



SEPTEMBER 9, 2011

PRESIDENT'S TOUR WRAPS UP

The AMM wrapped up its President's Tour of Manitoba by visiting the communities of Portage la Prairie and Lorette. Dauphin, Brandon and Gimli were also on the tour.

The purpose of the President's Tour was to bring the "Putting Communities First" campaign to communities across the province to hear first-hand some of the most pressing infrastructure issues in those areas. The guests—municipal officials, community leaders, and of course, candidates in the upcoming election—were active participants with plenty of examples to share. A complete recap of each meeting is at www.amm.mb.ca/blog.

Portage la Prairie—August 25, 2011

CJOB's Richard Cloutier again led the day which saw excellent participation from Portage la Prairie's local government, business, economic development, and community revitalization sectors along with candidates from all three major parties.

Water issues topped the agenda. Water management for the flood ravaged area, water treatment for the City of Portage la Prairie, and water supply, with RM of Portage la Prairie Reeve Kam Blight noting within his 640 square mile municipality, many citizens are still without access to rural water.

Housing was also a priority, as was the state of local streets. As Chamber of Commerce President Dave Omichinski said, their condition "doesn't reflect well when we are trying to draw in business and increase our population."

CAO Dale Lyle added the City suffers not only from being squeezed by the state of its infrastructure, but from rising construction costs in Manitoba.



President Doug Dobrowski is interviewed by the Manitoba Cooperator following the Portage meeting.

Lorette—August 26, 2011

The communities of Landmark and Lorette—in the RM of Taché—are poised for growth. However, growth brings challenges, according to Landmark's Mike Valks. "Development is key—we know if we bring in more people the area and the province succeed. Our need is infrastructure. Our growth has flat lined and our school population is declining."

Lorette's Graham Eason agreed, adding "We need to look beyond the next five years but focus on the next 25 years."

Recreation opportunities for youth, tourism, and infrastructure like bridges and drains all factored into the discussion as well.

The group, including candidates Kelvin Goertzen, Larry Tetrault (PC) and Ron Lemieux (NDP) agreed working together is a must. Mayor William Danylchuk added Lorette's long-standing boil water advisory being finally put to rest with help from the provincial and federal government is "a good example of joining together with other levels of government to achieve our goals."



NDP Candidate for Dawson Trail, Ron Lemieux, shares a laugh with Bill Heather, RM of Taché.

Did you know?

141 AMM member municipalities (72%) have now passed resolutions calling on all parties to put communities first this election?

Top infrastructure issues identified in the resolutions are:

- **Streets and roads—54%**
- **Water and sewer lines—27%**
- **Water and wastewater treatment—24%**
- **Bridges—19%**
- **Recreation and community centres—17%**

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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

for a draft agenda, keynote speakers, Gala highlights, registration information...and much more!

MARR's 2011 Fall Meeting & Tours—Friday, September 30, 2011

WHERE:

[Minnewasta Golf and Country Club](#)

16 Buhler Drive, Morden PH: 1-877-822-4992

HOSTS:

[Pembina Valley Containers](#)

COST:

MARR Members - \$10
Potential Members & Guests - \$20 (incl. tours & lunch)

Please pre-register by email info@marrmb.com or by telephone at 204-725-9234

DRAFT AGENDA:

9:30 am—Registration & Coffee @ Minnewasta Golf and Country Club—we will carpool from there to 4 tour sites



10:00 am—Tours: Pembina Valley Containers; North Star Fibres (paper into insulation plant); Pembina Valley Composting; Exner E-Waste Processing

1:00 pm—Reconvene at golf club for a networking lunch, welcoming remarks, introductions & networking roundtable

Coffee Break, courtesy of Pembina Valley Containers

2:30 pm—Business Meeting (Members)

3:00 pm—Prize Draws & Adjournment

Coming Events

Green Action Centre's Active and Safe Routes to School program announces first School Travel Planning Facilitator Training Workshop!



Momentum around School Travel Planning (STP) is growing, and we recently completed development of our STP Facilitator Training Program. The STP Facilitator represents the person who brings all stakeholders together and guides the STP process in your community.

We invite communities to send up to 4 people, including your community's designated School Travel Planning Facilitator, to participate in this free certification program. Workshops are planned for Eastern Manitoba (Steinbach) in November, Western Manitoba (Brandon) in January, and Northern Manitoba (Thompson) in February.

This certification program includes three 1-hour webinars, prior to a full-day, in-person training session. In return, your community commits to piloting STP in one school over the following two years.

We are accepting registrations for our November 16th workshop in Steinbach.

For more information or to register contact: Jackie Avent, Shoni Litinsky, Beth McKechnie, Masha Giller or Lea Grzenda @ 204-925-3779.

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2011 Manitoba Emergency Services Conference
Friday, September 30
Saturday, October 1
Brandon, Manitoba

On-line registration is available at:

www.firecomm.gov.mb.ca/conference_registration

Job Postings

Town of Rivers
Chief Administrative Officer

The Town of Rivers invites written applications for the position of Chief Administrative Officer.

The successful candidate will be responsible to administer the policies and procedures set by the Council. The applicant must be proficient in preparation of budgets and financial statements, knowledgeable of The Municipal Act, and other Acts, be committed to public service and possess supervisory skills.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Applicant shall have administrative background; ability to work with public and employees; ability to interpret statutes and by-laws;
- Knowledge of municipal accounting, budgets and administration
- Graduate of University of Manitoba courses for municipal administrators;
- Must have municipal experience.
- Familiar with development plans, zoning by-laws, variances, etc.
- Must be familiar with Munisoft computer programs.

Salary range: state salary expected. Benefit package available.

Starting date: duties to commence as soon as possible. Interested candidates to submit full resume, with three (3) references, by 4:00 p.m. Thursday, September 15th, 2011.

Please mark envelope:

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