



October 8, 2014



AMM, MMAA meet with PUB

The AMM and the MMAA met with the Public Utilities Board (PUB) on October 3, 2014. The PUB began by reviewing the work done with the MMAA recently. It has developed revised guidelines and new software for submitting rate applications, which should help municipalities avoid the cost of hiring a consultant to complete studies in order to submit an application. A PUB representative will be running training workshops with MMAA in January 2015, which will cover the new guidelines. The possibility of attending AMM District Meetings or the Municipal Officials Seminar in the future was also discussed.

The discussion then turned to PUB work with the Municipal Board around the approval of New Building Canada Fund (NBCF) projects. Since no NBCF projects have been announced, no PUB or Municipal Board approvals have been required yet. The PUB has met with the Municipal Board, and they have discussed using a process where PUB could give preliminary approval to a municipality for a debenture rate based on the amount they would like to borrow before the municipality goes to the Municipal Board for approval.

The next issue raised was the use of remote water readers. PUB indicated they have no authority over the installation or removal of these meters. It is important for utilities to keep in mind working life of these readers and potential replacement costs.

Also discussed was the possibility of utilities potentially looking at combining, particularly in amalgamated municipalities.

AMM and PUB agreed on the importance of open dialogue to resolve issues before they become problems. Having PUB staff available to answer questions from CAOs has been helpful, and progress has been made in the last year.

The AMM and the Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) have teamed up to offer a “one-stop” election website called Manitoba Votes.

Manitoba Votes offers a current list of council and school board candidates, and will be updated on October 22—Election Day—as the polls come in.

President *Doug Dobrowolski* explains: “Municipal elections are important to not only local citizens, but to journalists, former residents and others. That is why the results of these elections should be available far and wide.”

The President of the MSBA agrees. “Public education is everyone’s business,” says *Floyd Martens*. “It’s important for Manitobans to know who their trustee candidates are, and who will be elected to make decisions on their behalf about the public schools in their communities.”

Both organizations hope to see an enthusiastic voter turnout this election. “Municipal elected officials and school trustees work very closely within the communities they represent,” stresses Dobrowolski. “It is really important that citizens take part in this democratic process.”

Manitoba Votes was developed by All-Net.ca.



Pictured l to r: AMM President Doug Dobrowolski, PUB Chair Regis Gosselin, AMM Rural Vice-President Ralph Groening, PUB Executive Director Hollis Singh, AMM Executive Director Joe Masi, and PUB Board Member Susan Proven.

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Coming Events

Today's Vision: Tomorrow's **REALITY**

AMM 16th Annual Convention

Now online at www.amm.mb.ca:

Preliminary [Agenda](#)

[Registration](#) for the Pre-

Conference Seminar featuring
Manitoba Municipal Government
and George Cuff

**Regular Registration opens on
October 20th!**



Conservation and Water Stewardship Provincial well-water testing subsidy

The provincial well water testing
100% subsidy for flood-affected
residents closed September 30th.
The regular subsidy will continue
and information is available online
at www.manitoba.ca/drinkingwater.

Association of Manitoba Community Pastures (AMCP)

Will be hosting a meeting to discuss
the "Community Pasture Pilot
Project" during the AMM Annual
Convention.

Their meeting is scheduled for
**Tuesday, November 25, 2014 at
5:00 pm.**

For more information, please contact:

Norma Gordon, Executive Director

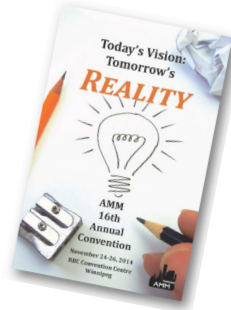
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Coming Soon

The AMM 16th Annual Convention Handbook, featuring:

- General information
- Agendas
- Keynote speakers
- Resolutions & By-laws
- Display Area
- and much more!



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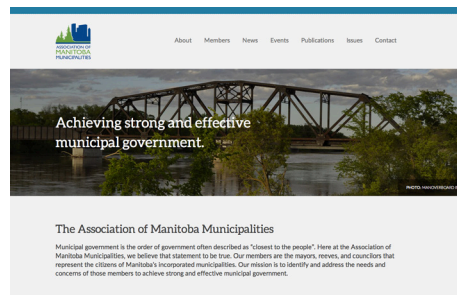
the Fall, 2014 issue of the Municipal Leader, featuring:

- The Summer that Wasn't - a recap of the 2014 flood
- Articles on waste reduction, composting, and e-recycling
- Transition committees: planning for newly amalgamated municipalities
- Re-thinking recreation
- Municipal Profile: Reeve Rodney Burns
- 2014 Annual Convention
- And much more!



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A new AMM website at www.amm.mb.ca



Coming Events

Recreation & Special Events Coordinator Rosser-Woodlands Recreation Commission

The Rosser-Woodlands Recreation Commission is seeking an individual to assist recreational volunteer organizations to maximize facility usage, develop leadership and promote the value of recreation and community event programming.

Basic Function:

- Functions as the administrative and management member of the Recreation Commission
- Enables the effective and efficient delivery of recreation and wellness services to the community
- Recommends recreation programming and policies and maintains compliance to approved programs and policies
- Responsible for coordinating community events in conjunction with community organizations & maximizing facility usage
- Assists the Recreation Commission in establishing goals, objectives and budgets for recreational programming

Qualifications

- Administrative organizational skills
- Ability to act independently and logically to implement the Commission's policies
- Excellent interpersonal skills to deal with the public and other colleagues
- Ability to motivate others
- Computer skills including working knowledge of Microsoft Office (knowledge of web-based software and social media an asset)
- Class 5 drivers license
- Basic first aid and CPR Certification an asset
- An equivalent combination of recreation management experience and education will be considered
- Able to work flexible hours incl. weekends and evenings when required

Hours & Salary

- Full-time based on 40 hours/week
- Salary \$31,500/year

Deadline: Friday, October 31, 2014 to:
Rosser-Woodlands Recreation Commission

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