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We hope you enjoy this edition of the AMM News Bulletin.
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Latest News

Cosmetic Pesticide Ban regulation update



The AMM met with Minister of Conservation and Water Stewardship, *Tom Nevakshonoff*, on July 21 and again with departmental staff on August 4. The AMM stressed it would like to see exemptions of boulevards and medians from the [Non-Essential Pesticide Use Regulation](#) - more commonly known as the Cosmetic Pesticide Ban.

The AMM has since received a letter from Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship highlighting some regulatory changes and providing clarification, which should help municipalities better

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manage the increased costs of this regulation.

The AMM is sending this letter out to our members next week.

Province increases investment in Conservation Districts

The Manitoba government recently announced it is increasing funding to local watershed-based organizations to strengthen surface water management and help restore the health of Lake Winnipeg.

Conservation districts will see an increase of \$150,000 to their core funding, available under a new Small Water Retention Infrastructure Program. This program, a partnership between Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship, Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation, and Manitoba Municipal Government, will provide up to \$300,000 annually to conservation districts to construct and maintain water retention structures on behalf of the province.

More information on the Conservation Districts Program is available [here](#).

Notices

Reduce heat loss through air sealing and improved building envelope

If your recreation facility is costly to heat, it could be losing air through the building envelope.



Air leakage can account for up to a third or more of total heat loss in a building, leading to higher energy bills. That's why it's a good idea to retrofit your air barrier system-that's what separates the inside of your building from the outside-before tackling anything else.

Sealing leaks

Leaks occur at joints between components, cracks in materials, and openings, such as electrical boxes. They can be sealed with tape, caulking, or gaskets, but make sure you're using the right material for the job. Materials like mono, silicones, polysulphide, and urethanes are recommended over acoustic sealants, and caulking that will become brittle, crack, or shrink should be avoided.

Insulation

Upgrading your facility's insulation is another way to improve the building envelope. Insulation controls "heat conduction" through

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the building envelope. Its resistance to conduction is called its R-value, which is how insulation is rated. The higher the R-value, the lower the heat loss.

If your facility's wall or roof insulation level is less than R-10, you could reduce heat loss by upgrading insulation levels. Incentives for wall and roof insulation are available through Manitoba Hydro. For more details on how you can improve your building envelope and save on your energy bill, contact Manitoba Hydro at 1-888-624-9376 and ask about the Power Smart Commercial Building Envelope Program.

For even more tips ask for a copy of the Energy Efficiency Guide for Municipal Recreation Facilities, which can also be viewed online at hydro.mb.ca/psfb.

Nominate Now for the 2015 Recognition Awards - Manitoba Council on Aging

Now is the time to nominate those making exceptional contributions in your community!

The nomination deadline is **Tuesday, September 8, 2015**.

Nomination forms are available online at www.gov.mb.ca/shas or can be requested at seniors@gov.mb.ca or through the Seniors Information Line at 204-945-6565 / 1-800-665-6565.

There are exciting NEW categories:

- Senior volunteers ages 65+ who have made extraordinary contributions to individuals of any age
- Intergenerational groups, of which one must include individuals ages 65+, who make extraordinary contributions to the community through collaborative activities; and
- Journalists who make extraordinary contributions promoting positive images of aging

The Manitoba Council on Aging Recognition Awards are in Seniors' and Elders' Month. If you have any questions, please contact the Seniors and Healthy Aging Secretariat below.

Phone: 204 945-6565

Toll-free: 1-800-665-6565

email: seniors@gov.mb.ca

website: www.gov.mb.ca/shas

Coming Events

Open Farm Day - September 20, 2015

Manitoba Association of Ag Societies in partnership with Manitoba Agriculture Food and Rural Development are pleased to be hosting Open Farm Day - Sunday September 20th, 2015.

For more information on host farms, maps and times to visit go to www.openfarmday.ca

Upcoming Building Code Courses

Please see the [attached listing](#) of Building Code Courses offered by the Manitoba Emergency Services College which are being held in Winnipeg.

If you or someone you know is interested in applying, Student Course Applications can be found on the following website and must be submitted three weeks prior to the Course Start date:



www.firemedic.ca

Interested candidates can complete and submit the Student Course Application Form on-line, or print and fax to: 204-726-6847.

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