



SEPTEMBER 4, 2009

MPI COMPENSATION RATES INCREASE

The AMM met with Manitoba Public Insurance (MPI) on August 25, 2009 to discuss several issues of concern. The primary concern we have heard from AMM members is the issue of compensation rates for accidents, which do not cover the actual cost of dispatching municipal fire departments. These rates were last reviewed in 2005 and the AMM has continued to lobby MPI to ensure municipalities are fairly compensated for their efforts.

As a result of these lobbying efforts MPI has reviewed the existing rate structure and is prepared to increase compensation rates. The increase will be at the Consumer Price Index (CPI) since 2006 plus 1% annually, across the board.

The new MPI compensation rates, effective September 1, 2009, are as follows:

- **\$658** per incident for basic calls (\$600 previously)
- **\$877** per incident for complex calls (\$800 previously)
- MPI will also continue to reimburse for extra services as required in unusual cases.

The AMM was also successful in securing annual increases to these rates effective March 1st of each year, based on the prior year's CPI plus 1%. The AMM has pushed MPI for regular rate reviews and is pleased to see this escalator included to insure regular increases from year to year.

This increase is largely due to the work of the MPIC Review Committee, on which two AMM board members sit – Eastern Rural Director *George Harbottle* and Western Urban Director *Maxine Chacun*. The committee is responsible for continuing to shed light on the issues, resulting in discussion at senior levels of government and MPI.

The committee and the AMM will continue to work on other areas of concern regarding MPI, such as false alarms due to 911 calls. ■

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AMM BOARD MEETS

The AMM Board of Directors met on August 27, 2009 at the AMM office in Portage la Prairie.

The first order of business was a review of both the estimated year-end budget for the AMM and MTCML and the proposed 2009/2010 draft budget. The Board reviewed the investments and discussed the legal fund also.

The Board then discussed the upcoming Annual Convention, the Manitoba Planning Conference, strategic planning, and pandemic preparedness.

Policy issues discussed included the Building Canada Fund, alternate revenues for municipalities and HST, the municipal download survey, the Policing 2010 contract, parking violations, the Buy American issue, water issues, federal water protection regulations, and crown lands management and beaver control.

A number of policies and resolutions were discussed as well.

The next meeting of the AMM Board of Directors is scheduled for September 27, 2009. ■

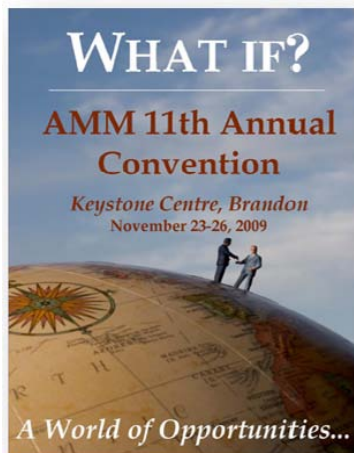
Municipal Downloading Survey Reminder

The Municipal Downloading Survey was re-distributed to all municipal offices on August 31, 2009. Members, please take a few moments to fill out the survey and return it to the AMM office by:

September 30, 2009

We do thank those who have already completed their survey. It is imperative that we hear from our members on this very important issue! ■

Coming Events



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

Don't miss the AMM 11th Annual Convention - it all takes place from November 23-26 at the Keystone Centre in Brandon! Our Convention theme, "*What if? A world of opportunities...*" reflects the vast potential that exists for and *within* AMM members. From our elected mayors, reeves, and councillors, to our CAOs and staff, to our residents and our Manitoba community as a whole, our potential truly knows no boundaries.

And there is indeed a world of opportunity awaiting you at this year's Convention - visit our new web page highlighting *sponsors, keynote speakers, entertainment, agendas*, and more! It is all at:

WWW.AMM.MB.CA

Reminder

AMM Members, please remember to fill out the In Memoriam form for submissions to the 2009 AMM Convention Handbook.

All submissions must be received by fax to the AMM office by **September 14, 2009.**



Coming Events

Proposed By-Law Change

We recently emailed AMM members a proposed bylaw change submitted by the RM of Kelsey requesting that they move from the current Northern district of the AMM to the Parkland district.

Since this is a bylaw change, it requires the approval of the membership at our annual convention in November.

Please review the proposed by-law change and direct any questions to:

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Don't miss the final AMM Education Workshop of 2009:

Public Engagement & Participation

Friday, October 9, 2009
9:00 am to 3:30 pm
Clarion Inn, Winnipeg

Registration Fee: \$75.00 plus GST

This seminar will work through six questions that help us reach a new level of public engagement.

- *What is public engagement?*
- *When do we need dialogue?*
- *How does dialogue help us transfer ownership and responsibility?*
- *What kind of dialogue should we be having and with whom?*
- *What is government's role?*
- *What is the right engagement process?*

Register online at http://www.amm.mb.ca/events_edu_register.html

Coming Events



Manitoba Association of Regional Recyclers

2009 Fall Meeting & Tour

WHEN:

Friday, September 11, 2009
11:00 am - 2:30 pm; lunch provided

WHERE:

Onanole Recreation Centre, located behind big elk statue on service road off Highway 10

HOSTS:

South Mountain Waste Management (LGD of Park, RM of Clanwilliam, Town of Erickson, Riding Mtn. National Park)

AGENDA:

11 am - Charter bus departs Rec Centre to RMNP Bear-Proof Recycling Compound & South Mountain Recycling Centre

Lunch, Presentation (Waste Management: Challenges in Cottage Country) & Business Meeting to follow

COST:

MARR Members - no charge - please rsvp to clarkdl@mts.net

Non-Members - \$25 (lunch & tour included) - pay upon arrival, but please rsvp to clarkdl@mts.net

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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Full Agenda posted on www.marrmb.com