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

AMM meets with Ministers

On June 2, the AMM met with the Honourable *Blaine Pedersen*, Minister of Infrastructure. The AMM focused on strategic infrastructure investments and municipal partnerships, and also raised transportation infrastructure funding, along with disaster financial assistance and flood mitigation with Minister Pedersen.



L to R: Vice President Mel Klassen, the Honourable Catherine Cox, President Chris Goertzen, and Vice-President Ralph Groening

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Municipalities Trading Company of Manitoba Ltd. (MTCML)

The MTCML offers AMM members lower prices on products and services through the power of bulk

On June 6, the AMM met with the Honourable *Catherine Cox*, Minister of Sustainable Development. In addition to the Cosmetic Pesticide Ban, which Minister Cox committed to reviewing, the AMM raised the Waste Management Facilities Regulation, Dutch elm disease management, funding for conservation districts, drainage and surface water management, and climate change adaptation with Minister Cox.

Position papers:

[Infrastructure](#)

[Sustainable Development](#)

2016 Provincial Budget



President Chris Goertzen (l) responds to media questions on Budget Day 2016.

The 2016 Budget, tabled on May 31 at the Manitoba Legislature, announced \$1.8 billion in strategic infrastructure funding for roads and bridges, flood protection, hospitals, schools, universities and colleges and municipal infrastructure. "It's good to see clearly that they want

to see municipalities have a fair say in how infrastructure dollars get spent across Manitoba," said President *Chris Goertzen*. "That's something we've been asking for, for quite some time and we see that spattered throughout the budget."

The AMM will be watching closely how this billion dollars will be spent on infrastructure, noting municipalities have 60% of public infrastructure, yet only receive eight cents on every tax dollar.

"Until we see concrete action, we will be cautious," explained Goertzen. "But at the same time we are optimistic because we see the right words and we expect that we will see the right actions from this government in the coming weeks."

Full Budget [here](#).

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L to R: Councillor Marvin Plett, City of Winkler; Councillor Jeff Browaty, City of Winnipeg; President Chris Goertzen; FCM 1st Vice-President Councillor Jenny Gerbasii, City of Winnipeg; Councillor Laurent Tetrault, RM of La Broquerie; and AMM Past-President Councillor Doug Dobrowolski, RM of Macdonald.

Photo courtesy Jenny Gerbasii.

Notices

2016 Enabling Accessibility Fund

Businesses and community organizations are invited to apply for funding through the 2016 Enabling Accessibility Fund (EAF) call for proposals. This call includes a Workplace Accessibility and a Community Accessibility funding stream. The deadline is **July 26, 2016**.

The EAF Workplace Accessibility Stream gives eligible businesses and other employers across Canada the opportunity to submit funding proposals for projects that improve accessibility and safety for people with disabilities through renovations, retrofits or construction of workplaces. Businesses with up to 99 full-time equivalent employees and community organizations can receive government grant project funding of up to \$50,000.

Contributions equal to or greater than 35 percent of the total eligible costs of the project must be provided by sources other than the federal government (which can include the applicant's own organization).

Learn more [here](#).

Reminder: Government of Canada funding available to help reduce flooding impacts in high-risk communities

Through the National Disaster Mitigation Program (NDMP), the Government of Canada will cost-share flood mitigation project costs - up to 50 per cent for eligible provincial projects and up to 75 per cent for eligible projects in the territories.

To receive funding, community officials should submit a [proposal](#) to their provincial or territorial contacts. The province or territory will then need to submit eligible proposals to Public Safety Canada by **June 30, 2016** for projects to be eligible for this round of funding.

For more information visit Public Safety Canada's [website](#) or email ps.NDMP-PNAC.sp@ps-sp.gc.ca.

Manitoba Council on Aging Recognition Awards

It is time to start noticing and nominating Manitobans making outstanding contributions in your community for the **Manitoba Council on Aging Recognition Awards!**

All Manitobans may make a nomination for...

- Senior volunteers ages 65+ making extraordinary contributions to individuals of any age
- Intergenerational groups making extraordinary contributions to the community through collaborative activities; and
- Journalists making extraordinary contributions promoting positive images of aging

The nomination deadline is Tuesday, September 13, 2016.

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

M.T.C.M.L. New Members



The MTCML is pleased to welcome [NAPA Auto Parts](#) as a new Official Supplier. AMM has partnered with the [AAMDC Trade Division](#) and NAPA to provide contract pricing for quality automotive parts for our membership. Both AMM and NAPA are synonymous with customer satisfaction, quality of service and great value making AMM and NAPA a natural fit.

NAPA provides parts and supplies for automotive, heavy duty, marine, farm and industrial applications; professional quality tools and equipment; automotive accessories; and paint and refinishing supplies.

The AMM has also partnered with the AAMDC Trade Division to create a Tier One National Tire Program with [Goodyear](#). On average, the overall Tire Program logs an annual purchase volume of \$6 million and is the largest government buying group in Canada. In return, this provides all members with access to discounts ranging between 32 - 55 per cent.

