



MAY 27, 2010

AMM AND KATZ ANNOUNCE INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING COUNCIL

On May 21 Winnipeg Mayor Sam Katz and President Doug Dobrowolski announced the creation of an Infrastructure Funding Council committed to finding a long-term funding solution to municipal infrastructure deficits.

The Infrastructure Funding Council's mandate will include the development of an overall, comprehensive infrastructure funding strategy and provide recommendations regarding internal infrastructure funding options within the control of the municipalities, along with recommendations regarding external infrastructure funding options requiring intergovernmental negotiation and/or approval.

"The City has continued to invest significant funds in all of Winnipeg's infrastructure including roads, bridges, and community centres, but we are merely playing catch up from decades of neglect," said Winnipeg Mayor *Sam Katz*. "Facing an infrastructure deficit in the billions of dollars, we need a new comprehensive approach working with all of our municipal partners to find solutions that will address this issue in the long term."

The Committee will look at all means of infrastructure including roads (regional, local and lanes), bridges, active transportation facilities, transit facilities, parks, riverbanks, flood protection, buildings (including police, fire paramedic, libraries, pool, arenas, community centres, administration buildings), water and sewage facilities, land drainage facilities, and solid waste facilities.



President Doug Dobrowolski, with Mayor Sam Katz and Chair Chris Lorenc, announces the Infrastructure Funding Council on May 21.

"As the association representing Manitoba's 198 municipalities, we have been pushing this issue in the provincial and federal arena for some time," said AMM President *Doug Dobrowolski*. "Manitoba's municipalities are facing an overwhelming infrastructure deficit and our revenues—mainly from property taxes and the odd grant—are simply not meeting the needs of our citizens. It is essential that we develop a strategy that will see us into the coming decades, so we can create the vibrant, welcoming communities we all want to live in."

"In order for us to find long term solutions, we need to investigate all alternatives and find a comprehensive made in Manitoba solution to a problem that is facing municipalities all

over North America," said *Chris Lorenc*, Chair of the Infrastructure Council. "Citizens know the need exists to repair all levels of our infrastructure from roads to community centres. Quality infrastructure is important for the growth of all Manitoba municipalities and in Winnipeg's case will also assist in seizing the opportunity to be a major trade corridor."

The Council will provide a final report before November 30, 2010, including the Infrastructure Funding Strategy. ■

The Infrastructure Funding Council consists of six members:

- **Chris Lorenc, Chair**
- **Reg Alcock**
- **Councillor Mike O'Shaughnessy**
- **Jill Vogan**
- **Ron Bell**
- **Cory Young**

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Coming Events

AMM District Meetings

Register now at:

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

Parkland District – June 10
Hosted by the City & RM of Dauphin

Please register by Monday, June 7

Midwestern District – June 11
Hosted by the Town of Gladstone
and RM of Westbourne

Please register by Tuesday, June 8

Western District – June 14
Hosted by the RM of Woodworth

Please register by Wednesday, June 9

Central District – June 15
Hosted by the Town of Manitou and
RM of Pembina

Please register by Thursday, June 10

Eastern District – June 16
Hosted by the City of Steinbach

Please register for by Friday, June 11

Interlake District – June 17
Hosted by the RM of Armstrong

Please register by Monday, June 14

Northern District – June 18
Hosted by the City of Flin Flon

Please register by Tuesday, June 15

June District Resolutions

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

- 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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Coming Events



Transition Towns

A two-day workshop on moving our communities from oil de- pendence to local resilience

A workshop by the Canadian CED Network-MB and facilitated by the Canadian Centre for Community Renewal. Delivered by two North American instructors who have been trained directly by the founders of Transition in the UK. The session will provide you with the knowledge, tools, and skills to move your community to Transition thinking...and doing!

Dates: June 17 & 18, 9am – 4pm in Winnipeg (venue tba)

Cost: \$75 for CCEDNet Members, \$150 for Non-Members - Lunch Inc.

To register: email CCEDNet's Lindsey McBain lmcbain@ccednet-rcdc.ca

What are Transition Towns?

Transition Towns are communities that seek out methods for reducing energy usage as well as increasing their own self reliance in positive response to climate change and ever-escalating prices in fossil fuels. They're places that are more economically independent, ecologically sound, and socially connected. As a globally-connected marketplace, we are coming to realize that unbridled growth is not sustainable, and that reliance on imports from afar may become an impossibility within just a few years. Far from being in a hopeless situation, we have the ability to respond with confidence and optimism as active and engaged citizens - by starting down the 'transition' path.

More info at:

[http://www.cedworks.com/
transition.html](http://www.cedworks.com/transition.html)

and

www.transitiontowns.org

Coming Events

Job Hazard Analysis & Safe Work Procedure (full day workshop)

Class Date:

June 9, 2010

Location:

1317-A Portage Avenue,
Winnipeg, MB

Contact:

Cory Graham 897-8480 or

cgraham@changeinnovators.com

Change Innovators Inc. will be hosting a full day workshop on developing and implementing Job Hazard Analysis and Safe Work Procedures as part of the requirements in creating a safe workplace under the Manitoba Workplace Safety and Health Act W210 and it's regulation M.R. 217/2006.

Notices

Rural Manitoban's Studying Medicine Abroad

Recently the province implemented a new initiative to coordinate the repatriation of Manitoban individuals who have left Canada to obtain medical education. There are over 1,500 of these Canadian raised individuals and a significant number originate from rural Manitoba communities.

The University of Manitoba would like to contact these students to provide them with the resources to return to Manitoba for training and practice opportunities.

For further information, please contact:

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