

CONNECTING municipal leaders then and now

FOUNDING FATHERS

Fifty people attended the 1905 founding meeting of the Union of Manitoba Municipalities, in Brandon. One of those founders was John Fletcher Goldsborough, great-grandfather of **Gordon Goldsborough**, who recently wrote his first book, *With One Voice: A History of Municipal Governance in Manitoba*. Until recently, the majority of names of the remaining founders were unknown, however that has been largely remedied due to Goldsborough's extensive research into the area. An almost complete list of founders, including their biographies, is now available on the Manitoba Historical Society website: <http://tinyurl.com/AMMfounders>



FINDING ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

During the launch of the history book at this year's AMM Convention, Goldsborough issued a challenge to see whether there were any other descendants of the founders in attendance. **Garry Dalgarno**, a councillor for the RM of Strathclair, took him up on it. Not only that, he contacted his brother Bruce, the family historian, who happened to be driving into Winnipeg later that day. Garry had him bring a copy of the Dalgarno family history. It provided a wealth of information about **Robert Dalgarno**, Garry's great-grandfather, who had attended the 1905 UMM meeting and about whom Goldsborough had found relatively little biographical information. Garry also helped to identify another founder whose name had been horribly misspelled in the original published list of attendees at the 1905 meeting. This enabled Goldsborough to fill in the second-last gap in the list of founders.

There is now just one founder who remains anonymous: **W. G. Livingstone**, who attended on behalf of the RM of Rockwood. Can anyone help identify this last founder? If so, please contact Gordon Goldsborough at ggoldsb@cc.umanitoba.ca. 

EDITOR'S NOTE: In the fall, 2008 issue of The Municipal Leader we neglected to mention Mayor **Merril Kiliwnik**, Town of Russell, in the list of Long Service Award Recipients. Merrill received his 20-year pin at last year's June District Meeting.



L to R: Garry Dalgarno, Councillor for the RM of Strathclair, helped With One Voice author Gordon Goldsborough fill in some blanks on the list of UMM founding members.

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