



# NEWS BULLETIN



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## *AMM Board Update*

The AMM Board of Directors met September 28 for the last time before municipal elections. Policy issues discussed included the Municipal Fiscal Imbalance report being commissioned across Canada. The National Infrastructure Program was also discussed with the AMM agreeing to continue to lobby the Federal government for funding for Manitoba municipalities.

Other highlights included discussion on the Community Enhancement Levy (on aggregate), and development of an AMM Green Procurement Plan. The Board requested staff develop a template for a green procurement plan to be posted on AMM's website for municipalities to adopt.

President Bell gave a summary of the FCM Meeting in Yellowknife, and Vice-President Boguski gave a summary of the Prairie Urban Municipal Association (PUMA) meeting in Regina. Dale Lyle, MMAA President reported on the MMAA district meetings. There were two resolutions passed that are of interest to the AMM, one on school tax, and another on water certification requirements.

The AMM Board offered best wishes to Rural Vice-President Garry Wasylowski and Western Urban Director Stan Ward, both whom will not seek municipal re-election this fall.

The next meeting of the AMM Board will take place on November 2. ■

## *Cabinet Shuffle Highlights*

Building infrastructure and increasing the province's competitiveness were highlights of cabinet changes that took place on September 21. Scott Smith will lead the new department of competitiveness, training and trade, while Steve Ashton is the new minister of intergovernmental affairs with responsibility for emergency measures.

Also significant for the AMM is the announcement of the new department of infrastructure. Ron Lemieux will lead the department, which will be responsible for managing the province's major infrastructure projects and programs including highways, the Red River Floodway, the Water Services Board, the Canada-Manitoba Infrastructure Programs and the Building Manitoba Fund.

The AMM congratulates all Ministers who are taking on new responsibilities within cabinet, and looks forward to future meetings to discuss Manitoba's municipal priorities. ■



***Just added to the  
AMM Website:***

### **2006 Municipal Election Candidates**

Given the widespread interest in this year's civic election, the AMM decided to contact each of our member municipalities and ask them to submit a listing of who is running for council in their communities. "We realized that finding out who is running for office in many communities means a phone call to the municipal office – there simply isn't a central listing of candidates anywhere on the Internet," notes Joe Masi, AMM's Executive Director. "We felt it was something not only our members, but the public, would be interested in accessing, so we decided to take it on ourselves."

To view the candidates list, as well as other important municipal election information, visit

[http://www.amm.mb.ca/election\\_06.html](http://www.amm.mb.ca/election_06.html)

## Coming Events

### AMM 8th Annual Convention



### Resolutions Update

The 2006 AMM Resolutions Committee met on Friday, September 29, to evaluate and

finalize all resolutions. A total of 38 resolutions were designated Category 1 (Municipal Issues) resolutions and will be brought forward for debate at Convention.

**For the latest Convention info, visit:**

[http://www.amm.mb.ca/events\\_convention06.htm](http://www.amm.mb.ca/events_convention06.htm)

## AMM Education 2007

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### Waste Reduction Week

October 16-22, 2006

Waste Reduction Week is a great opportunity to promote recycling, composting and waste diversion. Check out the national web site at <http://www.wrwcanda.com/> for a downloadable kit and other resources. There's even a sample proclamation for municipalities.

Closer to home, Resource Conservation Manitoba (RCM) offers tonnes of tips for communities, businesses and schools. For more information, visit RCM's website at [www.resourceconservation.mb.ca](http://www.resourceconservation.mb.ca)

**For free WRW posters, e-mail [www@resourceconservation.mb.ca](mailto:www@resourceconservation.mb.ca)**

### Changing Needs of Rural, Northern & Remote Women in Manitoba

October 19, 2006  
Juniper Centre,  
Thompson, MB

Plan to join the Rural Team Manitoba's Standing Committee on Women's Issues for a one day symposium focusing on the changing needs of women in rural, northern and remote communities in Manitoba.

**Keynote Speaker: Crystal Laborero, Chair, Manitoba Women's Advisory Council**

Participation is free, lunch is included. Space is limited. For registration forms contact:

[maren\\_gnall@phacaspc.gc.ca](mailto:maren_gnall@phacaspc.gc.ca)

**For more information, contact the Women's Enterprise Centre of Manitoba at 1-800-203-2343.**

## Coming Events

### NRC-IRC's 2006 Seminar Series Addresses Infrastructure Winnipeg—October 24, 2006

The NRC Institute for Research in Construction's 2006 national technical seminar series will present the latest techniques, tools, and guidelines for maintaining and sustaining Canada's infrastructure systems. The seminars include afternoon roundtable discussions on topical issues related to delivering, operating and maintaining sustainable infrastructure systems, such as limited financial resources, climate change, increasing environmental responsibility, and competing community needs.

Speakers present a wide range of disciplines, including water distribution and transmission systems, pavement performance, bridge management, and integrated infrastructure management.

**Registration is \$329, plus taxes. For more information, visit [www.bsi.qc.ca](http://www.bsi.qc.ca).**

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