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**Fair Share.
Fair Say.**
FOR MANITOBA MUNICIPALITIES

85% of Manitobans Agree

Local Councils deserve their **FAIR SHARE** of infrastructure tax dollars and a **FAIR SAY** in how they're spent.

That's because they're responsible for 60% of the infrastructure work but receive just 8 cents of every tax dollar to get the job done.

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In a recent [public opinion poll](#) conducted for the AMM, 85% of Manitobans agreed that local councils across the province deserve both a Fair Share of infrastructure tax dollars and a Fair Say in how they're spent.

"In Manitoba, local Councils are responsible for 60% of infrastructure yet receive just 8 cents of every tax dollar to get the job done," said AMM President Chris Goertzen. "Adding to the pressure is that we often have little to no say in how the rest gets spent - despite the fact that we live and work in the communities we represent, so are in the best position to identify top priorities."

In launching a six week, multi-media "Fair Share - Fair Say" campaign leading up to the next provincial election, Goertzen was backed by Winnipeg Mayor, Brian Bowman and Mayors and Reeves from across the province.

One of the campaign's main goals is to encourage Manitobans to join them in speaking with one voice when it comes to advocating for improved infrastructure.

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2016 Manitoba Public Insurance Rates

Each year on March 1, rates for basic and complex fire fighting payments made by Manitoba Public Insurance are increased, based on the prior year's C.P.I. plus 1 %.

Effective March 1, 2016, the basic call rate will increase from \$771 to \$788, and the complex call rate will increase from \$1,028 to \$1,051. These increases are based on the 2015 Manitoba C.P.I.

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rate of 1.2% plus the 1 % escalator.

These new rates will come into effect for losses occurring on or after March 1, 2016.

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](#)

Webinar: Adapting to Aging Communities March 9, 2016

By 2050, the percentage of the world's population over the age of 60 will nearly double from 12% to 22%. This demographic shift is already impacting municipalities as the needs of seniors are placing greater demands on local service delivery.

In this Public Sector Digest webinar, our expert panel will discuss how municipalities can proactively address the issues surrounding an aging population - from raising park benches to ensuring that transit stops are within a short walking distance of shopping centres.

This webinar will be of great interest to communities just starting to look at the challenge of an aging population, as well as for those with a strategy already in place.

AMM Members will receive a 25% discount. Please email [Lynne Bereza](#) to obtain the discount code.

More details [here](#).

Material Disposal Bans Webinars

Environment ministers are committed to taking action within their jurisdictions and through CCME to continuously improve Canada's record on reducing and recycling waste. CCME is developing tools and best practices to assist jurisdictions to achieve substantial reductions in waste disposed.

A 2014 State of Waste Management report commissioned by CCME (available at <http://bit.ly/1SIWtJs>) identified increased use of jurisdiction-wide disposal bans, particularly for materials with diversion infrastructure in place and for extended producer responsibility (EPR)-designated materials, as an opportunity to increase diversion and reduce disposal of waste.

Some Canadian and international governments have implemented jurisdiction-wide or partial material disposal bans; several Canadian municipalities have also implemented material disposal bans. In this webinar series, CCME will explore the lessons learned and best practices from these experiences.

The webinars are free but advance registration is required. Please contact Jane Stewart, Programs Coordinator at jstewart@ccme.ca to register.

Webinar Schedule

Thursday March 3, 2016 12:00- 1:30pm CST	International Experiences with Disposal Bans Véronique St-Onge, Waste Management Advisor, Direction des matières résiduelles (Waste Management Department), ministère du Développement durable, de l'Environnement et de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques, Québec John Fischer, Branch Chief, Commercial Waste Reduction and Waste Planning, Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection
Wednesday March 16, 2016 12:00- 1:30pm CST	Metro Vancouver Experiences with Disposal Bans Andrew Marr, Director, Solid Waste Planning, Metro Vancouver Solid Waste Services Brandon Ho, Senior Project Engineer, Solid Waste Operations Division, Metro Vancouver Solid Waste Services
Wednesday March 30, 2016	Nova Scotia Experiences with Disposal Bans Robert Kenney, Recycling Development Officer,

12:00-1:30pm CST	Nova Scotia Environment Laurie Lewis, Program Manager, Policy and Outreach, Solid Waste Resources, Halifax Regional Municipality Stephen Rayworth, Solid Waste Resources, Cumberland Joint Services Management Authority
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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

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