



NEWS BULLETIN



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AMM to attend Throne Speech

Doug Dobrowolski, Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) Central District Director (Rural), will represent the AMM at the opening of the fifth session of the 38th Manitoba Legislature tomorrow afternoon. Dobrowolski, who will be accompanied by AMM Executive Director Joe Masi, is anxious to hear what the Throne Speech contains in regard to municipalities in Manitoba.



“The throne speech outlines the government’s agenda for the coming session and as the association representing each of Manitoba’s incorporated municipalities, we are anxious to hear what the speech holds for our members,” explains Dobrowolski.

Doug Dobrowolski The AMM has almost 40 resolutions coming to the floor for debate at their annual convention at the end of November, and Dobrowolski hopes to see some overlap between Throne Speech promises and AMM members’ needs.

“The infrastructure crisis is the biggest issue for everybody – aging roads, water systems, recreation centres – and while any infrastructure-related funding is always positive, we would really like to see both some short-term relief and some long-term planning come into play,” notes Dobrowolski. *“We are also looking for clarification on the implications of the recent water protection announcements. Municipalities are all for meeting environmental objectives, but the ability to pay, given municipalities’ responsibilities, has to come into consideration as well.”* ■

Water Protection Update

As you know, one of the issues the AMM has been paying close attention to is the water protection initiatives being developed by the Provincial Government. There is no doubt that these will have serious repercussions for municipalities, and are therefore of great importance to all municipalities.



On November 9/06, the Provincial Government released a new regulation dealing with water protection issues, for public review. Along with this new draft regulation on nutrient management, the Province also released its **Report on Public Consultations** from the regional meetings where the water quality management zone maps were discussed.

Both of these documents are available from the Province of Manitoba Water Stewardship website at <http://www.gov.mb.ca/waterstewardship>, along with the three news releases making the announcements.

Because of the importance of this issue we have added a session to our upcoming Convention specifically addressing this issue. The session will take place on: Wednesday, November 29/06 2:45 pm
Representatives from the Province will give an overview of the regulation and be available to answer specific related questions.

There is a 60-day period for public input on the regulation, and we encourage you to attend the session and to review the proposed regulation. The AMM will be submitting its views on the regulation during this period. ■

Notices

Vacancies on the AMM Board of Directors

As a result of the municipal election results on October 25, 2006, vacancies have occurred for **Urban Director for the Western District**, and **Urban Director for the Central District**. (A vacancy also exists for the Director for the City of Winnipeg, however this position has been appointed by Winnipeg City Council.) 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 these positions on the Board will take place at the AMM Annual Convention on Thursday, November 30 immediately after the adjournment of the Convention at noon. All elected officials and Chief Administrative Officers for the Western and Central Districts shall be entitled to vote at this election.

If an elected official from an urban municipality in either the Western or Central Districts is interested in putting their name forward as a candidate for the AMM Board of Directors, they can be nominated at the AMM annual convention when the meeting takes place. The successful candidates 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 Executive Director Joe Masi at 204-856-2360 or by email at

jmasi@amm.mb.ca

Coming Events

Manitoba Conservation Districts Association 31st Convention



"Challenges, Change and Consensus"

December 5-6, 2006

Keystone Centre Brandon, Manitoba
Mr. Jim Clemmer—Keynote Speaker

Contact your local Conservation District

Ph: 204-571-1097

Email: mcda@mts.net

Or go online to register at

www.mcda.ca

Green Building Policy

AMM Members are invited to consult on the new **Green Building Policy**. The policy is effective immediately on a voluntary basis and will become mandatory on April 1, 2007. This is an important opportunity for AMM members to provide valuable input into the implementation and interpretation of the policy as well as the development of a Green Building Program for Manitoba.

The Green Building Coordination Unit (GBCU) is facilitating several stakeholder consultations.

Brandon—Thursday, Nov. 23/06

Victoria Inn, 3550 Victoria Ave.
11am-12:30pm and 4pm-5:30pm

Winnipeg—Tuesday, Nov. 28/06

Carol Shields Auditorium, 2nd Floor, Millennium Library, 251 Donald St.
9am-10:30am and 11:30am-1pm and 4pm-5:30pm

Thompson—Tuesday, Dec. 5/06

Burntwood Ramada Inn, 146 Selkirk Ave. 10:30am-12pm and 4:30pm-6pm

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shmckenzie@gov.mb.ca

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Welcome

Russ Wyatt, City of Winnipeg Director, AMM Board

The AMM is pleased to announce the appointment by the City of Winnipeg of **Russ Wyatt** to the AMM Board of Directors. Russ is councillor for the Transcona Ward in the City of Winnipeg and member of the Executive Policy Committee. He replaces outgoing councillor Jae Eadie as City of Winnipeg Director on the AMM Board. *Welcome, Russ!*



Russ Wyatt

Kimberly Ballance, Senior Policy Analyst

The AMM is pleased to welcome **Kimberly Ballance** to the position of Senior Policy Analyst for a one-year term. Kimberly is currently completing her masters degree in urban planning through the U of M. *We look forward to working with you Kimberly!*



Kimberly Ballance