



November 7, 2014

AMM launches new website

Regular visitors to the AMM website will have noticed a considerable change over the past couple of weeks. The AMM launched a brand new website on October 20, immediately prior to the municipal election. The previous website was designed almost a decade ago and was in need of a complete overhaul, so back in the spring, the AMM underwent a Request for Proposal process. Four companies submitted proposals and after a series of presentations, the AMM chose Manoverboard to perform the work and build the new website.

The new website includes a number of new and improved features:

- An interactive member map showing each district and municipality (after amalgamation), the AMM Directors for that district, and links to each municipal website;
- A searchable database of all AMM documents and publications;
- An expanded Events section
- A new system for submitting classified ads and job postings
- An "Issues" section detailing the AMM's top policy issues.

"Our focus is entirely on the user and their diverse information needs," says Manoverboard's Andrew Boardman. "The site features a well-planned and user-friendly navigation at the top that will quickly orient any visitor to where they want to go. The site is also built to work beautifully on all computer desktops, smartphones and tablets. We are very proud of our collaboration on the new AMM website at www.amm.mb.ca!"

Congratulations Elected Officials!

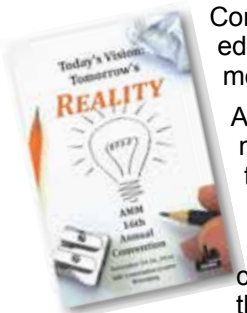
Now that the excitement of election night has come and gone, the AMM is pleased to welcome 355 new members of council - 39% overall.

With 553 returning members of council and 5 vacancies there are 913 elected positions in total (after amalgamation).

Congratulations to all council members, both newly and re-elected, on taking on this important role within your local government.

A few other stats jump out from this year's election, most notably the percentage of women elected. This year, 17% of those elected to serve until 2018 are women - a 3% increase over 2010.

The AMM is busy preparing welcome packages for the new council members along with welcome back packages to those re-elected.



Voting Reminder

Because municipal councils in amalgamated municipalities will not be officially sworn in until January 1, eligibility for municipal officials to vote is limited to a member of council holding an elected municipal office.

Given the impact this may have on voting during the AMM Annual Convention, we strongly encourage **voting delegates** to ensure they attend the following sessions:

1. **AMM Annual Business Meeting**
Tuesday, November 25–9:00 am

The AMM Annual Business meeting is an important part of Convention. This year, it is especially important that all voting members attend to ensure we have quorum. A number of proposed by-law changes will also be dealt with at 9:30 am, immediately following the Annual Business Meeting.

2. **Resolution Sessions**
Tuesday, November 25–3:45 pm
Wednesday, November 26–2:30 pm

The outcome of the resolution sessions will determine the AMM's lobbying strategy for the coming year. It is imperative that all voting members attend the resolutions sessions to ensure resolutions are dealt with appropriately.

3. **Election of AMM Executive**
Wednesday, November 26
11:15 am (President) and
1:15 (Vice-Presidents)

Voting delegates will have the opportunity to elect the AMM President and two Vice-Presidents at this year's Annual Convention. This Executive will serve a two-year term.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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Coming Events

AMM 16th Annual Convention

Today's Vision: Tomorrow's **REALITY**

Online [Registration](#) closes
November 14!

And don't forget:

**Pre-Conference for Newly
Elected Municipal Officials**

**Monday, November 24
9:00 am to 12:00 pm**

The first portion of the session will be facilitated by the Municipal Service Officers of Manitoba Municipal Government who will provide newly elected council members with an overview of the roles and responsibilities of municipal governments.

This session will specifically highlight conflict of interest, the importance of accountability and transparency, the public's role in the municipal decision making process, as well as other issues for municipal councils.

A second portion of the Pre-Conference for Newly Elected Officials will feature *George Cuff* of George B. Cuff and Associates. George is a former municipal official whose solid reputation and no nonsense approach to governance has his expertise and consulting work in demand throughout Canada.

During his presentation during the Pre-Conference Seminar "Governance Update" George will talk about the governance challenge; what makes up good governance and your personal impact as an elected official.

*All elected officials are
welcome to attend.*

[Register today!](#)

Notices



Hometown Manitoba Providing funds for local Community projects

The Hometown Manitoba program provides up to \$5,000 in cost-shared financial support to rural municipalities, non-profit organizations, co-operatives and businesses in rural and northern Manitoba.

Hometown Manitoba supports community-driven projects that:

- enhance the appearance/ greening and use of community gathering places and exterior structure upgrading in main street areas
- create outdoor spaces attractive to local and regional citizens and tourists
- advance community identities and themes
- encourage community use and increased investment in main street areas
- promote the use of local products, services and talents
- build community pride and citizen involvement

Applications are now available for 2015 at www.manitoba.ca/agriculture or contact your local Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Development GO Office.

Application deadline: December 15, 2014.

**AMM Convention
Twitter hashtag:
#ammwpg**



Job Postings

Chief Administrative Officer RM of Two Borders

*Formerly the RMs of Albert, Arthur & Edward
Offices in Melita and Pierson, Manitoba*

The RM of Two Borders is pleased to welcome applications for the position of Chief Administrative Officer.

Neighbored by the United States to the south and the province of Saskatchewan to the west, Two Borders is a cornerstone municipality with strong roots in agriculture and a growing oil industry. The region is known for its beautiful mixed grass prairie, the best place in Manitoba to experience grassland birds and endless prairie skies.

The position of CAO for this newly amalgamated municipality offers both challenge and opportunity to grow along with Reeve and Council, beginning a new chapter in local government.

The successful candidate will possess the following:

- Manitoba Certificate Program for Municipal Administration and/or direct experience in municipal administration, as a Municipal Administrator or Senior Manager
- Computer experience and skills
- In depth working knowledge of operations, administrations, financials including PSAB requirements, as well as Municipal and other Provincial/ Federal Legislation
- Human resource skills to work with Council, the public and staff
- Positive "can-do" approach to problem solving
- Analytical and research skills to prepare reports, documents, by-laws and correspondence
- Personal initiative balanced by a willingness to follow direction

**Please submit resume with three
references and salary expectations to:**

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Application Deadline: November 15, 2014