



# NEWS BULLETIN



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## AMM Board Meets

The AMM Board of Directors met on January 22, 2009.

Great West Life's Michael Rogerson gave a verbal summary on the financial health of the AMM Loss Pool Fund and Investments. The Board also reviewed the 2008 Convention expenses and revenues and reviewed the submitted topic ideas for the Municipal Officials Seminar upcoming in April. The Board also reviewed the AMM Policy Manual.

Policy issues discussed included the Age Friendly Manitoba Initiative, infrastructure research, TLE issues, and water issues. President Dobrowolski discussed the recent announcement of the Communities Component of the Building Canada Fund. The Board also reviewed the letter from the Minister of Conservation regarding Manitoba's Extended Producer Responsibility initiative.

A number of policies and resolutions were dropped from the AMM files as more recent resolutions cover them.

MMAA President Ernie Epp advised the Board the number of CAO's retiring is increasing and that this may force municipalities to share qualified CAO's.

The next meeting of the AMM Board is on February 26, 2009. ■

The RM of Langford has accepted the RM of Ste. Anne's "**Challenge to Communities**" and passed a resolution to pledge \$0.50 per capita to the Stephen Lewis Foundation.

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## Federal Budget 2009

Budget 2009 was released in Ottawa on January 27. The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) has provided the AMM with a detailed analysis that will be expanded and updated as the budget bill moves through Parliament. The budget includes over \$10 billion in new funding over the next two years to municipal priority issues, including:

- **\$4-billion Infrastructure Stimulus Fund** – will provide funding to municipal and provincial-territorial infrastructure rehabilitation projects over two years. Projects must begin construction in 2009 or 2010 to qualify for "up to 50 per cent of eligible costs."
- **\$500-million top-up for Building Canada Fund (BCF) Communities Component** – provides additional new funding to boost investments for smaller municipalities under the BCF's Communities Component. Projects are cost shared under this program.
- **\$500 million for recreational infrastructure** – provides new funding over two years to upgrade and renew community recreational facilities, with the federal government covering up to 50 per cent of project costs on the basis of "merit and project readiness." The federal government has also committed to accelerate existing funding within the original \$1.1-billion BCF Communities Component this year.
- **\$2 billion federal-municipal loan program** – will make up to \$2 billion worth of low interest loans available to municipalities for affordable housing and infrastructure programs. Municipalities can use these funds to pay their portion of cost-shared federal infrastructure programs. The program will be administered by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation.
- **\$1-billion Green Infrastructure Fund** – a five-year fund expected to focus on sustainable energy projects - municipal infrastructure projects with environmental benefits are also expected to be eligible. These projects will be funded on a cost-shared basis.

Overall, these are significant and welcome investments in much needed municipal infrastructure priorities, and these new funds will go a long way to alleviating the pressure facing communities.

However, there are important questions that must be addressed regarding the rollout of these new infrastructure funds. The AMM is anxious to know how this money will flow to municipalities, as strict cost-sharing requirements and drawn-out application procedures would be roadblocks to getting work started on many worthwhile projects.

Further, it is imperative that there be a municipal voice in the selection process. We also remain concerned with the tight deadline for submitting applications, and with the ability for some communities to obtain their share of financing over a short time period.

We await further information and will keep our members informed as details become available to us.

More information is available at <http://www.budget.gc.ca/2009/home-accueil-eng.asp>. ■

## Coming Events

### AMM Mayors, Reeves & CAOs Meetings

<b>Parkland District</b> Hosted by the RM of Mountain	Monday, March 16, 2009
<b>Midwestern District</b> Co-hosted by the RM of Shellmouth-Boulton & the RM of Silver Creek	Tuesday, March 17, 2009
<b>Western District</b> Co-hosted by the RM of Cameron & the Town of Hartney	Wednesday, March 18, 2009
<b>Eastern District</b> Hosted by the RM of Ritcho	Thursday, March 19, 2009
<b>Interlake District</b> Hosted by the RM of Rosser	Friday, March 20, 2009
<b>Northern District</b> Hosted by the Town of Gillam	Monday, March 23, 2009
<b>Central District</b> Hosted by the RM of Headingley	Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Register for your Mayors, Reeves and CAOs meeting online at:

[http://www.amm.mb.ca/events\\_meetings\\_form.html](http://www.amm.mb.ca/events_meetings_form.html)



### ICLEI World Congress 2009

#### Connecting Leaders Advancing Local Action for Sustainability

14-18 June 2009  
Edmonton, Alberta

Join municipal leaders from around the world to share and exchange ideas on strategies for advancing urban sustainability through presentations, reports, debates, workshops, networking site visits and an exhibition.

For more information, email:

[world.congress@iclei.org](mailto:world.congress@iclei.org)

Or visit our website at:

[www.iclei.org/worldcongress2009](http://www.iclei.org/worldcongress2009)

## Coming Events

### Workshop Invitation

Hosted by: **Canadian Canola Growers Association and its Biofleet partners**

**Date:** Friday, February 27, 2009

**Time:** 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

**Location:** Canad Inns,  
2401 Saskatchewan Ave. W.  
Portage la Prairie

**Cost:** Free **Lunch:** Provided

#### Speakers:

*Ajaleigh Williams* - Project Coordinator with the City of Winnipeg's Fleet Management Agency.

*Joaquin Carneiro* - Chief Chemist/ Superintendent for Manitoba Hydro Chemical Labs.

*Ken Thomas* - former Fleet Manager with Manitoba Hydro (2000-2008), now seconded to the Provincial Government working on a variety of green transportation initiatives.

#### To register contact:

**Brendan Boyd 204-945-4535**

[brendan.boyd@gov.mb.ca](mailto:brendan.boyd@gov.mb.ca)

Seating is limited so please register early. The registration deadline is **Friday, February 20 at 4:30 pm.**

For more information, visit:

[www.biofleet.net](http://www.biofleet.net)



### SWANA

Northern Lights Chapter

Registration is **now open** for our 2009 Conference - **Small Market Sustainability: Size Matters!**

**May 11-14 2009**

Victoria Inn Hotel & Convention Centre - Winnipeg, MB

This unique event offers three technical program streams, a Trade Show and Site Tours, and Certification training recognized by industry and government as the best in the business.

**Register now:**

[www.swanacpwa.ca](http://www.swanacpwa.ca)

## Coming Events

### Manitoba Association of Regional Recyclers



**WHAT:** 2009 Winter Meeting

**WHEN:** Friday, February 27/09

**TIME:** 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

**WHERE:** Victoria Inn Winnipeg

**COST:** MARR Members no charge - Non-Members - \$25 (lunch included)

#### Discussion Items:

- State of the Markets
- new Packaging & Printed Paper Regulations
- Industry Stewardship Plan - update
- Recycling Network Roundtable

To register, visit [www.MARRmb.com](http://www.MARRmb.com) or contact Darci Clark at 204-725-9234 or [clarkdl@mts.net](mailto:clarkdl@mts.net).

## Job Postings

### RM of Cartier Chief Administrative Officer

The Rural Municipality of Cartier invites written applications for the position of Chief Administrative Officer. Under the direction of Council, the CAO's responsibilities are as conveyed in the Municipal Act as well as being responsible for the overall management of the operations of the municipality, including:

- Providing proactive and reasoned advice to Council
- Advising Council as to current and future policies, programs and budgets
- Acting as the coordinator and team leader of the administration in the areas of staff, personnel, policies, plans and programs
- Assisting Council in determining the future vision of the community
- Work closely with all levels of government

Please submit resume and three references by 12:00 Noon on Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009 to:

**Reeve Roland Rasmussen**  
RM of Cartier

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Complete posting is available at:

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