



# NEWS BULLETIN



JUNE 3, 2011

## WESTERN CANADIAN ISSUES DISCUSSED

The AMM hosted the annual meeting of the Western Canada Municipal Associations (WCMA) on May 6, 2011. Joining the AMM were representatives from the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA), the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM), the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA), and the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties (AAMDC).

Federal election results were high on the agenda, with the associations discussing lobbying possibilities with the new majority government. There was concern infrastructure is not viewed as a priority by the Federal Government. Infrastructure funding

and housing in particular may need more attention to make them federal priorities. Lack of communication with federal Ministers is also a concern.

Flooding and assistance programs in each province were reviewed as well as provincial-municipal cost-sharing in Saskatchewan and Manitoba. All expressed disappointment that federal DFA requirements only allow repair back to what existed before the damage, although some recent announcements are promising.

Differences between Saskatchewan and Manitoba revenue sharing arrangements were clarified. It will be a regulation in Saskatchewan and legislated in Manitoba. Saskatchewan's arrangement involves operating

grants, whereas in Manitoba it is all of the existing infrastructure and transit grants tied to PST.

The 2012 RCMP contract was also on the agenda. Manitoba Justice had informed the AMM that the Alberta Government signed off on the 2012 contract, but neither the AAMDC or AUMA were aware of the details. All expressed concern about the possibility the Federal Government may try to download more costs to municipalities.

Other items discussed included the need for either an increase in the Gas Tax Funding or a new program for roads and/or bridges, housing, recruitment and retention of assessors, benefits of nurse practitioners, and various other items.

The AMM took the opportunity to discuss its strategy for the Provincial Election in October, 2011. ■

## 2011 JUNE DISTRICT MEETINGS

*Please note all meetings begin at 9:30 am except for the Easter District which begins at 3:00 pm.*

### Eastern District – Thursday, June 9

Hosted by the RM of De Salaberry

*Please register for the Eastern District meeting by Monday, June 6, 2011*

### Northern District – Friday, June 10

Hosted by the Town of Leaf Rapids

*Please register for the Northern District meeting by Tuesday, June 7, 2011*

### Parkland District – Monday, June 13

Hosted by the RM of Mountain

*Please register for the Parkland District meeting by Wednesday, June 8, 2011*

### Midwestern District – Tuesday, June 14

Hosted by the Town of Minnedosa, RM of Minto & RM of Odanah

*Please register for the Midwestern District meeting by Thursday, June 9, 2011*

### Western District – Wednesday, June 15

Hosted by the RM of Albert

*Please register for the Western District meeting by Friday, June 10, 2011*

### Central District – Thursday, June 16

Hosted by the RM of Morris

*Please register for the Central District meeting by Monday, June 13, 2011*

### Interlake District – Friday, June 17

Hosted by the Town of Teulon

*Please register for the Interlake District meeting by Tuesday, June 14, 2011*

Visit [http://www.amm.mb.ca/events\\_june\\_form.cfm](http://www.amm.mb.ca/events_june_form.cfm) to register!

*The AMM 2011 provincial election campaign will soon launch. Watch for details early next week.*

*Putting  
Communities  
First*

*Join us as we ask all political parties - "what will you do to put communities first this election?"*



## Coming Events

### **Reminder!** June District Meetings AMM Board of Directors Elections

This year at the June District meetings we will elect all Director positions on the AMM Board of Directors (except for the City of Winnipeg Director position).

Full details are available on the AMM website at <http://www.amm.mb.ca/documents/Elections.pdf>



**Join the Commuter Challenge to get active, save money, reduce pollution and win great prizes!**

The Commuter Challenge is a national competition that encourages individuals and workplaces to walk, cycle, take transit, carpool or telecommute instead of driving alone to their workplace. The event takes place during Environment Week, from June 5<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>.

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

For more information, please contact Francine at 204-925-3779 or [challenge@greenactioncentre.ca](mailto:challenge@greenactioncentre.ca).

### **Compost Matters in Manitoba—a two-day workshop in Brandon for organics recycling and compost advocates**

#### **June 28th Workshops:**

- i. Backyard and Community Composting
- ii. Industrial-Scale Composting

Tours of:

- i. Agriculture & AgriFood Canada Research Station (Greenhouse/Compost)
- ii. Brandon Compost Facility

#### **June 29th Sessions will include:**

- Regulatory Updates
- Organics Recycling in the Community
- Organics Recycling on the Farm
- Compost Matters in Soil

For more information, please contact:

Danielle Buklis @ **1-877-571-GROW (4769)** or via email at [info@compost.org](mailto:info@compost.org)

<http://www.compost.org/>

## Notices

### **2017 Canada Summer Games Bid Process Info Session**

In 2017 the Canada Games will return to Manitoba. 2017 will be an exciting year for the Canada Games movement marking its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as Canada's premier celebration of amateur sport.

The Province of Manitoba and Sport Manitoba will host a Bid Process Information Session for any Manitoba communities that may be interested in formally bidding to host the Games. Staff from the Canada Games Council will present an overview of the bid process, timelines and all the general expectations on what it takes to be a Canada Games host community.

**Date:** Monday, June 27, 2011

**Time:** 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

**Location:** Sport for Life Centre  
Lower Level Theatre  
145 Pacific Avenue  
Winnipeg MB R3B 2Z6

If you are interested in attending or if you have questions please contact:

**Michael Benson, Director of the Sport Secretariat at (204) 945-8834 or by email at:**

[Michael.Benson@gov.mb.ca](mailto:Michael.Benson@gov.mb.ca)

## Job Postings

### **Water Utility Manager RM of Wallace**

Reporting directly to the CAO, the successful candidate is a person who is committed to working in a team environment. He/She should have a strong work ethic with the ability to perform a variety of duties relating to water treatment and distribution systems including installations, repairs, maintenance, monitoring, sampling, and related projects.

The preferred candidate would:

- Possess a Certified Engineer Technologist (CET) designation or similar qualifications;
- Possess, or be eligible for, Level 2 Water Treatment and Distribution Certification;

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- Have knowledge of engineering practices/principles and maintenance procedures;
- Have experience with water treatment and distribution in a municipal setting.

Candidates must have a valid driver's license, computer skills, and the ability to understand, execute and communicate oral and written instructions.

Please state wage/salary expectations in the application.

For more information please contact the RM of Wallace office at (204) 748-1239 or [don.wallace@mymts.net](mailto:don.wallace@mymts.net).

Applications will be accepted until a suitable candidate is found.

### **Chief Administrative Officer RM of Wallace**

Under the direction of council, the CAO will be responsible for the management of the operations of the municipality in accordance with legislated requirements, by-laws and procedures established by council.

We are looking for a dynamic team leader who possesses the following qualities:

- strong leadership skills with experience in municipal administration
- a certificate from the Manitoba Municipal Administration Program or equivalent
- computer ability and knowledge of municipal accounting systems
- ability to communicate effectively with the public, employees and external stakeholders
- understanding of infrastructure, planning, economic development and finance
- skills in budget preparation, financial management and reporting

Forward a complete resume marked "Personal & Confidential", with three work related references no later than June 30, 2011 to:

**The R.M. of Wallace  
'CAO Application'  
Box 2200 Virden, MB R0M 2C0  
Fax: (204)748-3450  
Email: [ruth.wallace@mts.net](mailto:ruth.wallace@mts.net)**