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## News Bulletin

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August 8, 2018

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We hope you enjoy this edition of the AMM News Bulletin. Click [here](#) to download a PDF version.

## Latest News

### Cannabis Legalization Cost-Tracker Tool

To support AMM advocacy efforts, please track and monitor all costs pertaining to the legalization and regulation of recreational cannabis by using the attached [Cannabis Cost-Tracker Tool](#).

The AMM has discussed the issue of revenue-sharing with Minister Friesen and Minister Wharton, and both have stressed the importance of municipalities monitoring and tracking costs. Information provided by municipalities is essential as cannabis taxation revenue-sharing discussions evolve. The AMM maintains its position that costs due to cannabis legalization must not be downloaded onto municipalities.

### Municipalities now eligible applicants for the Canada-Manitoba Job Grant (CMJG)

In response to AMM Resolution #30-2015, the AMM is pleased to report that municipalities will be considered eligible applicants for the [Canada Manitoba Job Grant \(CMJG\)](#) going forward.

The second intake for the Canada Manitoba Job Grant (CMJG) opens on August 20 and closes on September 14.

To apply for the CMJG, employers (i.e., municipalities) must contact Manitoba Education and Training by phone/email to request an application (contact information is listed on the [fact sheet](#)). In turn, the department will send the employer instructions on how to complete and submit the application.

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## Manitoba to replace Public Safety Communications Service

On August 8, 2018, the Manitoba government [announced](#) that Bell MTS was awarded a tender for the replacement of the province's public safety communications service. Total project costs for the replacement of the public safety communications service is expected to be \$380 million, while the new system will be implemented over the next three years.

The AMM welcomes this announcement of replacing the decades-old FleetNet emergency communications system and expresses its appreciation to the provincial government for improving public safety. Reliable communications technology is vital for saving lives, keeping first responders safe and protecting local communities.

## Manitoba Hydro's Vegetation Management Policy



The management of vegetation near and around power lines is essential for the safe and reliable supply of energy. Tall growing trees and shrubs can interfere with overhead conductors causing power outages and safety hazards to property owners and the public.

Manitoba Hydro has policies regarding managing vegetation that interfere with overhead powerlines.

[Info about Manitoba Hydro's Vegetation Management Policy](#)

## Farmland Beaver Damage Control program

Farmland Beaver Damage Control program provides financial assistance to Rural Municipalities, Association of Manitoba Community Pastures, Northern Association of Community Councils and First Nation Community Band.

The program will offer financial assistance for direct and indirect methods of removing nuisance beavers. Expenses will be costs shared at 50:50 to a maximum of \$15/beaver and \$200/pond leveler.

[Program Application](#)

The final date to submit an application is Friday, August 31, 2018.

For any questions please feel to contact Ag Action Manitoba at the Ag Action [email](#) or 1-844-769-6224.

**Register for our upcoming webinars on running for local office**

*The 2018 municipal elections are an opportunity for more women candidates to enter municipal politics.*

Join our [Diverse Voices for Change](#) initiative's upcoming webinar series to learn all about running for local office.

This three-webinar series features experts and women who are in elected office as well as examples of what municipalities across Canada are doing to create inclusive and vibrant communities.

[Register today](#)

## Blue-Green Algal Blooms in Manitoba

Please see attached [letter](#) and educational material regarding blue-green algal blooms in Manitoba.

If you have lakes or bodies of water that may form algal blooms, please make the [fact sheet](#) available to residents, cottagers and the public and place the [poster](#) in relevant public locations, including any publicly accessible facilities near water and near beaches.

The information should be made available throughout the algal bloom season, which is typically between June and late September.

The Departments of Manitoba Sustainable Development and Health, Seniors and Active Living appreciate your cooperation with the distribution of the materials.

If you have any questions, please contact Ryan Hewitt, Office of Drinking Water, at 204-948-1351

## The 67th annual NCFPW will be held September 24 - 27, 2018 at the Fort Garry Hotel in Winnipeg, Manitoba

See attached [agenda](#) for details. Highlights of this conference include:

- Mountain Pine Beetle TRIA-Net
- Climate Change and Forest Health
- Elm Resistance to Dutch Elm Disease
- Update in Oak Wilt Management
- Drones in Forestry
- Field tour of the City of Winnipeg urban forestry program including Dutch elm disease and emerald ash borer management.

## [Register](#)

### **Accommodations:**

A block of rooms is being held at the Fort Garry Hotel under the group name, North Central Forest Pest Workshop. The block will be held until August 24th at the price of \$169 Canadian. After Aug 24th we can't guarantee availability or price. Contact the hotel at (204) 942-8251

### **Poster Session:**

If you want to display a poster at the workshop, contact [fiona.ross@gov.mb.ca](mailto:fiona.ross@gov.mb.ca)

### **Student Presentations:**

We encourage students to take advantage of this opportunity to present your results to an interested audience of future colleagues. Presentations should be 10-20 minutes long. Contact [fiona.ross@gov.mb.ca](mailto:fiona.ross@gov.mb.ca) if you are interested in having your presentation added to the agenda.

We look forward to seeing you in Winnipeg!

## Premier Pallister shuffles Provincial Cabinet

AMM welcomes the new [Provincial Cabinet](#)

Honourable Heather Stefanson, Minister of Families  
Honourable Cameron Friesen, Minister of Health, Seniors and Active Living  
Honourable Kelvin Goertzen, Minister of Education and Training  
Honourable Cliff Cullen, Minister of Justice and attorney general  
Honourable Scott Fielding, Minister of Finance  
Honourable Colleen Mayer, Minister of Crown services

## Trading Company

### Paper Tariff will affect paper pricing

To all Municipalities:

Please see the [attached tariff letter](#) that will affect paper prices when it is implemented.

DEREK LAURIN  
Account Manager, Commercial Sales



Time to order election supplies! The general municipal and school board election is **Wednesday, October 24, 2018.**



*Please note this is an updated order form!*

[Election Supplies Order Form](#) **New Pricing!**

There has been an increase in costs of stock items.  
Please note that Minute paper has increased in pricing.

[MTCML Stock Items Price List](#)



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