



## News Bulletin

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Dear Subscriber,

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

## Latest News

### Small Communities Fund "Open and Available"



President *Doug Dobrowolski* and Municipal Government Minister *Drew Caldwell* announced on May 8 that Manitoba's second application intake under the Provincial - Territorial Infrastructure Component - Small Communities Fund (PTIC-SCF) is now open and applications are available.

The Small Communities Fund is part of the \$10-billion Provincial-Territorial Infrastructure Component of the New Building Canada Fund. It will provide \$1 billion nationally for projects in municipalities with fewer than 100,000 residents to build projects that deliver on local needs.

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### Municipalities Trading Company of Manitoba Ltd. (MTCML)

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The deadline for submitting an application under Manitoba's second PTIC-SCF intake is **May 29, 2015**. For more information about the program, and to receive an application please go to [www.infrastructure.mb.ca](http://www.infrastructure.mb.ca).

## Lobby Day sparks questions

The AMM Board of Directors descended on the Manitoba Legislature on April 22 for Lobby Day. This annual event gives the AMM an opportunity to meet with Cabinet Members and MLAs from all the major political parties.

The day began with a meeting with Liberal Leader *Rana Bokhari*, followed by a meeting with Leader of the Official Opposition *Brian Pallister* and a large number of Progressive Conservative MLAs. The day concluded with a meeting with the NDP, including Municipal Government Minister *Drew Caldwell* and various Cabinet Ministers and MLAs.



This year, the AMM again used the opportunity to ask a number of questions of each party to gauge support for municipal issues. The questions and answers will be featured in the Summer, 2015 issue of the [Municipal Leader](#).

## Provincial Budget

President Doug Dobrowolski attended the reading of the Provincial Budget at the Manitoba Legislature on April 30. There were modest increases for municipalities in two of the infrastructure initiatives announced in the province's [Five Year Plan](#), which was announced last year:

- Municipal Bridge Program - increased from \$1 M to \$2
- Municipal Road Program - increased to \$14 M

For more information, please view the provincial [news releases](#)

## Western Canadian Associations Meet

On April 24, representatives from municipal associations in Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba met in Regina to discuss issues of common interest. The associations represent urban and rural municipalities across the Prairie provinces.

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## MTCML welcomes GFI Systems

We are proud to announce that GFI Systems are now an official supplier of GPS Tracking Hardware and Software Solutions to MTCML.

Check out our GFI Systems May discount [here](#).



## Grand & Toy Current Promotion

Grand & Toy is now offering a special Keurig® brewer to help you enjoy Keurig® brewed beverages in your office. Click [here](#) to learn more.



**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

# Coming Events

## June District Meetings

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:

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## Resolution Deadline is **June 1!**

In order to ensure your resolutions are sent in to the AMM office by June 1st, please review and pass resolutions at your May council meetings.

**The resolution must be passed by Council to be eligible.**

If you have any questions regarding resolutions for the upcoming June District Meetings, please contact:

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## Notices

### Commuter Challenge

Green Action Centre is sending out the call to Manitobans to join their co-workers in the Commuter Challenge. This national event encourages everyone to try new, sustainable modes to commute

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

## Policy

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

## Documents

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

## Presentations

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

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to and from work each day. Manitoba has been a national leader for participation, and this year, Green Action Centre wants to see more than 8000 individuals take part.



"During the Commuter Challenge, we encourage Manitobans to try new ways of getting to and from work, with sustainability in mind. Perhaps you can start carpooling with a neighbour, or try out a cycle route that's near your home, or walk - even part of the way," says *Jaret Olford*, Commuter Challenge Coordinator. "We are happy to share tips with you and lend you support. We want this to be a great experience for you."

This year's event runs from May 31<sup>st</sup> to June 6<sup>th</sup>. Visit Green Action Centre's [website](#) to register and learn more about the Commuter Challenge today.

## Canada 150 Fund

The Government of Canada is now launching the Canada 150 Fund, a funding initiative that aims to promote Canadian values, culture and history, generate national pride and bring citizens together to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Confederation in 2017.

The Canada 150 Fund is open to a wide variety of Canadian organizations, including not-for-profit organizations, business corporations (for non-commercial projects), schools and municipalities and their agencies.

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## 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](mailto: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](http://www.gov.mb.ca/wildfire/burn_conditions.html)

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