



NEWS BULLETIN



JANUARY 17, 2006

January Meeting Updates

January 8, 2007 was a busy day for the AMM as they met with the Minister of Water Stewardship, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, and the Manitoba Association of School Trustees.

Water Stewardship

Highlights of the meeting with Water Stewardship Minister **Christine Melnick** included a discussion about the proposed Water Quality Management Regulation. The AMM informed the Minister that it has no major issues with the regulation, but that municipalities should not be left to fund provincial regulations and new requirements. The AMM also highlighted zone 5 as an area in need of greater discussion, and also discussed the issue of a long-term plan for the Province. The AMM will make a submission to the Province on the regulation before the January 22nd deadline.

In terms of drainage, the Province indicated that it is training more new enforcement staff and believes that resources will be allocated better through the new infrastructure department.

The AMM also raised the need for the AMM to be represented directly on the Water Council.

Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs

The Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) began the meeting by highlighting some of the areas of overlap between its work and the work of the AMM, as well as areas where there was potential for joint efforts. Some of the areas indicated included Treaty Land Entitlement (TLE) issues, economic development, co-operative partnerships, and environmental issues, including water issues and hog operations.

The AMC indicated that it would like to find ways to work better with municipalities, as legal costs involved in TLE agreements are a concern for both municipalities and First Nations.

The issue of revenue sharing was discussed, including some example of situations where this has been successful.

AMC committed to providing a letter to the AMM highlighting the specific areas where there would be opportunities to work together.

Manitoba Association of School Trustees

The meeting with the Manitoba Association of School Trustees (MAST) began with MAST providing an overview of some recent activities, including meetings with the Manitoba Real Estate Board and Keystone Agricultural Producers (KAP).

MAST then raised concerns with the impacts of new provincial regulations on the costs of education, particularly costs associated with special needs children.

They also raised the joint use of schools issue, with the AMM agreeing that advances in this area are needed.

MAST also raised the issue of the Conflict of Interest Act as this has become a greater issue since the recent election. The AMM indicated this is a municipal issue as well and will discuss possibly bringing the issue forward jointly to the Province.

SHARE YOUR VIEWS

The Clean Environment Commission is conducting a review of the environmental sustainability of the hog production industry in Manitoba as requested by the Minister of Conservation. To ensure that the review includes issues of importance to all Manitobans, the Commission Panel will be holding a first set of public meetings in three (3) locations this January. Meetings will be held at the following locations:

Friedensfeld, January 22/07— Friedensfeld Community Hall — 1-5 pm and 7-9 p.m.

Winnipeg, January 23/07— Delta Winnipeg, 350 St. Mary Avenue, lower level — 1-5 pm and 7-9 p.m.

Morden January 25/07— Morden Legion Hall, 285 North Railway Street — 1-5 pm and 7-9 p.m.

For more information, visit the Manitoba Clean Environment Commission website at:

www.cecmanitoba.ca/

VISIT THE AMM WEBSITE AT WWW.AMM.MB.CA

Notices

Vacancy on the AMM Board of Directors

At the 2006 Annual AMM Convention, there were no candidates nominated to fill the Urban Director position for the Mid-Western district of the AMM.

At the AMM Board meeting of December 20, 2006, the AMM Board of Directors considered the manner in which this position would be filled. The Board of Directors decided to leave this position vacant until the June 2007 District meeting for the Mid-Western District. The June District meetings in 2007 will be where all of the Director positions will be elected throughout Manitoba for a two year term.

If you have any questions, please call Joe Masi, Executive Director, at 204-856-2360 or email jmasi@amm.mb.ca.

Notices

Keystone Agricultural Producers Newsletter—KAP Alert

Keystone Agricultural Producers is Manitoba's largest general farm policy organization, and is now making its newsletter, the KAP Alert, available to a wider audience.

Every Friday, the KAP Alert is filled with agricultural news and events that are important to Manitoba's farm families. KAP believes it may be a useful resource to rural and urban municipal leaders alike.

To view a copy of the KAP alert, visit KAP's website at www.kap.mb.ca. If you would like to subscribe to receive the KAP Alert, please contact:

Lenore Smaldon,
Communications Officer
communications@kap.mb.ca
telephone: (204) 697-1140.

Job Postings

Chief Administrative Officer RM of La Broquerie

The Rural Municipality of La Broquerie is seeking applications from qualified candidates for the position of Chief Administrative Officer. Located 45 minutes south-east of the City of Winnipeg, the Rural Municipality of La Broquerie has a growing population of nearly 4,000 residents and an operating municipal budget of \$3,000,000.

This position offers excellent career opportunity for an individual who has skills and experience in municipal administration and financial management. Strong communication and organizational skills is also an asset.

Under the direction of the Reeve and Council, the CAO will direct operation, planning and co-ordination of all municipal services in accordance with the plans and policies of council.

Council will give preference to applications from individuals who are bilingual, a graduate of the University of Manitoba Administration Course or equivalent, with 5 to 10 years of administrative experience. The municipality offers a competitive salary and excellent benefit package.

Please submit application in confidence, including a resume with salary expectation, references and experience by **February 1st, 2007**, to:

Reeve and Council
Rural Municipality of La Broquerie
Box 130, La Broquerie MB
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Electronic applications may be submitted to:

rmlabroq@labroquerie.com
or by fax at 1-204-424-5193.

For additional information, contact the municipal office at 1-204-424-5251.

AMM Municipal Officials Seminar & Trade Show

February 26 & 27, 2007 * Keystone Centre, Brandon

This annual event draws elected municipal officials and municipal staff for two days of professional development and policy sessions. Taking place alongside MOS is Manitoba's largest municipal trade show.

Visit www.amm.mb.ca for updates

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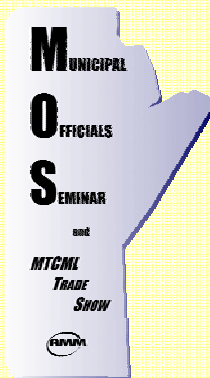
AMM Municipal Innovation Awards

Deadline is February 7, 2007.

This award will be presented during MOS.

For more information visit:

www.amm.mb.ca/res_tools.html



Sir John A. Macdonald Fundraising Dinner * January 20, 2007

All proceeds benefit the work of the Manitoba Historical Society.

To purchase tickets: Telephone: 204-947-0559

Email: info@mhs.mb.ca Website: www.mhs.mb.ca/news/macdonald_dinner.shtml