



APRIL 9, 2009

## AMM Board Meets

The AMM Board of Directors met on March 26, 2009.

The Board reviewed investments, the loss pool fund, and two potential MTCML Official Supplier applications. Under membership events, the Board decided not to re-schedule the Central District Mayors, Reeves and CAOs meeting that was cancelled due to weather, as all the information is available on the AMM website. The Upcoming Municipal Officials Seminar was also discussed, and speakers for the 2009 Annual Convention were confirmed. The Board also reviewed the 2009 Salary Survey and the AMM Policy Manual.

President Dobrowolski gave a verbal update on the Building Canada Fund, and also provided an overview of the \$500 million, two-year Recreation Infrastructure Canada Fund (RIInC). The Board discussed the Provincial Police Act review and agreed the AMM will make a presentation once the bill is called to committee. Several policies and resolutions were also reviewed.

Other policy issues included the Onsite Wastewater Management Regulation, recycling, CD Framework document, and the beaver control program.

The next meeting of the AMM Board of Directors will be held on April 23. ■

## El Salvador Exchange

A delegation from The Corporation of Municipalities of the Republic of El Salvador (COMURES) visited the AMM during the first week in April. The visit marks the second time since 2006 that a group from El Salvador has travelled to Manitoba with the goal of learning how the AMM operates to further develop their own activities.

This time, the group was interested in learning about the trading company and communication activities of the AMM. They also made time to meet with officials such as Mayor Sam Katz, City of Winnipeg and The Honourable Steve Ashton, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs.

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) sponsors the partnership between the AMM and COMURES, with all funding for the exchange coming from the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). ■

*Pictured: Delegates from COMURES visit the AMM office on April 3, 2009. The Group consisted of Mayor Dany Rodriguez, City of Zaragoza; Mayor Elsa Guevara de Melchor, Municipality of Santa Maria Ostuma, Bessy Torres, Communications Advisor, Margarita Alfaro, Coordinator of Communications and Interinstitutional Relations, Carlos Pinto, Executive Director, and Micheline Caron, Regional Coordinator, Latin America, FCM.*



## AMM AWARDS

### YOUTH

The AMM, in partnership with the [Manitoba Association of School Trustees \(MAST\)](#),



awarded Mike Lawson from Springfield Collegiate Institute with the Young Community Leader Award at the MAST *Celebration of Success* on March 19.

MAST has been awarding student citizenship awards for several years and invited the AMM to join them this year by offering its own award. Mike received the award based on his outstanding contributions not only to his school, but to his community.

President Dobrowolski says “When AMM was invited by MAST to offer its own award to complement MAST’s Student Citizenship Awards, we didn’t hesitate—we know what a vital role children and youth play in our communities.”

While Mike was chosen from a field of six individuals, President Dobrowolski noted “Each of these students has demonstrated strong leadership qualities. They have given freely of their time and energy, and expected nothing in return. So while we can present the AMM Young Community Leader Award to only one of these students, I would like to publicly recognize the contribution of all of them. Their efforts make our communities better places for us all to live.” ■

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## Notices

### AMM Education 2009

#### Session #2:

The 'Ethical' Moment & Effective Self-Management

Workshop Leader: Cec Hanec, Cec Hanec & Associates Inc. has been

**\*\*CANCELLED\*\***

#### Mayors, Reeves & CAOs Meetings

Please note the *Central District* meeting (cancelled due to weather) will not be rescheduled. Information is available at:

[http://www.amm.mb.ca/  
events\\_followup2009.html](http://www.amm.mb.ca/events_followup2009.html)

**Correction:** The Executive Director's message in the Spring, 2009 Municipal Leader incorrectly identified the Northern District Mayors, Reeves and CAOs host as the Town of Lynn Lake. The host was actually the Town of Gillam. We apologize for the error.

## Coming Events

### June District Meetings

June District Meetings are quickly approaching, which means it is time again for resolutions. Remember:

- We have moved to a Category system (Category 1, 2 or 3)
- Only emerging issues may be raised after the June District Meetings
- Resolutions that are the same as the 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.

Questions? Please contact:

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## Coming Events

### Provincial Land Use Policies Review

Consultation with Local Governments

#### Schedule of Local Government Workshops:

Municipal Elected Official and their staff are encouraged to participate in one of the following workshops that have been organized for them in their District.

All workshops run from 9:30 am - noon.

#### Parkland

April 20, 2009 in Gilbert Plains at the Community Centre Curling Hall

#### Mid Western

April 21, 2009 in Shoal Lake at the Shoal Lake Community Hall

#### Western

April 22, 2009 in Souris at the Souris Glenwood Memorial Complex

#### Central

April 23, 2009 in Carman at the United Church Hall

#### Northern

April 30, 2009 in Thompson at the Rec Centre

#### Interlake

May 4, 2009 in Fraserwood at the Fraserwood Hall

#### Eastern

May 7, 2009 in Beausejour at the Brokenhead River Community Hall

**To reserve your seat at the workshop in your region, please register online:**

[http://www.amm.mb.ca/  
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cial\\_land\\_use\\_registration.html](http://www.amm.mb.ca/provincial_land_use_registration.html)

#### Other Ways to Get Involved:

You may also share your feedback by forwarding written comments to the address, fax or email below by **May 8, 2009**.

**Provincial Land Use Policies Review**  
Community Planning and Development Division

Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs  
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## Coming Events

MCDA 2nd Annual Info Day  
Tuesday,  
April 21,  
2009



Manitoba Conservation Districts Association (MCDA) is hosting their second *Info Day* on Tuesday April 21, 2009 at the Pioneer Room - Keystone Centre - Brandon, Manitoba.

**Open House/registration from 12:30 to 1:15**

The afternoon will include information about work and programs from Conservation Districts, MCDA's activities and projects, and guest speaker Mayor Chris Goertzen of Steinbach. Door prizes and refreshments will be served.

**Please RSVP on or before Friday April 17, 2009 to [mcda@mts.net](mailto:mcda@mts.net) or phone 204-571-1097.**



**Small Market Sustainability: Size Matters**

**May 11-14, 2009**

### Victoria Inn Hotel & Convention Centre - Winnipeg, MB

SWANA Northern Lights Chapter & CPWA Manitoba Chapter are pleased to announce that **Rod Black**, the Voice of CTV Sports & TSN, will be the 2009 Conference Keynote Speaker. For more information go to [www.swanacpwa.ca](http://www.swanacpwa.ca)

Registration is also now open for the **SWANA Landfill Operations Basics Training Course**, May 14 & 15 in conjunction with the 2009 Conference. This course is endorsed as the industry-leading best practice in all Canadian jurisdictions and will feature Manitoba-specific content.

**Space is limited...register today at [www.swananorthernlights.org/  
training.html](http://www.swananorthernlights.org/training.html)**