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We hope you enjoy this edition of the AMM News Bulletin. A <u>PDF version</u> of the bulletin is available on our website.

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What's new on the **AMM website?**



L to R: AMM President Chris Goertzen, Leader of the Official Opposition Brian Pallister, Leader of the Manitoba Liberal Party Rana Bokhari, Premier Greg Selinger, and 680CJOB News Director Cloutier

The AMM is very pleased with the outcome of the first Provincial Leaders' Debate of the 2016 election. The debate took place last week during the AMM's 17th Annual Convention at the Keystone Centre in Brandon.

For news coverage of this debate and to listen to the debate in its entirety visit www.amm.mb.ca/election-2016/.

Thank you to Premier Greg Selinger, Official Opposition Leader Brian Pallister, and Manitoba Liberal Leader Rana Bokhari for participating in the debate, as well as to CJOB's Richard Cloutier for moderating it.

Municipalities call for \$25M PST rebate

The first resolution debated during last week's AMM Annual Convention asked the Province of Manitoba to rebate 100% of the PST paid by municipalities. The resolution carried with 97% of the vote.

Kam Blight was on hand to explain why his municipality brought the resolution forward.

The resolution was sponsored by the Reeve Kam Blight RM of Portage la Prairie, and Reeve

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AMM meets with Premier and Cabinet

Each year, during the AMM Annual Convention, the AMM Board of Directors meets with Premier Greg Selinger and members of Provincial Cabinet. President Chris Goertzen presented the AMM's top priorities for the coming year as outlined in the AMM's 2015

Classified Ads

Buy and sell your municipal equipment!

Post your ad here.

Job Postings

Post your municipal job here.

Municipalities Trading Company of Manitoba Ltd. (MTCML)

The MTCML offers AMM members lower prices on products and services through the power of bulk buying. Click here to learn more.

Visit the MTCML for current promotions from MTCML Official Suppliers.



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Cabinet Brief.

The AMM appreciates the time taken by the Premier and Cabinet Ministers during this busy time of year.

View Cabinet Brief

New Growing Communities Fund announced

Last week, Municipal Government Minister Drew Caldwell announced the Growing Communities Fund, a five-year, \$325-million plan focused on road and bridge renewal, rural recreation, water projects and municipal airports. Of the total investment, over \$100 million or 33 per cent reflect new infrastructure investments including:

- \$12.5 million for a new five-year recreational fund;
- \$2.5 million for a new five-year community airport program;
 and
- \$91 million in new strategic allocation for major, larger-scale waste-water treatment plants.

The decision to increase funding for rural recreation projects and small airports is a direct result of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities requesting those targeted investments during prebudget consultations.

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Partner 4 Growth Program Increases

The Manitoba government's Partner 4 Growth program, which issues economic development grants to communities throughout the province, will increase its funding to \$400,000 from \$260,000 annually.

Grants up to \$10,000, increased from \$8,000, will be provided to assist communities and regions to strengthen or diversify development projects and undertake feasibility studies. Grants up to \$25,000, increased from \$15,000, will be provided to complete projects having a positive impact on the region.

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Support for Amalgamation Costs

The Manitoba government announced on November 25 it will provide \$1 million in funding to municipalities for costs related to

amalgamation.

The new Amalgamation Costs Funding Support Program will provide up to \$1 million of one-time funding to municipalities who amalgamated on January 1, 2015. The program will support incremental capital costs resulting from amalgamation including computer hardware and software upgrades and office expansions.

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Coming Events

AMM 18th Annual Convention - Nov. 21-23, 2016

Due to a glitch in a new corporate reservations system, Delta Winnipeg was unable to accept reservations that were more than one year in advance.

The matter has been rectified and Delta Winnipeg welcomes AMM Members to reserve accommodation for the AMM 2016 Convention, beginning on December 8.

Visit the AMM <u>website</u> on December 8, 2015 to obtain the reservations code.

Please call 204-942-0551 or 888-890-3222 and quote the reservation code.

Your patience has been appreciated.

33rd Annual Volunteer Awards call for nominations

We are pleased announce that nominations for the 33rd Annual Volunteer Awards Dinner are now open.

The AMM recognizes the invaluable contributions and dedication of volunteers in communities and will present the <u>Association of Manitoba</u> <u>Municipalities Community Leadership Award</u> to a deserving candidate who has demonstrated exceptional voluntary leadership within their community.

More information and nomination form

Emergency Management in Manitoba: 2020 and Beyond

Register **here** for:

CREATING a VISION for a RESILIENT FUTURE

Emergency Management in Manitoba 2020 and Beyond

January 14, 2016 Canad Inn, 2401 Saskatchewan Avenue West Portage La Prairie, Manitoba



CONFERENCE TOPICS AND PANELISTS

Join the discussion with experts, practitioners and community leaders as we find solutions to future challenges for building more resilient Manitoba communities.

Coping with the New Normal: Emergency Changing Demographics and the Management under a Future Climate Future of Emergency Management

- Denny Bleir, University of Winnipeg

- * Heather Made, Insurance Bureau of Canada

- . Will Falc, Manitoba Bureau of Statistics
- Chuck Devidson, Manitoba Chember of Commerce
 Brian Franklin, Southwest Emergency Management
 Group (SEMG) and RM of Delocaine Winchester
- Brien Keyes, City of Brandon
 Roger Rempel, Climate Resillent Systems Training
 Richard Herder, Eastman Immigration Services
 - . Callin Hodder, Canadian Red Cross
 - Jack Lindsey, Brandon University

For more information and to register: manitoba.ca/emo amm.mb.ca

Please note the conference is also available by webcast at University College of the North in Thompson, Manitoba.

Conference Fee: \$50 Registration Deadline: December 4, 2015





The Manitoba Historical Society Invites you to attend The John A. Macdonald 51st Annual Dinner

Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of The Women's Right to Vote in Manitoba - First in Canada

> **Jennifer Ditchburn Keynote Speaker**

Canadian Press Senior Parliamentary

Correspondent Frequent panelist on CBC's *Power and Politics, At Issue* and *The House*

Hotel Fort Garry, Saturday, February 6, 2016 Cocktails 6:00 PM Dinner 7:00 PM Members \$100 Non-Members \$110

To reserve call 204-947-0559 or email: info@mhs.mb.ca or Online Shop at www.mhs.mb.ca

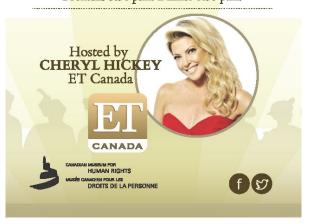


January 28th, 2016 RBC Convention Centre

100 Years ago on this day, Manitoba women were the first in Canada to be awarded the right to vote.

Please join the Nellie McClung Foundation, in partnership with the Canadian Museum for Human Rights as we celebrate this pivotal milestone in history at the Centennial Gala: Celebrating 100 Years of MB Women's Right to Votc.

Tickets Available at ournellie.com/gala
Dinner Tickets \$150 Corporate Table \$1,500
Black Tie Attire
Cocktails 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:30 p.m.



Condolences

The AMM Board and staff are saddened to hear of the passing of Rob Cox. Rob was Manitoba Hydro's municipal liason for a number of years and a well-known presence at numerous AMM events.

Our sincere condolences to Rob's family.

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Job Postings

Assistant Administrative Officer - Cartwright-Roblin Municipality

Cartwright-Roblin Municipality office is located in Cartwright MB, near the USA border 150 kms south east of Brandon MB. The area boasts many recreation opportunities, close proximity to schools and a peaceful rural Manitoba life.

The Assistant Administrative Officer reports to the Chief Administrative Officer, performs duties generally outlined below and is provided with a competitive salary/ benefits package.

Full job posting

MTCML

On behalf of MTCML Official Supplier, Grand & Toy, please click on the link below to complete a short survey and enter into a draw.

Responses must be received by December 18, 2015

Grand & Toy Draw for Members

On behalf of MTCML Official Supplier Supreme Basics, check out their latest flyer:

Supreme Basics Trade Show Sale

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