

AMM Meets with PARM, PUMA

The AMM met with the Prairie Urban Municipal Association (PUMA) on September 20 and 21, 2005 in Winnipeg, and with the Prairie Association of Rural Municipalities (PARM) on September 23, 2005 in Edmonton.

The PUMA meeting in Winnipeg on September 20 and 21, 2005 was also attended by the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA) and the Association of Urban Municipalities of Alberta (AUMA).

Items discussed included an overview of New Deal agreements across Canada, provincial funding and increased revenue sharing, and the removal of school taxes off property.

Also raised was the FCM initiative to form Federal/Municipal Sector Tables to discuss major issues for municipalities and establish policies for all Canadian municipalities. The discussion centered around how to get the small community representation needed for this initiative to work.

Finally, AUMA gave an overview of their "President's Summit", an innovative initiative that was held in conjunction with Alberta's centennial.

September 23, 2005 saw the Prairie Association of Rural Municipalities meet in Edmonton. This meeting was attended by representatives from the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM) and the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts & Counties (AAMD&C), along with AMM.

Items discussed included the development of a joint paper on inter-provincial trade on beef. This issue initially arose during the last PARM meeting in April of 2005.

General discussions took place on the New Deal as well as education tax on property, which continues to be an issue across all three prairie provinces. Also discussed were the pros and cons of the ILO development approval processes in each province.

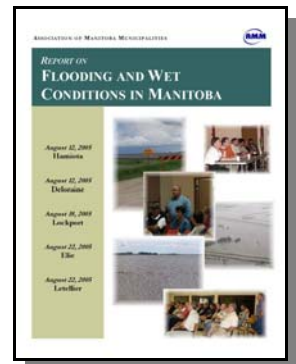
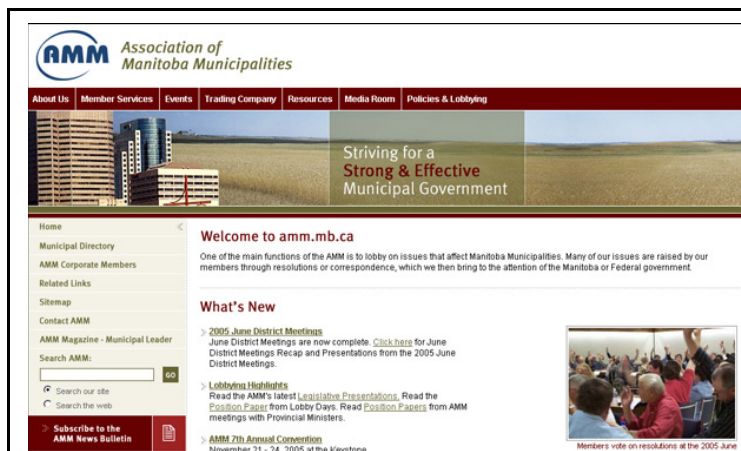
Small community representation on the FCM's sector tables was discussed at this meeting as well. In addition, some province-specific topics were raised. ■

The AMM attended several other meetings in mid-September, including:

- With the **Southern Chiefs Organization** to discuss Municipal/Aboriginal relations, TLE agreements and compensation in Manitoba vs. Saskatchewan, and the AMM Annual Convention;
- With the **RCMP** to discuss the "D" Division Report, costs of policing, by-law enforcement and crystal meth and grow ops; and
- With the **Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce** to discuss the New Deal, total removal of education tax of all property and civic reforms.

The AMM recently released its report on **Flooding and Wet Conditions in Manitoba**. The report is a result of a series of meetings held in areas greatly impacted by this year's wet

conditions. The report makes 29 recommendations in the areas of *Disaster Financial Assistance*, *Department of Fisheries and Oceans*, *Agriculture*, and *Water Related Issues*. It can be viewed on the AMM website at www.amm.mb.ca.

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What's New

- > 2005 June District Meetings
June District Meetings are now complete. [Click here](#) for June District Meetings Recap and Presentations from the 2005 June District Meetings.
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AMM Convention



AMM BANQUET IS SOLD OUT

THANK YOU MEMBERS! The Banquet is a SELL OUT! Those requesting tickets will be placed on a waiting list.

A reminder to those that have reserved tickets that you have until November 10th to cancel. No cancellations will be accepted after the November 10th deadline.

Regarding the shortage of hotel rooms—to those that are still double booked PLEASE consider your fellow members and release the extra rooms. We have members that will be unable to attend because of the distance from their communities.

Coming Events



Waste Reduction Week

October 17th to 23rd, 2005

Waste Reduction Week is an excellent opportunity to encourage waste reduction and resource conservation. Join the City of Selkirk, the City of Steinbach, the Town of Swan River and the City of Thompson who will all be participating in this year's Waste Reduction Week. For more information visit:

www.resourceconservation.mb.ca

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(204) 925-3775

Announcements

Land Title Insurance and the amended Planning Act

In recent years, the AMM has been involved in discussions regarding the issue of land title insurance in Manitoba. Municipalities have been concerned that land title insurance is a way to bypass the process of registering a real estate transaction with the Land Titles Office. Obtaining land title insurance can be a faster way of completing the land transfer, but it encourages people not to apply for building permits or receive title certificates and zoning memoranda. As well, the survey framework is in jeopardy since the title insurance will allow the sale of real property without a survey certificate.

The AMM was part of a committee, which included representation from Intergovernmental Affairs and Trade, the City of Winnipeg and the Property Registry Department. The committee created two recommendations intended to address these concerns:

- 1) That Provincial legislation require a building location certificate or zoning memorandum be produced at registration by the Land Titles Office, if these are required by the municipality.
- 2) That the City of Winnipeg amend the administrative section of its zoning by-law to require zoning memoranda to be filed upon any land transaction.

Recent revisions to *The Planning Act* will come into force on January 1, 2006. Under the new legislation, municipalities are required to adopt a zoning by-law that must set out the procedure for applying for and issuing zoning memoranda. Municipalities are thereby empowered to require a zoning memorandum upon the transfer of land.

As new zoning by-laws are drafted throughout the province, municipalities should evaluate the need for local procedures to ensure the registration of property and maintain the integrity of the survey framework in Manitoba.

Job Postings

Chief Administrative Officer RM of Shoal Lake

The RM of Shoal Lake is seeking applications for the position of Chief Administrative Officer. Under the direction of Council the CAO will be responsible for the overall management of the operations of the RM

The successful candidate will possess the following:

- Graduate, enrolled in, or willing to take the four year Manitoba Certificate Program for Municipal Administration.
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- Computer experience and skills, preferably Munisoft.

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