



JANUARY 4, 2012

AMM Board closes out 2011

The AMM Board of Directors held its final meeting of 2011 on December 15, 2012.

The Board began with a review of the AMM and MTCML financial statements. The board also received a report on investments from Great West Life and reviewed a number of reserve funds including the building reserve fund, MTCML insurance reserve, AMM communications reserve, and the PSAB reserve.

Membership events discussed included the AMM Annual Convention and the dates of the Municipal Officials Seminar and MTCML Trade Show. Other administrative business discussed included the AMM 2012 Strategic Planning Session to be held January 5 and 6, and the resolution on funding for Federation of Canadian Municipalities Representatives.

Policy issues discussed included concerns with the Manitoba Municipal Board, particularly with respect to an AMM member survey on this subject. The Board agreed to schedule a meeting with the Municipal Board to discuss the concerns mentioned in the survey.

Executive Director Joe Masi provided an update on the policing contract between the Province and the federal government. The contract still requires formal approval from the provincial Cabinet, after which the AMM will have more details.

President Dobrowolski provided an update on the federal government's plan to consult provinces and municipalities on its next infrastructure program. The program will likely be a long-term program and President Dobrowolski will be closely involved through FCM.

Urban Vice-President Eileen Clarke then provided an update on the Rental Supply and Seniors' Housing Roundtables, as well as a summary of the first meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Council.

Under resource management, the board discussed a presentation by the Southwest Flood Strategy Committee on the effects of flooding in the Southwest and some of the flood mitigation measures and compensation programs they would like to see implemented. The SW Committee would like programs to prevent a similar situation in the future as well as compensation for producers and municipalities for holding the water that enters from the south and west to prevent urban centres downstream from being affected.

Other resource policy issues discussed included drainage specific to the Minor Works Policy, cell service issues, and road maintenance contracts.

Finally, the Board was updated on a scheduled meeting with The Honourable Steven Fletcher, Minister of State (Transport) and the AMM Executive regarding the Federal Pre-Budget.

The next meeting of the AMM Board of Directors will take place on January 26, 2012. ■

Coming soon—the Winter, 2012 issue of the MUNICIPAL LEADER, featuring:

- ✦ Special Report on recreation in your municipality, including:
 - *Articles from the Manitoba Community Services Council, Recreation Connections Manitoba and Manitoba Healthy Living, Youth and Seniors;*
 - *A report on Manitoba's community recreation centres—are they worth the price tag?*
 - *Funding sources for community recreation*
- ✦ Manitoba's Heritage Trees Program—how to put **your** community's trees on the map
- ✦ Municipal Profile—the “new” AMM Executive
- ✦ A complete recap of the 13th Annual Convention
- ✦ And much more!



Happy New Year from the AMM Board of Directors and Staff

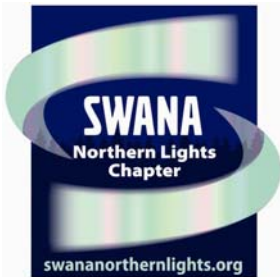


Coming Events



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Education Program**

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The Clean Up: Disasters and the Aftermath of Waste

**March 12-14
Brandon,
Manitoba**

The Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) Northern Lights Chapter will be hosting their 2012 conference in Brandon, Manitoba from March 12 -14. Titled *The Clean Up: Disasters and the Aftermath of Waste*, this year's conference theme centres around the clean-up of waste following recent natural disasters in our communities. From fires and floods to tornadoes and hailstorms, the Prairies provinces have a lot of experience to share. Solid waste professionals and those with an interest in solid waste are encouraged to join us for three days of learning, networking and professional development.

Conference features:

- Indoor trade show with enough space for large equipment.
- Technical sessions dedicated to rural waste issues and challenges.
- Hazardous waste clean-up and disposal in communities big and small.

PLUS all of the great SWANA presentations and sessions you've come to expect.

Registration details can be found at
www.swananorthernlights.org

**Early bird registration deadline is
January 31, 2012.**

Coming Events

Gaining Ground—Connecting People and Knowledge

Portage La Prairie—March 21, 2012

The conference will bring together leaders, experts and people with a passion to share knowledge, ideas, challenges and successes. If you are a municipal leader, parks and recreation practitioner, health professional, trail advocate, cycling enthusiast, pedestrian, planner, engineer, elder, community volunteer or resident of Manitoba – YOU have something to share and to learn!

- The Physical Activity Coalition of Manitoba (PACM) is putting the spotlight on 3 smaller Manitoba communities who are gaining ground in their pursuit to increase the quality of life in their community. Hear how distinctly different, tailor-made solutions are being developing and put into action.
- **You** are invited to submit, present & share your own community's success stories in our '5 slides / 5 minutes/5 highlights' session!

Connect **coast to coast** with leaders who are working directly in communities with local, provincial and national governments to integrate active transportation, recreation, and land development with research and the very critical funding component!

- *British Columbia – Dr. Larry Frank, Professor, & J. Armand Bombardier Chair In Sustainable Urban Transportation Systems*
- *Nova Scotia – Mike Arthur, Manager of Physical Activity, Provincial Dept. of Health & Wellness*

Hear key recommendations from the Manitoba Active Transportation Advisory Group report: Greater Strides: Taking Action on Active Transportation

Registration opens in January

For info visit www.pacm.ca or contact Cara Fisher, PAC M Project Assistant by email at conference@pacm.ca or by phone at **204-294-7027**.

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Coming Events



Centrallia, a highly successful global business forum, will bring together more than 600 business leaders from more than 40 world economic regions to Winnipeg this October.

Called "North America's global business matchmaking forum", Centrallia attracts hundreds of business decision-makers from around the world and strategically matches them in a series of one-on-one meetings. By connecting small to medium sized companies with others to find common opportunity, Manitoba businesses can promote their products and services internationally, while international businesses can seek expansion into Manitoba.

This presents an enormous opportunity for municipalities interested in pursuing economic growth in their regions. This event is a groundbreaking and extremely efficient way to make important connections that can move your municipality forward. The possibilities are endless.

Participants will have access to international trade experts, take part in up to 14 pre-qualified meetings based on selection criteria you supply (which is why the event is sometimes called "speed-dating for business"), enjoy numerous additional networking opportunities outside of the regular meeting schedule, and hear a keynote address by best-selling author Malcolm Gladwell.

**More information can be found at
Centrallia's official website at
www.centrallia.com**