



SEPTEMBER 29, 2011

AMM BOARD MEETING UPDATES

The AMM Board of Directors held two meetings over the summer; the first on July 7, and the second on August 25.

July 7th—The Board reviewed the AMM and MTCML financial statements for the period ending May 31, 2011, the proposed budget for the AMM and MTCML for the upcoming year, and investments.

Membership events were discussed including June District meetings and the AMM Annual Convention.

Policy issues discussed included inclusionary zoning as a tool to increase affordable housing in Manitoba, the Infrastructure Funding Council report, the Manitoba Municipal Board, proposed home warranty legislation, beaver management, the 2011 flood, livestock technical review committee regulation, cosmetic use pesticide ban objectives, and the Save Lake Winnipeg plan.

The Board also reviewed the Hansard and notes from the Legislative Assembly, approved the provincial election strategy, and reviewed the Category 2 resolutions.

August 25—The Board again reviewed the proposed 2011/2012 Budget for the AMM and MTCML as well as the status of the Reserve and Loss Pool Funds.

The Board reviewed the notes from the Parkland Municipal Visits and received an update on the Convention registration process and agenda updates.

Policy issues discussed included proposed new home warranty legislation, policing, the 2011 flood, the Property Tax Relief Program, the Excess Moisture Economic Stimulus Program, the Manitoba Intercity Bus Project Public Consultation Report, and the Proposed Water Quality Standards, Objectives and Guidelines Regulation.

The provincial election strategy was also discussed, with the Board reviewing the letter that was sent to each provincial election candidate on the AMM's Putting Communities First election campaign. ■

Putting Communities First

Currently, 151 AMM members (77%) have passed resolutions calling on all parties to *put communities first* this election.

Throughout the month of September, President Dobrowski continued to keep this issue in the forefront by participating in the following events:

- **September 6**—On-air interview with CJOB's Richard Cloutier
- **September 12**—Attended a Leaders Debate in Brandon.
- **September 13**—Attended the CAA Election Forum in Winnipeg.
- **September 19**—Forwarded resolutions to Party leaders
- **September 24**—was interviewed by the Winnipeg Free Press for the article "The Campaigns within the Campaign"
- **September 27**—Held a joint press conference with Mayor Sam Katz in Winnipeg.

The AMM's advertising campaign has also been widely circulated throughout Manitoba. Both the print and radio ads can be viewed at the [AMM Campaign Centre](#).

Next Steps:

There is no doubt the Putting Communities First Campaign has elevated the AMM's visibility and the need for increased municipal infrastructure funding. The AMM's goal is to maintain the momentum created by the campaign after the election and into 2012.

thanks!

To our members for all of their hard work toward highlighting this issue. By passing resolutions, writing letters to the editor, and issuing news releases on the need to Put Communities First, you have ensured our message has been heard by all parties this election!



Coming Events



AMM 13th Annual Convention
November 21-24, 2011
Keystone Centre
Brandon, MB
Visit our website at

http://www.amm.mb.ca/events_convention.html

NEW

Register online before October 14th and save \$50 per delegate!

ATTN: Western District members:

Councillor Terry Johnson has resigned from the Town of Virden Council and therefore will no longer sit as Western Director, Urban on the AMM Board of Directors.

This by-election will be held on Thursday, November 24, 2011 at 12:00 p.m., immediately after adjournment of the AMM 13th Annual Convention at the Keystone Centre in Brandon.

All municipalities in the Western District will be eligible to vote for the Western Director, Urban at this time. Eligible voters are all elected officials and CAOs in the Western District.

Please contact Executive Director Joe Masi at 204-856-2360 or jmasi@amm.mb.ca with any questions.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the 2011 State of Stewardship Stakeholders Forum on November 3/11 at the Delta Winnipeg.



Don't miss your opportunity to network with the "Pros" and get the A-Z program answers about everything from antifreeze and batteries to electronics and product packaging.

Hosted by MARR in partnership with Green Manitoba. Stay tuned to www.marrmb.com for more info.

Coming Events

It's not too late to register for Media Relations 101



Friday, October 7/11
9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Canad Inns,
Portage la Prairie

Presented by Shirley Muir of The Media Bank, this workshop is designed for AMM members who are doing media interviews for the first time or would like to fine-tune their interview skills.

This unique workshop has been prepared specifically for the municipal council member.

Registration Fee: \$130 plus GST
Register online at:

http://www.amm.mb.ca/events_education_reg.cfm

Proclamation of amendments to The City of Winnipeg Charter Act and The Municipal Act

The amendments contained in Schedules D and E of Bill 40, The Condominium Act and Amendments Respecting Condominium Conversions (Various Acts Amended), which was passed this spring, have been proclaimed to come into force on November 7, 2011.

http://web2.gov.mb.ca/laws/statutes/2011/c03011e.php

These amendments allow municipalities to pass by-laws requiring a person who wishes to convert rental units into units under The Condominium Act to first obtain approval from the municipality.

Notices

Should you have questions please contact Ms. Frances Bidewell of the Consumer and Corporate Affairs Division of Manitoba Family Services and Consumer Affairs at 945-5295.

2012 Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

The Department of Canadian Heritage is pleased to launch a funding initiative to support Diamond Jubilee community celebrations in honor of the 60th anniversary of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Funding is available for Diamond Jubilee community celebrations that will take place between February 4/12 and August 31/12.

For funding criteria and application form, visit www.pch.gc.ca under Funding Opportunities or contact the Canadian Heritage regional office nearest you.

To apply send a complete, accurate and signed application form that includes a balanced budget. The Application Deadline is October 31/11.

Application forms postmarked or delivered to your Canadian Heritage Regional Office after October 31, 2011 will not be accepted. (If you previously received funding from the Department of Canadian Heritage but did not submit a Final Activity Report, you are not eligible for funding.)

Please send your Application Form to your Canadian Heritage Regional Office. You may reach a regional office through the Department's toll-free number: 1-866-811-0055.

Decorative floral border containing a notice of condolences for Reeve Grant Heinrichs, RM of Rhineland, who passed away on Sunday, September 25.