



May 14, 2014

Water & Wastewater funding

On April 30th, Premier Greg Selinger announced the Manitoba government will invest \$84 million over the next five years to improve and upgrade water and wastewater facilities in more communities outside of Winnipeg.

New projects that will be launched include \$1.5 million for water supply upgrades in the RM of Macdonald; \$2.3 million for new waste-water infrastructure for the RM of Sifton and the Town of Oak Lake; and \$1 million for upgrades and expansion of the waste-water lagoon in the LGD of Pinawa.

Premier Selinger said the Province is working with municipalities and the federal government to prioritize upgrading or replacing waste-water treatment facilities in several communities, along with a new water treatment plant in the RM of Headingley.

“Clean water is critical for the health and safety of our citizens as well as the growth of our communities,” said President Doug Dobrowolski, who joined the Premier and the Honourable Stan Struthers, Minister of Municipal Government, for the announcement. “Investments in water and waste-water infrastructure allow municipalities to remain sustainable while attracting new business.”

The province will soon be sending letters to all municipalities encouraging them to identify potential water and waste-water projects that could be cost-shared in the future. •

President Dobrowolski joined Premier Greg Selinger and Minister Stan Struthers on April 30 to announce funds for water and wastewater improvements.



Gas Tax renewed for 10 years

President Dobrowolski joined the Honourable Shelly Glover, Minister of Canadian Heritage, Manitoba Municipal Government Minister Stan Struthers, and other dignitaries at Winnipeg City Hall on May 2 to celebrate the renewal of the federal Gas Tax Fund for the next 10 years.

President Dobrowolski thanked the Government of Canada for renewing the agreement and making it permanent in legislation. He also thanked both the Province of Manitoba and the Government of Canada for working with the AMM on the Gas Tax Oversight Committee. “This partnership helps to ensure these important funds flow smoothly,” he said.

He also noted the ability to use 100% of gas tax funding toward eligible projects gives municipalities the flexibility and the control to get important projects off the ground.

“Municipalities are trusted by their citizens and capable of determining where infrastructure dollars should be spent,” he said. “The AMM has lobbied strongly for increases to municipal infrastructure funding, for shares of growth revenue, and for decision-making powers when it comes to funding infrastructure in our own local communities.”

Minister Glover added, “municipalities decide how to use 100% of this money and we trust them to do that.” •

L to R: President Doug Dobrowolski, The Hon. Shelly Glover, the Hon. Stan Struthers, Joyce Bateman, MP for Winnipeg South Centre, Sam Katz, Mayor, City of Winnipeg, and Larry Maguire, MP for Brandon-Souris.



Coming Events

2014 June District Meetings

Interlake District

Monday, June 9

Hosted by the Town of Stonewall
Quarry Park Heritage Arts Centre,
166 Main Street, Stonewall

Central District

Tuesday, June 10

Hosted by the RM of Thompson

Miami Community Centre,
34112 PTH 23, Miami

Western District

Wednesday, June 11

Hosted by the RM of Wallace and
Town of Virden

Tundra Oil & Gas Place,
900 5th Avenue, Virden

Midwestern District

Thursday, June 12

Hosted by the RM of Hamiota and
Town of Hamiota

Hamiota Community Centre,
50 4th Street, Hamiota

Parkland District

Friday, June 13

Hosted by the RM of Ethelbert and
Village of Ethelbert

Ukrainian Parish Hall,
13 River Avenue South, Ethelbert

Eastern District

Monday, June 16 **

This meeting will begin at 1:00 pm.

Hosted by the Town of Beausejour

Sun Gro Centre,
3602 Veterans Lane, Beausejour

Northern District

Tuesday, June 17

Hosted by the City of Flin Flon

Flin Flon City Hall,
20 First Avenue, Flin Flon

Register online at:

www.amm.mb.ca/events_june_form_2014.cfm

Coming Events

Voting at AMM Annual Convention

Due to the upcoming municipal election, registration for the AMM Annual Convention will begin *after* October 22, 2014.

At that time, amalgamated municipalities may choose to register either previous council members, newly elected council members, or both at their discretion.

However, *only* council members elected to serve the next four year term will have voting privileges and be assigned voting devices. Outgoing council members will be observers.

Registered CAOs will be assigned a voting device as in the past.

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ANTICIPATING CRUDE OIL Emerging Environmental Issues Associated with Crude Oil

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Presented by ARCADIS U.S., Inc.

Winnipeg, MB - May 28, 2014

CN Campus-Katie Lunn Lecture Hall
650 Pandora Ave East

Brandon, MB - May 29, 2014

Government Offices - Auditorium A
1129 Queens Avenue

Both seminars run from 9 am-12 pm.

The focus of the seminar is to provide attendees with an overview of the emerging environmental issues associated with crude oil. The seminar will describe the differences in environmental behavior between various types of crude oil, as well as methods of response activities if a release of crude oil were to occur.

This seminar will include a discussion of the different classes of crude oil, how it behaves once released into the environment, and what has been learned regarding response and cleanup activities.

Notices



Partner 4 Growth

Providing funds for economic opportunity in your region

The Partner 4 Growth program provides up to \$15,000 in cost-shared funding to rural municipalities and non-profit organizations in rural and northern Manitoba to help strengthen or diversify economic activity in their regions.

Partner 4 Growth will fund:

- a maximum of \$8,000 for projects that identify strategic economic opportunities and the feasibility of economic opportunities such as:
 - strategic planning
 - feasibility studies
- a maximum of \$15,000 for projects intended to implement activities to pursue strategic economic opportunities such as:
 - business retention and expansion
 - training and workshops
 - investment attraction

Applications are now available for 2014/15 at www.manitoba.ca/agriculture or contact your local Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Development GO Office.

**The application deadline is
May 31, 2014.**

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Download the order form:

www.amm.mb.ca/documents/ElectionSupplies.pdf