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MOS – something for everyone

The AMM 8th Annual Convention has come and gone, and our next important event is almost upon us. The AMM's annual Municipal Officials Seminar (MOS) and Trade Show takes place from February 26 to 27 at the Brandon Keystone Centre. MOS is an exciting event for elected municipal officials, administrative staff and public works employees, in that it truly offers something for everyone.

Day one of MOS is traditionally 'policy day.' A number of plenary and breakout sessions dealing with current policy topics will be offered. Day one also features Manitoba's largest municipal trade show, the one-day MTCML Trade Show. The day wraps up with an always well-attended wine & cheese event from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Day two of MOS is professional development day, and we are again offering an excellent combination of plenary sessions and workshops to suit any interest. To kick off Day two, we will present the Third Annual AMM Municipal Innovation Award. The City and RM of Portage la Prairie took home the award in 2005, and the RM of Victoria was the recipient last year – their innovative idea was even featured in the *Winnipeg Free Press*. I am anxious to see who will be the deserving community this year. (For a complete agenda and trade show listing for this year's MOS, please refer to page 35).

While MOS concludes on February 27, February 28 brings another informative event – the first seminar in our Educa-

tion Series. *Human Resources for Elected Officials* (also taking place at the Keystone Centre) will take you through the various details of human resources that elected officials are involved in, with the help of an esteemed panel of experts in the field. If you haven't registered for this seminar yet, you can do so by contacting **Donna Belbin**, AMM Events Coordinator at 204-856-2374 or dbelbin@amm.mb.ca, or registering online at www.amm.mb.ca. For more information about this session, see page 24.

While events like the annual convention, MOS, and our education seminars are excellent ways for elected officials to come together and take advantage of much of what the AMM has to offer, our work does not stop with these events. And, with many of you just beginning your terms as newly elected municipal officials, you may still be unsure as to where the AMM fits in the whole scheme of things. That is why we've compiled a special article in this issue of *The Leader*. "What does the AMM do for you?" gives you an excellent overview of our lobbying practices; explains the business of our trading company; and introduces you to our staff. The article is featured on page 8, and I do hope it helps you to gain a better understanding of the day-to-day work our organization does on your behalf. ☺

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