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## Water Services Projects Announced

The AMM office in Portage la Prairie was the setting for an announcement benefitting several Central region municipalities on Friday, December 19. More than \$8.5 million was announced to improve or replace local water supply and disposal services

“These projects demonstrate our commitment to support stability and economic growth in rural areas by investing in important infrastructure such as improvements and upgrades to water lines, water treatment facilities and sewer systems,” said Municipal Government Minister *Drew Caldwell*. “Not only will these upgrades improve accessibility to clean water and waste-water disposal, they will also help the communities involved prepare for future growth by attracting families and the businesses that create jobs and grow their economies.”

Through the Manitoba Water Services Board, the Manitoba government will share the cost of the projects with the rural communities on a 50-50 basis, said Minister Caldwell. The cost of projects in the central area total more than \$18 million, he added.

“The need for these types of infrastructure projects exist all across Manitoba and we are pleased that our members can cost share them with the provincial government,” said President

*Doug Dobrowolski*. “It is only through partnerships that we can promote further growth and development in our communities.”

Minister Caldwell noted the City of Portage la Prairie received \$900,000 to construct a new waste-water pumping station at the waste-water pollution control facility.

“The total cost of this project including engineering was over \$3 million, so the \$900,000 funding for this project is greatly appreciated,” said Mayor *Irvine Ferris*, Portage la Prairie. “With the new pumping station, we greatly reduce the possibility of a malfunction, improving waste-water disposal. These types of partnerships with the province help us grow our local economy by attracting new business and industry to our region.”

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*President Doug Dobrowolski*

Other municipalities receiving funding for water and wastewater projects include Cartier, Macdonald, Somerset, Pilot Mound, Manitou, St. François Xavier, Stanley, Winkler and Austin. Reps from several of the municipalities also attended the announcement.

A similar announcement took place the previous day in the RM of Pipestone, announcing funding for Western District projects. •



L to R: Municipal Government Minister *Drew Caldwell*, Mayor *Irvine Ferris*, and President *Doug Dobrowolski* (at podium).

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## Notices

### Lieutenant-Governor Requests Nominations for Historical Award

The Lieutenant Governor's Award for Historical Preservation and Promotion is presented to people who have contributed to their community by writing historical publications and documents, operating and enhancing local museums and archives, raising public awareness through education and advocacy, serving on community groups to preserve historic sites and buildings, and a wide range of other activities.

As the oldest historical organization in western Canada, founded in 1879, the Manitoba Historical Society (MHS) presents awards to organizations, farms, and businesses that have operated for over 100 years, recognizes important historical books with its Margaret McWilliams Awards, and encourages school children to learn about Manitoba's past through its Young Historians Awards. It publishes the magazine Manitoba History and operates a free, comprehensive website with information on all facets of Manitoba history.

The MHS will receive nominations from the public and will recommend up to five people to receive awards in 2014. All nominations must be received by Feb. 27, 2015. The selected award recipients will be presented at Government House on Manitoba Day, May 12, 2015.

Further details of the award program, along with a nomination form, are available on the websites of the Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba at:

[www.manitobalg.ca](http://www.manitobalg.ca)

and the Manitoba Historical Society at

[www.mhs.ca/lg](http://www.mhs.ca/lg)

## Notices

### FCM launches Hometown Proud Campaign

On November 18, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) launched its #HOMETOWNPROUD campaign. FCM's goal with this campaign is to enlist the support of Canadians to start a conversation about hometowns and offer solutions to hometown issues. The Hometown Proud Campaign serves as the building phase for supporters who will be invited to participate in FCM's Election Readiness Strategy.

The campaign kicked-off with a contest to encourage Canadians to share their stories and photos. Through the support of Air Canada, the winner of the contest will win two tickets to bring a loved one home. The contest runs until January 13, 2015.

FCM is asking asking for support in several ways:

1. Register for the campaign at ([hometownproud.fcm.ca](http://hometownproud.fcm.ca)) today and share your hometown proud story and photo.
2. Tweet about the campaign to your followers today, and beyond.
3. Make use of the tools provided to help promote the Hometown Proud Campaign in your hometowns.

FCM will be announcing weekly contest finalists based on votes. Watch the site at [hometownproud.fcm.ca](http://hometownproud.fcm.ca) and if there are finalists from your municipalities please retweet their stories.

If you have any questions please contact FCM.

[hometownproud@fcm.ca](mailto:hometownproud@fcm.ca)

## Job Postings

### Senior Policy Analyst (Full-Time)

The AMM is offering an exciting opportunity to join one of Manitoba's most respected advocacy groups.

Reporting to the Director of Policy and Communications, the Senior Policy Analyst plays an integral role in the advocacy efforts of the organization by conducting critical research and drafting briefing documents for use in advancing key positions.

The Senior Policy Analyst will:

- Prepare written material on various municipal issues
- Assist with the development of letters and background notes
- Research and review government reports; legislative proceedings, and other related materials
- Develop articles on lobbying activities

The key requirements for this position include:

- A university degree with major in Political Studies, Public Administration or Economics, or a combination of education and work experience
- Understanding of the federal, provincial and municipal legislative processes in Manitoba
- Superior written and oral communication skills
- Ability to problem solve and function independently or as a team member
- Ability to successfully meet deadlines and exercise good judgment while managing a large number of varying issues.

Please apply by 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 14th, 2015 to:

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