



NEWS BULLETIN



OCTOBER 21, 2008

Extended Producer Responsibility

The AMM attended the first meeting of the Municipal Advisory Committee on Extended Producer Responsibility on October 7, 2008. The committee is tasked with preparing options and recommendations to the Minister of Conservation for developing and implementing a sustainable program for the environmentally responsible management of targeted waste materials in Manitoba.

The committee consists of members from AMM, Brandon, Winnipeg, Green Manitoba, Manitoba Science, Technology, Energy and Mines, Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs, and Manitoba Conservation. Committee Co-Chairs are Manitoba Conservation Deputy Minister Don Cook and AMM Central Urban Director Mel Klassen. Also attending the meeting was a representative from the Community Economic Development Committee of Cabinet.

As the Committee will mainly deal with the printed paper and packaging regulation (PPP), it reviewed the issue in general as well as the role of the department and Green Manitoba (oversight of business plan) and the industry group (delivery of program). The municipal members flagged key concerns including costs, the need to maintain the 80:20 funding formula, the need for the program to remain viable in all areas of the province, and the need for the transition to be seamless.

The department also indicated that the regulation and industry plans will be vetted through this committee. The same process will be used for the remaining waste streams. There will also be an advisory committee established for the PPP stream, similar to the advisory committee for Tire Stewardship Manitoba.

The issue of plastic bags was discussed as well. ■

AMM Board Meets

The AMM board of directors met on September 25, 2008. The board reviewed the year-end financial statements and discussed the history book launch that will take place on Monday, November 24.

Policy issues discussed included the Building Canada Fund, CED capacity building, 2008 federal election, DFA request for flooding, water issues and paper & packaging. The board also received a review of Bill 47: The Centreport Canada Act and Bill 46: The Community Revitalization Tax Increment Financing Act.

The AMM has requested a meeting with Minister Selinger to provide input on the development of the 2009-10 Provincial Budget. The board also received confirmation that a meeting between the AMM and Premier Doer and Cabinet will take place on November 27, 2008 at the AMM Convention.

The meeting concluded with President Bell announcing he will not seek re-election as president of the AMM.

The next meeting of the AMM board will take place on October 23, 2008. ■

Meeting with 'D' Division

The AMM met with the RCMP at "D" Division headquarters on October 16. The discussion centered on four key issues – "D" Division restructuring, new policing contract, impact of policing costs on communities and the level of RCMP service in East St. Paul.

The RCMP stressed that the decision to police East St. Paul was made by the Minister, and their role is to assist and try to understand the level of service expected by the community. They acknowledged there will be growing pains. The AMM indicated that there are concerns from other police departments on what the future holds for them and where officers for East St. Paul will come from.

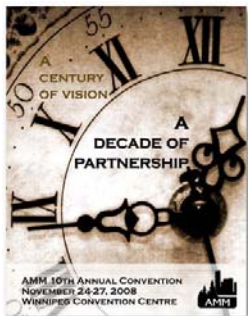
The RCMP indicated that they are working to get more officers into Manitoba. The Regina training depot is capable of accepting more trainees and the RCMP is now paying a stipend for training to attract more people. The RCMP is also working at improving efficiencies in the system to maximize resources.

Regarding the new contract, the RCMP indicated that it will be an improvement over the last, with staff levels, police boards, police oversight and accountability all being reviewed. The RCMP is pleased to see a connection in the process with communities and want to make sure that municipalities and the AMM know of any service changes right away.

On the issues of restructuring, the AMM noted they have been hearing concerns with long response times. The RCMP indicated that some of these issues should be resolved, and they have initiated discussions with councils. Overall the "D" Division restructuring has worked well, and the RCMP is now looking at back up policies as a way to maximize resources.

The AMM also raised the reserve program and updated the RCMP of the resolutions that will be coming at this year's convention. The AMM also asked for an update on increasing the vehicle damage costs required to call police. The RCMP indicated that they are hopeful a change will be coming in the near future. ■

Coming Events



AMM 10TH ANNUAL CONVENTION
NOVEMBER 24-27, 2008
WINNIPEG CONVENTION CENTRE

Gala tickets are on sale until November 14. Fax in your form to book your table now!



For all the latest Convention information visit: www.amm.mb.ca

Coming Events



Manitoba Conservation District Assoc.

invites you to join them at their 33rd Annual Convention & Tradeshow "A New Way of Thinking"

December 1 to 3, 2008
Keystone Centre - Brandon, MB
Early Bird Deadline – Nov. 10, 2008
More info available at: www.mcda.ca

Email mcda@mts.net or phone 204-571-1097 or contact your local Conservation District office

Recreation Acceleration: Communities on the Move



Manitoba's Recreation Conference for Volunteers - November 7-9/08

Victoria Inn, Brandon, Manitoba

Keynote speakers

Silken Laumann
Michael Bayer
Jack A. Harper

Visit www.rccv.ca to register

Coming Events

2009 FCM-CH2M HILL Sustainable Community Awards

Has your municipality taken action on sustainability? Does an initiative in your community merit national recognition?

The 2009 FCM-CH2M HILL Sustainable Community Awards celebrate excellence in sustainable community development by highlighting the best municipal initiatives that link environmental, social and economic goals. FCM profiles winners in a video and interactive DVD to share their lessons and encourage other communities to follow their lead.

Applications close December 11/08

For more information:

E-mail: awards@fcm.ca

Tel.: (613) 907-6358

Fax: (613) 244-1515

Visit [http://](http://sustainablecommunities.fcm.ca/FCM-CH2M-Awards/default.asp)

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The International Economic Forum of the Americas Toronto Forum for Global Cities presents *Global Cities in Challenging Times*

December 8 and 9, 2008

Limited Seating Available • Information and registration: 416-968-2451

Promotional rates for Corporate tables available upon request: 416-607-5422

www.forumforglobalcities.com

Notices

Green Manitoba Eco Calendar

Green Manitoba has produced a month-by-month 2009 "eco" calendar for household use throughout Manitoba. This is a high-quality product packed with reference information and helpful tips promoting resource efficiency and green living around the home. Communities interested in receiving these calendars free of charge may contact **Rathan Bonam at 204-945-8151** (Arrangements can be made to pick calendars up at the AMM Convention November 24-27, 2008).



Job Postings

RM of Roblin Municipal Foreman

The RM of Roblin is seeking an individual to carry out the duties and responsibilities of Municipal Foreman. Reporting to both the Council and CAO the prime responsibility of the Municipal Foreman is the operation and management of the Municipality's Public Works Department and associated infrastructure.

A detailed job description is available online at www.cartwrightmb.ca or www.mathermb.ca or by phoning (204) 529-2363. Mark applications "RM of Roblin – Foreman", state expected salary, include three (3) work-related references and submit on or before Monday, October 27, 2008 @ 12:00 Noon to:

Hiring Committee
Rural Municipality of Roblin
Box 9, Cartwright, Manitoba R0K 0L0
Fax (204) 529-2288

RM of Rosser Chief Administrative Officer

The RM of Rosser invites written applications for the position of Chief Administrative Officer. The successful applicant will work with Council in carrying out the affairs of the Municipality, maintain records, accounting system, tax rolls, budgets, financial statements and be responsible for the administration, management and operations of the Municipal Office.

The position includes an excellent benefits package. Salary is negotiable depending on experience and qualifications.

Applications to be marked "Application for Chief Administrative Officer Position" on the outside and should contain a full resume and references. Applications to be forwarded not later than noon October 31st, 2008.

Reeve Alice Bourgoin
Municipality of Rosser
Box 131, Rosser, Manitoba R0H 1E0
Fax 467-5958

Complete job postings are available at http://www.amm.mb.ca/member_job.html