



JUNE 6, 2008

AMM BOARD MEETS

The AMM Board of Directors met on May 22, 2008. A discussion took place on Weatheradio for municipal offices, with the Board agreeing that AMM search for a better price for the Weatheradio receivers and promote, along with the Province, their importance for municipalities. The Board reviewed the agenda for the 2008 June District meetings, along with notes on the Northern Municipal Visits. An overview of the Municipal Survey was also provided. Policy issues discussed included the Building Canada Fund, water issues, and the Provincial Ombudsman Report on Drainage.

Manitoba Municipal Administrators' Association (MMAA) President Ernie Epp joined the AMM Board for his first meeting. Our thanks to outgoing President Dale Lyle for his insight and participation on the AMM Board over the past two years.

Bills being dealt with in the current session of the Manitoba Legislature that are of interest to AMM were reviewed.

The next meeting of the AMM Board of Directors will take place on July 3, 2008. ■

AMM 10th Anniversary Update

On May 22, 2008, the AMM hosted a very special luncheon for an equally special group of people - 16 Past-Presidents and Honourary Life Members. What a wonderful day it was! We've posted a photo gallery of this event to share with our members. It is located on our 10th Anniversary page at:

[http://www.amm.mb.ca/
events_10thanniversary.html](http://www.amm.mb.ca/events_10thanniversary.html)

AMM members, while you're there enter our latest website contest and you could win a fabulous prize! ■



Former UMM President Jack Nicol shares a memory with the crowd.

FCM

Federation of Canadian Municipalities

Fédération canadienne des municipalités

Executive Director Joe Masi, President Ron Bell, and Vice-Presidents Shirley Kalyniuk (Urban) and Doug Dobrowolski

(Rural) attended the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) 71st Annual Conference in Quebec City last week.

One of the key announcements made was the release of the FCM Report on policing roles, responsibilities, and resources in Canada. The report, entitled *Towards Equity and Efficiency in Policing*, shows how municipalities have seen their share of RCMP contract policing costs rise dramatically over the last 20 years. Municipal police forces have had to take on more and more of the traditional federal enforcement role and pay for this through the municipal property tax base. The report makes two recommendations: one is the appointment of a special panel to review the existing distribution of policing functions. Pending this review, the second recommendation is a \$539 million annual compensation to municipal governments to pay for the additional police services they must provide.

FCM also elected a new President during the conference, Mayor Jean Perrault of Sherbrooke Quebec. Our thanks to Councillor Gord Steeves, City of Winnipeg, for all of his hard work as President of FCM over the past year.

Manitoba FCM board members elected include Councillor Marc Marion, RM of DeSalaberry, Councillor Jeff McConnell, Town of Virden and Councillor Bob Bodnaruk, RM of Springfield. AMM President Ron Bell and Councillor Jenny Gerbasi, City of Winnipeg were also appointed to serve on the Board.

Another highlight was Minister Steve Ashton from Manitoba taking part in a panel on the future of municipal government in Canada. Special mention of the powers and financing of municipalities in Manitoba was discussed during the panel. ■

Coming Events

2008 June District Meetings

Resolution Process

Points to remember:

- There is a new Category system (Category 1, 2 or 3)
- Only emerging issues may be raised after June District Meetings.
- Resolutions the same as current AMM lobbying position will not 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 the resolutions section on the AMM website at http://www.amm.mb.ca/pol_active.cfm.

Please send any resolutions to:

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Resolution Deadlines

While we prefer to receive resolutions prior to the meetings, we will accept them up to and including the day of your June District Meeting.

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

Coming Events

AMM Board of Directors Elections - Northern District

At the Northern District Meeting in Thompson on June 16, 2008, an election will be held for **two** directors to serve on the AMM Board.

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

Any questions regarding eligibility or rules surrounding the election, please contact:

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PSAB GAAP for Manitoba Municipalities

PSAB Implementation - 2008 Training Sessions

MRE, Environmental Liabilities & Landfills

Online registration is now available at the AMM website:
http://www.amm.mb.ca/training_sessions.cfm

Notices

Survey Monument Restoration Program

The Survey Outline Monument Restoration Program was reviewed Dec. 3, 2007 and the following changes have been made to the program guidelines:

- All submissions are to be in digital format
- Municipalities will be reimbursed for monument restoration conducted by the Municipality.
- The fees have been revised. The Maximum per monument has been removed and the hourly
- rates have increased to reflect inflation.
- Appendixes C and E City of Winnipeg requirements have been revised

The parties have agreed to continue the program for this fiscal year of 2008/2009. Revised guidelines took effect April 1, 2008. Any field work started prior to April 1st will be processed using the 2007/2008 guidelines.

New link at:

http://www.gov.mb.ca/tpr/land_titles/surveys/docs/monument_restoration_guideline.pdf

FCM Webinar Podcasts available

You can now view [recordings](#) of these web-based workshops through the following website. You don't need any special equipment to download or view the webinar podcasts, just pick the one you want to see and click on the link. For more info, visit:

sustainablecommunities.fcm.ca/Webinars/Upcoming-Webinars.asp

Consultations on Proposed Energy and Water Efficiency Requirements in Manitoba's Building and Plumbing Codes

For guidance on how stakeholders can participate in the consultations taking place until June 30, 2008, visit: <http://www.gov.mb.ca/labour/ofc/codeconsultations/>

2008 JUNE DISTRICT MEETING

DATES & LOCATIONS

Interlake District – Monday, June 9 - Eriksdale, MB
Central District – Tuesday, June 10 - Portage la Prairie, MB
Western District – Wednesday, June 11 - Virden, MB
Midwestern District – Thursday, June 12 - Birtle, MB
Parkland District – Friday, June 13 - Swan River, MB
Northern District – Monday, June 16 - Thompson, MB
Eastern District – Tuesday, June 17 - Pinawa, MB

Register and view specific locations and agendas online:

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