



JUNE 9, 2010

AMM BOARD MEETS

The AMM Board of Directors met on May 20, 2010.

The meeting began with a review of the AMM and MTCML financial statements for the period ending April 30, 2010. The Board also received a preliminary report on the expected financial position at year end.

A number of membership events were then discussed. The Board also reviewed the draft agenda for the June District Meetings, and agreed to present the convention location issue to the membership during district meetings. The Board also reviewed the feedback and comments from the MTCML Tradeshow as well as the notes from the Eastern, Interlake and Northern municipal visits.

The Board reviewed the new AMM Membership fees based on 2010 Municipal Assessments.

Policy issues discussed included the new alternative revenue committee, new building inspection regulations, unionizing of volunteer firefighters, the onsite wastewater management regulation amendment, federal wastewater regulations, and intercity bus service.

The Board welcomed MMAA President Brent McMillan to the board. Brent takes over from Ernie Epp.

The board also reviewed the Hansard and received a legislation update from staff. AMM will make presentations on Bills 3 and 8 after second reading, but agreed not to present on Bill 31.

The Board discussed the upcoming Women in Municipal Government Task Force Report, agreeing to release the report to the membership at the June District Meetings.

The next meeting of the AMM Board of Directors will take place on Thursday, July 8, 2010. ■

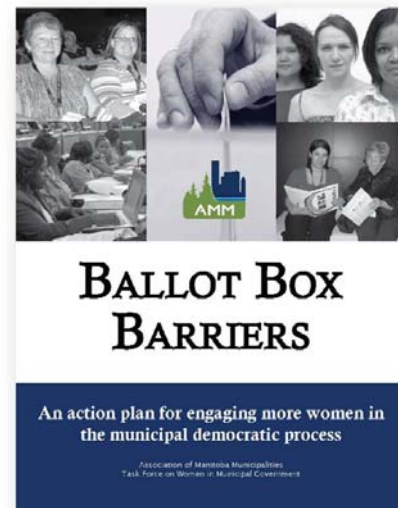
AMM TASK FORCE RELEASES REPORT

Today the AMM Task Force on women in municipal government released *"Ballot Box Barriers: An action plan for engaging more women in the municipal democratic process"*.

The report stems from a resolution carried by the delegates at the 2009 AMM annual convention, calling for the AMM to form a task force to identify barriers and make recommendations moving forward.

Task force members are Shirley Kalyniuk (Chair), AMM Urban-Vice-President; Alice Bourgouin, AMM Interlake Rural Director; and Russ Wyatt, AMM Winnipeg Director.

The report is available in hard copy and on the AMM website at http://www.amm.mb.ca/res_women.html. ■



AMM SUPPORTS BILLS 3, 8

The AMM recently sent letters to the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs in support of two bills - Bill 3 - The City of Winnipeg Charter Amendment and Municipal Amendment Act (Derelict Buildings), and Bill 8 - The Highway Traffic Amendment Act.

The AMM supports Bill 3 because derelict buildings are a real concern in many municipalities and the AMM is supportive of any measure that will increase the authority of municipalities to deal with this community problem. By granting municipalities authority to regulate the condition and maintenance of vacant dwellings and non-residential buildings, municipalities can now act proactively to remove these buildings which act as both an eyesore and a safety hazard.

While the AMM also supports Bill 8, legislative changes alone are not enough. Municipalities feel strongly that greater safety precautions must be put in place to protect emergency service providers. Right now far too many drivers fail to slow down when passing emergency service providers at accident scenes. Bill 8 is certainly a positive step, but the AMM would like to see an education campaign accompany the changes to Bill 8 so that all drivers in Manitoba are made aware of the need to slow down and protect emergency service providers.

The AMM's complete remarks to the Standing Committee can be found at http://www.amm.mb.ca/pol_leg.html. ■

Coming Events

June District Resolutions

When submitting resolutions, please indicate if they are for your District Meeting or for information only. Also:

- We have moved to a Category system (Category 1, 2 or 3)
- Only **emerging** issues may be raised *after* the District Meetings
- Resolutions the same as current AMM lobbying position will not be permitted if the existing resolution is less than four years old. Resolutions calling for a change to current AMM position will be permitted.

Questions? Please contact

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AMM District Meetings

It's not too late to register for:

Western District – June 14

Kenton Memorial Hall, 219 Cornwallis St., Kenton

Please register by Wednesday, June 9

Central District – June 15

Blair Morrison Memorial Hall, La Riviere

Please register by Thursday, June 10

Eastern District – June 16

Brass Lantern Restaurant & Banquet Centre, 145 Main St.

Please register for by Friday, June 11

Interlake District – June 17

Fraserwood Hall, PR 231, Fraserwood

Please register by Monday, June 14

Northern District – June 18

Camp Whitney

Please register by Tuesday, June 15

****All meetings begin at 9:30 am except the Northern meeting which begins at 10:00 am.****

Register now at:

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



If your municipality has made, or is planning to make, a comment or presentation at one of the Province of Manitoba's **Intercity Bus Consultation** workshops, we'd like to hear from you! Please contact AMM Director of Policy and Communications *Tyler MacAfee* at 204-856-2362 or email tmacafee@amm.mb.ca.

(For more information visit <http://www.gov.mb.ca/mit/intercitybus/index.html>)

Coming Events

Notice of Public Consultation: Manitoba Household Hazardous Waste Stewardship Programs

And Commercial Pesticide Container Stewardship Program

You are invited to attend the public consultation event and simultaneous webinar for several proposed Manitoba Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) stewardship programs and for the CleanFARMS™ commercial pesticide container stewardship program. The event takes place on **June 21, 2010** at the 'Inn at the Forks' in Winnipeg.

RSVP by June 16, 2010 at <http://www.productcare.org/MB-HHW-Consultation>. You are also invited to submit written comments to the program plan by July 9, 2010. For more information or to submit comments, contact Belinda Young at:

belinda@productcare.org
Telephone: 604-592-2972 x 200
Toll free: 1-888-772-9772 x 200
Fax: 604-592-2982

Manitoba Association of Regional Recyclers 2010 Summer Meeting

Monday, June 21, 2010

rescheduled to support the HHW Consultation

We will combine a brief business meeting with a networking supper at the conclusion of the HHW agenda.

WHERE: Inn at the Forks in Winnipeg (75 Forks Market Road)

COST: MARR members \$15 Non-Members - \$25 (**supper included**) forward payment by mail or door upon arrival)

In addition to registering for the HHW event, **please register** for the MARR portion to facilitate supper order.

REGISTER: <http://www.marrmb.com/summer2010/register.html>

Coming Events

Does your message reach its audience?

PLAIN LANGUAGE TRAINING with Charles Moody

Introductory Course: July 13-14, 2010

Working on their own documents, participants learn how to write in a language that their audience can understand.

Advanced Course: July 15, 2010

Following Introduction to Plain Language, this one-day workshop enables participants to hone their skills by revising their own document in a tutorial setting. Visit mb.literacy.ca/news.htm for more information.

To register: email Kathy Pavlik at: kpavlik@mb.literacy.ca by June 29.

Job Postings

RM of Shell River Chief Administrative Officer

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

The successful candidate shall be a graduate of, or enrolled in, the Manitoba Municipal Administration Program (or similar program) and will possess technical skills in municipal administration, financial management and human resource management. Strong communication, analytical, and leadership skills are some of the requirements of the position. Post-secondary education in a relevant discipline would be an asset. Salary range dependent upon qualifications and experience. An excellent benefits package is included. Please submit a resume, including three work-related references, to:

RM of Shell River
Box 998
Roblin, MB R0L 1P0
(204) 937-8496 (fax) or
shellrv@mts.net (email)

Application Deadline: *Open until filled.*

Visit us at www.rm.shellriver.mb.ca for more information on this position.