



News Bulletin

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Dear Subscriber,

We hope you enjoy this AMM bi-weekly News Bulletin. A [printable version](#) of the bulletin is available on our website.

AMM Board meets

The AMM Board of Directors held its first meeting for 2015 on January 22.

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Pesticide Use Regulation

We encourage all members to review the following message from Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship regarding public sessions on the new Non-Essential Pesticide Use Regulation and express the views of your Councils at one of the sessions in person.

Please note the AMM has expressed [concerns](#) to the Province of Manitoba regarding the significant financial implications this regulation will have for municipalities, and we oppose the ban of non-essential pesticide use. The AMM has also been in contact

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Municipalities Trading Company of Manitoba Ltd. (MTCML)

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with the Minister more recently to highlight the impact this regulation will have on municipal budgets and weed control programs.

Manitoba's Non-Essential Pesticide Use Regulation came into force on January 1, 2015 and will influence how Manitobans care for their lawns and public spaces.

To ensure those most affected by the new regulation are aware of its scope and intent, Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship is hosting two public sessions for key stakeholders in Winnipeg and Brandon, tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, March 4th and 5th respectively.

The public sessions will provide information on the following:

- Scope and intent of the Non-Essential Pesticide Use Regulation
- Changes to Manitoba's Pesticide Use Permit process
- Principles behind biological control of weeds and biopesticide development
- City of Toronto's weed control program under Ontario's Cosmetic Pesticide Ban
- Successful implementation of alternative lawn care strategies in Brandon, Manitoba

Those interested in attending should email pesticide.reduction@gov.mb.ca with "Public Session" in the subject line, and specify the preferred location in the body of the email. Requests to attend a public session must be received by **Friday, February 20, 2015**.

2015 SWANA Northern Lights Conference: Measuring Success

SWANA's Northern Lights Chapter is hosting their annual conference on May 13-15, 2015, at the Fort Garry Hotel in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Agenda and registration is now available [here](#).

There are also training courses that will be offered prior to the conference including:

- Landfill Operations Basic (LOB)
- Managing Collection Systems
- CCC Compost Facility Operating Practices (*All Manitoba participants are welcome to use the group rate of \$600 per applicant, select the "membership" rate*).

If you are unable to attend the conference but are interested in the courses please register [here](#).



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Documents

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Tradeshow booths are also still available but going quickly, register soon!

Reminder

Nominations for this year's *Lieutenant Governor's Award for Historical Preservation and Promotion* must be received by Friday, February 27!

Further information about the award and nominations may be obtained from the Manitoba Historical Society [website](#).

Need a large stage for a concert or event?

The Portage Regional Recreation Authority (PRRA) has a mobile stage that it rents for events outside of the City and RM of Portage la Prairie. This stage is available for other municipalities to rent for fairs, festivals, or any other event.

Whether indoor or outdoor, our 24' x 20' Stageline SL 100 Mobile Stage will meet your needs. This easy to use stage can be moved into most locations and is capable of holding up to 3,800 lbs of sound, lighting, banners and set equipment. Set up and take down are included with rental.

For more information or to receive a quote please email rmiller@pcucentre.ca or call Randy at 204-857-7772 ex 2226

To view photos of the stage, see our [advertisement](#) on Kijiji.

Farewell

The AMM Board of Directors and Staff wishes Senior Policy Analyst Lindsay Thomson all the best as she and her husband Trevor relocate to Surrey, B.C.

Lindsay has been an integral part of the AMM's policy team since joining the association in 2011.



Lindsay's last day with the AMM was February 13th.

We will miss you, Lindsay!

Welcome

The AMM Board of Directors and Staff is pleased to welcome Nick Krawetz to the position of Senior Policy Analyst. Nick's first day with the AMM was February 6.

Nick holds a MA in Political Studies (International Relations) from Queen's University and a BA (Double Advanced) in Economics and Political Studies from the University of Manitoba. Since completing his studies, Nick has demonstrated his passion for public policy and democratic governance while gaining federal government work experience with the Canada Border Services Agency and participating in Election Observation Missions overseas on behalf of the Government of Canada.



As the AMM's newest team member, Nick is looking forward to researching and raising awareness about issues affecting AMM members and Manitoba communities. His work can be viewed in AMM's position papers, briefing documents, legislative submissions, and other AMM publications such as the Municipal Leader and the Resolutions Update.

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