



NEWS BULLETIN



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AMM MINISTER MEETING UPDATE

On Tuesday, February 23, the AMM met with the Honourable Peter Bjornson, Minister of Entrepreneurship, Training and Trade, as well as the Honourable Jennifer Howard, Minister of Labour and Immigration.

The AMM opened the meeting with Minister Bjornson by inquiring about the status of the development of an apprenticeship model for water and wastewater operators. Minister Bjornson indicated that this is progressing.

Business development in rural Manitoba was also raised, with the AMM stressing the Province must work with all areas of rural and northern Manitoba. The Minister indicated that the presence of mobile training labs is dictated by demand and mentioned e-learning and distance education are also options. He added the province is halfway toward its commitment of 4,000 new apprentices.

The AMM also urged the Minister to support business development by creating local training opportunities based on emerging technology. The Minister indicated the Province is always looking at new training areas, and has looked specifically at bio-diesel opportunities.

Finally, the AMM requested an update on the Buy American deal. The Minister indicated that he would have his staff provide a comprehensive update, but he does not expect a lot of change for Manitoba as we currently have a very open tendering process.

The AMM opened the meeting with Minister Howard by raising the need to ensure that efficient emergency response is available throughout Manitoba. This could be accomplished through mandatory 911 and assistance in locating emergency incidents. The

Position papers for these departments are available at http://www.amm.mb.ca/pol_provincial.html

Minister indicated that they are working on this issue with Manitoba Emergency Measures and a report is forthcoming.

Next on the agenda was the issue of fire inspections. While the AMM supports measures that keep Manitobans safe and prevent fires, municipalities are concerned that the new Fire Safety Inspections Regulation under *The Fires Prevention and Emergency Response Act* downloads responsibility for inspections on daycare facilities and other buildings to municipalities. The Minister indicated municipalities do have the option to charge for this service and some larger municipalities are doing this. She also indicated more and more municipalities are looking at using a regional inspector. She added the Office of the Fire Commissioner is willing to help municipalities with these inspections if required.

Provincial Floor Construction Standards were also discussed, with the Minister indicating the issue is still with the Building Standards Board and she is waiting for recommendations which are expected to come in June.

The AMM then raised the cost of traffic control at motor vehicle accident scenes. The AMM would like to see the practice discontinued or both training and financial compensation provided to municipalities for this service. The Minister indicated this issue would be well suited for the municipal advisory committee that the Office of the Fire Commissioner would like to set up.

The AMM also requested the Municipal Employees Pension Plan be exempted from provincial solvency funding requirements. The Minister indicated this issue will be reviewed over the next year and she is hopeful there will be progress. The Minister fully appreciated the AMM concern on this issue.

The AMM also raised a general issue with each Minister. *Core Challenges for Municipalities* focuses on the need for:

- a greater investment in municipal infrastructure by all levels of government,
- an end to the downloading of responsibilities to municipalities and a requirement that new mandates come with new funding, and
- a commitment to provide new alternate revenues to municipalities. ■

Update from FCM

On February 11, 2010, Federation of Canadian Municipalities' President Basil Stewart informed FCM members in a Members' Advisory that the Government of Canada has revised its original position to not pay any costs for stimulus projects not fully completed by March 31, 2011. The Government of Canada has now agreed to pay its full share of any projects costs incurred before the deadline, regardless of whether the entire project is complete at that point (e.g.—if the project is 80% complete by March 31, 80% will be paid). This removes the threat of a 100 per cent clawback of federal funding off the table.

Coming Events

2010 Mayors, Reeves and CAOs Meetings

Meetings will begin at 10:00 am

Register at:

[http://www.amm.mb.ca/
events_meetings_form.html](http://www.amm.mb.ca/events_meetings_form.html)

Parkland—Monday, March 15

Hosted by the Town and RM of Grandview

Midwestern—Tuesday, March 16

Hosted by the RM and Town of Hamiota

Western—Wednesday, March 17

Hosted by the RM of Pipestone

Central—Thursday, March 18

Hosted by the RM of South Norfolk and
Town of Treherne

Interlake—Friday, March 19

Hosted by the RM of West St. Paul

Northern—Monday, March 22

Hosted by the Town of Churchill

Eastern—Tuesday, March 23

Hosted by the RM of Springfield

See you there!

MARR Provincial Stewardship Forum & AGM

WHEN: Tuesday, March 16, 2010 (9:00 am - 4 pm)

WHERE: Delta Winnipeg ~ 350 St. Mary Ave. (1-888-890-3222 group rate under MARR)

AGENDA: [www.marrmb.com/
winter2010/agenda.html](http://www.marrmb.com/winter2010/agenda.html)

COST: MARR Members - \$20
Potential-Members - \$50

To join MARR, visit

www.marrmb.com/join.html

Municipal Composting Basics: Part 1 Workshop

at Delta Winnipeg on Monday, March 15th, 10:30am - 4:30 pm. in partnership with the **Composting Council of Canada**. (*Municipal Composting Basics: Part 2 will be convened at a later date.*)

Notices

MARR's 2010 AGM will be held on March 15, 2010 (5:00 - 6:00 pm; supper included). Visit [www.marrmb.com/
winter2010/index.html](http://www.marrmb.com/winter2010/index.html) for more information.

Register for both the MARR AGM and Manitoba Stewardship Forum by March 1, 2010 for your chance to WIN!!! tickets to the **Legends of Hockey Heroes** game on Monday, March 15th at the MTS Centre.

...Plus one lucky registrant will get to serve as Guest Coach on the bench of the Legendary Hockey Heroes. Click here to register:

[www.marrmb.com/winter2010/
register.html](http://www.marrmb.com/winter2010/register.html)

Job Postings

Manager of Administration Assistant Development Officer/ Building Inspector RM of Macdonald

The RM of Macdonald has two employment opportunities for the position of *Manager of Administration* and *Assistant Development Officer/ Building Inspector*. The Municipal Office is located in Sanford, approximately 20 km southwest of Winnipeg on Highway No.3, and serves a combined urban and rural population of approx. 6,000.

Manager of Administration

Under the direction of the Chief Administrative Officer, the Manager of Administration is responsible for the management of the administrative and financial functions of the municipality.

Assistant Development Officer/ Building Inspector

Under the direction of the Chief Administrative Officer, the Assistant Development Officer/Building Inspector is responsible for the administration of the municipal zoning by-law and all functions related to the building permit and inspection requirements in the municipality.

Job Postings

For further information on these positions, please contact the municipal office at 736-2255 or visit www.rmofmacdonald.com

Persons possessing the necessary skill and experience should submit a detailed resume including a minimum of two references on or before 12:00 noon, Monday, March 15, 2010 to:

**RM of Macdonald
Attn: Chief Administrative Officer
Box 100, Sanford, MB R0G 2J0
Fax [204]736-4335**

Please clearly mark the envelope which position the application is for.

Chief Administrative Officer Town of Roblin

The Town of Roblin invites written applications for the position of Chief Administrative Officer.

Under the direction of Council, the Chief Administrative Officer is responsible for the overall administration of the municipality in accordance with *The Municipal Act*, Provincial regulations, and by-laws, policies and procedures established by Council.

The successful candidate shall be a graduate of the Manitoba Municipal Administrators' Certificate Program and will possess technical skills in municipal administration, financial management and human resource management. Strong communication, analytical, and leadership skills are just some of the requirements of the position. Post-secondary education in a relevant discipline would be an asset.

The successful candidate will be required to live within the community.

Salary starts at \$50,000; the right candidate can expect a salary and benefits package that reflects their level of experience.

Send a resume and cover letter marked "Personal and Confidential" to:

**Councillor Betty Nykyforak,
Town of Roblin, P.O. Box 730
Roblin, MB R0L 1P0**

or email banykyf@mts.net by 4:30 P.M.,
Friday, March 19, 2010.