



July 20, 2016

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

Minister meetings continue

The AMM met with the Minister of Families, the Honourable **Scott Fielding** on July 4.

Topping the agenda was a discussion around accessibility legislation and standards. The AMM fully supports improved accessibility for Manitobans, but reiterated the development and implementation of accessibility standards requires consultation and partnerships with municipalities, as well as funding support from the Province of Manitoba.

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AMM 18th Annual Convention

Minister of Health, Seniors and Active Living. The AMM opened by thanking the Minister for introducing Bill 3: The Mental Health Amendment Act, and requested consultation with the AMM when establishing training programs associated with the amended Act.

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On July 11, the AMM met with the Honourable **Rochelle Squires**, Minister of Sport, Culture and Heritage. The AMM raised the issue of library funding with Minister Squires, noting the provincial library operating grant has remained stagnant for 12 years.



L to R: Vice-President Ralph Groening, Vice-President Mel Klassen, Minister Rochelle Squires, President Chris Goertzen

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Notices

Consultations on National Housing Strategy now open

The federal government has launched consultations on a [National Housing Strategy](#).

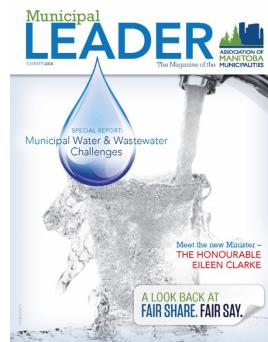
The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) has called for strong engagement of the municipal sector in order to produce a practical and sustainable long-term plan that will help improve housing affordability, an issue facing cities and communities from coast to coast to coast.

Make your voice heard by taking this [brief survey](#) or [submit your views in writing](#) before **October 21, 2016**.

Summer, 2016 Municipal Leader is now online!

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2016 Excellence in Sustainability Awards

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2016 Excellence in Sustainability Awards. The awards are open to all Manitoba residents, organizations or businesses and initiatives taking place in the province.

The deadline for nominations and applications is noon on **Friday, Sept. 23.**

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Manitoba Hydro Power Smart programs

Commercial Parking Lot Controller Program



This offer is available for a limited time - applications will be pre-approved until **March 31, 2017**. Incentives up to 100% of the total cost.

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Solar Energy Program - Solar PV Incentive

- Residential and commercial customers
- \$1 per watt incentive (as per the DC rating of the solar PV system)
- Minimum 1 kilowatt system size

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Coming Events

Building Code Courses - September, 2016-May, 2017

COURSE NAME	DATE	LOCATION
Municipal By-Law Administration	September 19-23, 2016	Winnipeg
Part 9 - The House - Building Envelope	October 24-28, 2016	Winnipeg
Part 9: The House - Health and Safety	November 21-25, 2016	Winnipeg
Part 9: Buildings - Fire Protection	December 12-16, 2016	Winnipeg
Part 9: Buildings - Structural Requirements	January 9-13, 2017	Winnipeg
Plumbing - House	January 30 - February 3, 2017	Winnipeg
Part 3: Large	February 13-17,	Winnipeg

Buildings - Classification and Construction	2017	
Part 3 - Large Buildings - Health and Safety	March 6-10, 2017	Winnipeg
Part 3 - Large Buildings - Life Safety Systems	April 3-7, 2017	Winnipeg
Part 3: Fire Protection	April 24-28, 2017	Winnipeg
Plumbing - All Buildings	May 15-19, 2017	Winnipeg

Applications can be found at www.firecomm.gov.mb.ca/mesc_forms.html or by calling (204) 726-6855 or Toll Free at 1-888-253-1488. Pre-requisites must be met prior to submitting an Application.

Please ensure that all applications are sent to:

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