



NEWS BULLETIN



AUGUST 28, 2007

AMM Board of Directors Meets

The AMM Board of Directors met on Thursday, August 23 at the AMM Office in Portage la Prairie.

The Board reviewed the proposed AMM and MTCML budget for the 2007/2008 fiscal year. The budget will be brought forward to September board meeting for final approval.

The upcoming AMM Annual Convention was discussed. The Board:

- reviewed the proposed workshops and plenaries,
- agreed to invite Federal Minister Vic Toews to address the delegate body,
- chose the recipients of this year's Honourary Life award, and
- reviewed the recommended by-law amendments that will be published in the Convention handbook. These have been sent out to all members.

Regarding PSAB implementation, the Board agreed to secure consultants on a contract basis to work under the Project Manager's supervision to assist municipalities directly with PSAB.

The Municipal Innovation Award structure was also discussed. Staff will review the criteria and present it to the Tools for Change committee for approval.

Policy issues discussed included the Infrastructure/Building Canada Fund, Federal Gas Tax payments, rural school closures, election campaign promises, conflict of interest, AMM Housing Survey results, 2007 DFA issues, water issues, and rail line abandonment. Several policies and resolutions were also reviewed. ■

The next meeting of the AMM Board of Directors will take place on Thursday, September 27, 2007.

It's been a busy August for the AMM as summer comes to a close.

These are a few of the meetings that took place during the month:

- The Executive and District Directors attended the Mid-western District municipal visits from August 1-3.
- President Bell met with Merv Tweed, MP Brandon-Souris on August 13 to discuss rail line abandonment.
- The Executive met with Ken Friesen, industry representative regarding the paper and packaging regulation on August 14.
- The Executive met with the Manitoba Conservation Districts Association on August 23.

Manitobans Invited To Share Ideas On Protecting Province's Waterways

Manitobans are invited to take part in a series of open houses on reducing excess nutrients flowing into the environment from cosmetic fertilizers and household cleaning products. In most cases in Manitoba, phosphorus is not needed as a fertilizer on residential lawns once they become established. However, because many commercial fertilizers contain phosphorus, consumers have few phosphorus-free choices.

Phosphorus is also found in many common household cleaning products and consumers have few low-phosphate or phosphorus-free options. The public consultation sessions will present ideas on how to improve access to phosphorus-free products and ask for further input from Manitobans. The open houses will run from 2 to 5 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. at these locations:

- Dauphin - Sept. 4, Banquet Hall, Parkland Recreation Complex, 200 First St. SE.
- Brandon - Sept. 5, Royal Oak Inn, 3130 Victoria Ave.
- Lac du Bonnet - Sept. 6, Lac du Bonnet Community Centre, 25 McArthur Ave.
- Thompson - Sept. 10, Ramada Inn Burntwood, 146 Selkirk Ave.
- Winnipeg - Sept. 12, Holiday Inn Airport West, 2520 Portage Ave.
- Winnipeg - Sept. 13, Club Regent Canad Inn, 1415 Regent Ave.



A consultation document titled *Proposed Approaches to Reducing Nutrient Contributions from Urban and Rural Residential Sources: Fertilizer Application and Household Cleaning Products* is available on the Manitoba Water Stewardship web site at <http://www.manitoba.ca/waterstewardship>. The document will also be available at the open houses. ■

Coming Events

AMM 9th Annual Convention Resolutions Sessions

This year's deadline for resolutions is:

Friday, Sept. 14, 2007

Resolutions must be into the AMM office by this date. All resolutions received after this date will be considered late resolutions and will be evaluated according to the criteria for late resolutions. *Remember, only resolutions that deal with issues that have emerged after the June District Meetings will be considered.* All other resolutions will be held over for consideration at next year's June District Meetings. Questions? Please contact:

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Manitoba's Community Recreation Conference for Community Volunteers

**November 2-4, 2007
Victoria Inn, Brandon**

Keynote Speakers:
Lesra Martin, B.A. L.L.B.
Colin Higgs, Ph. D.

Sessions:

- Recruiting and retaining community volunteers
- Creative Capital Campaigns
- Youth Volunteers
- Sustainable Buildings: The Next Generation
- Branding the Volunteer Program

For more info or to register, visit:
<http://www.rccv.ca>

Coming Events



October is Seniors' and Elders' Month in Manitoba

This year we are celebrating "Older Manitobans: Pioneers of our Times". This is a time to celebrate the diversity of older Manitobans and to recognize the tremendous extent to which their contributions have shaped our province.

The Seniors' and Elders' committee is excited to announce that a kick-off event will take place in Winnipeg on Monday, October 1, 2007 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the MTS Centre, 300 Portage Ave. The day will include entertainment, interactive activities, information booths and more!

In addition to attending the Seniors' and Elders' Month kick-off event please join others across the province this Seniors' and Elders' Month by hosting an event to celebrate seniors and elders in your community. Register your event online at:

<http://www.seniors.cimnet.ca/>

For more information about Seniors' and Elders' Month please call the Seniors Information Line at: 1-800-665-6565 or 945-6565

WHAT'S NEW ON WWW.AMM.MB.CA?

AMM Housing Survey results
[http://www.amm.mb.ca/
member_surveys.html](http://www.amm.mb.ca/member_surveys.html)

**For Sale—1982 Chev Custom Deluxe
30 4x4 Fire Pumper**
[http://www.amm.mb.ca/
member_ads.html](http://www.amm.mb.ca/member_ads.html)

AMM RHA Review Submission
http://www.amm.mb.ca/pol_leg.html

Job Postings

Director of Planning & Engineering Cochrane, AB

Located in the heart of Alberta ranching country and the Cowboy Trail, Cochrane is a recreation playground for families, adventure enthusiasts and those seeking rest and relaxation in a beautiful natural setting. A vibrant community with a growth rate of 8% per year with friendly people and abundant natural resources, Cochrane is situated at the base of the Big Hill in the Bow River Valley, 20 minutes from Calgary and less than an hour from Banff.

The Director, Planning and Engineering will report to the CAO. As a key contributor, you will oversee and provide leadership for Planning and Development, Engineering and Safety codes while working closely with the CAO, Council, Citizens and other municipal departments. You will have the responsibility to coordinate the Department budget and business plans in conjunction with the corporate strategic plan. In addition, as a senior manager within the municipality, you will provide important Department information and advice to Town Council on planning and engineering issues.

The ideal candidate will demonstrate: post secondary education in a relevant field; eligibility for membership in the Society of Local Government Managers; and, a minimum 8 years municipal consulting or employment experience, at least 3 of which is in a leadership position.

Visit <http://www.daviespark.com> for a detailed Opportunity Profile

Interested Candidates are asked to submit confidential resumes to:

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