



NEWS BULLETIN



MAY 2, 2011

MINISTER MEETINGS CONCLUDE

The AMM concluded its annual round of Minister meetings on March 28, 2011.

Peace officer training and validation was the first item raised with **Minister of Justice Andrew Swan**. Municipalities have long understood they may designate by-law officers to enforce municipal bylaws, however peace officer training is now required. The Minister agreed this is an issue and encourages municipalities to raise with their local detachment.

Enforcement of parking violations was raised next, with the AMM stressing the need to allow municipalities to restrict the re-issuance of driver and vehicle licenses pending the payment of outstanding fines. The Minister indicated technology issues would result in the cost of this being too high.

Policing issues discussed with Minister Swan included policing costs, mandatory police boards and the 2012 RCMP contract. Regarding the 2012 contract, the Minister expressed concern with the downloading of costs and noted BC shares Manitoba's concerns. The AMM agreed to contact the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) to try to coordinate efforts.

Traffic Control at Accident Scenes was also raised with Minister Swan.

The AMM began its meeting with **Minister of Education Nancy Allan** by reiterating its long-time position of the need to reduce reliance on education property tax and to achieve an 80:20 funding ration for operating costs.

The Minister indicated that Manitoba has had one of the most aggressive tax mitigation strategies in Canada, and further noted the reduction on farmland and changes to the school funding formula. As well, the Tax Incentive Grant (TIG) has gone to 30 school divisions this year, meaning 30 out of 37 school divisions will not be increasing taxes.

Anti-drug programs in schools were also discussed with Minister Allan, who noted many programs are in place. She also noted new legislation requiring kids to stay in school until they reach the age of 18 has increased graduation rates to over 80%.

The need for mandatory 911 service was first on the agenda with **Minister of Labour and Immigration Jennifer Howard**, along with the need for a non-emergency number to help reduce the incidence of false alarms.

The cost of fire inspections, particularly the downloading of responsibility for some inspections to municipalities, was discussed next. The Office of the Fire Commissioner will be asked to submit an article for the Municipal Leader magazine to provide some clarity.

Status of the Advisory Committee for Accessibility Legislation was raised next with the Minister indicating the final report is close. Since this meeting, the report has been tabled and will soon be shared with stakeholders.

Other issues raised with Minister Howard were provincial floor construction standards and the cost of traffic control at accident scenes. ■

Position papers are available at

www.amm.mb.ca/pol_provincial.html

MANITOBA BUDGET 2011

2011 Budget update

Since the 2011 Provincial Budget was tabled on Tuesday, April 12, the AMM has been in discussions with the Province to try to fully understand how it impacts our members, particularly with respect to the announcement of new growth revenue dedicated to municipal infrastructure.

Budget 2011 does create a source of growth revenue - Provincial Sales Tax (PST) - that municipalities have long been asking for, and makes the Province of Manitoba the first in Canada to make a commitment to sharing revenue with municipalities in legislation.

However, Budget 2011 does not fulfill the AMM's request for a one per cent share of the existing PST to be dedicated to municipal infrastructure, on top of the existing funding municipalities currently receive.

The Province has provided some Q & A's to the AMM to clarify just what changes have occurred and how the budget will impact our members. The Q & A's can be found under "Quick Links" on the AMM website at www.amm.mb.ca.

Thank you to the

*561 delegates who attended the
Municipal Officials Seminar
and MTCML Trade Show on
April 13 & 14, 2011.*



Coming Events

2011 District Meetings

Online registration now open:
[http://www.amm.mb.ca/
events_june_form.cfm](http://www.amm.mb.ca/events_june_form.cfm)

Eastern District – Thursday, June 9
Hosted by the RM of De Salaberry
Reimer Student Life Centre, Providence
College Campus

18054 Otterburne Road - 34N,
Otterburne

****Please note this meeting only will
begin at 3:00 pm.**

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

Northern District – Friday, June 10
Hosted by the Town of Leaf Rapids
Royal Canadian Legion #251, Akisko
Bay, 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
Pine River Community Centre, 239
Public Road W (PR 271)

*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
Minnedosa Community Conference
Centre, 63 Main Street North, Minne-
dosa

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

Western District – Wednesday, June 15
Hosted by the RM of Albert
Tilston Community Hall, Tilston

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

Central District – Thursday, June 16
Hosted by the RM of Morris
Lowe Farm Community Centre, 32 Main
Street, Lowe Farm

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

Interlake District – Friday, June 17
Hosted by the Town of Teulon
Teulon-Rockwood Centennial Centre, 14
Main Street, Teulon

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

Coming Events

June District Meetings - AMM Board of Directors Elections

This year at the June District meet-
ings we will be electing all Director
positions on the AMM Board of
Directors (except for the City of
Winnipeg Director position).

Please remember the following if you
are considering letting your name
stand for Director on the AMM Board
of Directors:

- *You must be an elected official from
a member municipality to be eligible
to run for the AMM Board of
Directors.*
- *Each of the 7 Districts shall have 2
representatives on the board, one
from an urban municipality and one
from a rural municipality, except
the Northern District.*
- *For the Northern District, represen-
tation on the Board shall be com-
prised of one representative from
one of the following municipalities:
The Pas, Kelsey, Flin Flon,
Snow Lake or Grand Rapids.*
- *The other representative shall be
from one of the following munici-
palities: Thompson, Lynn Lake,
Leaf Rapids, Churchill, Gillam or
Mystery Lake.*
- *The term of office for the Directors
shall be 2 years until June of 2013.*
- *In order to be elected, a candidate
must receive 50% plus one of the
total votes cast.*
- *All elected officials and Chief
Administrative Officers of a member
municipality for a particular district
may vote at the June District
meeting.*

If you have any questions about the
election for the AMM Board of Direc-
tors, please feel free to contact:

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Process for June District Meeting Resolutions ****Note new deadline****

1. All resolutions must be submitted to the AMM office **prior to June 1st** for consideration at that year's June District Meeting. Resolutions received after this date will be considered post-June District Meeting resolutions and will be dealt with through that process.
2. Resolutions are categorized by the District Resolutions Committee which is chosen at the meeting. The chair of the District Resolutions Committee sits on the AMM Convention Resolutions Committee.
3. Resolutions categorized as 1 or 2 are presented for debate by delegates.
4. Resolutions categorized as a 3 resolution are not put forward for debate, but the AMM Board of Directors later reviews the decision on the category.
5. The City of Winnipeg will send resolutions directly to the AMM prior to June 30th. These resolutions will be forwarded to the AMM Convention Resolutions Committee for categorization.

Please direct Resolutions to:

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