



NOVEMBER 2, 2009

AMM BOARD MEETS

The AMM Board of Directors met on October 22, 2009.

The Board reviewed the AMM and MTCML financial statements for the period ending September 30, 2009. The Board also reviewed the Statement of Investment Policy of Great West Life. The Board also reviewed the 2009 Convention accommodations and the Convention agenda, as well as the proposed Education Sessions for 2010.

Vice Presidents Kalyniuk and Wilson gave an update on the Building Canada Fund. VP Wilson indicated that in regards to wastewater management issues, municipalities are often being asked by government to do more than they can afford. The Board agreed that AMM write a letter to Premier Selinger highlighting the need for a next generation of infrastructure funding now that the Building Canada Fund has been allocated. The Board further agreed that the AMM survey larger centres on their costs to meet nutrient management requirements.

The Board also received an update on the municipal download survey. A total of 85 municipal responses were received. The survey determined there are clear areas where municipalities are exceeding their responsibilities or taking on responsibilities where government is lacking. The AMM will include some of the examples and information gathered in its lobbying activities.

Bill 35 was also discussed with the Board agreeing that AMM issue a [member advisory](#) (sent October 28, 2009). Other policy issues discussed included the Greyhound issue, continuing concerns with the onsite wastewater management regulation, an update on provincial offense notices, and mining.

The next meeting of the AMM Board of Directors will take place on December 10, 2009. ■

President Dobrowolski accepts a gift from Natalia Alexandrovna Ryabchenko, Assistant to the Vice-Governor of the Yamal-Nenets region of northern Russia. The delegation visited the AMM office last week.



FEDERAL BUDGET ADDRESS

President Dobrowolski addressed the Federal Standing Committee on Finance on October 20. The presentation was part of the Federal Government's pre-budget consultations for 2009.

President Dobrowolski first asked for a strategy to meet the infrastructure challenges facing every community in Manitoba. While the national municipal infrastructure deficit sits in excess of \$123 billion, in our province alone the AMM estimates the deficit to be in the area of \$11 billion—over \$10,000 per Manitoban.

The AMM's second request was for a stop to the offloading of responsibilities to municipalities, and to ensure financial support is provided when new mandates are developed.

A final request was for a new portfolio tasked with championing the issues of small rural and northern communities at the Cabinet table.

The AMM's complete federal budget submission is available at <http://www.amm.mb.ca/documents/FederalBudgetSubmission-August2009.pdf>.

FALSE ALARMS

The AMM hosted a meeting of Emergency Response Stakeholders on October 22. Attending were representatives from Manitoba Public Insurance Corp. (MPIC), AMM, Association of Manitoba Fire Chiefs, RCMP, and 911 Call Centre (Brandon).

The intent of the meeting was to find a solution to the issue of false alarms. The 911 centre in Brandon's function is to dispatch emergency responders to accident scenes but often the caller does not stop so locating the accident is a major challenge.

The group also discussed how to identify stranded vehicles not in need of emergency services. Most participants supported the idea of yellow tape on vehicles. MPIC had several concerns but committed to review the issue and respond to the AMM.

The issue of traffic control at accident scenes was also discussed. ■

Coming Events

AMM 11th Annual Convention
November 23-26, 2009
Keystone Centre Brandon, MB

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SHORT WEEKS AWAY!*****

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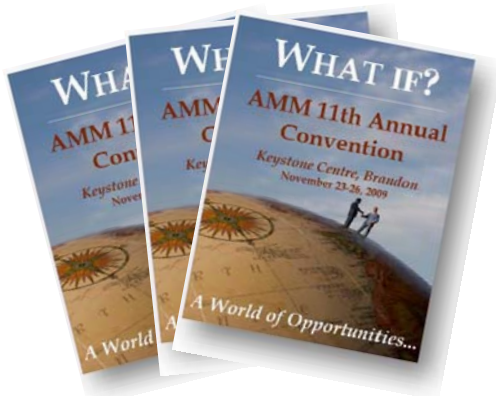
- Agendas
- Shuttle service schedule
- Gala ticket lists—
confirmations, table
availability, order form
and more!!

Registration Update

NEW This year we have simplified the registration process by eliminating the need for delegate cards. Please help us prepare a correctly spelled name badge for you by checking the 2009 Municipal Officials Director at <http://web5.gov.mb.ca/public/municipalities.aspx> and notifying us of any staff or council changes by Friday, November 6.

Thank you!

Convention Handbooks have arrived



Check your mailbox!

Coming Events

AMM Elections for AMM President and Vice-Presidents

One of the most important events held at the AMM Convention are the elections for the AMM President and Vice-Presidents.

There are several things to keep in mind when considering the AMM elections:

- ▶ The President must be an elected official from any regular member municipality.
- ▶ The Vice-President Rural must be an elected official that is a regular member from a rural municipality and the Vice-President Urban must be an elected official that is a regular member from an urban municipality.
- ▶ Candidates for the positions of President, Vice-President Rural and Vice-President Urban must submit a nomination form to the Executive Director of the AMM prior to the time nominations close at the Annual Convention. Nomination forms are available from the Executive Director.
- ▶ The election of the President and Vice-Presidents shall take place at the Annual Convention by way of a vote of all registered and attending delegates entitled to vote. Those entitled to vote shall be elected officials and Chief Administrative Officers of any member municipality. Each elected official and Chief Administrative Officer shall have the right to exercise one vote.
- ▶ The term of office for President and Vice-Presidents shall be for one year. There shall be no limit on the number of years that a President or Vice-President can hold office.

Questions about the election process at the AMM Convention?

Please call Executive Director Joe Masi at 204-856-2360 or email jmasi@amm.mb.ca

Coming Events

2010 FCM-CH2M HILL Sustainable Community Awards

Is your municipality a leader in housing regulations? Does an initiative in your community merit national recognition?

The 2010 FCM-CH2M HILL Sustainable Community Awards celebrate excellence in sustainable community development by highlighting the best municipal initiatives that link environmental, social and economic goals. If your community has made regulatory changes to improve housing affordability and housing options, you may be eligible for an award in the **residential development** category.

Awards will also be granted in eight categories: brownfields, buildings, energy, planning, residential development, transportation, waste and water.

For applications, visit <http://www.sustainablecommunities.fcm.ca/FCM-CH2M-Awards/>

**Applications will remain open until
November 25, 2009.**

For more information:

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Manitoba Conservation Districts Association (MCDA)

34th Annual Convention &
Tradeshow

"Our Environment: The Co\$ of Doing Nothing"

December 7 to 9, 2009

Keystone Centre – Brandon

*Early Bird Registration Deadline –
November 16, 2009*

More info available on line at

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204.571.1097 or contact your local
Conservation District office