

## AMM Meets with Minister Oswald

**O**n June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2005, the AMM met with the Honourable Theresa Oswald, Minister of Healthy Living and Minister responsible for Seniors. As it was the first time the AMM has had the opportunity to meet with Minister Oswald, the AMM opened the meeting by providing an overview of the work the AMM does. The AMM then explained the need to have improved recreation centres across the province and to increase funding for recreation commissions. The AMM also stressed the need for a tripartite agreement dedicated to recreation centres.

The Minister noted that this was an issue raised throughout the Healthy Kids, Healthy Futures task force meetings. The issue of aging infrastructure and the need for multi-modal facilities is important and must be addressed. The Minister also indicated that she heard the concerns with recreation commissions and directors being underpaid and under funded. She indicated this is

something they will look at addressing.

The AMM also raised the need to increase funding to Manitoba community resource councils and other seniors independent living programs and to improve the supports available to seniors in communities. The Minister indicated they are working on this issue, as often seniors need accommodations somewhere between a house and a seniors home. She also indicated that there is a provincial government committee that is looking at many of these issues and that the AMM's comments will be brought forward to this committee.

As with all minister meetings, the AMM also raised the issues of *education funding* and *water and land use planning* with Minister Oswald. ■

Position papers from all meetings with ministers are available at [www.amm.mb.ca/provministermeetings.htm](http://www.amm.mb.ca/provministermeetings.htm)

## MUNICIPALITIES EMBRACE NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY PLANS

As of June 30, 163 municipalities have completed emergency plans that meet the statutory requirements established in *The Emergency Measures Act* in 2001. The efforts of municipalities have not only improved the level of emergency preparedness in individual communities, but it's also significantly improved public safety on a province-wide basis.

*"Emergency preparedness has been strengthened on a municipality-to-municipality basis, but just as importantly, cooperation between municipalities on a regional basis has been greatly improved,"* says Chuck Sanderson, Executive Director of Manitoba Emergency Measures Organization. *"Emergencies often have impacts that go far beyond one jurisdiction, and the initiative to improve municipal emergency planning has resulted in meaningful improvements to the general public safety of all Manitobans and their communities."*

With on-going requirements in *The Emergency Measures Act* for emergency management training, exercises, and the overall maintenance of municipal emergency plans, Manitoba EMO will continue working to provide resources and assistance in support of municipal activities. ■

### June Districts

*The 2005 June District Meetings were very well attended, with 162 of 199 municipalities (81%) represented. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our 2005 host communities:*

Town of The Pas/RM of Kelsey, Town of Roblin/RM of Shell River, Town of Gladstone/RM of Westbourne, RM of Whitemouth, RM of Armstrong, City of Winkler, and the Village of Glenboro/RM of South Cypress

### A BIG THANK YOU ALSO GOES TO THE FOLLOWING PRESENTERS:

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**Northern Development Strategy**—*Honourable Oscar Lathlin*, Minister of Aboriginal and Northern Affairs

**Water & Wastewater Facility Operators Certification Program**—*Mike Van Den Bosch*, P. Eng. Manager, Municipal, Industrial & Hazardous Waste Section, *Cory Graham*, P. Eng., Certification Coordinator, Manitoba Conservation

**Lake Winnipeg Stewardship Board**—*Bill Barlow*, Chair, *Alex Salki*, Senior Research Biologist, Lake Winnipeg Stewardship Board

**By-Law Enforcement**—*Jason Piush*, Policy Analyst, Manitoba Justice

**CAO Shortage**—*Val Turner*, President, *Wally Melnick*, Past President, MMAA

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## Annual Convention



With June District Meetings completed, we now turn our attention to the

7th Annual AMM Convention to be held November 21—24, 2005 in Brandon.

This years' theme is **TEAM**—Together Everyone Achieves More.

Watch this bulletin for more up to date Convention information



### Who's Guarding the Municipal Chequebook?

Presented by:

**Len Wood of The Training Shoppe**

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Friday October 7<sup>th</sup> 2005,  
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Clarion Inn & Suites – 1445 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg

To register, please contact:

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### IF YOU EAT YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN A NEW INITIATIVE, THE MANITOBA FOOD CHARTER...

Food charters are documents that identify priorities and guidelines for action around food security. Community food security is defined as "a situation in which all community residents obtain a safe, culturally acceptable, nutritionally adequate diet through a sustainable food system that maximizes self-reliance and social justice".

Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia are working towards developing provincial food charters. Manitoba is currently working on a charter that would link government, food producers and harvesters, processors and retailers, advocates, and northern, rural, and urban consumers in effective partnerships toward food security.

We welcome your participation in this process. Please contact Kreesta Doucette, Project Coordinator, Manitoba Food Charter, 204-774-3703, Suite 3-855 McDermot Avenue, Winnipeg Manitoba, R3E 0T8, [mbfoodcharter@yahoo.ca](mailto:mbfoodcharter@yahoo.ca). A Manitoba Food Security Website is currently being constructed at <http://food.cimnet.ca> ■