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Youth Awarded

The AMM is pleased to announce the recipient of the 2014 George Harbottle Memorial Young Community Leader Award is **Dane Monkman**. President Doug Dobrowolski presented the award at the Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) Celebration of Success evening on March 13.

Dane is a Grade 12 student at Gimli High School in the Evergreen School Division. He is a positive role model for others as a member of the Evergreen School Division Board of Trustees, Student Council and EAGLE Group as well as the Gimli High School Student Council and Enviro Club. Dane is also a member of the Rural Municipality Environmental Advisory Committee.

"When I work in the community, it is because it betters the community, and shows others that they should also contribute in similar ways," says Dane. "I believe a good, contributing citizen does volunteer, become active in their community, become informed on important matters in society, and treat others with respect and fairness."

The AMM established the Young Community Leader Award in 2009, in conjunction with the MSBA Citizenship Awards. The Award was re-named in 2012 to honour the memory of AMM Honourary Life Member **George Harbottle**.



Minister Meetings Continue

The AMM continued its annual series of Minister meetings on February 10, beginning with the Honourable **Peter Bjornson**, Minister of Housing and Community Development.

Increased funding for housing was the first item on the agenda. The AMM raised various housing needs in the province, and suggested a seminar to discuss the issues. The AMM also asked about the impact of the federal budget on housing in Manitoba, and for an update on the implementation of the Rental Housing Roundtable Report.

Cuts to the Community Places Program were also raised with the Minister. Next, the AMM met with the Minister of Children and Youth Opportunities, the Honourable **Kevin Chief**, and began by asking for an update on the childcare strategy. The Minister noted details of a recent review will be announced soon.

The discussion then turned to a possible recreation centre pilot project aimed at reducing operating costs for community centres. The AMM also asked for an update on the recreation policy review recently announced by the Province. The Minister noted the AMM will be asked to participate in the review in the near future.

The AMM next expressed concern that Hometown green teams are not being funded appropriately, and asked how amalgamation might affect this program. The Minister reassured the AMM that he is a great supporter of this program.

Seniors housing and mobility were topics discussed with the Honourable **Sharon Blady**, Minister of Healthy Living and Seniors. Support for the handi-van program and Transportation Options Networks for Seniors (TONS) was also discussed, along with the need for better communication between the age-friendly initiative and accessibility committee.

The need for a solution to the growing costs of police escorts under the Mental Health Act was also raised.

Finally, the AMM met with the Honourable **Ron Lemieux**, Minister of Tourism, Culture, Heritage, Sport and Consumer Protection. The need to increase library funding and to implement a single library card was the first items discussed.

The AMM then pointed out museum funding hasn't been increased in years and asked for a review of the "star attraction" designation policy. The Minister is working through Tourism Manitoba on promoting local attractions.

Improvements in the relationship between the Public Utilities Board were noted, and the Minister promised to consult the AMM when the regulations for the new home warranty legislation are being drafted.

To view the complete position papers from AMM minister meetings, visit:

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Job Postings

Assistant CAO RM of North Cypress/Town of Carberry

The Councils of the RM of North Cypress and Town of Carberry invites written applications for the full time position of Assistant Chief Administrative Officer. Key responsibilities of this position include:

- Complete all financial aspects of the operation of a municipality which includes but is not limited to:
- In consultation with the CAO and Council, develop and implement a process for the preparation, completion, and tracking of the annual capital and operating budgets for two municipalities and 8 subsidiaries of the municipalities.
- Preparation and balancing of monthly and year-end financial statements.
- Processing payroll and associated remittances.
- Record all acquisition and disposal of TCA.
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The ideal candidate will possess the following skills and attributes:

- Graduate of, or enrolled in, the certificate program for Manitoba Municipal Administration.
- At least three years direct experience in municipal finance.
- Excellent communication and organizational skills.
- Advanced computer experience with Microsoft Office applications, specifically in the use of spreadsheets.
- Candidates who have post-secondary education in a relevant discipline bring an educational advantage to the position.

The right candidate can expect a comprehensive salary and benefits package. Further professional development will be offered.

The RM of North Cypress and Town of Carberry are situated along the Trans-Canada Highway between Brandon and Portage la Prairie with a combined population of 3,500. This position will play a key role in the upcoming amalgamation between the RM's of North Cypress and Langford.

Interested individuals should send a resume and cover letter, marked Assistant CAO Application, to the Town of Carberry at Box 130, Carberry, MB, R0K 0H0, or email town@townofcarberry.ca.

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