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PUTTING COMMUNITIES FIRST PRESIDENT’S TOUR KICKS OFF

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The AMM kicked off a President’s Tour of Manitoba last week by bringing its “Putting Communities First” initiative to the communities of Dauphin, Gimli, and Brandon. The initiative was launched in June as a precursor to October’s provincial election and has so far resulted in 128 municipalities supporting the initiative by passing resolutions calling on all parties to commit a portion of the provincial sales tax to municipal infrastructure.

The purpose of the Tour is to bring the campaign to several communities across the province to hear first-hand some of the most pressing infrastructure issues in those communities. The guests – municipal officials, community leaders, and of course, candidates in the upcoming election – all had something to say and various ideas as to what the major issues are. The tour concludes this week with meetings in Portage la Prairie and Lorette.

Dauphin—August 15, 2011

The first stop in the Tour had the distinction of being facilitated by CJOB’s Richard Cloutier, who also hosted his popular morning show, “Richard Cloutier Reports”, from the area that day. This was an excellent opportunity to shine a spotlight not only on some of the infrastructure issues Dauphin faces but also on many of the positive aspects of the community.

The AMM’s meeting had much the same result. Participants identified lack of cellular and high speed internet service along with roads as the top issues for the area, but also highlighted the Parkland Recreation Complex—where the meeting was held—as an example of positive infrastructure for the community.

Pictured: President Doug Dobrowolski is interviewed on “Richard Cloutier



Gimli—August 16, 2011

Replacement of aging water and sewer mains are top of mind in Gimli, where Mayor Lynn Greenberg ticked off a laundry list of needed investments. “Watermain repairs—\$10 million, sewer relining—\$833,000, regional water system, \$34 million—where are we supposed to get the money for all this?” asked the Mayor.

With tourism a huge industry in this Interlake community, the problem of housing came up also. Michael Lazer, General Manager of the Lakeview Inn noted “I’d love to hook up with programs through Red River Community College to train people to move here to work in the industry, but I have no place to put them.”

Flooding, the health of Lake Winnipeg and the need for a recreation centre were also hot topics.

Pictured: Mayor Lynn Greenberg and Gimli Public Works Staff



Brandon—August 17, 2011

Although Mayor Shari Decter-Hirst came to the meeting in Brandon armed with a handout illustrating the City’s \$165M infrastructure deficit, it was her words that hit home. In describing the 20% of Brandon’s water mains that are 100 years old, Decter Hirst said “That’s crap running through dirt. Is that the kind of community we want to raise our kids in? Absolutely not.”

Lack of serviced lots available for housing was cited by many as a detriment to growth in the City. That sentiment was echoed by the Mayor, when asked to sum up why political parties should commit dollars to communities for infrastructure:

“Infrastructure is the investment we need to increase revenues and fuel our growth.”

Pictured: Mayor Shari Decter-Hirst being interviewed following the meeting.



Notices



FCM will begin accepting new applications for capital projects in the energy, transportation, waste and water sectors, as well as for plans, feasibility studies and field tests, on **December 1, 2011**.

An **updated GMF Application Form** will be posted on **December 1, 2011**, reflecting any program updates, along with new support tools for applicants. Applicants will need to use the updated GMF Application Form to submit applications after December 1.

Applications for capital projects in the **brownfields** sector can be submitted at any time using the current GMF Application Form.

Visit <http://gmf.fcm.ca/Home/> or contact 613-907-6208 or gmf@fcm.ca for more information.

Manitoba adds Water and Wastewater Technician within apprenticeship system

Effective February 2011, the Government of Manitoba registered "Water and Wastewater Technician" as a 2-year trade. This change aligns established industry certifications for water and wastewater operators with Manitoba's post-secondary education system for trades. A Provincial Advisory Committee comprised of employee and employer representatives from across Manitoba, including members of the Manitoba Water and Wastewater Association (MWWA) and the AMM, was appointed in March 2010 to work with Apprenticeship Manitoba in developing the new trade. Water and Wastewater Technician is one of 12 trades offered online for the 2011-2012 academic year. This will be made possible through a partnership between Apprenticeship Manitoba and three Manitoba colleges, led by Red River College. Online courses will enable Manitobans in urban, rural, and northern communities to study and work close to their homes and families.

More information about the new trade program is available at www.manitoba.ca/tradecareers

Job Postings

RM of Langford Chief Administrative Officer

Position Responsibilities

- Acts as the CAO for the Municipality
- Completes the budget and all financial administration and oversees staff.
- Prepares agendas, minutes, by-laws, correspondence, contracts, agreements, etc. and researches a variety of information to support decision making
- Assist in the development and administration of service delivery, planning & zoning, grant programs, infrastructure projects, policies and procedures of the municipalities in accordance with the Municipal Act and other statutes
- Performs daily accounting duties: payroll, accounts payable, accounts receivable, receipts and deposits
- Performs general office duties
- Works closely with the public and external agencies
- Act as Treasurer and/or Administrator of various boards or committees
- Assists Council with various duties.

Minimum Qualifications

- Grade 12 education / Graduate of/enrolled in/willing to enroll in the CMMA Program. Graduate of a business administration program would be an asset. Experience as a CAO an asset
- Strong general accounting knowledge and computer skills
- Understanding of policy, procedure, taxation, insurance, contracts and agreements
- Ability to work independently with minimal supervision
- Demonstrate initiative, good judgment, strong organizational skills and be a team player
- Experience in customer service, with effective written and verbal communication skills
- Ability to perform a wide variety of tasks under the pressure of deadlines

Interested candidates are asked to submit their resume and three references, IN CONFIDENCE and clearly marked "CAO" by September 7/11 to:

Kathy Jasienczyk, Reeve
RM of Langford
Box 492, Neepawa, MB R0J 1H0
Email: kjas@inetlink.ca

Job Postings

RM Louise Public Works Grader Operator

The RM of Louise requires a Public Works Grader Operator to fill a fulltime term position with the potential of being extended to full-time permanent employment. Primary responsibilities are the maintenance, construction, repair and replacement of municipal infrastructure operating a variety of heavy equipment in addition to the maintenance and repair of equipment.

The RM of Louise is looking for a self motivated, efficient individual who possesses a desire to serve the public, is knowledgeable in the operation and maintenance of heavy equipment and demonstrates good decision making skills.

The ideal candidate should possess:

- A valid Class 5 Manitoba Driver's License
- Experience in the operation of heavy equipment and power tools
- Mechanical experience and welding skills
- Knowledge of road maintenance and construction techniques
- Good problem solving and public relations skills
- Effective verbal and listening communication skills
- Ability to keep accurate and complete records

Salary will be as set out in the current IUOE Contract Agreement. The RM of Louise offers a comprehensive benefits package. A full job description is available by contacting the Municipal Office.

Applicants are asked to submit a letter of application, resume and the name & contact information of three (3) references IN CONFIDENCE and clearly marked "Public Works Grader Operator", by August 31st, 2011 to:

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