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Infrastructure Update

On August 3, 2006, President Bell and Executive Director Masi met with officials from Infrastructure Canada and the Province to discuss the type of new infrastructure programs that are needed. The AMM stressed that a separate fund is needed for recreation infrastructure, and that the Prairie Grain Roads Program needs to be renewed as it is scheduled to end in 2007.

The AMM also shared concerns that small municipalities are having difficulty coming up with their one-third share of infrastructure money required under many programs.

The main message the AMM communicated was that in order for municipalities to properly plan for the future, there is a need for a long-term, sustainable plan and associated funding to address the infrastructure deficit facing Manitoba municipalities. ■

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AMM Board supports study

The AMM Board of Directors has agreed to a Canada-wide study on roles, responsibilities, resources and relationships between municipalities and their respective provincial governments. The study, commissioned by the Executive Directors of municipal associations across Canada, will provide a practical, concrete look at how the two interact on a province-by-province basis.

This study is a groundbreaking initiative that will also complement other work being done by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) with the federal government on the fiscal imbalance discussion.

Manitoba municipalities have always had a strong working relationship with the Province and we look forward to the results of the survey. The final report is expected in April of 2007. ■

PARM meets in Regina

The Prairie Association of Rural Municipalities (PARM) met on August 29, 2006 in Regina. The association is made up of the AMM, SARM (Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities), and AAMD&C (Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties).

Items discussed at the meeting included the Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB) decision to require the capitalization of tangible assets; the biofuels situation in each province; the municipal fiscal imbalance; the Gas Tax Program; and the need for new infrastructure programs.

The AMM also suggested that there is a need to collectively lobby with all associations in Western Canada, both rural and urban, regarding various issues. A joint urban and rural meeting was proposed.

Other issues discussed included concerns with high volume truck traffic in the heavy oil area of northeastern Alberta, and SARM's recent resolution calling for a fee to be paid by seismic operators when conducting seismic work on municipal roads. The AAMD & C also gave a presentation on their proposed 2008 National Symposium – "Rural Matters".

The AMM is scheduled to meet with its urban prairie colleagues at the end of the month. ■



The AMM met with the Federal Liberals on August 17 to discuss Rural Development issues. Pictured from L to R: MP Raymond Simard, MP Wayne Easter, AMM President Ron Bell, and MP Anita Neville

Coming Events



AMM 8th Annual Convention Resolutions Sessions

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

Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2006

All resolutions received after this date will be considered late resolutions and will be evaluated according to the criteria for late resolutions.

Questions? Please contact:

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Job Postings

Manager of Administration/ Assistant to Chief Administrative Officer RM of Macdonald

The RM of Macdonald invites applications for the position of Assistant to the Chief Administrative Officer / Manager of Administration. Under the direction of the Chief Administrative Officer, the Assistant to the Chief Administrative Officer / Manager of Administration is responsible for the management of the administrative and planning functions of the municipality.

For further detailed information, please contact the municipal office at 736-2255 or visit our web site at www.rmofmacdonald.com

Persons possessing the necessary skill and experience should submit a detailed resume including salary expectations and a minimum of two references on or before 12:00 noon, **Monday, September 11, 2006** to:

**RM of Macdonald,
Attn: Chief Administrative Officer,
Box 100, Sanford, MB R0G 2J0
Fax [204] 736-4335**

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Job Postings

Chief Administrative Officer RM of Whitemouth

The RM of Whitemouth invites written applications for the position of Chief Administrative Officer. Under the direction of Council, the CAO is responsible for the overall management of the operations of the municipality including: supervision of staff, administration of policies, plans and programs.

The successful candidate will possess the following:

- Computer experience with Microsoft Office and Munisoft accounting software would be an asset
- The ability to communicate effectively with the public, employees and external stakeholders
- Ability to see situations from a broad perspective and provide creative alternatives
- Graduate of, or enrolled in the Manitoba Municipal Administration Certificate Program for Municipal Administration
- Minimum of three to five years of direct experience in municipal administration

Salary range is dependent upon qualifications and experience.

Applications should be marked "Application for Chief Administrative Officer Position" and contain a full resume and three references.

Applications are to be forwarded to the undersigned no later than 4:30 p.m. September 15th, 2006.

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