



December 9, 2014

AMM meets Premier and Cabinet

On November 25, during the 16th Annual Convention, the AMM Board of Directors met with Premier *Greg Selinger* and members of the Provincial Cabinet to discuss municipal priorities.

At a busy time of year, the AMM always appreciates the opportunity to meet with the Premier and his Cabinet members to discuss important issues.

Given the recent Cabinet shuffle, the meeting was also a good opportunity for the AMM to highlight some of the key municipal issues for the new Cabinet Ministers in attendance.

The AMM distributed a briefing document to each Minister outlining some of the successes of 2014, critical issues needing immediate attention, and important issues still unresolved. President *Doug Dobrowolski* spoke directly about a number of issues with the Premier, including the need for a rebate on the PST municipalities pay. "This would go a long way," he said. "It's crucial to free up some dollars for municipal infrastructure." He also highlighted the need for increased funding for economic development.

The 2014 Cabinet Brief is available in the Publications section of the AMM website at amm.mb.ca.

A complete recap of the meeting with Provincial Cabinet will also be featured in the upcoming Winter, 2015 issue of the Municipal Leader magazine. ■

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President Dobrowolski on the need for a rebate on PST paid by municipalities

By-law changes



L to R: Vice-President *Ralph Groening*, President *Doug Dobrowolski*, Vice-President *Chris Goertzen*

During the recent Annual Convention, delegates voted on a number of by-law changes. These included voting to no longer use the definitions "urban" or "rural" when electing district directors or vice-presidents. Going forward, the two candidates who receive the highest number of votes in each district will be elected, regardless of whether they represent an urban or a rural municipality. The only exception to this is the Northern District, which will continue electing directors geographically.

This new by-law was put into practice immediately, with delegates electing two vice-presidents at large. Mayor *Chris Goertzen* will enter his first term as vice-president, while Reeve *Ralph Groening* was re-elected for a second term.

After six years at the helm, President *Doug Dobrowolski* was acclaimed to serve another two-year term.

Congratulations to all! ■



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Notices

Lieutenant-Governor Requests Nominations for Historical Award

Lt.-Gov. Philip S. Lee requests nominations for an award, presented in consultation with the Manitoba Historical Society, to recognize Manitobans who have provided prolonged, meritorious service in the preservation and promotion of the province's rich history.

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

and the Manitoba Historical Society at

www.mhs.ca/lg.

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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) 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.

We are looking to sustain interest in the contest throughout the eight weeks, so we will be announcing weekly contest finalists based on votes. Please watch the site at hometownproud.fcm.ca and if there are finalists from your municipalities please retweet their stories.

If you have any questions please contact FCM.

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Job Postings

RM of St. Francois Xavier Chief Administrative Officer

The RM of St. François Xavier, with a population of 1240, located 15 minutes west of Winnipeg along the Assiniboine River, invites written applications for the position of Chief Administrative Officer. The CAO will report to the Council and will be responsible for the administration, supervision and coordination of all staff, policies and programs approved by Council.

The successful candidate will possess the following:

- Ability to communicate effectively with the public, employees and external stakeholders;
- Ability to problem solve and analytical skills;
- Ability to develop, interpret and administer agreements, statutes and by-laws;
- A graduate of the University of Manitoba Continuing Education Division Certificate Program for Municipal Administrators, or equivalent education;
- A minimum three to five years direct experience in municipal administration;
- Computer experience with a municipal software program;
- In depth working knowledge of operations, administrations, financials, as well as Municipal and other Provincial Legislation.

Salary range dependent upon experience and qualifications, the salary scale is currently \$59,833.97 to \$73,813.87. Excellent group benefits and pension program. A detailed job description is available upon request. Applications will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on January 13, 2015. Please submit resume and three references to:

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