



# 4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MUNICIPAL EXCELLENCE AWARD

## Submission Form

### PART 1:

Name of municipality/municipalities: Town of Carman & Rural Municipality of Dufferin

Date implemented: August 16, 2007

Type of municipal project: Residential Development Agreement

### PART 2:

Please provide a brief overview of 500 words summarizing the municipal best practice and the impact on the community. Additional supporting material may be included, however it should be referenced in the 500 word summary to explain its relevance. The judging will be focused on how the 500 word summary meets the 4 judging criteria.

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AMM- Municipal Excellence Award Town of Carman & Rural Municipality of Dufferin

Our plan was to find a way to allow for residential development that was beneficial for both the Town of Carman and the Rural Municipality of Dufferin. We had a new residential development occurring in the town right along the boundary with the Rural Municipality of Dufferin and it will eventually take in some of the Rural Municipality of Dufferin. The developer wanted the land to be annexed into the Town of Carman. Both the Town of Carman and the Rural Municipality of Dufferin wanted to help the developer but the municipality also needed to see if there was a way to minimize the loss of tax base. As a result the Town of Carman and RM of Dufferin met to discuss ways to satisfy both organizations.

The outcome of the discussions was the Town of Carman agreeing to a residential tax sharing agreement with the RM of Dufferin. The Town of Carman agreed that once the land was annexed that they would put an amount of money equal to the taxes the Rural Municipality of Dufferin would have received if the land was still theirs into a fund for jointly funded projects and organizations. Examples of the potential recipients were the local library, recreation and fire department. The Town of Carman also agreed to match the amount of money that they were putting in on behalf of the Rural Municipality of Dufferin. Once the taxes received by the Town of Carman exceeded the original amount being put in the amount of money put into the joint fund would then change to 20 percent of the taxes received. This would ensure that the money being put in each year would only increase with development. The hope with this agreement and any potential future agreements is that it would allow for the joint fund to be the source of funding to joint projects and allow for the Rural Municipality of Dufferin and Town of Carman to maintain or lower taxes. We took the approach to make the agreement as simple as possible as there is no need to make the plan more complicated than it needed to be. As far as we can tell this type of agreement does not exist anywhere else in Manitoba.

Some of the benefits of this have been there is a generally friendlier atmosphere within our community groups when their municipal governments are working together, the potential future savings on funding joint projects and organizations between the Town of Carman and Rural Municipality of Dufferin, the RM of Dufferin will not lose revenue as a result of this annexation, the RM of Dufferin can avoid getting involved with traditional Town of Carman infrastructure like sewer and paved roads, and we are able to work together and work towards a solution to traditionally difficult situations allowing our residents and any potential residents to see the municipalities as forward thinking.