



July 9, 2014

AMM Awarded for Partnership



L to R: Lindsay Thomson, AMM Senior Policy Analyst, and Mayor Eileen Clarke, Urban Vice-President, display the Manitoba Service Excellence Award for partnership.

The 16th Annual Manitoba Service Excellence Awards took place on Friday, June 20. The AMM, along with the departments of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, Conservation and Water Stewardship, Infrastructure and Transportation, Mineral Resources, Municipal Government, and the Property Registry received a Partnership Award for Subdivision Review - Joint Technical Advisory Committee (TAC).

The AMM and provincial staff that work with municipalities recognized that some processes regulated by the Province and municipalities were more cumbersome and complex than intended, and set about finding ways to streamline and strengthen land use regulation. The AMM and provincial departments participating in an Interdepartmental Planning Board (IPB) developed a "Framework for

Examining Provincial-Municipal Roles and Responsibilities" for setting up joint Technical Advisory Committees (TAC) to address specific provincial-municipal issues.

In 2013 a TAC reviewed the land subdivision process for splitting single lots. The process to split one lot or to create a complex subdivision was identical and could take four months to two years to complete. Through the joint TAC, the AMM and IPB set the groundwork to streamline the process for the simple division of single lots and jointly agreed to put the new process in place. The changes made the single lot subdivision process much quicker, which will have a real impact on the lives of Manitobans.

Eileen Clarke, AMM Urban Vice-President, and Lindsay Thomson, AMM Senior Policy Analyst, participated on the TAC.

AMM to sit on Local Consultative Committee

Recently, the Honourable Stan Struthers, Minister of Municipal Government, invited the AMM to take an active role in the delivery of the Small Communities Fund (SCF) component of the New Building Canada Fund (NBCF). The SCF will be allotted to local priority projects in communities of less than 100,000 residents.

The Manitoba Local Consultative Committee (MBLCC) will be comprised of:

- The President and two Vice-Presidents (urban and rural) of the AMM;
- The President and one Councillor from the Northern Association of Community Councils (NACC), and
- One department representative from Manitoba Aboriginal and Northern Affairs.

The AMM has lobbied for an active role in the selection process for both the SCF and the Provincial Territorial Infrastructure Component (PTIC).

We look forward to participating in the first consultative meeting later this month.



Notices



Increased Well Water Safety Risk from Flooding Province Offers Free Testing of Flood-Affected Wells

During a flood or periods of heavy rain, there is an increased risk that wells and cisterns may become contaminated. Homeowners are responsible for assessing the risk to their private water systems and should boil water used for drinking and cooking or use alternate sources of safe water if the risk is high. Indicators of increased risk include water ponding around the well head or collecting in a well pit, or changes in the appearance (colour or clarity), taste or smell of the water.

Residents whose wells or other private drinking water sources (ex: cisterns) that may be affected by flooding, should boil the water before consumption or use a safe alternative such as bottled water until flood waters recede and the well water is tested and confirmed to be safe. Water should be brought to a rolling boil for at least one minute before it is used for:

- drinking; making ice, beverages or infant formula;
- preparing food; washing fruits and vegetables;
- brushing teeth.

It is not necessary to boil tap water used for other household purposes, such as laundry or washing dishes. Adults and older children that are able to avoid swallowing the water can wash, bathe, or shower. Young children should be sponge bathed. If boiling is not practical, an alternate and safe supply of water such as bottled water, should be used for consumptive purposes.

If you suspect that your private drinking water source has been affected by flooding, follow the precautions noted above, wait until the effects of flooding have diminished, and then sample your water source for bacteria to confirm it is safe before resuming normal use.

**** Water Testing Subsidy Information****

Manitoba will cover the full cost of one private water system bacteria test for total coliforms and E. coli per flood-affected household for the duration of the flood season. Samples should be marked "2014 Flood" and submitted to Horizon Lab Ltd. to be eligible for this subsidy. Well owners are responsible for the shipping costs.

**Horizon Lab Ltd.
4055 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3K 2E8
Phone: 204-488-2035;
Fax: 204-488-4772**

Sample bottles and sample submission forms can be obtained directly from Horizon Lab Ltd. or from your local Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship office, local Conservation District Office, or Rural Municipality.

Provincial Water Well Fact Sheets on well testing, well disinfection, and well water contamination are available at www.manitoba.ca/drinkingwater under "Public Information" and the "Private Well Fact Sheets" link.

A "Flooding and Well Water Safety" fact sheet and other flood-related information is available at www.gov.mb.ca/flooding/health_safety.html

For information relating to sample collection and shipping, or to inquire about your test results, please contact Horizon Lab directly. Other inquiries should be directed to the following numbers:

- General inquiries about the subsidy program, call (204) 945-5762
- Information on treating your well water, call (204) 948-1351
- Health effects relating to well water, call Health Links at 204-788-8200 in Winnipeg or toll free at 1-888-315-9257

Job Postings

Town of Gillam Emergency Services Manager

The Town of Gillam, located in Northern Manitoba, requires an Emergency Services Manager. Excellent wage and benefits package, Northern living and relocation allowance, annual vacation travel assistance, medical travel assistance and subsidized housing is provided. Responsibilities include:

- Acting as the Emergency Coordinator for the Town of Gillam.
- Acting as the SMS (Safety Management System) Manager for the Gillam Airport.
- Assisting the Fire and Ambulance departments with administrative and training requirements.
- Coordinating the Workplace Safety & Health training requirements for all Town employees.
- Following Town policies, procedures and applicable Provincial and/or Federal statutes and regulations.
- Provide updates, reports or information to the CAO as required.
- Work with employees as a team.
- Other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

- Minimum 18 years of age.
- Minimum Grade 12 high school diploma or GED equivalency.
- Valid Class 5 Manitoba Driver's License.
- Physically capable for performing all duties of the position.
- Excellent communication skills, oral and written.
- Well developed supervisory and organizational skills.
- Able to work with minimum supervision.

Interested applicants must submit their resume, with 3 references, by 12:00 noon, Friday, July 25, 2014 to:

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