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Proactive with PSAB efforts

PSAB – if you haven't heard this acronym yet, your CAO certainly has. PSAB stands for Public Sector Accounting Board, and beginning January 1, 2009, all governments in Canada, including local governments, must adopt PSAB generally accepted accounting practices (PSAB GAAP).

The AMM and the Department of Intergovernmental Affairs have undertaken a joint venture to help municipalities adopt PSAB GAAP.

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The Department has seconded a full time project manager, **Michel St. Amant**, who spoke at our recent June District Meetings. The AMM is in the process of hiring a second staff person to work with Michel and directly with municipalities over the next two years. This will ensure municipalities receive the support they need to transition to PSAB as easily as possible.

The AMM has also set up a training session on Tangible Capital Assets (TCA). PSAB requires that municipalities record their TCA (buildings, vehicles, roads, water systems and sewers) and amortize them over their useful life. This one-day session is being offered 22 times in eight different communities. On-line registration

is available on the AMM website, and with a maximum of 20 spaces per session, they are filling up quickly. Training sessions on the other major implementation issues will be offered later.

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A second item of interest during June District Meetings was the AMM History Book Project. This project has generated a great deal of interest and excitement for municipalities and AMM staff alike. We have had several preliminary meetings with our author, **Dr. Gordon Goldsborough**, and have also interviewed several former MAUM and UMM presidents. We have been gathering artifacts, photographs, records, minutes, and other documents from our members across the province and will continue to do so in the coming months. This constitutes a 'good start' in what we anticipate will take the next year and several months to complete.

Please continue to send your materials our way and let us know if there are any former MAUM or UMM executives in your community who we should interview for their recollections. From the inaugural meeting of the Union of Manitoba Municipalities (UMM) in 1905, to the formation of the Manitoba Association of Urban Municipalities (MAUM), to present day AMM, there are many, many memories and events that need to be included in this history book. Our connection to those memories is through YOU, our members. We appreciate all you have contributed, and most certainly will continue to contribute, towards a history that belongs to us all. \$

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