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President **Doug Dobrowolski** (pictured above with STARS pilot **Andrew Davidson**) was joined by five other prominent Manitobans on June 1 at the STARS Winnipeg base to announce their support of STARS, and participation in this year's *Rescue on the Island* fundraising event.

Other participants attending included Former Blue Bomber **Rod Hill**, Mayor **Chris Goertzen** of Steinbach, Faculty of Agriculture instructor and farmer **Colin Penner**, Macdon Industries Vice President **Gene Fraser**, and President and CEO **Jason Dubois** of Len Dubois Trucking.

"It will be fun, it's a great cause, and I'm excited to participate and really looking forward to it," said President Dobrowolski. "It's a very valuable organization - it doesn't matter what age a person is, whether you are young or old - accidents and health related emergencies happen, and it's nice to know that STARS is there to help."

Rescue on the Island takes place on Sept. 15, with participants already starting to receive pledges of support. Each has their own online profile page at foundation.stars.ca/rescueontheisland, where the public, colleagues, family, and friends can donate and post messages of encouragement.

More than \$200,000 was raised during last year's Rescue on the Island fundraiser.

MB Gov't Proposes Changes to Noxious Weeds Act



The Manitoba government has introduced proposed amendments to strengthen the noxious weeds act which requires land owners and occupants to prevent the growth, ripening and spread of weeds and weed seeds, with municipal weed inspectors responsible for enforcement.

Proposed changes to the act include a tiered approach for noxious weed classification, the ability to designate new invasive weeds for a period of one year, and adjusting provisions that would allow municipalities to recoup expenses on non-municipal land.

"Controlling the spread of noxious weeds is an area of shared concern for municipalities and the province," said President Dobrowolski. "AMM supports amendments to the act that would enhance co-ordination and allow municipalities to recoup some of the costs of controlling noxious weeds."

Controlling noxious weeds is exempt from the non-essential pesticide use regulation which came into effect on May 1, if the pesticide is applied by, or under the authority of, a municipal weed inspector or supervisor.



Check out some of these current promotions from our MTCML Official Suppliers, and visit our [MTCML page](#) for even more deals.



Summer Facility Bathroom Promotion - AMM members only!

Visit the AMM [website](#) for:

Job Postings

Click [here](#) to view or post a municipal job for Manitoba or across Canada.

Classified Ads

The place for AMM members to buy and sell: [Classifieds](#)

Municipal Map

View our interactive [Municipal Map](#) to find out more about Manitoba's newly amalgamated municipalities.

Policy

Read about the AMM's top [policy issues](#).

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Sump Pump and Sewer Backup Valve Subsidy

President Dobrowolski recently joined Municipal Government Minister **Drew Caldwell** and Winnipeg Mayor **Brian Bowman** to announce the extension of a subsidy for homeowners who install a sump pump and backwater valve.

Through this program, the province will provide matching 50-50 cost-shared funding to participating municipalities, to a maximum of \$500,000 in Winnipeg and \$250,000 in rural Manitoba.

Homeowners are eligible for up to 60 per cent of costs to a maximum of \$3,000 through the municipally administered program. They are encouraged to check with their municipality on its participation in the program.

"This program is another tool municipalities can use to assist residents in protecting their homes and property from damage," said President Dobrowolski. "The AMM appreciates the opportunity to partner with the Province of Manitoba on this important initiative."

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Coming Events

June District Meetings - **ELECTIONS**



The AMM will be conducting District Director elections for the AMM Board of Directors at this year's June District Meetings. This will be for a two-year term until June of 2017.

The main qualifications to be a director on the AMM Board are:

- you must be an elected official from a member municipality of the AMM;
- in the Northern District, you must be an elected official from the municipality in the northern part of the district you wish to represent as outlined in the AMM bylaws
- In all other districts, as a result of our changes to the bylaws at last year's Annual Convention, the urban/rural designations for directors are eliminated and we will be electing two directors at large.
- It is also important to note that all elected officials and CAOs in the district are eligible to vote for both director positions.

If you have any questions about the election process or duties of the director or any other questions, please feel free to contact:

Documents

Looking for something? Look no further than the AMM's searchable [Document Library](#).

Presentations

From the Mayors, Reeves and CAOs meetings and the Municipal Officials Seminar.

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UBC Centre for Cultural Planning and Development

The international University of British Columbia (UBC) Centre for Cultural Planning and Development is offering a new series of online professional development courses and workshops.

Designed to meet the needs of professionals and administrators working in all levels of government, arts and cultural organisations, and cultural industries, these courses and workshops can be taken individually for professional development, or applied to the [UBC Certificate in Cultural Planning](#) - an international professional learning program delivered 100% online.

Registration is now open for the following online courses, **starting September 28:**

- [Creative Placemaking](#) by Pru Robey, Artscape, Toronto, Canada
- [Creating Culture Plans](#) by Sue Harvey, Vancouver, Canada
- [Cultural Tourism: Impacting Communities Worldwide](#) by Cheryl Hargrove, Washington, DC, USA
- [Festivals, Events and Eventful Communities](#) by Robert Palmer, Edinburgh, UK

Registration is now open for the following online workshops:

- [Cultural Planning: An International Perspective](#) by Dr. Lidia Varbanova, Montreal, Canada
- [Intangible Cultural Heritage](#) by Marilyn Truscott, Canberra, Australia
- [Cultural Entrepreneurship](#) by Dr. Lidia Varbanova, Montreal, Canada
- [Cultural Planning and Processes of Urban Change](#) by Dr. Franco Bianchini, Leeds, UK
- [Resourceful Design Innovation by Re-Imagining Existing Urban Assets](#) by Scott Burnham, Boston, USA
- [Digital Culture and Cultural Policy](#) by Dr. Aleksandra Uzelac, Zagreb, Croatia
- [Public Engagement in Art Museums](#) by Allison Agsten, Los Angeles, USA

For more information about the program and other professional development opportunities offered, visit <https://cstudies.ubc.ca/study-topic/cultural-planning-development>

Notices

New Horizons for Seniors Program

The New Horizons for Seniors Program supports projects led or inspired by seniors who make a difference in their communities and in the lives of others. Projects funded help seniors become active members of their communities by encouraging them to use their skills, wisdom and experience to benefit other people in their communities.

The program is now accepting applications for community-based projects funding until **July 10, 2015**. Eligible applicants include not-for-profit organizations, municipal governments, band/tribal councils and other Aboriginal organizations, research organizations and institutes, educational institutions, school boards/school districts, community-based coalitions and networks. See our website for other eligibility information: www.esdc.gc.ca/seniors.

Eligible applicants can receive up to \$25,000 per year in grant funding and must address one or more of the program's five objectives:

- promoting volunteerism among seniors and other generations;
- engaging seniors in the community through the mentoring of others;
- expanding awareness of elder abuse, including financial abuse;
- supporting the social participation and inclusion of seniors; and
- providing capital assistance for new and existing community projects and/or programs for seniors.

Details about the Program, including application forms and funding guides are available at www.esdc.gc.ca/seniors. You can also call for more information: 1-800-277-9914 and select "0" to speak with an agent (TTY: 1-800- 255-4786).

Please send all completed applications to the Specialized Processing Centre located in Calgary, AB:

**New Horizons for Seniors Program
Service Canada
100-6712 Fisher Street South-East
Calgary, Alberta T2H 2A7**

Municipal Burning Bans

In order to track fire protection efforts during spring dry conditions, the Office of the Fire Commissioner (OFC) asks all municipalities to please inform the OFC immediately at firecomm@gov.mb.ca if you currently have a burning ban in place. We also ask that changes to the status of the burning ban be reported.



Should any member of the public ask, refer them to this website AND ask them to check with their municipal office for the most recent information.

http://www.gov.mb.ca/wildfire/burn_conditions.html

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