



NEWS BULLETIN



SEPTEMBER 18, 2006

AMM meets with Ministers Lathlin, McGifford September 11, 2006

Hon. Oscar Lathlin, Minister of Aboriginal & Northern Affairs

The AMM opened the meeting with Minister Lathlin by highlighting the need to improve the *Treaty Land Entitlement (TLE)* process in Manitoba. The AMM inquired about a system similar to Saskatchewan's. The Minister indicated that the Federal Government is no longer drafting similar agreements, and noted that the Auditor General report indicated that even in Saskatchewan improvements are needed. While Minister Lathlin believes that the Federal Minister is committed to making this work, only 6,700 acres of the one million due has been settled. The Province is in the process of setting milestones and working with chiefs to implement this.

The AMM inquired what it can do to help the process, and the Minister indicated the importance of negotiating in good faith. There are currently six TLEs in process and the Province will be working on them one by one.

The Province will also be reintroducing Bill 32 next session, which if passed will improve the process.

On the issue of increasing the *tax-loss compensation*, the Province reiterated that it is only responsible for the TLEs under the Framework Agreement.

The AMM also raised the Municipal Agenda general issue with both Ministers. To view complete position papers from these and other Minister meetings, visit www.amm.mb.ca

Also discussed with Minister Lathlin was the *Northern Healthy Foods Initiative*. The Minister indicated the priority is isolated communities. There are 14 communities that have started to grow their own crops, and some communities have community coolers for hunters to store meat and fish in the winter. The idea is to develop food within the communities, thereby removing the reliance on imported food, which tends to be less healthy.

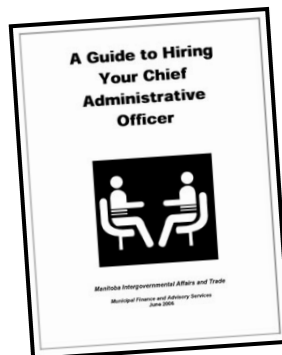
Hon. Diane McGifford, Minister of Advanced Education & Training

The main item discussed with Minister McGifford was *water and wastewater operator training*. The AMM raised the need for training opportunities for level 3 and 4 water operators. The Minister stated that her department is working on the issue and any training must be dealt with by the Council on Post-Secondary Education.

The issue of *training of wind farm technical support* was raised at the request of the Association of Bilingual Municipalities of Manitoba. This is an emerging industry and there is an opportunity for Manitoba to train local people to do this work, including regular maintenance work and building the planned wind farms.

The Minister stated that her department will look into what is required for this. She inquired whether the AMM was hearing the need for geothermal trades people as well. ■

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities calls for long-term federal plan to fix municipal infrastructure—The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) recently reiterated its call for a long-term federal commitment to infrastructure investment in its submission to Lawrence Cannon, Minister of Transportation, Infrastructure and Communities. The submission is available on FCM's website at <http://www.fcm.ca/english/>



Just added to the AMM Website:

A Guide to Hiring Your Chief Administrative Officer

**Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs and Trade
Municipal Finance and Advisory Services
June 2006**

All municipalities, at one time or another, will be faced with the resignation or retirement of their Chief Administrative Officer (CAO). Given the key role the CAO has in the municipality, the process of replacing an experienced CAO – someone who has become extremely knowledgeable about your municipality over the years – can be daunting. *A Guide to Hiring Your Chief Administrative Officer* offers practical advice on the process for hiring a new CAO.

Find it at: http://www.amm.mb.ca/res_reports.html

Coming Events



AMM 8th Annual Convention Resolutions

Please be reminded that resolutions must be into the AMM office by:

Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2006

For more information, please contact:

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For up to date Convention info, visit:

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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.wrwcanada.com/> for a downloadable kit and other resources.

There's even a sample proclamation for municipalities that want to make Waste Reduction Week official.

Closer to home, Resource Conservation Manitoba offers tonnes of tips for communities, businesses and schools. For more information, visit our website at www.resourceconservation.mb.ca

RCM has free WRW posters! E-mail wrw@resourceconservation.mb.ca.

Job Postings

RM of Macdonald Building Inspector

The R. M. of Macdonald invites application for the position of Building Inspector with duties to commence as soon as possible. The successful candidate will be responsible for enforcement of the Manitoba Building Code & Municipal Building By-Law; plan review; site inspections and other duties as assigned as part of the Public Works Staff. This position requires a person who can work with a minimum of supervision and who has excellent interpersonal skills. Previous experience will be an asset.

Please forward your resume marked "Building Inspector", including salary expectations by **Monday, October 2, 2006** to:

Rural Municipality of Macdonald
Attn: Chief Administrative Officer
Box 100, Sanford, Mb, R0G 2J0
Phone: 736-2255

Job Postings

Senior Policy Analyst AMM

We currently have an exciting opening for a Senior Policy Analyst. Reporting to the Director of Policy and Communications, the Senior Policy Analyst assists in the planning of lobbying activities, policy development and the AMM resolution process.

This one-year term position will provide the successful applicant with an excellent opportunity to gain valuable policy-related experience in an emerging field of study.

Qualifications:

- Degree in a related field

The successful candidate will also have:

- Working knowledge of government-related and provincial legislative issues
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- Computer proficiency and knowledge of various office software packages

Please apply by September 29th, to:

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PLEASE NOTE: COMPLETE job postings for these and other positions are available on the AMM website at:

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