



SEPTEMBER 9, 2008

AMM Member Survey

Ms. Alana Schultz of Viewpoints Research made a very informative presentation

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Alana Schultz, Viewpoints Research

to the AMM Board of Directors on August 28. The presentation was the result of the AMM Member Survey conducted by her firm between April 15th and May 8th, 2008. A total of 328 AMM members including Heads of Council and CAO's were interviewed during this time. Almost all AMM members participated.

The purpose of the survey was threefold:

1. to explore the opinions of AMM members regarding the value of the various services we offer you,
2. to determine our members' opinion of the communication available, and
3. to find out our members' opinion about the Trading Company (MTCML).

We are currently analyzing the results of the survey, and will be sharing the complete results with our members in due course.

Ms. Schultz wanted to extend her thanks for what she described as our “very pleasant” membership. She said that her staff enjoyed working on this project and speaking with AMM members. “Your members are very, very positive,” said Ms. Schultz, noting that “people feel very connected to your organization”.

So, to our valued members, thank you for taking the time to participate in the survey and for being forthcoming with your feedback. Your contribution is not only greatly appreciated, but will help us to be the best association we can be for you.

More details will follow soon. ■

BUILDING CANADA FUND



On September 5, 2008, the Building Canada Framework Agreement was signed between the Government of Canada and the Government of Manitoba under Building Canada. This agreement includes a

Communities Component which is similar to the current Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund program in Manitoba.

The Communities Component will consist of at least \$41 million each in federal, provincial and local funding to provide approximately \$120 million for projects in communities outside of Winnipeg.

Now that the Framework Agreement has been signed, the details of the Communities Component program, including the application process, will be finalized. It is anticipated that the application process will be launched in the fall of 2008.

The Canada-Manitoba Building Canada Framework Agreement is available on the Building Canada website at www.buildingcanada-chantierscanada.gc.ca. ■

AMM BOARD MEETS

The AMM Board of Directors met on August 28, 2008 at the AMM office in Portage la Prairie.

Ms. Alana Schultz of Viewpoints Research reviewed the results of the AMM Member Survey that was conducted by their firm.

The Board reviewed the proposed 2008/2009 annual budget. The budget will be approved at the September board meeting.

The Board reviewed the draft agenda for the upcoming 10th Annual Convention, and discussed workshop topics.

The Midwestern municipal visits were recapped, and the board also received an update on the AMM history book.

Policy issues discussed included the Building Canada Fund, Financial Reporting Standards with the Public Utilities Board, the Lake Winnipeg Stewardship Board recommendations, the CD working group, rail line abandonment, and the Printed Paper and Packaging Regulation. A number of resolutions were also discussed.

The next meeting of the AMM Board of Directors will be held on September 25, 2008. ■

Coming Events

AMM 10th Annual Convention
November 24-27, 2008
Winnipeg Convention Centre



The AMM 10th Annual Convention will soon be upon us! Our theme for this very special event is "A Century of Vision, A Decade of Partnership". We have an exciting slate of high-profile speakers, plenary sessions, workshops, and a not-to-be-missed gala banquet.

Visit our Convention web page for all the details. Visit often as new information will be added regularly!

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



**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!

10th Anniversary

Contest #7 is here!

The latest contest posted on the AMM website is another municipal quiz! All of the answers can be found within the pages of the summer edition of The Municipal Leader. To enter, visit our 10th Anniversary web page at :



[http://www.amm.mb.ca/
events/10thanniversary.html](http://www.amm.mb.ca/events/10thanniversary.html)

Good luck!

Job Postings

Public Works Supervisor Town of Rossburn

The Town of Rossburn invites applications for the position of full time Public Works Supervisor. The successful applicant will be responsible for the day to day operation and maintenance of the Town of Rossburn Water Treatment Plant, as well as other public works related duties. The applicant must possess:

- *Class 1 Water Treatment*
- *Class 1 Water Distribution*
- *Class 1 Wastewater treatment and collection*
- *A valid Class 5 Driver's License*
- *Good mechanical skills*
- *The ability to work well with staff, public and council*

Please forward your resume and three references to:

**Town of Rossburn
P.O. Box 70
Rossburn, MB R0J 1V0**

Email: town.rsb@mts.net

Ph: 204.859.2762

Fax: 204.859.2022

Application Deadline: Friday, September 19, 2008 @ 4:00 p.m.

Notices

FCM

Federation of Canadian Municipalities

Call for Applications: Brownfield Remediation

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) has launched a new Green Municipal Fund™ (GMF) financing opportunity for the remediation of brownfield sites. Up to \$20 million in low-interest loans will be made available to municipal governments and their partners. From **July 10, 2008** FCM will accept applications for low interest Green Municipal Fund (GMF) loans to remediate brownfield sites.

FCM will award a total of up to **\$20 million** in low-interest loans under this call for applications.

Eligible applicants can request loans equivalent to 50 to 80 per cent of eligible costs.

Applications will be considered as they are received. Each application will be individually evaluated on its own merits. Not all proposals will be funded.

Timeline

Applications will be evaluated and considered for approval within four to five months from the date they are received.

In order to be considered for approval before **March 31, 2009** under the guidelines of this call for applications, the last day to submit an application is November 17, 2008.

For more information, please visit our web site :

www.sustainablecommunities.fcm.ca