



## News Bulletin

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May 4, 2017

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

### Western Canadian Municipal Association meets in Winnipeg



**Back row L to R:** Darren Hill, SUMA; Denys Volkov, AMM; Gerald Rhodes, AAMDC; Ralph Groening, Chris Goertzen, and Gavin van der Linde, AMM; Ray Orb and Jay Meyer, SARM; Al Kemmere, AAMDC; and Sue Bohaichuk, AUMA  
**Front Row L to R:** Nick Krawetz, AMM; Laurent Mougeot and Sean McEachern, SUMA; Joe Masi, AMM; Carolyn Kolebaba and Kim Heyman, AAMDC; Shelley Kilbride, SARM; and Maryann Chickak, AUMA

The leaders of the municipal associations of Western Canada's three prairie provinces met in Winnipeg today to discuss areas of common concern. The AMM hosted the annual meeting, comprised of elected officials and staff from the AMM, the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association ([SUMA](#)), the Saskatchewan Association of

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Mark your calendars for these  
**UPCOMING  
EVENTS**

**AMM Education  
Workshops**

*Two topics, one day!*

**Public Engagement  
and  
Measuring Up: Tracking  
Municipal Performance**

Rural Municipalities ([SARM](#)), the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties ([AAMDC](#)) and the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association ([AUMA](#)).

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## Manitoba Hydro Office Closures

Manitoba Hydro has announced it will proceed with the next step of district office closures started in 2013, by closing 12 additional district offices.

Manitoba Hydro officials recently met with the AMM Executive to provide an update on the second phase of the office closures.

While we received assurance that response times would not be impacted, the AMM strongly encouraged Manitoba Hydro to have discussions with affected municipalities directly.

The AMM has also expressed dissatisfaction with the number of empty Hydro office buildings that still exist from the first round of district office closures four years after it was announced.

Further, we requested the crown corporation expedite the sale of buildings that will be vacant as a result of these closures, in consultation with the affected municipality.

## 2017 District Meetings - Resolutions

**NEW IN 2017:** All resolutions will be categorized PRIOR to each June District Meeting (JDM) by the current Resolutions Committee Chair for each district and corresponding District Directors. **Reminder: Only Category 1 and 2 resolutions will be considered for debate at the JDMs.**

**Deadline to submit resolutions for all District meetings is June 1, 2017.**

Resolutions must be passed by your local Council and an official/certified copy must be submitted to the AMM office prior to the June 1 deadline.

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

Questions? Please contact Nick Krawetz, AMM Senior Policy Analyst, at 204-856-2371 or [nkrawetz@amm.mb.ca](mailto:nkrawetz@amm.mb.ca).

## 2017 District Meetings - District Director Elections



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 2019.

**The main qualifications to be a director on the AMM Board are:**

May 23, 2017  
9:00 am  
Keystone Centre,  
Brandon



**Trainer: Shari Anne Doolaage, Sage Analytics Inc.**

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## 2017 June District Meetings

*Meetings begin at 9:30 am*

[Northern District](#) June 8  
Hosted by the Town of Lynn Lake

[Parkland District](#) June 13  
Hosted by the RM of Kelsey

[Midwestern District](#) June 14  
Hosted by the RM of Yellowhead

[Western District](#) June 15  
Hosted by the Town of Carberry

[Interlake District](#) June 20  
Hosted by the Town of Arborg

[Eastern District](#) June 21  
Hosted by the RM of Piney

[Central District](#) June 22

- 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 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:

**Joe Masi, Executive Director**  
**Phone: 204-856-2360**  
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### Beverage Container Recycling System FAQ

The Canadian Beverage Container Recycling Association (CBCRA) has created a "**Beverage Container Recycling System FAQ**" to answer questions about Manitoba's recycling system vs. deposit return systems.



[Download the FAQ](#)

For more information on beverage container recycling in Manitoba visit [RecycleEverywhere.ca](http://RecycleEverywhere.ca)

### 2017 Volunteer Manitoba Award



*President Chris Goertzen presenting the 2017 AMM Community Leadership Award to Angelika Stoesz.*

Angelika Stoesz is the recipient of the 2017 Association of Manitoba Municipalities Community Leadership Award.

Angelika was recognized for her work with the Rhineland Area Food Bank.

President Chris Goertzen presented the award during the 34th Annual Volunteer Awards Dinner on April 25, 2017.

For a full list of recipients, visit [www.volunteermanitoba.ca/](http://www.volunteermanitoba.ca/).

## M.T.C.M.L.

### Farewell to Linda Baker

AMM staff were on hand to bid farewell to Linda Baker during the recent Manitoba Municipal

Hosted by the City of Morden

**Manitoba Planning Conference**  
**May 10-12, 2017**

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Administrators Association ([MMAA](#)) conference in Brandon. Linda is the former Manager, Client Service Public Entities Programs with Western Financial Group. For years, Linda worked closely with AMM members' insurance accounts, and was extremely helpful regarding premium and policy administration, handling annual renewals, and claims examining and tracking on commercial Insurance coverages.



*L to R: MMAA President Heather Ewasiuk, Linda Baker and AMM Executive Director Joe Masi*

While Linda will be missed, municipal insurance accounts are in good hands. Please call 1-800-665-8990 and direct your inquiries to either Carol MacDonald (Ext.7232) or Rebecca Holm (Ext.6154).

### **Grand & Toy May Promotion**

New promotion for AMM members:  
May's Essentials for Every Workplace



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