



NEWS BULLETIN



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Harcourt delivers final report to Prime Minister

The External Advisory Committee on Cities and Communities, chaired by Michael Harcourt, has delivered its final report to Canada's Prime Minister. The report, titled ***From Restless Communities to Resilient Places*** was completed in June of this year. The Committee was called upon to study the challenges facing Canada's communities and to outline recommendations for their future growth and sustainability.

The report discusses immediate and long term challenges, as well as strategies for building stronger and more vibrant cities and communities, including:

- the impacts of globalization, environmental concerns and local issues
- the need to build places that are resilient in an age of rapid and constant change
- the consequences of downloading responsibilities between different levels of government, and
- the importance of using creativity to build better places, rather than relying on increased funding.

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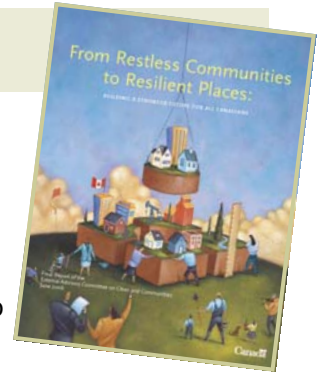
Mike Harcourt

The report notes that over the past 30 years, Canada's cities and communities have experienced rapid and relentless change. Governments, however, are not changing as rapidly as our communities, and are not poised to meet the challenges and opportunities of tomorrow. In presenting

the report to Prime Minister Stephen Harper, Harcourt stated that "our nation's prosperity, international competitiveness and quality of life depend on addressing an acute imbalance in resources and decision-making power."

The report is divided into nine major sections, and includes a summary which reflects the major points, findings and recommendations of each chapter. ***From Restless Communities to Resilient Places*** may be downloaded in its entirety at:

http://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/eacc-ccevc/alt_formats/pdf/eacc_rep_ccevcRap_e.pdf



Big City Mayors Caucus releases report

Another report released recently is that of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Big Cities Mayors Caucus. ***Our Cities, Our Future—Addressing the fiscal imbalance in Canada's cities today*** was released in June by the Caucus, which represents 22 of Canada's largest cities. The report offers practical solutions to resolve the fiscal imbalance, stating that:

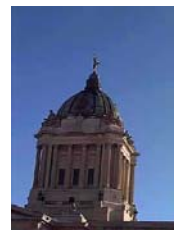
- *Cities must have access to long-term, predictable sources of revenue that grow with the economy.*
- *All governments must be included and able to work together to ensure that roles and responsibilities are linked with appropriate resources.*
- *A national transit program must be created to alleviate major pressures from infrastructure spending and meet the transportation objectives of all governments.*

The report is available at:

<http://www.fcm.ca/english/documents/bcmcfinal.pdf>

Did you know...

- The AMM Executive has had meetings with 12 provincial cabinet ministers so far this year?
- At each meeting, the AMM presents the minister with a brief outlining our position on issues within that minister's department?
- These **position papers** are available on the AMM website at



http://www.amm.mb.ca/pol_provincial.html

Coming Events

Local History Workshop

Tuesday, August 8, 2006—8:30-4:30

Convergys Teaching Lab, Main Floor,
John E. Robbins Library, Brandon
University, 270 - 18th St, Brandon

A one-day workshop will be offered by the Manitoba Historical Society, in collaboration with Friesens History Books and Brandon University, to help people and groups who are preparing books on the history of their communities, organizations, and families.

Registration will begin at 8:30 AM. The fee is \$25 per person, including handouts and lunch.

Registration deadline is August 1, 2006. For more information please visit the Manitoba Historical Society's website at:

<http://www.mhs.mb.ca>

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Seminar Series #3

Friday, August 25, 2006
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Job Postings

2006 Manitoba Building and Plumbing Code

The Manitoba Amendments to the 2005 National Building and Plumbing Codes were recently approved by Cabinet and are effective June 20, 2006. The Manitoba Amendments are available at the following website:

<http://web2.gov.mb.ca/laws/statutes/index.php>

If you have questions regarding these new amendments please contact the Office of the Fire Commissioner:

Winnipeg— (204) 945-3322
Brandon—(204) 726-6855

Accounting Analyst/Supervisor City of Selkirk

The City of Selkirk has an opening for a full-time Accounting Analyst/Supervisor. Reporting to the Director of Finance, we are seeking a detail oriented individual who will be responsible for handling accounting functions. Responsibilities include:

- Balancing/reconciling general ledger
- Preparing financial statements
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- Administering reconciliation process
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- Preparing government returns
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Welcome Back

Julia Green, AMM's Administrative Assistant—Board and Administration, will return from maternity leave effective July 31. Julia can be reached at 204-856-2365 or by emailing jgreen@amm.mb.ca.

Welcome back, Julia—we've missed you!



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