



## AMM Education Program Survey Results

*Thank you to all 76 Municipalities who responded to the Education Survey. The results are very much reflective of the original direction of the program. Your comments and suggestions will be used as an information source in the development of the 2006 Program.*

These are the results:

1. How many courses would you like the AMM Education Program to offer each calendar year? (current practice 4)

*On average, councils would like to have 3 sessions offered each year*

2. Choose the months that would work best for your council members to attend an AMM Education Session.

(current practice – schedule education session at different times than scheduled AMM events and the busiest farming schedules.)

*The top four months that council members indicated they would be able to attend: January; March; October; February*

3. Would you prefer:

2 – Two-day sessions each year – *12 Councils preferred this option*

3 to 4 – One-day sessions each year – *53 Councils preferred this option*

*9 Councils suggested 1 or 2 one-day sessions*

*2 Councils did not answer this question*

4. Was Council interested in the sessions offered by the 2005 AMM Education Program?

*53 Councils indicated YES*

*16 Councils indicated NO*

*7 Councils did not answer the question or provided another reason*

The topics that you would like to see offered by the AMM Education Program:

- *Council Training: communications, leadership, meeting procedures, employee, media, public relations*
- *Legal: understanding government policies/legislation where it impacts municipalities*
- *Financial: budgeting and finances, financial management*
- *Municipal Act: legislation and interpretations*
- *Rural Development: shared service agreements; municipal communications and cooperation*
- *Environment: drainage, DFO, water and sewer management*
- *Grants and Funding*

5. Can you please list or explain any additional concerns or suggestions to help us determine the direction of the AMM Education Program needs to go?

- *Location: suggested sessions to be held in rural areas or in a central location and not always in Winnipeg.*
- *Expense: the cost of travel (meals & accommodations) allows for only 1 or 2 council members to attend.*
- *Other: many council members have full-time jobs; winter travel is not the best.*

*Comments:*

- *Shorten the day to 9:30 am to 3:00 pm.*
- *Develop courses that can be accessed via the Internet.*
- *Municipalities must encourage their councils to get more training.*
- *Keep trying. Each council is different and times change.*

Thank you again for your time and response. AMM is here to serve its membership and our Education Program is but one way to strengthen municipal government.

The 2006 AMM Education Program will be presented at the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention in Brandon.

