



NEWS BULLETIN



JUNE 1, 2006

Vacancy on AMM Board of Directors

As a result of the resignation of Reeve Karen Caldwell from the AMM Board of Directors, a vacancy has occurred for Rural Director for the Western District. Under Article 4, Section 7 of the AMM By-laws, any vacancy occurring on the Board of Directors among the elected Directors shall be filled by a special meeting of the District for which the vacancy has occurred. The Director elected at the special meeting shall serve for the full, unexpired term of the vacant directorship for which he or she has been elected.

An election to fill this position on the Board will take place at the June District meeting for the Western District on:

**Tuesday, June 13, 2006
Melita Legion Hall
95 Main Street, Melita**

All elected officials and Chief Administrative Officers for the Western District shall be entitled to vote at this election.

If an elected official from a rural municipality in the Western District is interested in putting their name forward as a candidate for the AMM Board of Directors, they can be nominated at the June District meeting. The successful candidate will serve on the Board until June 2007, at which time elections will take place for all AMM Board of Directors.

If you have any questions about the election process for director or eligibility criteria for candidates, please feel free to call Joe Masi, Executive Director at 204-856-2360. ■

AMM presents on Bill 15

On May 24, 2006, the AMM made a presentation to the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs on **Bill 15: The Emergency Measures Amendment Act**.

The wet conditions Manitoba communities faced again this year highlight the need for municipalities to have the necessary tools to deal with disaster situations. The AMM held a series of meetings last summer to hear first hand the challenges facing these affected communities, and one of the major themes we heard was the need for better prevention. For this reason the AMM is pleased to see the Provincial Government introduce Bill 15. Bill 15 will allow municipalities to issue emergency prevention orders in advance of a disaster's onset. This means that municipalities will be able to take action ahead of time and prevent damages.

While giving municipalities the powers to take proactive measures is helpful, the AMM remains concerned that there is no guarantee that necessary preventative work will be covered under the current program. As well, municipalities are only reimbursed for 16% of the costs when they use their own equipment and labour. While the AMM is pleased that Bill 15 gives communities new tools to deal with disasters, without accompanying financial assistance many municipalities will still be unable to take any meaningful action.

Bill 15 also adds a requirement that municipalities provide information to provincial coordinators when requested. While open communication is certainly positive the AMM did urge the Province to ensure that this process will be simple and straightforward, so it does not overburden municipalities already coping with a disaster situation. Bill 15 also outlines improvements to the communication process between government departments, another positive step.

While concerns remain with the current disaster assistance program, municipalities will benefit from Bill 15 and the ability to enact emergency preparedness orders. This will allow communities to take action to prevent damages when disasters are looming and to work to protect their communities. ■

Read the complete presentation at www.amm.mb.ca



Notices

June District Meetings

DRAFT agendas for each 2006 June District Meeting are now on the AMM website at www.amm.mb.ca.

MRIF Deadline—June 15, 2006

The third and final MRIF intake deadline is

JUNE 15, 2006.

Visit [http://](http://www.infrastructure.mb.ca/e/index.html)

www.infrastructure.mb.ca/e/index.html for more information.



Mayors for Peace Organization

The City of Thompson recently endorsed a resolution authorizing membership in the **Mayors for Peace** Organization. The City is forwarding this resolution to both the AMM and FCM, to support and encourage mayors from other communities to join the organization.

Mayors for Peace was launched in 1982 at the United Nations by then Mayor Takeshi Araki of Hiroshima. The goal of the organization is as follows:

"To maintain environments enabling citizens to lead a safe, cultural life, and to contribute to the attainment of lasting world peace. To this end, we pledge to make every effort to create an inter-city solidarity, transcending national boundaries and ideological differences, in order to achieve the total abolition of nuclear weapons and avert the recurrence of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki tragedies."

The AMM Board of Directors commends the City of Thompson for taking on this initiative. For more information on how your community can become involved with the Mayors for Peace Organization, visit:

<http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/index.html>

Notices

New Horizons for Seniors

The Call for Applications for the New Horizons for Seniors Program has just been opened. The New Horizons for Seniors Program aims to help seniors and communities find innovative ways for seniors to continue to play an important role in their community. The program will fund local projects that encourage seniors to contribute to their communities through their social participation and active living.

Applications will be accepted from May 16 to July 14, 2006. Details about New Horizons for Seniors, including funding priorities, applications guidelines are available at: <http://www.sdc.gc.ca/en/isp/horizons/toc.shtml>

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Farewell



...to **Karen Caldwell,**
Western District Director—Rural

The Board of Directors and Staff of the AMM are sorry to say farewell to Karen Caldwell, Reeve of the RM of Pipestone. Karen recently resigned from the position of AMM Western District Director—Rural. We will miss you, Karen!

Job Postings

City of Winkler Economic Development Officer

The City of Winkler is seeking a dynamic, positive individual to take over duties of Economic Development Officer effective January 2, 2007. At present this is a contract position with the City of Winkler.

Reporting to the CAO, the Economic Development Officer is responsible for Economic Development; Advertising, Promotions and Tourism; and the Winkler & District Economic Development Corporation.

The ideal candidate will have related education and experience in economic development, the ability to manage and write reports, and possess good public relations and communications skills.

Please include a minimum of three references with application. Closing date for applications is June 30/06 at 5:00 PM. Salary: Based on education and experience. For more information, or to apply, contact:

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