



NEWS BULLETIN



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New Agreement to boost law enforcement in municipalities

A new legal framework will allow municipal bylaw enforcement officers to perform some provincial statute enforcement through special constable appointments.

Extensive consultations with municipalities and police agencies led to the development of a provincial memorandum of understanding (MOU) that municipalities can enter into. The agreements will allow municipalities to have individuals they hire as bylaw enforcement officers under the Municipal Act seek special constable appointments from the province to perform limited provincial statute enforcement.

The appointments provide the legal foundation to allow bylaw officers to enforce certain provincial statutes while ensuring the appropriate amount of training and responsibility accompanies the power special constables have to help enforce provincial statutes. For more information, visit:

<http://www.gov.mb.ca/chc/press/top/2006/06/2006-06-28-04.html>

FCM Releases Fiscal Imbalance Report

Canadians pay enough tax, says the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), but not enough of it is going to where they live—their cities and communities. That is the message of an FCM report released June 21 that calls for federal and provincial/territorial governments to work with municipal governments to fix the municipal fiscal imbalance: the gap between municipal revenues and their growing responsibilities.

The report examines the problem and provides six recommendations to fix it. It finds that municipal governments today provide much more than the basic property services they were designed to provide. New municipal responsibilities include everything from immigrant settlement, affordable housing, preparing for SARS or West Nile, tough new environmental regulations, and in some jurisdictions, child-care. The report can be found online at



www.fcm.ca/english/media/press/june212006.html

AMM welcomes COMURES

The AMM hosted a delegation from El Salvador recently. Mayor *Milagro Navas* and Executive Director *Carlos Pinto* arrived on June 24 and departed on July 2. **COMURES**, the municipal association representing communities throughout El Salvador, initially met AMM officials during a Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) event last year, and were immediately interested in forming a relationship that would help to further develop their organization's lobbying abilities. The FCM's *Micheline Caron* accompanied the group and acted as translator during their activities. (FCM sponsors international activities for its members with funding from the Canadian Agency for International Development.)

The AMM planned a full schedule during their visit. The delegation met with President Bell and senior staff of AMM to examine components of administration, finance, member relations, policy and communications. They also attended meetings with the City and the RM of Portage la Prairie, and observed the AMM monthly Administration and Resource Management committee meetings. The group also met with the Deputy Minister and senior staff of Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs & Trade.

"Our system in El Salvador is very different from yours," said President Navas, "but we are confronted with the

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(l to r) - COMURES President **Milagro Navas**, **Micheline Caron** of FCM and COMURES Executive Director **Carlos Pinto**

same issues all over the world. Having the experience to hear about the practices of the AMM opens up new ways to do things—not necessarily to change but to renew. It's inspiring." ■

AMM Events

June District Meetings conclude



June 21 marked the end of this year's June District Meetings. We had high turnouts in almost every district this year, with 80% of all municipalities represented!

A big thank you to our 2006 hosts:

RM of Hanover
RM of Arthur & Town of Melita
RM of Dufferin & Town of Carman
RM of Miniota
City of Flin Flon
RM of Mossey River
Town of Teulon

Our 2006 hosts displayed the highest degree of hospitality and it was greatly appreciated by all delegates.

A total of 49 resolutions were debated during this year's June Districts, with 42 Category 1 resolutions carried. These will be brought forward for debate at the AMM's 8th Annual Convention in November.

For a complete June District Meeting recap visit the AMM website at:

[http://www.amm.mb.ca/
events_june2006.html](http://www.amm.mb.ca/events_june2006.html)



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AMM June District Meeting Recap

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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.

With presentations and demonstrations by historians, archivists, and publishing professionals, this workshop will be helpful no matter what stage you are at. The workshop will include:

- Setting up a history book committee
- Research techniques - oral history, archives and other sources, Internet
- Writing, editing, and preparing text
- Collecting/choosing photographs
- Computer training - preparation of digital files for text and photographs

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>

Notices

Call for Proposals Forest Communities Program

Natural Resources Canada's Canadian Forest Service is planning to launch a **Forest Communities Program** in April of 2007. This new program will appeal to local organizations across Canada interested in assisting resource-based communities in the development of innovative approaches to meet the challenges of forest sector transition and forest resource sustainability.

Subject to Treasury Board approval of funding and spending authority, it is expected that the new Forest Communities Program would be funded for a five-year period from April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2012. It is anticipated that six to ten sites would be selected and would receive core funding up to a maximum of \$400,000 per year for the five-year period under the program.

The Canadian Forest Service is seeking proposals from interested not-for-profit community-level organizations that wish to participate in the program. Applicants are asked to submit an expression of interest to Natural Resources Canada's Canadian Forest Service by **September 15, 2006**.

For more information on the Forest Communities Program, and to obtain application details, please visit [http://
www.nrcan.gc.ca/cfs-scf/national/
what-quoi/forest_com_e.html](http://www.nrcan.gc.ca/cfs-scf/national/what-quoi/forest_com_e.html) to view the Call for Proposals.

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