



MAY 19, 2011

LOBBY DAYS HIGHLIGHT CORE CHALLENGES

The AMM held its annual Lobby Days on April 27, 2011. This year, the AMM Board of Directors met with the Progressive Conservative Caucus and the NDP Caucus on the same day.

A record number of PCs took part in this year's Lobby Days, with only three caucus members unable to attend.

AMM Interlake Urban Director *Trevor King* presented "[The Core Challenges of Municipalities](#)" to the gathered MLAs, highlighting the municipal infrastructure deficit, the ever-increasing responsibilities facing municipalities, and the need for new revenue sources as the main issues for AMM members heading into the fall provincial election.

Leader *Hugh McFadyen* responded by stating he recognizes both need to keep up and the expanded mandates municipal governments are facing, noting "as local leaders you are responding to what people are telling you they need." McFadyen also stressed his party is in the process of platform building. "You have quite rightly identified the infrastructure deficit as a significant issue. Another issue are facing in the province is a significant financial deficit at the provincial level," he said.

Mayor *Chris Goertzen*, Eastern Urban Director, addressed the NDP caucus as they gathered later the same day. Putting his own twist on the Core Challenges presentation, Goertzen highlighted the fact that the current municipal infrastructure deficit in Manitoba is estimated to be \$11 billion dollars, and that amounts to \$10,000 per Manitoban. "That's right...\$10,000 for every man, woman and child in our province. This means my 18 month old son is already staggering under the weight of a \$10,000 problem he's done nothing to create."

Goertzen closed with the comment "for municipal government to be sustainable in the future, and for Manitobans to have the quality of life they deserve, municipalities must have access to sustainable growth revenues. Work with us, and help us to address these core challenges we face."

In his response, Minister of Local Government *Ron Lemieux* acknowledged the positive working relationship municipalities have had with his government and highlighted the Province's 2011 budget commitment to share revenue with municipalities in legislation. ■

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*Mayor Chris Goertzen,
Eastern Urban Director*

Infrastructure Funding Council Release Final Report

The Infrastructure Funding Council (IFC) released their final report yesterday. The document, titled "New Relationships: A New Order - A balanced approach to funding municipal infrastructure in Manitoba", outlines an overall infrastructure funding strategy and provides recommendations regarding internal infrastructure funding options within the control of the municipalities, along with recommendations regarding external infrastructure funding options requiring inter-governmental negotiation and approval.

The report outlines a series of recommendations with a three-pronged approach that proposes a 20-year staged in process, from 2011 to 2030, to implement municipal organizational and efficiency gains, generate the revenue needed to address the infrastructure deficit, and gradually develop new funding relationships.

The final report is available online at <http://www.amm.mb.ca/documents/MRMay18-IFCReport.pdf>.

At left: President Doug Dobrowolski with Hugh McFadyen, Leader of the Official Opposition, and The Honourable Ron Lemieux, Minister of Local Government.



Coming Events

2011 District Meetings

Online registration now open:

[http://www.amm.mb.ca/
events_june_form.cfm](http://www.amm.mb.ca/events_june_form.cfm)

Eastern District – Thursday, June 9

Hosted by the RM of De Salaberry

****Please note this meeting only will begin at 3:00 pm.**

Please register for the Eastern District meeting by Monday, June 6, 2011

Northern District – Friday, June 10

Hosted by the Town of Leaf Rapids

Please register for the Northern District meeting by Tuesday, June 7, 2011

Parkland District – Monday, June 13

Hosted by the RM of Mountain

Please register for the Parkland District meeting by Wednesday, June 8, 2011

Midwestern District – Tuesday, June 14

Hosted by the Town of Minnedosa, RM of Minto & RM of Odanah

Please register for the Midwestern District meeting by Thursday, June 9, 2011

Western District – Wednesday, June 15

Hosted by the RM of Albert

Please register for the Western District meeting by Friday, June 10, 2011

Central District – Thursday, June 16

Hosted by the RM of Morris

Please register for the Central District meeting by Monday, June 13, 2011

Interlake District – Friday, June 17

Hosted by the Town of Teulon

Please register for the Interlake District meeting by Tuesday, June 14, 2011

Remember—the deadline for June District Meeting Resolutions is now June 1, 2011!



June District Meetings AMM Board of Directors Elections

This year at the June District meetings we will be electing all Director positions on the AMM Board of Directors (except for the City of Winnipeg Director position).

Full details are available on the AMM website at [http://www.amm.mb.ca/
documents/Elections.pdf](http://www.amm.mb.ca/documents/Elections.pdf)

Notices

PPP Canada launches Round Three of P3 Canada Fund

PPP Canada has launched Round Three call for proposals of the P3 Canada Fund, encouraging provinces, territories, First Nations and municipalities to consider the P3 model for their public infrastructure needs.

The Fund, originally launched in 2009, has a continued focus on ensuring that P3 projects are used as best as possible where appropriate to fulfill Canada's public infrastructure needs.

Eligible projects can receive up to 25% of the direct cost of construction for a P3 project. Deadline for submissions is June 30, 2011

Media Inquiries: info@p3canada.ca
613-947-9480
1-877-947-9480

If you would like further information please contact PPP Canada at:

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FCC AgriSpirit Fund

The FCC AgriSpirit Fund is about making life better for people in rural communities. This year, FCC will provide \$1 million to support rural capital projects across Canada. We award between \$5,000 and \$25,000 for capital community improvement projects such as emergency services equipment, playgrounds, recreation centres and care homes in communities with populations fewer than 100,000.

Registered charities, municipal bodies and non-profit organizations that partner with municipal bodies are eligible for funding.

Eligible organizations that are interested in applying for funding this year may apply online at www.agrispirit.ca from May 9 to June 20.

Job Postings

Chief Administrative Officer RM of East St. Paul

The R.M. of East St. Paul is currently seeking applications for the position of Chief Administrative Officer.

Under the direction of the Council, the Chief Administrative Officer is responsible for the overall management of the operations of the R.M. of East St. Paul in accordance with legislated requirements; and the by-laws, policies and procedures established by Council.

Qualifications:

- Related post secondary education in public administration.
- Significant experience in a senior management role, preferably as a CAO, with responsibilities such as overseeing the implementation and delivery of programs and services and ensuring that programs and services are delivered efficiently and effectively with the use of the human, financial and physical resources of the municipality.
- Knowledge of the Municipal Act and related statutes.
- Experience and ability to interpret and administer various agreements, statutes, by-laws and policies.
- Knowledge of municipal accounting practices, financing and budget preparation.
- Effective leadership, motivational and change management skills.
- Proven analytical, organizational, problem solving, decision-making and judgement skills.
- Superior interpersonal and communication skills in order to work effectively with members of Council, the public, employees, and other stakeholders.
- Computer experience (Microsoft Office) is required.

Applications should be marked "Personal & Confidential" and addressed to the following by June 3/11:

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