

Mayors, Reeves and CAOs Meetings focus on *The Municipal Agenda*

The AMM annual Mayors, Reeves and CAOs meetings were held between March 13 and 24, 2006. All meetings were well attended and offered a full agenda for participants. As always, a number of timely discussion items were raised, with the AMM executive giving an update on the Association's activities for each item (see sidebar for topics.) A full overview of the topics presented is available on the AMM website at www.amm.mb.ca.

A breakout discussion on *The Municipal Agenda* was also an important part of the meetings this year. *The Municipal Agenda* was born out of the AMM's annual strategic planning session in January. Each year at this session, priority issues for the year ahead are determined.

The Municipal Agenda issue is really a discussion about the roles, responsibilities and resources of municipal governments.

The AMM is not breaking totally new ground in raising this issue. Some other provinces have begun to look at *The Municipal Agenda* as well, and at a recent Federation of Canadian Municipalities meeting there was consensus to explore this on a national level.

The AMM has raised the issue at every Provincial Minister meeting so far this year, and felt that the Mayors, Reeves and CAOs meetings were an excellent opportunity to gain valuable input from our members on the topic. The following questions were asked of the breakout groups:

1. *What responsibilities are municipal and which are provincial?*
2. *Can you think of any municipal responsibilities that would be better delivered by the Province? Can you think of any Provincial responsibilities that would be better delivered by municipalities?*
3. *What funding sources should municipalities have access to?*
4. *What do you think is the role of all three levels of government in funding the current infrastructure deficit?*

Notes taken during each breakout session will be compiled into a report on *The Municipal Agenda*. ■

Thank you to our 2006 hosts:

RM of Kelsey & Town of The Pas, RM of Ochre River, RM of Riverside, RM of Franklin, RM of Park, RM of Morris, and City of Selkirk.

2006 Discussion Topics

- MTCML Update
- AMM Communications
- AMM Convention Location
- Provincial Budget 2006
- New Deal
- Infrastructure Deficit
- Disaster Financial Assistance
- Education Tax
- Water Issues
- Green Issues
- Snapshot issues
- Justice

For a complete recap of the 2006 Mayors, Reeves and CAOs meetings, visit our website at www.amm.mb.ca. You will find:

1. **Discussion topic** presentations
2. **Questions & answers** (*check back frequently as we are posting answers as we find them*)
3. **The Municipal Agenda** breakout discussion final report (coming soon!)

\$17 Million Infrastructure Investment for Rural & Northern Communities

Thirteen communities throughout rural and northern Manitoba will benefit from a \$17 million investment in infrastructure, jointly announced on March 24 by the governments of Canada and Manitoba. The investment, under the Canada-Manitoba Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (MRIF), includes construction and upgrades for sewer and water treatment systems in ten communities. Three more communities will see enhancements to tourism infrastructure that will promote economic development in rural Manitoba.

The projects are based on recommendations from MRIF's Rural/Northern Federal Provincial Local Consultative Committee (FPLCC). The FPLCC consists of local government representatives from the AMM and the Northern Association of Community Councils (NACC).

AMM President Ron Bell said "Manitoba municipalities have huge infrastructure needs and this investment will go a long way to meeting some of those needs. The AMM is pleased to be a partner in the process of selecting these thirteen very worthwhile projects." ■

**The third and final MRIF intake
deadline is**

JUNE 15, 2006.

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

Coming Events

****Reminder****

Manitoba Biodiesel Seminar
"Biodiesel for Fleet Managers"
Wednesday, April 5
Victoria Inn—Winnipeg

RSVP to: mangauthie@gov.mb.ca

Ph: 1-204-945-3674 or

Fax: 1-204-943-0031

Notices

New Funding Opportunity for Municipal Solid Waste Projects

The Green Municipal Fund (GMF) has a Municipal Solid Waste funding opportunity to offer municipal governments and their partners. Through the Municipal Solid Waste RFP process, GMF will award funds totaling approximately \$10 million in low interest loans and \$2.5 million in grants. The deadline for submission of the Intent to Apply for this RFP is **April 26, 2006**. The RFP closes **June 7, 2006**. For more details, visit: www.sustainablecommunities.ca

Questions? Please contact:

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InfraGuide

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InfraGuide is a national network of infrastructure stakeholders

and practitioners that has compiled and published over 50 guides based on the best contemporary Canadian experience and knowledge of infrastructure.

One of InfraGuide's new initiatives is the production of E-learning Products. Two new E-learning products that will be released on April 10, 2006 are:

- Developing a water Distribution System Renewal Plan; and
- An Integrated Approach to Assessment and Evaluation of Municipal Road, Sewer and Water Networks

For more information, visit:

www.infraguide.ca/education

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Earth Day Canada is calling for 'Hometown Heroes'

The most important environmental work happens at the community level. To applaud and honour those who have devoted their time and energy to local environmental causes, we developed the **Hometown Heroes Award Program** and are currently accepting nominations from across the country.

If you or someone you know has made significant contributions to the state of the environment in your hometown, we want to hear from you. Potential candidates include individuals of all ages, as well as school and community groups, municipalities, non-profit and First Nations organizations.

Deadline for applications is **Friday, April 21, 2006**. The 2006 Hometown Hero will be brought to Toronto to receive their award at this year's Earth Day Gala – June 8th, 2006. For applications, please visit earthday.ca



Municipal Composting— Planning to Succeed!

Do you have questions about municipal composting—what the benefits are as part of a waste management strategy, what your process options are, how to get a program started, how to improve your current project, or what to do with your black gold once it's finished?

Composting 101 for Municipalities, a series of intensive day-long regional workshops is designed for you and your team. Events will be held in six locations across the province, with limited class sizes to enhance the up-close learning. Tours, take-home resources, lunch and all-day coffee—come get your questions answered and get started!

For more information check out www.resourceconservation.mb.ca or call Christine toll-free at 1-866-394-8886

Job Postings

RM of Riverside Chief Administrative Officer

The Rural Municipality of Riverside is seeking applicants for the position of Chief Administrative Officer. The Chief Administrative Officer will report to Council and be responsible for the overall managements of the operations of the Rural Municipality of Riverside. The Successful candidate should possess the following:

- *strong management, analytical and communication skills;*
- *the ability to interpret and administer agreements, statutes and by-laws;*
- *a sound understanding of municipal accounts, financing & budget preparation;*
- *understanding of subdivision process, development agreements & zoning bylaws;*
- *computer experience with Munisoft and Microsoft Office software;*
- *Interpersonal and communication skills;*
- *Graduate/enrolled or willing to enroll in the University of Manitoba Certificate Program for Municipal Administrators*

A benefit package is provided and salary is negotiable. Please submit a written application with detailed resume, three references and salary expectations by 4:00 pm on April 4th, 2006 to:

**Rural Municipality of Riverside
Box 126 Dunrea, Mb R0K 0S0**

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