

Highlights from the past year

January

- AMM launches new education program for AMM members
- Prairie Grain Roads committee approves second round projects

February

- Province announces TLE compensation package for municipalities

March

- Prairie urban municipalities meet for the first time
- AMM meets with the Manitoba Federal Liberal Party Caucus

April

- AMM goes to Ottawa to discuss DFO issues
- AMM holds Housing Conference
- Provincial Water Strategy released by Province
- AMM's pre-budget expectations paper receives lots of attention from the media

May

- AMM along with KAP and the Manitoba Chambers holds Leader's Debate before Provincial election
- Economic Task Force consultations begin

June

- AMM members elect three new officials to the Board of Directors

July & August

- AMM gets involved with major lobbying efforts on the BSE and drought crises in Western Canada

September

- AMM welcomes three new staff members
- FCM gets onboard with BSE crisis
- Housing Now! report released

October

- AMM President meets with VanClief

November

- AMM releases Economic Development report

5th Annual Convention a success

From comments received by staff from delegates, speakers, trade show participants, and government officials, this year's Annual Convention in Brandon was yet another success for the association. The AMM is pleased with the over 950 delegates who registered, a sold out trade show, and the extensive media coverage of the event.

Elections

Confidence was shown for Langford Councillor Stuart Briese, who was acclaimed, again this year, as AMM President. Ron Bell was also acclaimed as urban Vice-President and Garry Wasylowski was re-elected as rural Vice-President. All three officials will be serving their third year on the AMM Executive.

Speakers

Delegates were treated this year to an inspiring and motivating keynote presentation by provocative speaker, Kit Grant. It was evident from all the note taking that was occurring during his presentation, that Kit offered a lot of great ideas and strategies to becoming successful.

The Annual Banquet entertainment was also a big hit. Johnny "Bagpipes" Johnson gave attendees a wonderful evening of comedy and music.

During the four-day event, officials had the opportunity to listen to FCM Rural Caucus Chair Larry McDermott, St. Boniface MP Raymond Simard, RCMP Commanding Officer for Manitoba Gerry Braun, Premier Gary Doer, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs and Trade MaryAnn Mihychuk and the leaders of the Progressive Conservative Party of Manitoba and the Liberal Party of Manitoba.

Awards

Congratulations to Larry Walker and Alan Beachell who received the AMM's Honourary Life Member Award for their outstanding service to municipal politics in Manitoba. Congratulations also to Ed Anderson, Mayor of Boissevain, who won the MCNA Award, an award given to an official who made an outstanding contribution to his community.

Resolutions

This year's resolution sessions were fairly quiet and went very smoothly with a close vote on only two of the 56 resolutions.

Summary of the 2003 Resolutions:

Number of Resolutions	53
Number of Late Resolutions	<u>3</u>
Total Number of Resolutions	56
Number carried	47
Number defeated	4
Number withdrawn	4
Number tabled	1

Trade Show

The AMM would like to thank all the delegates who took the time to visit the Trade Show. The AMM would also like to thank the following businesses for sponsoring the AMM's Icebreaker Event:

Airmaster Sales, Armtec Limited, Westman Steel Industries, Cochrane Engineering Ltd., Brandt Tractor, Fort Distributors, Manitoba Pork Council, Manitoba Heavy Construction Association (MHCA), Royal Bank of Canada, Aikins, MacAulay & Thorvaldson LLP, and Ducks Unlimited Canada.

Media Events

For the first time, the AMM opened a media room during Convention, available to all Manitoba media who attended the event. The room was also available for interviews and press conferences.

This year, the media room held three press conferences during the Convention. The first press conference was on Tuesday afternoon. AMM President, Stu Briese and Intergovernmental Affairs and Trade Minister, MaryAnn Mihychuk held a press conference to formally announce the province taking over social assistance.

On Thursday morning, the AMM held its own press conference to formally release its economic development report called *Creating a Vision: Association of Manitoba Municipalities' Report on Economic Development*. One report was handed out to each member after the Convention on Thursday. Those municipalities that didn't pick up theirs were sent a copy by mail.

The third press conference was held Thursday afternoon, where the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs and Trade made an announcement about the Hometown Manitoba Program.

Tallying up the media clippings after the Convention, members will be pleased to know that this year's Convention received a lot of media coverage with many of our issues being discussed in media outlets around the Province.

For more detailed information about Convention, visit the AMM Web site at www.amm.mb.ca or watch for the Convention Review in the upcoming Winter issue of the Municipal Leader.

From the AMM Office ...

Notices



Merry Christmas

**The AMM staff and Board would like to wish everyone a safe and warm holiday season!
See you in the New Year!**

Manitoba Film & Television Production Guide

Manitoba Film & Sound is putting out a general request for updated photos of your municipality and towns that comprise the respective region.

What they are looking for is high quality pictures of towns, farms, roads, churches, residential streets, and schools or historic institutional buildings that are just the building or the scenery, rather than those with people in them.

Photos that best capture a producers imagination are very season specific such as summer or full autumn or a really snow covered winter shot.

Emailed pictures in JPEG format are preferred but they will gratefully accept hard copies of photos.

For further information, contact Louise O'Brien-Moran at 204.947.2040 or email her at louise@mbfilmsound.mb.ca

Job Posting

Assistant Administrator RM of Cartier

The Rural Municipality of Cartier invites applications for the position of Assistant Administrator. The successful applicant will report to the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) and will be responsible to generally assist the CAO to administer and manage the Municipality.

Proficiency with MS Word and Excel and experience in accounting is required. Knowledge of Solomon Accounting system, Auto Administrator an asset.

The successful applicant must also possess the following:

- Enrolled in or a Graduate of the Manitoba Certificate Program for Municipal Administration
- Minimum 2 years of Municipal experience
- Strong organizational and communication skills (oral and written)
- The ability to perform varied and multiple tasks within deadlines

Applications, marked "Assistant Administrator Position", with resume and three references to be forwarded to the undersigned **no later than 12 noon on Jan. 5, 2004.**

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For Sale

Recycling Igloos RM of Victoria

The RM of Victoria has recently begun a curbside recycling program. As a result, they no longer require the use of six (6) igloo recycling bins. Three red, two blue, one yellow. All bins are in good shape. Offers accepted. If interested please call Ivan Bruneau, CAO, 204.526.2423.