



NOVEMBER 15, 2007

AMM meets with RHA Review Committee

The AMM met with the RHA Review Committee on October 30th to discuss key municipal issues. The Committee, comprised of Jerry Gray, Shirley Delaquis, and Tom Closson, was following up on the AMM's submission of August 15th.

The AMM opened the meeting by highlighting the need for improvements in the area of communications. The AMM stressed that improvements in this area would help to rectify many of the public perceptions about RHAs.

The AMM also stressed issues with the lack of accountability of RHAs, highlighting the election of RHA Boards as a possible solution.

The AMM also raised concerns in the area of recruitment and the general trend of offloading some key respon-

sibilities to municipalities. The issues of emergency services, physician recruitment and the 10% community capital contributions were raised. The Committee indicated that over 50% of family physicians in rural areas are international physicians, and also noted that offering training or sponsoring students is a huge asset to retention.

The costs of providing services to resort communities was also discussed, including concerns with funding levels being based on permanent residents instead of the number of residents that require the service at peak times.

The AMM closed the meeting by stressing concerns with the growing number of municipal responsibilities in the health care field, as well as the



L to R: Ron Bell (AMM), Shirley Kalyniuk (AMM), Jerry Gray (RHA), Shirley Delaquis (RHA), Tom Closson (RHA), and Doug Dobrowolski (AMM)

growing expectations of the public that these services be provided in their communities. ■

Municipalities Benefit From Infrastructure Investments



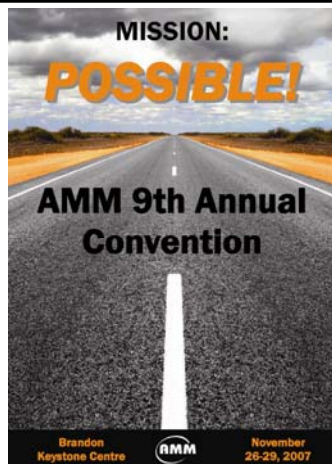
President Bell at RM of De Salaberry announcement in St. Malo last week

The RM of De Salaberry, Village of St. Pierre-Jolys, Village of McCreary, RM of Landsdowne, and the RM and Town of Minitonas will benefit from infrastructure projects jointly announced last week by the Government of Canada and the Province of Manitoba. Funding for the projects is through the Canada-Manitoba Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (MRIF) and is based on equal contributions from the governments of Canada and Manitoba, and the local municipality.

"The AMM is pleased to be a part of a successful partnership bringing much-needed infrastructure investments to Manitoba communities," said President Ron Bell. "The Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund has made a significant contribution to our members' infrastructure needs and I look forward to seeing more funds dedicated to these types of projects in the future."

More information on Canada and Manitoba infrastructure projects are available at: www.infrastructure.gc.ca and www.infrastructure.mb.ca. ■

Coming Events



AMM 9th Annual Convention

November 26-29, 2007

Brandon
Keystone Centre

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT
[HTTP://WWW.AMM.MB.CA](http://www.amm.mb.ca)

AMM Education 2008

The 2008 Education Program includes three stimulating and relevant workshops focusing on communications, leadership and the technical issues of municipal government.

Workshops:

January 29, 2008 – *Communications*

April 18, 2008 – *Leadership*

October 3, 2008 – *Technical*

Register on-line now at:

[http://www.amm.mb.ca/
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For more information, please contact Donna Belbin, AMM Events Coordinator, at 204-856-2374 or email dbelbin@amm.mb.ca.

Coming Events

CCME Consultation Session on Municipal Wastewater Effluent Greenwood Inn & Suites—Winnipeg December 6, 2007 9:30 am

The Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment (CCME) is pleased to present the consultation materials for the draft Canada-wide Strategy for the Management of Municipal Wastewater Effluent. CCME is now seeking a final review of the Strategy with stakeholders. All municipal governments in Manitoba are invited to attend this consultation session. Please RSVP by November 30, 2007 to:

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CCME encourages all interested organizations and individuals to provide comment. All consultation materials are available for download from the CCME website at http://www.ccme.ca/ourwork/water.html?category_id=81. You may submit your feedback by mail, e-mail or fax to the CCME Secretariat at the contact information below. Comments and suggestions should be received no later than January 31, 2008.

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"Our Landscape - What Does the Future Hold?"

MCDA Convention and Tradeshow

December 11th and 12th, 2007
Keystone Centre, Brandon, Manitoba

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Notices



Rural Matters! Attendance Bursary Award

The AMM, on behalf of [AAMD&C](#), will award one \$1,000.00 [Rural Matters!](#) Attendance Bursary Award to a Manitoba youth under 25 years of age.

An application form is available on the AMM website at <http://www.amm.mb.ca/>. Please distribute these applications to those eligible in your municipality.

**The deadline for applications is
December 10, 2007.**

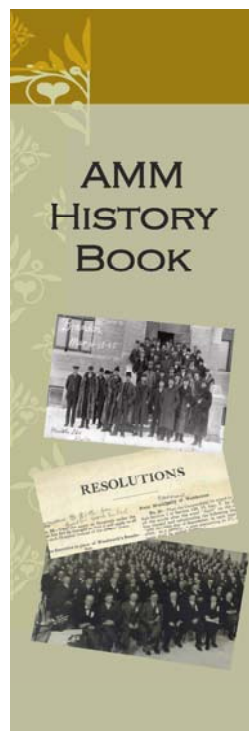
Questions? Please contact Tyler MacAfee at 1-204-856-2362 or tmacafee@amm.mb.ca

Deadline for Submissions:

**December
31, 2007**

If you have photos or other documents to contribute to the AMM History Book, please bring them with you to the AMM Annual Convention in Brandon! We will scan these items and return them to you.

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