

Manitoba's New Deal

As you know, on November 18, 2005, the Government of Canada and the Province of Manitoba signed an agreement for the distribution of federal gas tax revenues to Manitoba municipalities over the next five years. The agreement includes \$167.25 million in federal funds as well as an additional \$1.4 million from the province for transit improvements. The agreement mirrors the compromise that the AMM Board of Directors determined on October 27, 2005 and that the AMM proposed to all parties shortly after. The agreement includes:

- A straight per capita distribution of the New Deal funding in years one and two of the five-year agreement;
- A 10% transit allocation from years three, four and five, with the remaining 90% allocated on a per capita basis;
- A guarantee that this formula will be revisited at the end of year five; and
- No administration fee charged by the Province for administering the program.

The special **New Deal Plenary Session** that was held on Monday, November 21, at the AMM Annual Convention, was well-attended and provided an excellent forum for members to speak out about this agreement. The estimated numbers that were illustrated at the plenary are shown again at right.

The AMM will send each municipality a letter next week, breaking down the 5-year distribution of new deal money by year. The Province has provided numbers and the information in your letter will be more accurate than the estimates provided at right. ■

EARLY ESTIMATES...

Municipality of 10,000	Municipality of 3,000
• Year 1 - \$185,000	• Year 1 - \$56,000
• Year 2 - \$185,000	• Year 2 - \$56,000
• Year 3 - \$222,000	• Year 3 - \$67,000
• Year 4 - \$277,000	• Year 4 - \$84,000
• Year 5 - \$555,000	• Year 5 - \$168,000
• TOTAL - \$1,424,000	• TOTAL - \$431,000
Municipality of 7,000	Municipality of 2,000
• Year 1 - \$129,000	• Year 1 - \$36,000
• Year 2 - \$129,000	• Year 2 - \$36,000
• Year 3 - \$155,000	• Year 3 - \$43,000
• Year 4 - \$193,000	• Year 4 - \$54,000
• Year 5 - \$385,000	• Year 5 - \$108,000
• TOTAL - \$991,000	• TOTAL - \$277,000
Municipality of 5,000	Municipality of 1,000
• Year 1 - \$94,000	• Year 1 - \$19,000
• Year 2 - \$94,000	• Year 2 - \$19,000
• Year 3 - \$112,000	• Year 3 - \$22,000
• Year 4 - \$140,000	• Year 4 - \$28,000
• Year 5 - \$280,000	• Year 5 - \$56,000
• TOTAL - \$720,000	• TOTAL - \$144,000
Municipality of 4,000	Municipality of 500
• Year 1 - \$73,000	• Year 1 - \$9,500
• Year 2 - \$73,000	• Year 2 - \$9,500
• Year 3 - \$88,000	• Year 3 - \$11,500
• Year 4 - \$110,000	• Year 4 - \$14,500
• Year 5 - \$219,000	• Year 5 - \$30,000
• TOTAL - \$563,000	• TOTAL - \$75,000

From the President *An excerpt from President Bell's address to the AMM delegate body last week:*

The New Deal negotiations led to a difficult time for our association. We represent a wide diversity of members; large, small; rural, urban; northern, southern; growing in population, shrinking; agricultural, industrial; wealthy, poor. AMM tries to represent in good faith the interest of all of our members on all of the issues. There will always be issues that all of our membership does not agree with, but in the seven years of the AMM the New Deal stands out as the most divisive. On the vast majority of issues we will agree. **We risk having every issue played against us if we don't stand together.**

A few weeks ago, I received a letter from one of Manitoba's Mayors. He says, "We have other battles to fight, negotiations to complete, in our efforts to improve the lot of our municipalities. I do not feel we are giving anything away here, or that the larger areas are winning concessions. I submit we are building our strength with dignity, to earn the respect and support of all our members, for more important resolutions in the future."

The issues we face as an association are in the hundreds and we need a strong and supportive team of 199 municipal members working alongside us. **Together Everyone Achieves More. ■**



President Ron Bell speaks to reporters following the New Deal Plenary Session

Coming Events

Municipal Innovation Award

Again this year the AMM will be awarding the Municipal Innovation Award at the Municipal Officials Seminar in Brandon at the end of February. This is the second year for this award and we would like to again congratulate last year's winners, the City and RM of Portage la Prairie.

We recently emailed the submission form and guidelines for the program to all municipalities. They can also be found on the AMM website at www.amm.mb.ca. We encourage your council to spend some time thinking about the work you have done that would be applicable. An award will be given to the winner, however all applicable submissions will be profiled at MOS and in the AMM Municipal Leader Magazine.

Questions? Contact Tyler MacAfee:

telephone: 204-856-2362

email: tmacafee@amm.mb.ca.

Calling Young Rural Leaders!

Do you know a young rural champion in your region? Would you like to publicly recognize a young leader for the involvement and energy he or she dedicates to the development of your rural community? Here's your chance!

The Rural Secretariat is currently seeking nominations of young rural Canadians (18–29 years old) for the third Young Leaders in Rural Canada Awards (YLRCA). Nominations are for those who have demonstrated outstanding achievements and contributions to rural, remote and/or northern Canada, at the local, regional and/or national level.

Submissions must be received/post-marked no later than Monday, January 30, 2006. Nomination forms and more information may be obtained by contacting the Rural Secretariat:

toll-free: 1-888-781-2222

website: www.rural.gc.ca.

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Notices

COMMUNITY PLACES GRANT APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

Grant applications are now available for the 2006 Community Places Program, providing an early launch to this year's program. The deadline for submitting applications to the program is Feb. 15 and approvals will be announced in the spring.

The Program provides funding and planning assistance to non-profit community organizations for facility construction, upgrading, expansion or acquisition projects. Eligible projects can receive up to 50 per cent of the first \$15,000 of total project costs and up to one-third of costs over that amount. The maximum grant is \$50,000.

To receive a grant application or for more information on the Community Places Program, contact the Manitoba Culture, Heritage and Tourism office in your region or the Community Places Program office in Winnipeg. The application is also available online. For more information, please contact:

telephone: 204-945 0502 or

toll-free: 1-800-894-3777

e-mail: mcpp@gov.mb.ca

website: www.gov.mb.ca/chc/grants



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Careers in Emergency Management

The non-profit **Canadian Centre for Emergency Preparedness** has developed an on-line career site specifically focused on:

- * Emergency Management
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- * IT Disaster Recovery

There is a 60-day Free trial for organizations which post positions by the end of 2005. Please inform your HR Department so they can visit the site and post suitable positions.

The **website** is located at:

www.disastermanagementjobs.com

Public Works Manager RM of Pembina

RM of Pembina has an immediate opening for a full-time Public Works Manager. Applicant will be responsible for the day to day activities of the public works sector of the municipality.

Ability to operate heavy equipment and mechanical knowledge would be an asset. Application deadline: January 20, 2006. For more information, please contact:

Judy Young, CAO, R.M. of Pembina,
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telephone: (204) 242-2838

email: admin@rmofpembina.com

Chief Administrative Officer RM of Reynolds

The RM of Reynolds is seeking applications for the position of Chief Administrative Officer, effective March 1st, 2006. The municipal office is in Hadashville, MB. and is located 60 minutes east of Winnipeg.

Salary: According to qualifications and experience. An attractive benefit package is also provided. Please submit resume by January 6th, 2006 to:

Personnel Committee

Rural Municipality of Reynolds

Box 46,

Hadashville, Manitoba R0E 0X0