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## PROVINCE-WIDE CAMPAIGN PUTS COMMUNITIES FIRST

*“The Putting Communities First campaign is really about the power of one voice amplified 200-fold.”*

That was the key message delivered by President **Doug Dobrowolski** on June 9, 2011. On that day the AMM kicked off a comprehensive campaign designed to send a strong message to all parties in the days leading up to the October 4 provincial election: It is time to *Put Communities First*.

“This campaign has been months in the making, starting with discussions we had with Manitobans from across the Province,” explained President Dobrowolski. “They told us the public infrastructure in their communities is a great concern to them and they recognize municipalities need help. That is the message we will deliver to all parties as the election approaches – we need a solution to this problem.”

AMM Winnipeg director, Councillor **Russ Wyatt**, and RM of St. Andrews Reeve **Don Forfar**, who is also a director on the Federation of Canadian Municipalities,



Above, Reeve Don Forfar, RM of St. Andrews, addresses the news media during the “Putting Communities First” campaign launch.



Above, President Dobrowolski demonstrates the “Putting Communities First” online toolkit created to help AMM members get involved with the campaign.

joined Dobrowolski at the launch. According to Wyatt, the solution is straightforward. “Manitoba municipalities need one cent of the existing Provincial Sales Tax over and above what we receive now. This would put roughly \$239 million into provincial coffers annually and would go a long, long way toward eradicating that infrastructure deficit.”

Smaller measures can be effective too, says Forfar. “Starting immediately, the Province of Manitoba could support a PST rebate for municipalities. This relatively easy change could be implemented very quickly and would put several million dollars in municipal hands immediately.”

The AMM kicked off its June District Meetings on June 9 as well, where all 197 member municipalities were asked to build support within their communities to further amplify and spread the AMM’s message.

AMM members are asked to visit the campaign website at <http://www.amm.mb.ca/campaigncentre/> to get involved in the effort. The site is stocked with a toolkit, backgrounders, action alerts, useful links and more. ■

### Resolution Recap

The 2011 June District Meetings saw 85 resolutions debated throughout the 7 districts.

Total submitted—85

Carried—78

Defeated—6

Withdrawn—1

*thanks!*

to our hosts—your hospitality was outstanding!

RM of De Salaberry  
Eastern District

Town of Leaf Rapids  
Northern District

RM of Mountain  
Parkland District

Town of Minnedosa,  
RM of Minto & RM of Odanah  
Midwestern District

RM of Albert  
Western District

RM of Morris  
Central District

Town of Teulon  
Interlake District



## Congratulations

### New Directors on AMM Board

This year at the June District meetings five new directors were elected.

#### Councillor Angela Enright

Town of Snow Lake  
Northern Director

#### Mayor Lyle Smith

Town of Gilbert Plains  
Parkland Urban Director

#### Reeve Gary Momotiuk

RM of Gilbert Plains  
Parkland Rural Director

#### Mayor Rick Pauls

Municipality of Killarney-Turtle Mountain  
Western Rural Director

#### Councillor Terry Johnson

Town of Virden  
Western Urban Director

*The following returning directors were acclaimed:*

#### Reeve Ralph Groening

RM of Morris  
Central Rural Director

#### Mayor Mel Klassen

Town of Altona  
Central Urban Director

#### Councillor Trevor King

RM of Woodlands  
Interlake Rural Director

#### Mayor Randy Sigurdson

Town of Arborg  
Interlake Urban Director

#### Mayor Robert Stefaniuk

RM of Ritchot  
Eastern Rural Director

#### Mayor Chris Goertzen

City of Steinbach  
Eastern Urban Director

#### Mayor Shirley Kalyniuk

Town of Rosburn  
Midwestern Urban Director

#### Reeve Randy Lints

RM of Hamiota  
Midwestern Rural Director

#### Mayor Jim Goymer

Town of Gillam  
Northern Director

## MTCML



*Limited time offer—an additional rebate on facility supplies.*

**Early bird order date: June 27, 2011**

<http://www.amm.mb.ca/documents/GrandToyRebateProgram-FacilitySupplies.pdf>

## Job Postings

### RM of Louise Public Works Supervisor

The RM of Louise requires a Public Works Supervisor to coordinate the operation, maintenance and services of the municipality's public works infrastructure systems and related personnel and equipment resources.

The ideal candidate should possess:

- Supervisory and human resource management skills
- Ability to operate heavy equipment and power tools w/mechanical knowledge and welding experience
- Knowledge of road maintenance and construction techniques
- Good problem solving, public relations skills, effective verbal and listening communication skills
- Ability to keep accurate and complete records
- Experience in using Microsoft Office would be an asset

The RM of Louise offers a comprehensive benefits package including medical and dental coverage, travel insurance, life insurance, long-term disability insurance and defined-benefit pension plan.

Interested applicants are asked to submit their resume, three references and salary expectations, IN CONFIDENCE and clearly marked "Public Works Supervisor", by June 30/11 to:

**Alexis Gardiner, CAO**  
26 South Railway Ave East  
Box 310, Crystal City, MB R0K 0N0  
Email: [agardiner@goinet.ca](mailto:agardiner@goinet.ca)

## Job Postings

### RM of Whitewater Foreman

The R. M. of Whitewater is seeking applicants for the position of Public Works Foreman.

Reporting to the CAO and Council, the Foreman is responsible for the management and delivery of all municipal works programs and services including, but not limited to, road maintenance and repair, building and vehicle maintenance and landfill operations. The successful applicant must possess:

- Experience in road maintenance and repair
- Experience in heavy equipment operation
- Experience and knowledge of machinery, equipment and vehicle maintenance
- Leadership and supervisory skills
- Minimum Class 3 License with Air

A detailed job description can be obtained from the municipal office located at 201 South Railway Street, Minto.

Interested candidates are invited to submit a written application and a detailed, typed resume with a minimum of three references and expected salary by July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011 to:

**RM of Whitewater  
Foreman Position  
Box 53, Minto, MB R0K 1M0**

Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

*Coming soon—the Summer, 2011 issue of the Municipal Leader! Including:*

- Weed districts
- Ombudsman news
- Profile—Mayor Tim Johnston
- Excellence Awards
- Special report: Putting Communities First  
...and more!!

