



# NEWS BULLETIN



OCTOBER 16, 2009

## AMM MEETS WITH DEPUTY MINISTERS, RCMP, WCC

**O**n October 7, the AMM Executive met with the *Interdepartmental Planning Committee of Deputy Ministers* at the Manitoba Legislature. This board is made up of deputy ministers from each provincial department, and the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the issue of roles and responsibilities.

**THIS WAS AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT THE AMM'S CONCERNS AND SERVED TO ENHANCE DIALOGUE WITH THE PROVINCE.**

The AMM opened the meeting with its presentation which was an overview of the current state of municipalities in Manitoba and ended with a request to move forward with a department by department review of how they interact with municipalities.

The eight deputies in attendance were supportive of the concept as they could see value for their own initiatives. This includes the benefit of a united voice when talking to the federal government, fewer municipal issues for their ministers, and greater insight into how municipalities work.

Once there was agreement to move forward the discussion focused on the mechanics of how this would work. AMM staff will work with IGA staff to develop an agenda by the committee's December meeting.

The suggestion was also made that AMM meet with this specific group once or twice a year.

This was an excellent opportunity to present the AMM's concerns and served to enhance our dialogue with the province. ■

***The AMM also meets annually with various groups to discuss issues of mutual concern. Two of these meetings took place in early October.***

**T**he AMM met with the RCMP "D" Division on October 8, 2009.

The first item discussed was the 2012 Contract. The RCMP indicated Manitoba is set to get 150 new cadets—the most in recent history. However, Manitoba will also be losing 145 officers for the Winter Olympics next year. Also discussed was the development of a management board for the RCMP which will simplify the process of getting new funding.

The RCMP is set to address delegates at the upcoming Annual Convention and the focus will be on improving communication with municipalities. The RCMP feels communication is important and as easy as spending an hour with the head of council, however it sometimes gets lost amongst other priorities.

The AMM then raised the problem of 911 calls for false alarms and the RCMP agreed this is an issue due to untrained people having to control traffic. The RCMP will look into whether any training opportunities are available.

Support staff in RCMP offices was also discussed. A detachment support staff study was completed and the allocation of support staff is reviewed annually.

By-law enforcement was also discussed with the RCMP. The RCMP also provided an update on the East St. Paul situation, which has improved.

Finally, the RCMP informed the AMM that Manitoba has a very high caseload to officer ratio, at times 5 times the average. ■

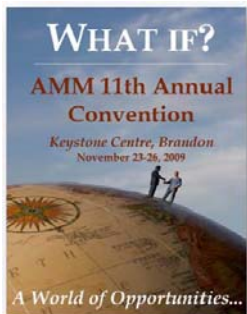


**A**nother meeting taking place on October 8th was with the *Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce (WCC)*. This meeting was an open discussion which captured a number of topics, including alternate revenues. Chambers nationally are looking at this issue and see the need for flexibility, as different cities have different issues. The WCC is open to a city sales tax but would like to see a referendum held. WCC also would like to be involved in the working group being created.

The HST issue was also raised. The WCC is supportive of this but recognize there are issues with exemptions for municipalities and others. The WCC advocates fewer exemptions as the Act is confusing. They firmly believe over time people will see costs of products drop as business pricing is done on a competitive basis. They acknowledged there is public opposition.

The "Buy American" initiative was also discussed, as was economic development in Manitoba and the Port of Churchill. ■

### Coming Events



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

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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

[www.mcda.ca](http://www.mcda.ca)

Email [mcda@mts.net](mailto:mcda@mts.net) or Phone 204.571.1097 or contact your local Conservation District office

### Coming Events



*Vision and Value: Volunteers*

*Manitoba's Community Recreation Conference—30th Anniversary*  
**November 6 –8, 2009**  
**Victoria Inn Brandon, Manitoba**

**Keynote Speakers**

**Ms Jody Urquhart**

*This would be funny...if it weren't happening to me*

**Dr. Sid Frankel**

*University of Manitoba*  
*A New Way of Thinking about Volunteers*

**Dr. Dean Kriellaars**

*University of Manitoba*  
*Physical Activity, Health & Wellness*

**Sessions:**

- Fundraising 101
- Financially Responsible Boards
- Effective Proposal Writing
- Water Safety in Manitoba
- Elected Officials & Recreation
- Give & Take: Volunteers
- Engaging Youth in Active Community Citizenship
- Major Project Fundraising

**FRIDAY NIGHT: LUCK OF THE IRISH**

Please visit [www.rccv.ca](http://www.rccv.ca) to register.

### Coming Events

**MARR Information Sharing Session**

**November 3, 2009, 5-7 pm**  
**Victoria Inn, Brandon**

**Topics:** Waste Reduction & Recycling Support (WRARS) Levy of \$10/tonne at MB landfills, Stewardship Program Updates

**Guest Speaker:**

**Jim Ferguson, Green Manitoba**

RSVP by October 29th to: [info@marrmb.com](mailto:info@marrmb.com) or contact Darci at 204-725-9234 for more info.

**Man-Sask Regional Training Centre**

**November 2-5, 2009 8-4 pm**  
**Victoria Inn, Brandon**

**Courses Offered:**

- [Transfer Station Operator](#) (Nov. 2)
- [Landfill Operations Basics](#) (Nov. 3-4)
- **\* new** [Managing MSW Recycling Systems](#) (Nov. 2-4)

Register by October 28/09 at:

[www.swananorthernlights.org/training](http://www.swananorthernlights.org/training)

For more information:

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204-725-9234

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### Notices

**Manitoba Water and Wastewater Association Awards**

Announcing for the first time in 2010 – *Rookie Operator of the Year Award!*

In 2010 there will be a new award given out to honor "Rookies" in the Industry, which will be named and awarded in honor of Mr. Jim Warrener.

Also in 2010 the "Operator of the Year" award is being re-named in honor of Mr. George Balacko.

The Lorne Sayer Award will be given to a MWWA member who has provided lifelong dedication to the Water and Wastewater industry.

For more info and nomination forms please visit [www.mwwa.net/](http://www.mwwa.net/).



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