



APRIL 22, 2008

## MINISTER MEETINGS CONTINUE

### Minister of Advanced Education & Literacy Diane McGifford March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008

The AMM opened the meeting with Minister McGifford by raising the need for more health practitioners in the province. Certification of Water and Wastewater Operators was also discussed with the Minister acknowledging that there is a need in this area. The AMM also raised the issue of training for maintenance of wind turbines.

### Minister of Competitiveness, Training & Trade Andrew Swan March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008

The AMM opened the meeting by raising the issue of promoting business development in Manitoba. The AMM also raised expansion of technology across Manitoba and the Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement with Minister Swan.

### Minister of Science, Technology, Energy & Mines Jim Rondeau March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008

The AMM opened the meeting by raising recycling and the various waste streams currently under review with Minister Rondeau. The Minister indicated that the Province continues

to support the 80:20 formula. He also noted that last year 300,000 kg of electronic waste was recycled. The Minister also indicated that he has been working on ethanol and bio-diesel, and three plants are close to being ready.

*Position papers from all minister meetings are available at [www.amm.mb.ca](http://www.amm.mb.ca)*

Wind power initiatives and broadband services in rural Manitoba were also discussed with Minister Rondeau.

### Minister of Health Theresa Oswald March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008

The AMM opened the meeting with Minister Oswald by raising the issue of health practitioner recruitment, training and retention. The Minister indicated that the Province has matched the increase in spaces with an increase in residencies, and decided to allow international medical graduates (IMGs) into the 1<sup>st</sup> round of the matching process.

On the issue of removal of community capital contributions for health facilities, the Minister indicated that her staff is looking for creative solutions.

The AMM also raised the issues of funding for regional palliative care, GPS and GIS Funding, first responders in gap areas and cottage areas, and the RHA Review. ■

## MANITOBA BUDGET '08

President Bell attended Budget Day 2008 on April 9 and described it as “a little bit here, but not enough there.”

The AMM was pleased to see funding for libraries and more money for community recreation needs and wastewater infrastructure. It also welcomed new initiatives for doctor recruitment and specialized training for nurse practitioners. Overall, however, the AMM’s two big “asks” – infrastructure funding and water protection dollars – were lacking.

“Our biggest disappointment would have to be the water funding, or lack thereof,” explained President Bell. “Over the past year the Department of Water Stewardship has announced numerous initiatives without any attached funding for implementation. We were hoping to see some of that funding in this budget. Instead we saw a three per cent increase overall, which is just a drop in the bucket. This is a real concern for municipalities because if the Province isn’t paying, who is?”

The AMM welcomed the increase of six per cent to the Building Manitoba Fund, but the massive infrastructure deficit in the province requires much more dedicated funding.

Overall, President Bell said this year’s budget offers funding in some areas, but misses the mark in others. ■

## \*\*\*CONGRATULATIONS\*\*\*

**TO THE TOWN OF CARMAN AND THE RM OF DUFFERIN  
ON RECEIVING THE 2008 MUNICIPAL EXCELLENCE AWARD!**

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## Notices

### PSAB GAAP for Manitoba Municipalities

#### FIELD CONSULTANTS PROGRAM STILL AVAILABLE TO MUNICIPALITIES *Having Difficulties With PSAB?*

The new accounting requirements for tangible capital assets (TCA), as recommended by PSAB, come into effect **January 1, 2009**. The AMM has contracted the services of several CA firms to assist CAOs with PSAB implementation issues, at no cost to your municipality! For more information, please call PSAB Project Manager, Michel St. Amant @ 945-4864.

## Coming Events

### JUNE DISTRICT MEETINGS

June District Meetings are fast approaching, which means it is time again for resolutions. Remember:

- We have moved to a new Category system (Category 1, 2 or 3)
- Only emerging issues may be raised after the June District Meetings
- Resolutions that are the same as the current AMM lobbying position will not be permitted when the existing resolution is less than four years old. Resolutions calling for a change in the current AMM position will be permitted.

Questions? Visit [http://www.amm.mb.ca/pol\\_active.cfm](http://www.amm.mb.ca/pol_active.cfm).

Resolutions may be sent to  
**Tyler MacAfee, Director of Policy and Communications,**  
[tmacafee@amm.mb.ca](mailto:tmacafee@amm.mb.ca)

### MANITOBA ACCESS AND PRIVACY CONFERENCE 2008

Hosted by the Information and Privacy Policy Secretariat of the Manitoba Government, the Manitoba Access and Privacy Conference 2008 will be held on May 6-7 at The Delta Winnipeg, Winnipeg, MB. For more information on the Manitoba Access and Privacy Conference 2008, please visit our website at <http://verney.ca/mbap2008/> or contact us at 613-226-8317.

## Job Postings

### The RM of Dufferin Chief Administrative Officer

The Rural Municipality of Dufferin Council is looking for a dynamic CAO to complement their team in leading, planning, managing and coaching the overall organization while providing proactive and balanced advisory assistance to the Reeve and Council as a whole. Reporting to Council, specific duties include:

- Implementing council priorities – Policies/Programs/Services
- Administration, including meetings, by-laws and committees of council
- Preparing, monitoring and controlling the financial plan
- Administering the entire taxation process
- Conducting the business affairs of the municipality in accordance with the Municipal Act and other statutes.
- Management, development and supervision of municipal employees
- Management of the waterline distribution system

Please check out our website at [www.rmofdufferin.com](http://www.rmofdufferin.com) and apply for this opportunity. Applications will be accepted by mail/fax/email up to Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008 to

**CAO Applications**  
**Rural Municipality of Dufferin**  
**12 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, S.W., Box 100**  
**Carman, MB R0G 0J0**  
**Phone: 745-2301 Fax: 745-6348**  
**e-mail: [rmduff@mts.net](mailto:rmduff@mts.net)**

### RM of St. Clements Chief Administrative Officer

The Rural Municipality of St. Clements requires an energetic and capable Chief Administrative Officer to help take the Municipality into the future.

Working directly for Council and managing the finance, administration, operations departments and three fire departments, specific duties include:

## Job Postings

- Execution of policies set by Council
- Oversee the operations of municipal departments, including making staffing recommendations to Council, and managing the human resources of the Municipality
- Provision of information to Council in a timely and useful way to support decision making
- Administration of the business affairs of the municipality in accordance with the Municipal Act and other statutes
- Supervision of expenditures and the financial affairs of the municipality
- Administering the public face of the municipality in dealing with the public and other governments
- Active participation and leadership in regional working groups and boards as required.

### RM of St. Clements Manager of Financial Services

The Rural Municipality of St. Clements is also accepting applications for the position of Manager of Financial Services. Applicants must possess a strong financial background, be capable of dealing with rapid change, and be a strong communicator and leader.

The Manager of Finance must have completed the University of Manitoba Municipal Administration (MMA) certificate and/or possess a recognized accounting designation (CA, CGA or equivalent). Experience as a department head in a Municipal Office would be an asset.

The Municipality offers a competitive salary based on experience and qualifications. Applicants wishing to explore either of the above opportunities may mail/fax/email their resume, no later than May 16, 2008, to:

**The Rural Municipality of St. Clements**  
**1043 Kittson Road,**  
**Box 2 Grp 35 RR 1**  
**East Selkirk, MB R0E 0M0**  
**Fax 204-482-3098**  
**Email: [info@rmofstclements.com](mailto:info@rmofstclements.com)**