



NEWS BULLETIN



MAY 6, 2008

4TH ANNUAL LOBBY DAYS

The AMM met with 28 members of the Manitoba Legislative Assembly during its fourth annual "Lobby Days" held April 22 and 23, 2008.

The purpose of the two-day blitz of the Manitoba Legislature was to meet not only with Cabinet Ministers, but also with other MLAs to ensure they are aware of the priorities of Manitoba's municipalities.

As President Bell explained, "The government doesn't end at the Provincial Cabinet. Bringing the entire NDP caucus, as well as the Official Opposition, up to speed about municipal concerns opens the lines of communication. That can only help municipalities."

He added that municipalities aren't the only ones to benefit from Lobby Days. "MLAs are elected by the people. It's important that they are knowledgeable about municipal issues when interacting with their constituents."

Bell noted that fiscal balance and water protection – the AMM's two

most critical issues – were the focus of Lobby Days this year. Overall, he was pleased with the response.

"These issues have been the highest priority concerns of AMM members for two years running.

We needed to ensure these topics continue to be high on everyone's



MLA for Brandon West, Rick Borotsik, meets with President Bell and AMM Central District Directors Mel Klassen (Urban) and Ralph Groening (Rural).

radar and I think we achieved that once again this year."

The briefs presented to MLAs during Lobby Days are available on the AMM website at:

www.amm.mb.ca/pol_provincial.html ■

2008

JUNE DISTRICT MEETINGS

Interlake District – Monday, June 9

Hosted by the RM of Eriksdale - *Please register by June 3*

Central District – Tuesday, June 10

Hosted by the City of Portage la Prairie and the RM of Portage la Prairie - *Please register by June 4*

Western District – Wednesday, June 11

Hosted by the RM of Wallace and the Town of Virden - *Please register by June 5*

Midwestern District – Thursday, June 12

Hosted by the RM of Birtle and the Town of Birtle - *Please register by June 6*

Parkland District – Friday, June 13

Hosted by the Town of Swan River - *Please register by June 9*

Northern District – Monday, June 16

Hosted by the Town of Gillam - *Please register by June 10*

Eastern District – Tuesday, June 17

Hosted by the LGD of Pinawa - *Please register by June 11*

Visit http://www.amm.mb.ca/events_june_form.html to register!

ON THE AMM WEBSITE

Mayors, Reeves and CAOs recap

(including presentations and questions and answers)

Presentations

from the 2008 *Municipal Officials Seminar*



Coming Events

2008 June District Meetings

Resolution Process

June District Meetings are fast approaching, which means it is time again for resolutions. You will recall that over the last couple of years there have been some changes to the process. These include:

- Moving 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 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

If you have any questions about the current AMM resolutions, visit the resolutions section on the AMM website at http://www.amm.mb.ca/pol_active.cfm.

Please send any resolutions to:

Tyler MacAfee, AMM Director of Policy and Communications
tmacafee@amm.mb.ca
204-856-2362

Deadlines

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.****

Coming Events

Interested in going green?

Resource Conservation Manitoba is sponsoring The Commuter Challenge, a yearly event that encourages people to use environmentally friendly forms of transportation from June 1 to 7, 2008. It is a cross-Canada event that features friendly competition between similar-sized cities, towns, communities and workplaces.

Participants log their green kilometers online and are entered to win exciting prizes such as a fantastic bike from Olympia Cycle & Ski and gear from Mountain Equipment Co-op! Participants can be individuals or workplaces. If you would like to coordinate the Challenge in your workplace, we offer training and resources to help you every step of the way! For more information contact Sara at:

204-925-3775, or email

challenge@resourceconservation.mb.ca

or visit our website:

www.resourceconservation.mb.ca

FCM Centre for Sustainable Community Development Capacity Building Webinar: Brownfields

Wednesday May 21, 2008 at 12:00 – 1:30 PM EDT

What is a webinar? A webinar is an interactive, web-based workshop that will inform and inspire you from the comfort of your home or office. No travel, no cost, no reason to miss out!

Does your municipality have abandoned industrial or commercial sites? Are you looking for new ways to transform these sites into economic development opportunities? Remnants of Canada's industrial past are sitting idle in many Canadian communities. This webinar is an opportunity to learn about unlocking their potential to revitalize neighbourhoods in decline.

Registration

[Click here](#) to register or contact registrar@toolsofchange.com. It's easy to register and free.

Questions? Please contact [Elizabeth Allingham](mailto:Elizabeth.Allingham) at 613-907-6334.

Coming Events



Green Manitoba
An Agency of the Manitoba Government

E-Waste Roundup 2008

As part of the province's e-waste recycling program, temporary collection points will again be established throughout Manitoba beginning in May to accept a variety of items such as TVs, VCRs and cell phones, free of charge to households.

Exact dates and depot locations are available on the Green Manitoba Website at:

<http://www.greenmanitoba.ca/>

Manitoba's E-waste Roundup 2007 kept over 305,000 kilograms of e-waste out of Manitoba landfills.

Job Postings

The RM of Lac du Bonnet Chief Administrative Officer

The Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet, located about 100 kilometres northeast of Winnipeg, invites applications for the position of Chief Administrative Officer (CAO).

The candidate for CAO will possess technical skills in municipal administration, financial management and human resource management. Strong personal skills in communication, analysis, problem solving, leadership and managing change are also some core requirements of the position. Desirable candidates should have post secondary education in a relevant discipline and must possess the Certificate in Manitoba Municipal Administration. The right candidate can expect a salary and benefits package that reflects his or her level of experience.

Send your resume and cover letter to the Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet; Human Resources Committee; at P.O. Box 100, Lac du Bonnet MB R0E 1A0. Alternatively, you may email your information to Russ Preston (russalin@mts.net) or Gus Wruck (gwruck@granite.mb.ca).

The closing date is May 20, 2008.