



JULY 9, 2009

June District Meetings

Thank you to our hosts for 2009:

- RM of East St. Paul
- Town of Altona & RM of Rhineland
- Municipality of Killarney-Turtle Mountain
- Village of Binscarth, RM of Russell & Town of Russell
- Town of Roblin, RM of Shell River and RM of Hillsburg
- Town of Lynn Lake
- City of Selkirk

Visit our recap of this year's June District meetings at

http://www.amm.mb.ca/events_june2009.html

Resolutions, photos, presentations, and more!

COMING SOON - SUMMER, 2009 ISSUE OF THE MUNICIPAL LEADER, INCLUDING THE SPECIAL REPORT:

"THE GREENING OF MUNICIPALITIES"



DISASTER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE



L to R: President Doug Dobrowolski, Intergovernmental Affairs Minister Steve Ashton, and EMO's Lee Spencer at July 6 announcement

AMM Members received some welcome news on July 6, 2009 – an adjustment to the cost-sharing agreement currently in place for Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA). President Doug Dobrowolski participated in the announcement by Intergovernmental Affairs Minister Steve Ashton, which outlined the new rate (see example below). Currently, municipalities are expected to contribute the first 10 per cent of their total claim. This can be financially difficult for municipalities, especially those that have large claims or have DFA claims year after year.

Example:

Under **old formula**, a municipality with population of 1,000 people with damage of \$200,000 would have paid:

	Muni		Prov
\$0.00 to 1.00	\$1000	100%	\$0
\$1.01 to 3.00	\$1000	50/50%	\$1000
\$3.01 to 5.00	\$500	25/75%	\$1500
Above \$5.00	\$19,500	10/90%	\$175,500

For a total of \$22,000 in municipal expenditure

Under **new formula**, a municipality with population of 1,000 people with damage of \$200,000 will pay:

	Muni		Prov
\$0.00 to 1.00	\$1000	100%	\$0
\$1.01 to 3.00	\$1000	50/50%	\$1000
\$3.01 to 5.00	\$500	25/75%	\$1500
\$Above 5.00	\$0.00	0/100%	\$197,500

For a total of \$2,500 in municipal expenditure

This shift means not only will costs be much lower than with the current agreement, but municipalities will be better able to plan for emergencies. It will allow municipalities to actually budget for an impending disaster.

The AMM has been actively lobbying the Province to reduce the per cent contribution for some time now and is very pleased with this announcement.

More information is available at <http://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?archive=2009-07-01&item=6176> .■

Congratulations

New Directors on AMM Board

The AMM elected two new directors in the Parkland region on June 19. Councillor **Betty Nykyforak**, Town of Roblin will serve as Parkland Urban Director, and Reeve **Ron Kostyshyn**, RM of Mossey River will serve as Parkland Rural Director.

The new directors replace outgoing directors Reeve Robert Misko, RM of Hillsburg and Mayor Rene Maillard, Town of Ste. Rose du Lac. Both Misko and Maillard stepped down from their positions on the AMM Board.



Directors either re-elected or acclaimed to their current positions include:

- Councillor **Ralph Groening**
Central Rural
- Mayor **Melvin Klassen**
Central Urban
- Mayor **Randy Sigurdson**
Interlake Urban
- Reeve **Alice Bourgouin**
Interlake Rural
- Councillor **Art Rempel**
Eastern Urban
- Reeve **George Harbottle**
Eastern Rural
- Mayor **Eileen Clarke**
Midwestern Urban
- Reeve **Randy Lints**
Midwestern Rural
- Councillor **Maxine Chacun**
Western Urban
- Councillor **Alan Ransom**
Western Rural
- Councillor **Oswald Sawh**
Northern
- Councillor **Karen MacKinnon**
Northern
- Councillor **Russ Wyatt**
Winnipeg

Coming Events

Municipal water and waste management professionals needed to form Industry Panel

ECO Canada is launching a nation-wide study to investigate labour market issues and trends relating to municipal water, wastewater, and solid waste management facilities. The study will identify:

- Critical skills gaps and human resources issues
- Industry supply and demand issues
- Future trends of the labour markets working in these facilities

Professionals in this industry are invited to join ECO's panel and answer questions pertaining to the facilities in their municipality or region in the form of a survey. Please find below the link to join the Municipal Water and Waste Management Industry Panel.

Responses will be used to ensure that labour market conditions are understood and addressed. The results of the full survey will be available in January 2010 from the ECO Canada web site.

To learn more about the survey, how the results can be used to benefit your facility and to pre-order the report visit www.eco.ca/mwww. To join the industry panel go to <http://www.justasonmi-panel.com/survey/259359/4ddd/>.

ECO Canada develops programs that help individuals build meaningful environmental careers, provides employers with resources to find and keep the best environmental practitioners, and informs educators and governments of employment trends to ensure the ongoing prosperity of this growing sector. For more information please visit: www.eco.ca.

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Coming Events

PSAB Implementation 2009 Training Sessions PSAB Reporting Model

On-line registration for the 2009 Training Sessions is available on the AMM website at:

www.amm.mb.ca/PSAB.html

Utility Management Workshop - A Holistic Approach to your Utility

Sunday, September 20, 2009
8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Presenters: Simon Thomas, EPCOR & Vince Corkery, EPCOR

A common occurrence in managing a water / wastewater facility is that utility management practitioners usually only practice in one area of utility management. If utility sector practitioners (internal and external) understood the full cycle of utility management of assets, they could improve their components.

This full day workshop is intended to give practitioners a primer on all components of Water/Wastewater Utility Management using Create Water Techniques. If you are in a supervisory role; a manager; involved in the financial aspects of providing water / wastewater services; a vendor; or a consultant in the water / wastewater industry, this workshop will improve your understanding and provide instruction on:

- Understanding business processes
- Understanding full cycle asset management •Creating plain "line of sight" from planning to asset creation and ongoing operation and maintenance
- A breakdown of operating and capital budgeting and decision-making silos

Cost: \$175

Registration forms available on-line at westerncanadawater.ca or contact:

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