



OCTOBER 8, 2008

RECYCLING AND TLEs DISCUSSED

The AMM attended various meetings throughout the month of September, two of which are recapped below.

Chief Dennis Whitebird September 10, 2008

The AMM met with Chief Dennis Whitebird, Commissioner for the Treaty Land Entitlement Commissions. The purpose of the meeting was to hear about the work of the Commission and how AMM and the Commission can work together on Treaty Land Entitlement (TLE) issues.

The Commission is primarily a research and promotion group to educate the public about TLEs and the history around these agreements.

Chief Whitebird is interested in speaking to municipalities and seeing how the two organizations can work together.

The AMM provided some of the concerns of municipalities regarding this issue. Both parties concluded that a breakout session during the AMM Annual Convention led by Chief Whitebird would be a good vehicle to start the process of communication between the organizations.

The Honourable Stan Struthers September 19, 2008

The AMM met with The Honourable Stan Struthers, Minister of Conservation, to discuss the Paper and Packaging Draft Regulation.

The AMM stressed that with the move to extended producer responsibility (EPR) programs need to remain in all areas of the province. As well, municipalities need to stay connected to the process and an avenue is needed for municipal concerns. Municipalities should also be consulted in the amendment and changes to the plans, and there is a need for clarification as to what roles are being played by whom.

The AMM noted an upcoming convention resolution asking the Province to legislate reusable or bio-degradable plastic and increase public education on recycling and conservation.

Regarding tires and used oil, the AMM has not heard any major concerns. Household hazardous waste and electronic waste was also raised with Minister Struthers, as regulations are pending on both systems. ■

PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGE

The Town of Lynn Lake is sponsoring a proposed change to the AMM bylaws. The purpose of this bylaw would be to limit the number of votes for each municipality to two votes per municipality from the current practice of having every elected official and CAO entitled to vote. This bylaw change would only apply to electing AMM Board members at the June District meeting.

It should be noted that this by-law change is being proposed by the Town of Lynn Lake and not the AMM Board of Directors.

This bylaw change will be debated at the AMM annual convention in Winnipeg from November 24-27, 2008.

If you have any questions regarding this bylaw change, please contact AMM Executive Director Joe Masi at 204-856-2360 or email jmasi@amm.mb.ca.

AMM 10TH ANNUAL CONVENTION ELECTIONS FOR AMM PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENTS

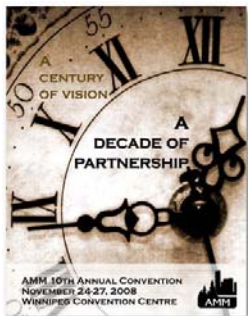
One of the most important events held at the AMM Convention are the elections for the AMM President and Vice-Presidents. *There are several things to keep in mind when considering the AMM elections:*

- ▶ The President must be an elected official from any regular member municipality.
- ▶ The Vice-President Rural must be an elected official that is a regular member from a rural municipality and the Vice-President Urban must be an elected official that is a regular member from an urban municipality.
- ▶ Candidates for the positions of President, Vice-President Rural and Vice-President Urban must submit a nomination form to the Executive Director of the AMM prior to the time nominations close at the Annual Convention. Nomination forms are available from the Executive Director.
- ▶ The election of the President and Vice-Presidents shall take place at the Annual Convention by way of a vote of all registered and attending delegates entitled to vote. Those entitled to vote shall be elected officials and Chief Administrative Officers of any member municipality. Each elected official and Chief Administrative Officer shall have the right to exercise one vote.
- ▶ The term of office for President and Vice-Presidents shall be for one year. There shall be no limit on the number of years that a President or Vice-President can hold office.

Questions about the election process at the AMM Convention? Please call Executive Director Joe Masi at 204-856-2360. ■



Coming Events



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

Visit our website at www.amm.mb.ca for:

Daily agendas
List of sponsors
Partners' program information
Gals Banquet information
Keynote speakers
Display area exhibitors
NEW! History book launch

And much more!
Visit often as we post up-to-date information regularly.

Coming Events



Manitoba
Conservation Districts
Association

MCDA invites you to join them at their 33rd Annual Convention & Tradeshow

"A New Way of Thinking"

December 1 to 3, 2008

**Keystone Centre
Brandon, Manitoba**

Early Bird Registration Deadline –
November 10, 2008

More info available on line at
www.mcda.ca

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

Coming Events

**Waste
Reduction
Week Gets
Grumpier!**



Oscar the Grouch, Sesame Street's trash can-dwelling curmudgeon, is the new Spokes-Muppet for the Waste Reduction Week in Canada campaign, October 19-25, 2008.

The purpose of the Week is to support municipalities, schools and businesses in cutting down on waste. Manitobans will find tonnes of tips and ideas on the web site of the non-profit group Resource Conservation Manitoba at:

www.resourceconservation.mb.ca.

E-mail us at
www@resourceconservation.mb.ca for posters and a sample proclamation.

Manitoba Waste Reduction & Recycling Forum November 7, 2008

Manitoba Association of Regional Recyclers (MARR) is pleased to announce its first annual Manitoba Waste Reduction & Recycling Forum.

The Forum will provide stakeholders with up-to-date reports on the status of provincial stewardship programs, as well as provide practical information and community examples promoting best practices in integrated waste management, sourcing "green" project funding and accessing of certified training opportunities to increase operational safety and performance.

WHEN: **Friday, November 7, 2008**

WHERE: **Victoria Inn Brandon**

Co-hosted by the City of Brandon.

Register at:

<http://www.brandon.ca/fallforum>

Please note that the above link also provides access to a new MARR member application as part of the Forum registration process. In addition to an immediate 50% Forum registration discount, joining MARR provides your municipality with the strongest grassroots representation in the only provincial recycling network recognized by government and industry. MARR membership means you are a part of the solution!

Notices

Nominations sought for 2008 Attorney General Safer Community Awards

Nominations for the 2008 Manitoba Attorney General Safer Communities Awards are now being sought. The awards honour organizations and individuals making outstanding contributions to crime prevention in Manitoba.

This will mark the second year that the Rev. Harry Lehotsky Award for Community Activism will recognize significant and dedicated community activism, advocacy and leadership.

Other awards recognize individuals under 18 years, individuals over 18, community-based initiatives, community justice and Citizens on Patrol groups. Categories may have both a rural and an urban recipient and more than one award may be given out in any category.

Nomination forms can be obtained by writing to the:

Manitoba Attorney General
Safer Communities Awards
1505 - 405 Broadway,
Winnipeg, MB R3C 3L6

or by calling 204-945-0493 or
toll-free 1-800-282-8069, ext. 0493.

Completed forms must be sent to the
same postal address or faxed to
204-948-2113.

***Nominations must be received by
Oct. 17.***

Capital Assistance Funding of the New Horizons for Seniors Program open for applications

Eligible activities involve the repair or renovation to existing seniors' community facilities or the purchase of replacement equipment and furnishings required for community programs and activities for seniors.

Applications and the Guide to Applicants are available at:

[http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/en/
community_partnerships/seniors/
index.shtml](http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/en/community_partnerships/seniors/index.shtml)

Deadline: November 14, 2008