



NEWS BULLETIN



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AMM meets with Federal, Provincial ministers

The AMM met with the Honourable Theresa Oswald, Minister of Health, on September 19. The AMM opened the meeting by raising some of its concerns with RHAs and asked for an update on the RHA review currently underway.

The Minister indicated that the process is designed to be open and transparent. Much of the implementation phase will depend on the scope of the recommendations. The Minister believes this will be a difficult, but necessary process for government.

The AMM also raised the issue of Physician Recruitment, Retention and Training, noting many communities are continuing to struggle to find physicians. The Minister indicated that 10 more university spaces will be added, and also noted that as a percentage, a greater number of rural students are accepted than Winnipeg students. The Minister acknowledged that the current 3 month process for acceptance of foreign trained doctors is longer than some other processes.

The AMM also raised the issue of community capital contributions, using the Neepawa area facility and the impact the 10% contribution is having on that community as an example. Minister Oswald acknowledged that this issue has been on the AMM agenda for some time and committed to review it.

Also discussed was funding for regional palliative care, 911 centralized call centre, and concerns with municipalities having to pay 25% for public health orders to larvicide relative to West Nile virus. ■

The AMM met with the Honourable Vic Toews, President of the Treasury Board and Senior Minister for Manitoba, on September 25.

The AMM first raised the need for the Building Canada Fund to be put into place. Minister Toews indicated that municipalities will be getting a piece of this fund, with substantial funding being dedicated to communities under 100,000. The Minister indicated that the announcement will come soon.

The issue of Disaster Financial Assistance was also raised, including the need to allow improvements to prevent future claims and the need to properly compensate municipalities for the use of their own equipment and labour. The Minister indicated that he has raised these issues with Stockwell Day, the Minister responsible for this portfolio.

A final issue raised was concern with the cost of infrastructure projects due to the requirements of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO). The Minister indicated he hears this often and has raised it with his colleagues. ■

Secretary of State for Agriculture, Christian Paradis met with the AMM on September 21. The AMM began by highlighting the key issues facing municipalities in Manitoba, including the need for the federal government to create a new Prairie Grain Roads Program, and concerns with the rail line discontinuance process.

The AMM also raised the Building Canada Fund and stressed the need to finalize this fund and get money out to municipalities. Mr. Paradis noted the federal Government is working on a user-friendly model to ease the burden on municipalities, and stressed that municipalities will be gaining in the program.

The AMM also raised concerns with Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA). Mr. Paradis indicated he would check with Minister Stockwell Day on the status of the DFA review.

The AMM also stressed the need for an early warning system for severe weather similar to that in the US. ■



L to R: President Ron Bell, Urban Vice-President Shirley Kalyniuk, and Secretary of State for Agriculture Christian Paradis

Notices

Proposed Changes to AMM By-Laws

There are three proposed changes to the AMM By-Laws to be discussed and voted on at the 2007 AMM Annual convention in Brandon on November 26-29, 2007. These proposed By-Law changes were emailed to municipalities on August 24/07. You may also view the proposed changes on our website at:

http://www.amm.mb.ca/events_convention.html

Municipalities are encouraged to review these proposed changes to the AMM By-Laws and be prepared to discuss and vote on them at Convention.

If you have any questions regarding these By-Laws, please contact:

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Hotel Update

The Westman Accommodations Group and Brandon Tourism has now ended the "Wait Lists" as of September 30th. However for those that are still on a wait list, we advise you that accommodations may still be available at the following locations. Please contact them if you wish.

Torchland Inn - Shilo—Darryl - 763-8867
email: D+Tvansteeland@inethome.ca

Jays Inn & Suites - Virden—Darcy - 748-2223
email: reservations@jaysinn.ca

Midway Motel-Brandon—725-1560
email: jhonhkim@hotmail.com

Redwood Inn-Brandon - 728-2200 email: redwoodinn@westman.wave.ca

The Little Chalet- 725-1574

Wilderness Inn- Boissevain - Contact
Jacquie 534-7155
email: info@canwildernessinn.ca

Coming Events



Visit:

<http://www.amm.mb.ca>

For all the latest details!



Waste Reduction Week
October 15th – 21st, 2007

In its seventh year as a national event, **Waste Reduction Week** raises awareness about waste and its environmental and social impacts, and about the countless easy ways for communities, businesses, schools and individuals to reduce waste.

Waste Reduction Week is a perfect chance for municipalities to celebrate the waste reduction and resource conservation practices that already exist or to launch new ones, whether it's a recycling depot, bicycle racks, a compost site, or an energy-efficiency campaign. By reducing waste, communities contribute to healthier places for people to live, work and play, help protect the environment, and save money!

To declare October 15th-21st Waste Reduction Week in your community and to find free sample proclamations, resources, posters, and tips, visit:

<http://www.resourceconservation.mb.ca>

or contact:

**Resource Conservation
Manitoba
(204) 925-3775**

Job Postings

RM of Lawrence Chief Administrative Officer

The RM of Lawrence is seeking applicants for the position of Chief Administrative Officer.

The CAO would report to Council and would be responsible for the administration, supervision and coordination of all staff, policies, plans and programs approved by Council.

The successful applicant must possess:

- Strong management, analytical and communications skills;
- The ability to interpret and administer agreements, statutes and by-laws;
- A sound understanding of municipal accounting, financing and budget preparation;
- A sound understanding of the subdivision process, development agreements and zoning by-laws;
- Proven knowledge of the Municipal Act and the Planning Act;
- Computer experience with Munisoft software.

Graduation from or enrollment in the University of Manitoba Certificate Program for Municipal Administrators and at least 2 years experience as a CAO (preferred) however, an equivalent combination of training, education, skills and experience would be considered.

We offer an excellent benefits package and salary is negotiable depending on experience and education. Interested candidates are invited to submit a written application and a detailed, typed resume with a minimum of three references by October 26, 2007 to:

RM of Lawrence
Attn: CAO Application
Box 220, 714 Main Street
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Email: rmlaw@inetlink.ca