



## News Bulletin

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September 11, 2020

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

## Latest News

### Nomination Information Executive Committee Election



### 2020 Executive Committee Elections

At this year's Convention there will be elections for the AMM's Executive Committee, consisting of the President and two Vice-Presidents. The term of office for President and Vice-Presidents is 2 years. The President and Vice-Presidents can hold office for multiple terms.

#### Executive Committee nominations:

Municipalities can nominate a municipal official for the President position, a Vice-President position, or both, but the candidate may only accept nomination for one position. Nominations for positions on the Executive Committee must be by resolution of a Council in Manitoba. Only elected municipal officials of member municipalities are eligible to be President or Vice-President.

Visit [AMM 2020 Executive Committee Election webpage](#) for more info

### AMM Community Leadership Award Presentation

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Buy and sell your municipal equipment!

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#### [Job Postings](#)



L-R: AMM President Ralph Groening, Jeannot Robert, Volunteer Manitoba Executive Director Jackie Hunt.

In partnership with [Volunteer Manitoba](#), AMM President Ralph Groening presented this year's AMM Community Leadership Award to **Jeannot Robert!** Congratulations and well-deserved, Jeannot!

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## Municipal Leader Summer 2020

Click [HERE](#) to view the full e-version of **The Municipal Leader (Summer 2020)**

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## AMM Pushes for Gender Parity

### Municipal association pushes for gender parity



RM of Reynolds reeve Trudy Turchyn, seen here at a meeting in Hadassville in March 2019, leads the only council in the Southwest comprised of more women than men.

By JORDAN ROSS

The association representing 137 municipalities in Manitoba wants to see more women on the ballot in 2022. Last week, the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) launched a new section of its website devoted to advancing gender parity in local politics. The page compiles reports, presentations, links, and other resources on women in government published over the past 10 years. AMM president Ralph Groening said more resources will be added over the coming months. The webpage stemmed from discussions last year between AMM executives and female reeves and mayors. "This is our renewed effort to get the word out and identify some strategies that might be helpful to encourage us moving toward more gender equity," Groening said. The page includes an Aug. 19 report prepared by AMM's federal counterpart, FCM (the Federation of Canadian Municipalities). "Canadian women remain underrepresented at all levels of political leadership," the 15-page report found. Across Canada, women hold fewer than 30 percent of elected positions in local governments. In Manitoba, women secured 20 percent of available seats in the 2018 municipal general election, up from 17 percent in 2014. In the Southwest, where 18.8 percent of available seats in 2018. Two Southeast municipalities, Springfield and Reynolds, elected a woman head of council. Seven local municipalities—Hanover, La Broquerie, Niverville, Montcadre, Stuartburn, De Sablery, and the RM of Morris, where Groening serves as reeve—elected all-male councils in 2018. Groening said rural politics in particular "have often, I think, been seen by women as unwelcoming." "A lot of politics in rural Manitoba starts in coffee shops and sometimes, there hasn't been a fair venue and a fair opportunity for women to informally add their voice to the discussions," he said. "I don't think it is a lack of interest. I think it is the avenues and the way in which municipal politics is managed or the way it's perceived." In February, Groening travelled to Ukraine to discuss political and economic challenges facing municipal leaders there. Women identified a lack of adequate childcare as a barrier to political participation. When the layer of government closest to the electorate doesn't reflect the electorate, Groening said communities pay the price. "We need to hear the voices of all of Manitobans around the council tables," he said. "We need representation by women to provide their perspective on the decisions that we make."

Groening said women offer an important perspective on a variety of municipal issues, from public safety to recreation, a point echoed in the FCM report. "Through their involvement in community work and women's movements, local female politicians are better aware of issues faced by women in their communities and are uniquely positioned to address them," the report states. In the 2022 election, Groening said the percentage of total candidates who are women rather than the number of women elected will be the best indicator of gender parity. In the 2018 municipal election, 26 more women registered as candidates, despite 21 fewer seats available. Over the next two years, Groening said each municipality should do what it can to create "an environment that easily allows for women to serve." He suggested municipalities hold an open meeting where those considering running for office can ask questions and learn more about the job. Chambers of commerce and other organizations that develop local leaders could also participate. More women in politics would also help address the shortage of candidates in some smaller municipalities. In the 2018 election three in 10 candidates ran unopposed. The number of women in municipal politics could skyrocket if the province's chief administrative officers decide to pursue a council seat. According to Groening, a recent pay equity review carried out by the Manitoba Municipal Administrators' Association found 64 percent of CAO's in the province are women. That's what happened in 2018 in the RM of Reynolds, where former CAO Trudy Turchyn was elected reeve. Four of seven ward council seats also went to women, something Turchyn said "quite surprised" her on election night. Turchyn said she's glad to see municipality associations are promoting gender parity in local politics. She believes a gender-balance council is a stronger council. "The more variety you have at the table, you get a more rounded view. Halfway through her first term in office Turchyn she hasn't experienced any gender-based discrimination. She said voters are focused on issues, not the identity of candidates. The main barrier for women remains the time commitment involved, she surmised. "Typically, (women's) time schedules are very limited because they are usually the ones getting the kids fed and taking them to their sports. Women have to juggle much more if they want to dedicate their time to municipal council."

## Water & Wastewater Fall 2020

[Courses Schedule Registration Form](#)

## Building Codes Fall 2020

[Courses Schedule](#)



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## "Ask the Expert" September 2020

[Job Descriptions - What's the point?](#)

Full media story (published by The Carillon), click [HERE](#)

AMM Toward Parity in Municipal Politics [webpage](#)

Province announces Public Engagement on Possible Rural



AMM President Ralph Groening speaking at the rural crime announcement with Minister Cliff Cullen at the AMM office in Portage la Prairie.

### [News Release](#)

## FCM Board Election



Manitoba Director candidates will give a speech during a Zoom webinar for voters in their province.

Monday, October 5:

- [Manitoba: 12:30pm local time \(1:30 ET\)](#)

Click on the link above to register for the webinar. **You MUST sign up in advance to attend them.**

REMINDER: You must also [register to vote](#) in the election! Sign up is quick and easy.

If you have any questions, please contact us at [elections@fcm.ca](mailto:elections@fcm.ca)

### [FCM Virtual Elections and AGM](#)

## UPDATE: Changes to application process for Asset Management Grants for Municipalities

FCM's Municipal Asset Management Program (MAMP) has received an exceptional number of applications for its Asset management grants for municipalities over the past three months.

To ensure that we continue to assess applications and provide funding quickly and efficiently, we are adjusting our application process. These changes do not impact applications already submitted or projects already approved for funding.

As a first step, we will continue to accept applications until **midnight ET,**

[Return to Work Toolkit](#)

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**September 22, 2020.** All applications received before this deadline are currently being processed in the order they are received. A second call for applications period will begin on January 19, 2021.

We thank all current and future applicants for their interest and for the overwhelming response to this current call for applications. If your municipality is currently developing an application, **please apply by the deadline.**

[Click here for more info](#)

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## **MEDIA RELEASE: MCC Formally Launches \$20-Million Manitoba Mineral Development Fund**



[View Full MCC Media Release Here](#)

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## **Manitoba Accessibility Awards - Seeking Nominations**

### **Celebrate Accessibility Champions.**



**Nominate a small or large municipality by September 30.**

**Learn more at [AccessibilityMB.ca](http://AccessibilityMB.ca)**

**[#AccessibleMB](#) [#MBAA2020](#)**

Show your appreciation by nominating a deserving business, organization or a municipality for a Manitoba Accessibility Award (MBAA)!

The **Manitoba Accessibility Awards** celebrate leadership and innovation in meeting the needs of the one in four Manitobans affected by disability, and create awareness about [The Accessibility for Manitobans Act](#).

For more information about the awards, including eligibility and nomination requirements, please visit: [Manitoba Accessibility Awards](#), or call the Disabilities Issues Office at **204-945-7613 or 1-800-282-8069 (Ext. 7613)**.

Nomination deadline is **September 30, 2020**.

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## **Community Energy Efficiency Program Application**

Efficiency Manitoba's community energy efficiency program is accepting applications until **November 30, 2020**. The program offers **two years of funding** to eligible municipalities to hire a community energy advocate. Head to the [Efficiency Manitoba website](#) to apply!

[CEEP Program Guide](#)

[CEEP Funding Application](#) send to [energyteam@efficiencyMB.ca](mailto:energyteam@efficiencyMB.ca)

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## Volunteer Manitoba - 2020 Fall Training Calendar



Volunteer Manitoba launched their 2020 Fall Training Calendar. All workshops this year are virtual and are full of valuable information!

[VM 2020 Fall Training Calendar](#)

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## AMM Trading Company - Group Buying Program

The Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) is committed to providing reliable information and continued services. Our AMM Group Buying program is here to support and assist our members during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Therefore, we want to hear from you:

- How can we help you today?
- What items are you looking to purchase that we can help source for you?
- What areas of the Trading Company do you want to learn more about?

[READ FULL DETAILS](#)

[PPE Update](#)

[AMM Group Buying Kit](#)

[AMM Group Purchasing Newsletter](#)

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AMM Trading Company presents Enterprise Fleet Management

**NEW WEBINAR !!!**

**ENTERPRISE FLEET MANAGEMENT**

AMM Trading Company utilizes Enterprise Fleet Management to help municipalities transition their vehicles old to new, saving you time and money on your fleet requirements.

Every fleet is unique - from size, to makes and models, to driver needs and specific applications. Luckily, Enterprise Fleet Management process for optimizing fleets is refreshingly straightforward. Enterprise Fleet Management will create and manage a customized, complete fleet management program, enabling your team to focus on other tasks. But they won't stop there. At every turn, they will evaluate fleet performance and identify opportunities for continuous improvement and efficiency. Enterprise Fleet Management will ensure you get the most out of your investment in your vehicles - and your partnership with us.

Learn more about Enterprise Fleet Management by participating in this complimentary webinar and so you can save time and money on all your fleet requirements today!

**Tuesday, October 6, 2020 10:00 am**  
Register [HERE](#)

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### **PSCS FAQ for Municipalities**

As the decades-old FleetNet emergency communications system is currently being replaced, municipalities will start transitioning to the new Public Safety Communications Service (PSCS) in 2020.

Engineered to be highly reliable, the PSCS is based on modern communications standards and will be built with modern infrastructure and equipment.

**Please note municipalities are required to purchase radios and corresponding equipment. The Province of Manitoba has committed to fully fund the annual operating costs on behalf of municipalities.**

**Compatible radios are available for sale at a discount via our Trading Company.**

Click [HERE](#) for the PSCS FAQ.

[PSCS Municipal Fire Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#)

[Bell Radio Provisioning Fees](#)

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### **Michelin Tire Promo**



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## ATS Traffic - Winter Product Flyer



[ATS Traffic Winter 2020 Flyer](#)

Contact [Jill Hawryluk](#) or call 204-233-1600  
[atstraffic.ca](http://atstraffic.ca)

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## Supreme Basics: In Stock NOW! More Covid-19 Products



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