff knows the value of life long learning and considers himself a student while also being teacher and advisor on the art and principles of governance and the elements of effective organizations. He has worked in these areas since 1974, having held a department head position in local government and later a consulting position with the provincial government.

George served as Mayor of Spruce Grove, Alberta for four terms, is a Past President of AUMA (Alberta Urban Municipalities Association) and FCM (Federation of Canadian Municipalities). George's firm provides a variety of consulting services to clients, but principally in the areas of board and council governance, organization reviews, trouble-shooting, executive recruitment, staff and elected official training and special projects.

George is the author of the book *Cuff's Guide to Municipal Leaders*.