

News Release

Finding efficiencies, reducing costs to dominate resolution debate

November 18, 2014 - The Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) 16th Annual Convention takes place from November 24 - 26, 2014 at the RBC Convention Centre in Winnipeg. Approximately 900 registered delegates will vote on resolutions which will form the AMM's lobbying direction for the coming year.

The 32 resolutions up for debate this year span a wide variety of hot-button issues, according to President Doug Dobrowolski. One example is resolution #13: "Due to the high costs of the upcoming pesticide ban, we have a resolution calling for an exemption for municipal weed control districts," he says. "Another resolution (#14) calls for municipalities to have the ability to determine their own mosquito buffer zones." Not surprisingly given the 2014 summer flood, two resolutions (#17 and #18) also deal with drainage.

One resolution that has come up for several years is also again up for debate – a call for cellular service to be considered an essential service (#21). And although municipal amalgamation is proceeding, many issues remain. Resolution #1 calls for additional funding to assist with the costs of amalgamation.

This year will be unusual in that both newly elected council members *and* outgoing council members from amalgamated councils will be attending. "Due to amalgamation not officially taking effect until January 1, 2015, those council members who either did not run or were defeated in the recent election are still technically part of council and therefore eligible to vote at our Convention," explains AMM President Doug Dobrowolski.

Two resolutions sessions are scheduled to take place:

Tuesday, November 25 - 3:45 p.m.
Wednesday, November 26 - 2:30 p.m.

All media are welcome to attend. A complete agenda and list of resolutions is available on the AMM website at: <http://www.amm.mb.ca/events/event/amm-annual-convention/>