



MAY 25, 2007

## *AMM Board Meets*

The AMM Board of Directors met on May 24, 2007 at the AMM office in Portage la Prairie.

The board began the meeting by reviewing the Proposed DRAFT 2007/2008 budget.

Membership events discussed included the agenda for the upcoming June District Meetings, the minutes from the recent Northern Municipal Visits, and MOS date changes. As well, the 2007 Convention Theme was finalized. This year's theme will be "Mission: Possible!"

The Board was updated on the status of the training, website, on-line registration and employment situation regarding PSAB GAAP.

Policy issues discussed included conflict of interest legislation; gas tax agreement and Integrated Community Sustainability Plans (ICSP); the planned RHA review; new housing program; fiscal balance; Manitoba Fire Chiefs MPIC request for identification for abandoned vehicles; and livestock carcass disposal.

The Board also agreed to continue to lobby on the AMM's 80:20 education tax position.

The Board reviewed a report on each political party's 2007 election campaign promises.

Action was also taken on a number of resolution and policy files.

The next meeting of the AMM Board will take place on July 5, 2007. ■

## *Presentations*

**President Ron Bell presented the AMM's Hog Production Industry Review Submission to the Manitoba Clean Environment Commission on April 25, 2007.**

The AMM believes that planning decisions made by the Province and municipalities can have positive environmental impacts on their residents' health and quality of life. Municipalities are constantly striving to create healthy and environmentally balanced communities, but can only do so when they have a stable set of planning rules to follow. The AMM believes that the CEC should ensure that The Planning Act remains unchanged.

However, the AMM believes that the environmental licencing and technical review committee processes should be reviewed to ensure that crucial, science-based information is available to the public regarding all hog production facilities. Improving the public process will increase communication among stakeholders and allow for increased understanding and knowledge of the planning and environmental licencing process.

The AMM Board would like to ensure that the CEC continues to be attentive to the needs of municipalities in this review in order to assist in making the recommendations viable. It is also essential that the review be completed while keeping in mind the positive work that has previously been completed in Manitoba.

President Bell also made a presentation on **vertical fiscal balance** to the Standing Senate Committee on National Finance on May 16 in Ottawa. "We made two key points in our presentation to the senate committee," explains President Bell. "The first is the need for a long term plan to eliminate the municipal infrastructure deficit, which has hit the \$3 billion mark here in Manitoba. The second is the need to clarify the roles and responsibilities of *all* orders of government, to make sure municipalities receive adequate and appropriate sources of revenue." ■



President Bell answers questions after the CEC hearing in Portage la Prairie.

*Both the CEC submission and the Senate Committee presentation are available on the AMM website at [http://www.amm.mb.ca/pol\\_leg.html](http://www.amm.mb.ca/pol_leg.html).*

## June District Meetings

### AMM Board of Directors Elections

The AMM will conduct elections for the Board of Directors at this year's June District Meetings, as follows:

<b>Parklands</b>	2 representatives
<b>Western</b>	2 representatives
<b>Mid-Western</b>	2 representatives
<b>Central</b>	2 representatives
<b>Eastern</b>	2 representatives
<b>Interlake</b>	2 representatives
<b>Northern</b>	1 representative
<b>Winnipeg</b>	1 representative

*The Term of Office for all Directors shall be for two years.*

Nominations will be made from the floor at the June District meeting, and in the event of an election, candidates will address delegates prior to the election.

For more information, please contact:

**Joe Masi, Executive Director**  
204-856-2360 [jmasi@amm.mb.ca](mailto:jmasi@amm.mb.ca)

### Resolution Deadline

The deadline for resolutions for June District Meetings is the day of your meeting. We prefer to receive resolutions prior to the meetings to allow us to have them available at the meeting. However, we will accept them up to and including the day of the meeting.

**\*\*All resolutions, regardless of when they are submitted, must be passed by Council.\*\***

To submit your resolution, contact:

**Tyler MacAfee, Director of Policy & Communications**  
204-856-2362  
[tmacafee@amm.mb.ca](mailto:tmacafee@amm.mb.ca)

### Register Online

Please register on-line for your June District Meeting. The registration process is quick and easy. Visit:

[http://www.amm.mb.ca/events\\_june\\_form.html](http://www.amm.mb.ca/events_june_form.html)

## Notices

### Railway Safety Act Review

The AMM has made a written submission to the Railway Safety Act Review. The submission is posted on the AMM website at [http://www.amm.mb.ca/pol\\_leg.html](http://www.amm.mb.ca/pol_leg.html).

AMM members are invited to observe Review Consultations in Winnipeg, Regina or Saskatoon. To register, visit Transport Canada's website at [http://www.tc.gc.ca/tcss/RSA\\_Review-Examen\\_LSF/toc\\_e.htm](http://www.tc.gc.ca/tcss/RSA_Review-Examen_LSF/toc_e.htm).

## PSAB GAAP

### Tangible Capital Assets (TCA) Training

Training sessions on TCA are 1-day sessions designed to help CAO's and finance staff understand the PSAB requirements. In conjunction with the reference manual, the training sessions will provide municipalities with the technical knowledge necessary to identify and value their TCA. The sessions will also help them deal with the issues and problems they will likely encounter in implementing PS3150.

*Municipal auditors are invited to register for the training sessions.*

Training sessions on the other major implementation issues will be offered later.

**Online registration is now available on the AMM website:**

[http://www.amm.mb.ca/training\\_sessions.cfm](http://www.amm.mb.ca/training_sessions.cfm)

## Job Postings

### Town of Pilot Mound Water Treatment Plant Operator

Under the direction of the Town For- man, the successful applicant will be responsible for the day to day operations and maintenance of the Pilot Mound Water Treatment Plant, as well as other public works related duties.

The applicant must be willing to work in a rotation that includes weekends and evenings. The Operator will possess or have the ability to possess:

- a Class III Water Treatment Certificate
- a valid Class 5 Manitoba Drivers License
- good mechanical and electrical aptitude with experience in maintaining and operating equipment
- clear written and oral communication skills
- initiative to learn and keep written records
- communication skills and the ability to work well with staff, public and council
- willingness to take operating and safety training as required

Competitive salary based upon applicants experience and qualifications. To obtain information regarding Pilot Mound and surrounding area, visit our website at [www.pilotmound.com](http://www.pilotmound.com). Applications will be received until 12:00 noon, Monday, June 4, 2007 at:

**The Town of Pilot Mound**  
Box 39, Pilot Mound, MB R0G 1P0  
e-mail: [vlqpm@mts.net](mailto:vlqpm@mts.net)  
Phone: (204) 825-2587  
Fax: (204) 825-2362

Complete job posting available on [http://www.amm.mb.ca/member\\_job.html](http://www.amm.mb.ca/member_job.html)

## PHOTOS NEEDED FOR AMM HISTORY BOOK PROJECT!

*Please bring your old AMM, MAUM, or UMM photos records to your June District Meeting. AMM Staff will scan these on-site and return them to you the same day. Your help is appreciated! For more information about the AMM History Book, please call Lynne Bereza at 204-856-2366 or email [bereza@amm.mb.ca](mailto:bereza@amm.mb.ca).*

