



News Bulletin

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Dear Subscriber,

We hope you enjoy this edition of the AMM News Bulletin.
A [PDF version](#) of the bulletin is available on our website.

Latest News

AMM Board holds Strategic Planning Session

The AMM Board of Directors held its annual Strategic Planning Session on January 22, 2016. Two topics were discussed this year:

Board governance and Board size - The Board committed to present the findings of a report it commissioned on this topic at the upcoming Mayors, Reeves and CAOs meetings in April.

AMM Provincial Election Strategy - The Board approved the AMM's election strategy, which will be implemented in the near future.

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Congratulations

Congratulations to former AMM Vice President Shirley Kalyniuk on receiving a Nellie Award on January 28th.

The awards were presented at the Centennial Gala, celebrating 100 years of Manitoba women's right to vote, at the RBC Convention Centre.

For more information on the Nellie Awards and to read about all 12 recipients, visit:

www.winnipegfreepress.com/the-nellies/



L to R: Host Cheryl Hickey, Shirley Kalyniuk, and Marcia McClung, Nellie McClung's granddaughter.

Farewell



The AMM Board and Staff are sad to hear of the passing of long-time CAO Grant Thorsteinson. Grant was currently the CAO of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton, and was a familiar face at AMM events over the years. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Kathy and family at this difficult time.

A service will be held in the Town of Arborg at the Arborg Bifrost Community Hall on Saturday, February 13 at 2:00 pm.

Coming Events

2016 Mayors, Reeves and CAOs Meetings

The Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) was pleased with the success and member engagement during last year's Mayors, Reeves and CAOs meetings. These meetings will continue to coincide with the Municipal Officials Seminar (MOS) each year.

This year's meetings take place on **Tuesday, April 12** at the Victoria Inn in Brandon.

Two group meetings will take place on one day and we ask our members to register and attend the meeting time they are invited to:

9:00 am - [Central, Eastern & Interlake Districts](#)

1:00 pm - [Midwestern, Northern, Parkland & Western Districts](#)

[Classified Ads](#)

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Post your municipal job [here](#).

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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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Information and Communication Accessibility

The Accessibility Network of Post Secondary Institutions would like to invite you to an **Information and Communication Accessibility** learning event with special guest Jutta Treviranus, Director of the Inclusive Design Research Centre (IDRC).

Please join us: **Tuesday, March 15**

9:30 -11:30 a.m.

**Room 210 (Killarney) MPR, University Centre
University of Manitoba**

Jutta has played a leading role in developing accessibility legislation, standards and specifications internationally, including the Web Accessibility Initiative. For more information, see:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jutta_Treviranus.

Jutta's presentation will discuss good practices and resources for accessible web sites. This event will be of interest to all public sector organizations preparing accessibility plans under *The Accessibility for Manitobans Act*. To learn more about the Act, please visit <http://accessibilitymb.ca/>

Please let us know if you require any disability accommodations to participate, and help us create a scent-free environment. Please RSVP by March 1, 2016 to: Human.Rights@umanitoba.ca

Manitoba 2016 Planning Conference



SAVE THE DATE

2016 Manitoba Planning Conference

MAY 18-20, 2016

Brandon, Manitoba • Victoria Inn Hotel & Conference Centre

[More info here](#)

Together we are prepared - National Wildfire Community Preparedness Day

In collaboration with the National Fire Protection Association

(NFPA), the Institute for Catastrophic Loss Reduction (ICLR), and The Co-operators, FireSmart Canada is pleased to present the second annual National Wildfire Community Preparedness Day on May 7, 2016.



During Wildfire Community Preparedness Day, communities across Canada are encouraged to participate in local mitigation projects to help reduce the risk of wildfire damage to their homes and neighbourhoods.

Is your community working towards becoming nationally recognized through the FireSmart Canada Community Recognition Program? Use this day as your FireSmart Day and enter to win \$500 for use towards it! Visit www.firesmartcanada.ca/firesmart-communities, or email general@firesmartcanada.ca to find out more about the FireSmart Canada Community Recognition Program. Up to twenty \$500 project funding awards available to implement neighbourhood projects.

Application deadline: March 12, 2016.

Manitoba Office of the Fire Commissioner is offering two additional \$500 awards for distribution within the province as part of this program. Additional project applications in Manitoba will AUTOMATICALLY be considered through the above application process.

Call for Nominations

33rd Annual Volunteer Awards call for nomination



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 **Association of Manitoba Municipalities Community Leadership Award** to a deserving candidate who has demonstrated exceptional voluntary leadership within their community.

[More information and nomination form](#)

Call for Nominations: Lieutenant Governor's Award for Historical Preservation and Promotion

If there is a person in your community with a long record of service in the preservation and promotion of local history and heritage, nominate them for a **Lieutenant Governor's Award for Historical Preservation and Promotion**.

Information about the awards and the nomination process is available here:

www.mhs.mb.ca/lg

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