



News Bulletin

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Dear Subscriber,

We hope you enjoy this edition of the AMM News Bulletin.
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Latest News

[AMM meets with Premier Pallister](#)

On April 28, at the request of Premier Brian Pallister, President Chris Goertzen attended a meeting with the new Premier at the Manitoba Legislature.

The discussion centred around Pallister's pledge to simplify infrastructure funding mechanisms, create a single window access to programs for municipalities, and

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reduce red tape for municipalities across departments.

Although the discussion did not focus on the fine details, the Premier did reiterate his intention to develop a new partnership with the AMM and the City of Winnipeg to establish a basket funding model and lessen the application-based funding approach.

He also committed to sending a message to all government departments to work with the AMM on programs and regulations that affect municipalities.



President Chris Goertzen met with Premier Brian Pallister on April 28.

President Goertzen felt the meeting was an excellent opportunity to highlight municipal priorities. The AMM is pleased to be among the first groups invited to meet with the new Premier, and we look forward to working with his government.

Coming Events

2016 June District Meetings

The AMM 2016 June District Meetings will take place from June 9-22, 2016. Dates and hosts are:

June 9 - Parkland District: Hosted by Mossey River Municipality

June 10 - Midwestern District: Hosted by the RM of Riding Mountain West



June 13 - Northern District: Hosted by the Town of Snow Lake

June 14 - Interlake District: Hosted by the Town of Winnipeg Beach

June 15 - Eastern District: Hosted by the RM of Whitemouth

June 16 - Central District: Hosted by the RM of Macdonald

June 22 - Western District: Hosted

What's new on the [AMM website?](#)

Municipalities Trading Company of Manitoba Ltd. (MTCML)

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by the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa

Register now at:

www.amm.mb.ca/events/event/june-district-meetings/

June District Meeting Resolutions - Deadline June 1st

The deadline to submit resolutions for all June District Meetings is June 1, 2016.

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.

Please review the [Process](#) for resolutions and [How to write a resolution](#) for more information.

If you have any questions regarding resolutions for the upcoming June District Meetings, please contact Nick Krawetz, Senior Policy Analyst at nkrawetz@amm.mb.ca or 1-204-856-2371.

Workshops: Creating an Accessibility Plan

The Disabilities Issues Office is offering an afternoon half day training workshop called, "Creating an Accessibility Plan" in order to meet compliance in respect to *The Accessibility for Manitobans Act* (AMA).

These workshops are scheduled for **May, June and September 2016, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on the Main Floor, United Way Offices located at 580 Main Street in Winnipeg.**

[Invitation Letter](#)

[Registration Form](#)

[AMA Brochure](#)

[Customer Service Standard Brochure](#)

If you would like to participate, please complete the Registration Form and email to the [Disabilities Issues Office](#).

Commuter Challenge - June 5th to 11th

Green Action Centre is asking Manitobans to join their co-workers in the Commuter Challenge. This national event encourages everyone to try new, sustainable modes of commuting during the week of June 5th to 11th. Walk, run, bike, bus, rollerblade, carpool, or



telecommute your way not only to work, but to a healthier community and a healthier environment!

Register your workplace, register yourself, track your commute, win prizes, and last but not least make Manitoba even better! Go to www.greenactioncentre.ca or send us an email as commuterchallenge@greenactioncentre.ca! We are happy to share tips with you and lend you support. and make this a great experience for you.

Notices

Manitoba Community Emergency Preparedness Award

The new Manitoba Community Emergency Preparedness Award will recognize the dedicated efforts and successes of communities as they work to protect their residents' safety and health, the environment, property and the economic stability of their municipalities.

The award recognizes four levels of achievement in community preparedness for emergencies and disasters:

- Mandated
- Enhanced
- Substantial
- Comprehensive

Two awards will be presented annually:

- One for a community of less than 2,500 residents
- One for a community of over 2,500 residents

Deadline for applications is August 31st.

More

Government of Canada announces new rail safety measures

At the most recent meeting of FCM's [National Municipal Rail Safety Working Group](#), Transport Minister Marc Garneau [announced new measures](#) to improve rail safety and the transportation of dangerous goods in Canada. Key elements of this announcement respond directly to concerns raised by FCM related to information sharing and the transportation of dangerous goods.

Key elements of [Protective Direction 36](#) include:

- A new requirement for railways to prepare information for the public on the types of dangerous goods crossing communities.

- A requirement that, where multiple rail lines operated by the same company cross a particular jurisdiction, local governments can request that the information they receive under the PD be disaggregated.
- A phased-in approach to reporting schedules for Class 1 railways, moving to quarterly reporting within 24 months of the PD coming into force.
- A requirement that railways work with Transport Canada to identify mechanisms through which more detailed information on the nature and volume of DGs could be communicated to communities within six months of the PD coming into force, and that a solution be implemented within 30 months.
- A requirement for data to be transmitted in a consistent and usable format, and that it be made available in French, English or both official languages.
- Greater clarity provided on how local governments can share the data for emergency preparedness.

Municipalities are encouraged to [register for information](#) on dangerous goods. Note that if your community registered under PD32 to receive these reports, it is not necessary to re-register under PD36.

Should you have any questions, please contact [Daniel Rubinstein](#) at 613-907-6294.

ClickBeforeYouDigMB

Manitoba Hydro is pleased to announce we have joined [ClickBeforeYouDigMB.com](#).



Recent changes to gas pipeline regulations have now made it possible for Manitoba Hydro to be part of the [ClickBeforeYouDigMB.com](#) service. As a result, your requests for natural gas and electrical line locates, along with many other utility locates, can be done with one online request or phone call.

[ClickBeforeYouDigMB.com](#) is simple to use and available 24/7. Once an online request is submitted and the locate is scheduled, Manitoba Hydro will mark our underground natural gas and electrical lines free of charge, so work can proceed safely.

Why is it necessary to ClickBeforeYouDig?

- To protect your life and the lives around you from the hazard of damaging an underground natural gas or electrical line.
- To avoid a costly repair bill resulting from the significant expense of a damaged line.
- To prevent a disruptive service outage to the area.

Plan ahead

- You must send a locate request to ClickBeforeYouDigMB.com at least three full work days before you intend to begin any project that involves excavation or disturbing the ground deeper than 15 cm.
- If your excavation work has not started within 14 days of the line being marked, you must request another line locate through ClickBeforeYouDig.

If you don't have access to a computer, you can call ClickBeforeYouDig at 1-800-940-3447.

2016 Spring Fire Ban Tracking

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.

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

M.T.C.M.L. Feature Listing

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