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## Latest News

**AMM President Ralph Groening attends 88th Annual MMAA Conference & AGM**

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*AMM President Ralph Groening with MMAA President Chad Davies*

## Province Streamlines Community Development Programs

The Manitoba government has launched a new [Building Sustainable Communities Program](#) that will streamline and modernize grant support to non-profit organizations, Municipal Relations Minister Jeff Wharton announced April 4, 2019.

"Our government recognizes the importance of community development initiatives and supporting non-profit organizations," said Wharton. "This new program will support a broader range of community-led projects and deliver on our mandate to renew community development programs to best serve the needs of Manitobans."

"The Association of Manitoba Municipalities is pleased to partner with the province in assessing the applications and making recommendations on the Building Sustainable Communities Program," said Ralph Groening, president, AMM. "These projects are essential in promoting economic development and sustainability throughout our province."

The new program will have two intakes per year at set times,

## 2019 AMM Resolutions submissions due to the AMM Office - June 1, 2019

[How to Write a Resolution](#)

[Process for June District Meeting Resolutions](#)

## 2019 June District Meetings

AMM Members are invited to attend the Association of Manitoba Municipalities,

[2019 June District Meetings.](#)

This series of meetings visits each of the seven AMM districts and provides the opportunity for the AMM members to discuss a number of important municipal issues and bring forward resolutions for the 2019 Annual Convention.

## AMM Board of Director Elections Process

Elections for each AMM Board of Directors will take place in all 7 Districts.

- Each District is entitled to 2 Directors per District and you must be an elected official to be nominated and sit on the AMM Board.

- Voting will be at the June district meeting in your area and all elected officials and CAOs within the District are entitled to vote at the District meeting for Directors.

- Nominations are made at the meeting and to nominate a candidate, you must be an elected official or CAO.

Term of office for Directors will be from June 2019 to June 2021.

Candidates nominated will have up to 4 minutes to address the delegates at the June District meeting and the candidates that receive the 2 highest votes will be declared elected.

providing predictable support and positive outcomes in communities. Successful applications will need to demonstrate how their projects provide an overall positive benefit for their community and partnerships are encouraged.

Intake for the program opens today and **application deadline is May 22**. For more information, or to submit an application, visit [www.manitobago.ca](http://www.manitobago.ca).

### The Workplace Emergency Response Information Toolkit

The Province has introduced the second accessibility standard under the AMA, which is initially focused on employee safety and inclusion.

Safety comes first. To ensure employee safety, by May 1, 2020, all Manitoba employers with one or more employees, including your organization, must have:

- plans to provide individualized emergency response information to keep employees with disabilities safe; and,
- permission from all employees who require assistance during an emergency to share that information with other individuals in the organization who have agreed to provide support.

[The Workplace Emergency Response Information Toolkit](#) includes more information and a sample template to get you started.

To access these tools and other resources, or to register for a free workshop where you and your member organizations can learn more about the new standard, please visit [AccessibilityMB.ca](http://AccessibilityMB.ca) or [subscribe to Accessibility News](#) to receive an email update every three months.

### 2019 Federal Budget released to Canadians



The Government of Canada presented the 2019 Federal Budget on March 20th.

[2019 Federal Budget](#)

In response, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) issued the following statement, noting additional investments in broadband Internet and the expansion of the Gas Tax Fund.

[FCM press release - 2019 Federal Budget](#)

### 2019 TransCanada Scholarship Program

Could you or someone you know use some help with post-secondary education expenses? The TransCanada Scholarship program is

If you have any questions about the election process or any other questions about serving on the AMM board, please feel free to contact Executive Director [Joe Masi](#)

### Upcoming Emergency Alert Test

Manitoba Emergency Measures Organization has attached a [letter-EN](#), [letter-FR](#) regarding the upcoming emergency alert test message on **Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at 1:55 p.m.**

The upcoming test alert may impact some work in your respective areas. Please share this information with your staff to ensure they are aware of the upcoming test alert.

Questions regarding the letter or about Emergency Alerting in Manitoba can be directed to [Ashley Keep](#), Public Alerting Program Coordinator  
204-945-4772 or  
1-888-267-8298 (Toll-free)

### Once Elected.....What's Expected Newly Elected Seminars

Click on the links below for each of the presentations

[Municipal Relations](#)

[Manitoba Ombudsman](#)

[Manitoba Fire Commissioner](#)

[Manitoba Sustainable Development](#)

[Manitoba Growth, Enterprise and Trade](#)

[2019 Council Member's Guide](#) - This guide provides newly-elected municipal officials an overview of what they can expect to encounter during their term of office.

offering more than 250 scholarships across Canada in values of \$2,500, \$5,000 and up to \$10,000!

**Applications are now open and students have until May 17, 2019 at 11:59:59 p.m. EST to submit their applications.**

Students can visit Our Website now and answer five quick questions to see if they pre-qualify!

A few important things to remember:

1. If selected, students will need to provide proof of home address and proof of enrollment in a registered educational institution to receive a scholarship.
2. Students must make sure to provide a working phone number and email address in their application, or we won't be able to contact them if they are selected.
3. Applications cannot be saved to work on later, but it only takes 20 minutes to complete it.
4. Our pre-qualification forms are available in Canada, the U.S. and Mexico. Please make sure you're on the correct country page when applying by clicking the flag toggles on the top, right-hand-side of [TCScholarships.com](http://TCScholarships.com)

### EDAM Spring Forum 2019

From May 8th to 10th, 2019, the Economic Developers Association of Manitoba (EDAM) will be hosting the [EDAM Spring Forum](#) in Winnipeg at the Hilton Garden Inn, Sterling Lyon Parkway, please see attached.

Our schedule includes professional development training, seminars, speaker panel sessions and greetings from the Honourable Minister Pedersen of the Province of Manitoba - Growth, Enterprise, and Trade. Topics such as the Regional Economic Development Strategy with its listing partners, Tax Increment Financing, Regional Growth Indicators and Urban and Rural Entrepreneurship will be covered. Guided site tours of the Red River College's Smart Factory and the North Forge Fab Lab are also part of the program.

Our attendee list is expected to be over 60 participants from Saskatchewan, Ontario and all corners of Manitoba represented. The Forum will include 12 different speakers over the three days, complimented with an evening reception at Trans Canada Brewing Company.

To help us promote this event, we would appreciate if you could add our Forum to your Events page on your AMM website.

### ELECTED OFFICIALS AND CAO's FIRE PROTECTION WORKSHOP: An Introduction to the Fire Service

### AMM Insurance and Health and Benefits Programs

Letters were sent out to Members this week with the following information;

Further to our insurance meetings and to answer questions from some of our members about the various insurance refunds & trading company rebates that have been received over the years, please see the amounts for your municipality for the past few years, since the amalgamation of some municipalities took place. We hope these numbers reflect the importance and strength of our insurance program, health and dental insurance program and the AMM Trading Company.

If you have any additional questions regarding these letters please contact, [Linda Hargest](#) at the AMM Office



Purchasing from the Trading Company has allowed Manitoba municipalities not only the opportunity for best pricing but also has afforded each with individual **rebates annually for 14 years at a value of \$11,350,000.00.**

Often the rebates municipalities receive are higher than the membership fee you pay to the AMM. The more programs you use the more money you save and the bigger rebate you receive.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact [Linda Hargest, Director of Marketing and Administration - lhargest@amm.mb.ca](#)

[Ryan Yavis, Manager of Client Relations - ryavis@amm.mb.ca](#)

### Specialty Programs offered by the Trading



The Manitoba Emergency Services College is offering one of the three scheduled workshops for Elected Officials and CAO's: April 25, May 14, or June 11.

[The Fire Protection Workshop is an introductory one-day course](#) (5 hours) designed to provide Elected Officials, Chief Administrative Officers and other senior RM personnel with a more comprehensive understanding about the scope, roles and needs facing their local fire service.

- The seminar portion of the program will provide information about legislation, requirements on structure and operations, along with the administration and organization of emergency services. The format will be presentations and discussion.
- The practical portion of the program will involve showing and using equipment, operating apparatus, and simulated firefighting scenarios.

Please contact the Manitoba Emergency Services College at [mescocr@gov.mb.ca](mailto:mescocr@gov.mb.ca) or (204) 726-6855 to register.

Spaces may be limited so be sure to register well in advance.

### FleetNet Replacement Project

Manitoba has entered into a publicly tendered agreement with Bell Mobility Inc. (Bell) for a new Public Safety Communications Service (PSCS). The PSCS will provide a modern mobile radio service for public safety and public service organizations in Manitoba, and will replace the Very High Frequency radio network used by Manitoba Sustainable Development.

Over 99% of Manitobans live in the areas that will be covered by the PSCS. Engineered to be highly reliable, the PSCS is based on modern communications standards and will be built with modern infrastructure and equipment. Implementation of the PSCS infrastructure, and transition of public safety and public service users to the new service, will take up to three years (i.e., from fiscal year 2018/19 to 2020/2021). It is anticipated that municipalities will start transitioning to the PSCS beginning in 2020.

Further information about the FleetNet Replacement Project can be found on the [Vehicle and Equipment Management Agency \(VEMA\) - Radio Services website](#)

The website will be utilized as an information depository for the FleetNet Replacement Project. Questions regarding existing radio compatibility and purchasing new radio equipment can be directed to [PSCSSupport@bellmts.ca](mailto:PSCSSupport@bellmts.ca).

## Trading Company

**To Municipal Staff, Council, Departments;**

## Company to AMM Members

Announcing [GovDeals.ca](#) as new Trading Company vendor under the AMM/Sourcwell program



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**2019 AMM renewal information for AMM Members and Retirees**

[2019 Employee Benefits AMM Renewal - Employer](#)

[2019 Employee Benefits AMM Renewal - Retirees](#)

HR@YourService -Connect with us at 1.866.899.1340 or [hratyourservice@peoplefirsthr.com](mailto:hratyourservice@peoplefirsthr.com)



Thinking about doing some staff training but not sure it's worth the investment?

People First HR's Deanna Lanoway provides strategies on how to assess who to train, what to train, and how to measure results to ensure strategic investment in an 'Ask the Expert' article linked [HERE](#) for AMM members.

AMM Education coming up in May  
**Managing the Employment Relationship - HR Fundamentals for Leaders**

[May 9 - Winnipeg](#)  
[May 10 - Brandon](#)

Please be advised that the official name of the  
**Municipalities Trading Company of Manitoba Ltd. (MTCML)** has  
 been legally changed to:

**AMM Trading Company Ltd.**

Please ensure cheques payable to the trading company are  
 made out to the AMM Trading Company Ltd.

Registration opens April 1st

*Spring Safety Training for  
 your Municipality*

Don't forget that SafetyHub has  
 been purchased for two more  
 years and is available to all  
 AMM Municipalities.

[AMM Members log in](#)



[The Flag Shop's new price list](#) - Effective June, 2019

[Samantha Hobson](#) | Sales Associate



**Announcing a new Official Supplier.....**



Click [here](#) for full company description and contact information

**Trading Company Official Supplier Program Update**

**Please be advised;**

AMM and Acklands Grainger and are in negotiations for the renewal  
 of the Trading Company Official Supplier Program Agreement.

Ask about [Airmaster Signs Price Matching for Flood Signs](#)  
 from your Local Traffic Partner!



**2019 AMM Traffic Partner Pricing**

ATS Traffic - [Jill Hawryluk](#) - Account Manager  
 C: 204.793.3401 T: 204.233.1600



## 2019 Supreme Basics Custom Envelope Price list

Supreme Basics has an updated [Custom Envelope Price list](#)  
and [Order Form](#) for 2019.



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