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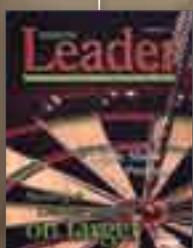
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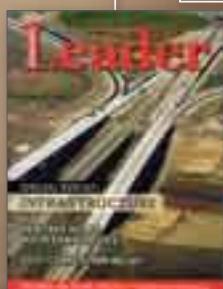
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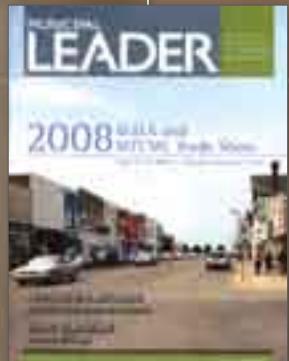
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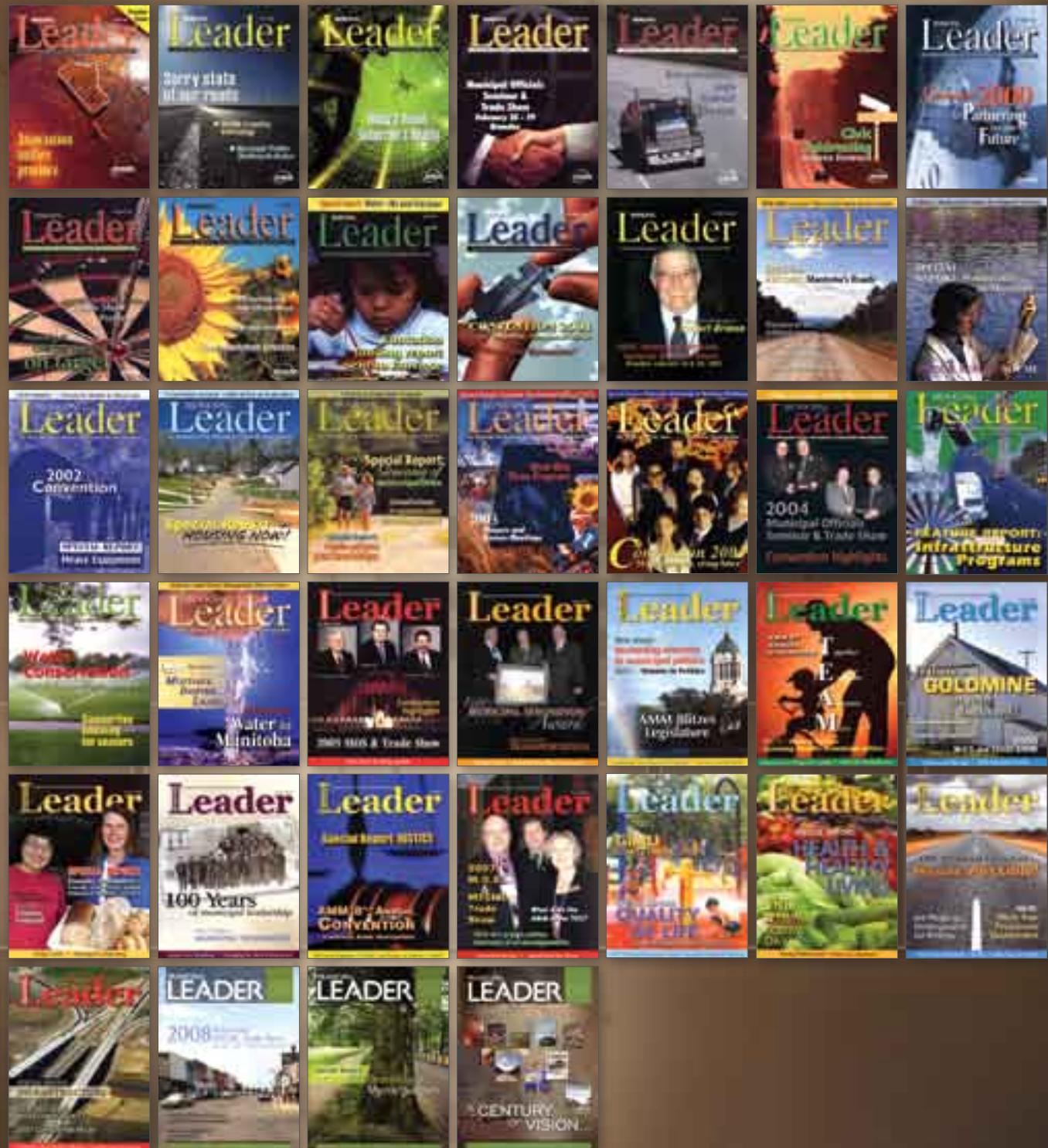


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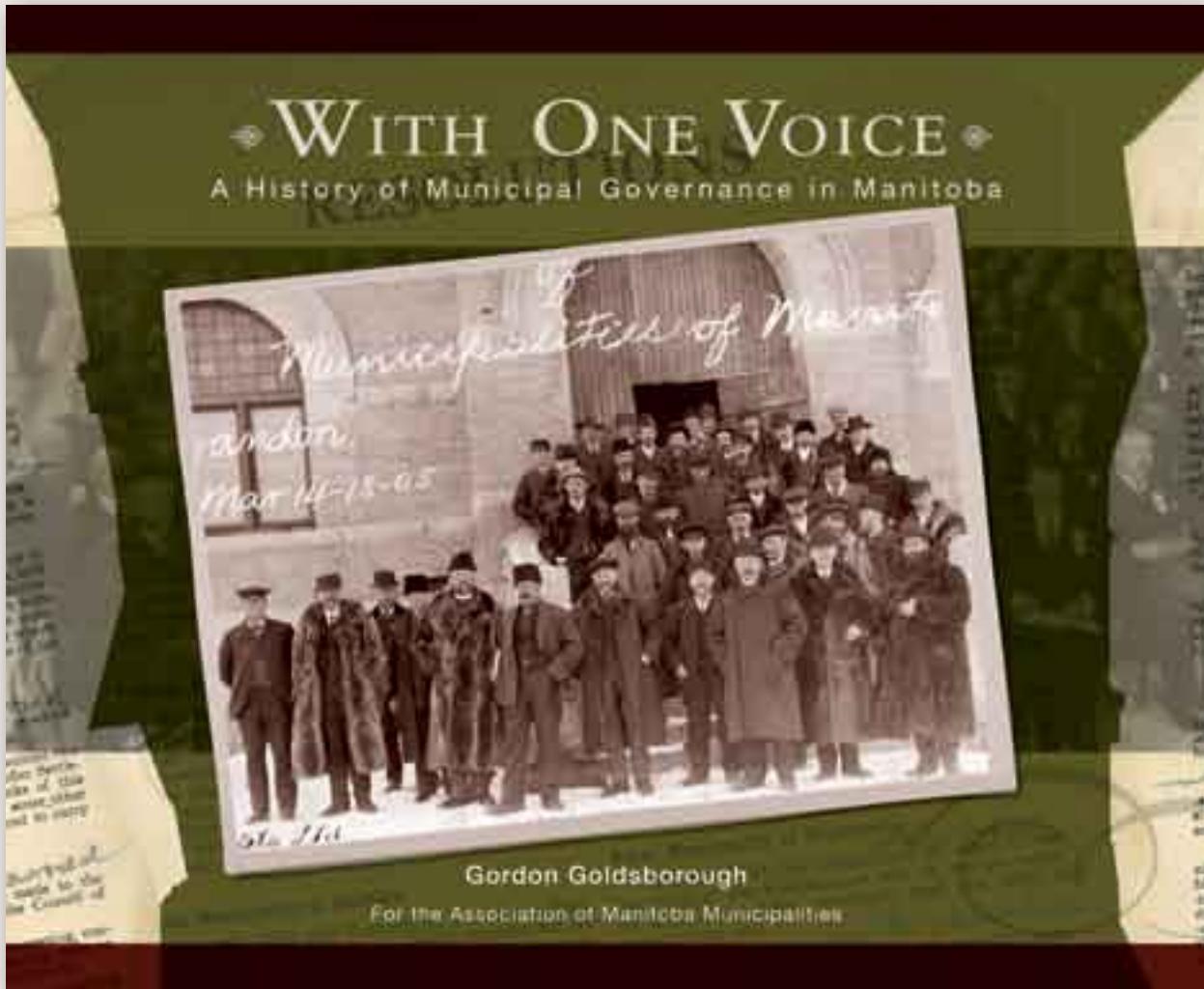


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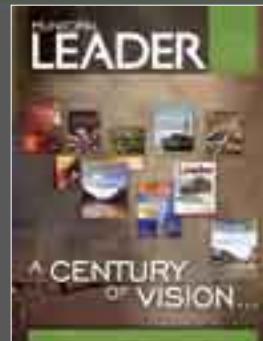
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It has been the TIME OF MY LIFE



Ron Bell, President

I know this sounds cliché, but it really does seem like just yesterday that I was first elected President of the AMM, and now I find myself writing what can only be described as a “farewell” message. I have served as AMM President for four years and prior to that, for several years as Urban Vice-President. I initially became involved as a director during the last year of the UMM, meaning it has been a part of my life for more than a decade. I suppose then, it should come as no surprise that saying “good-bye” is anything but easy.

During my term, the AMM has tried to focus on some of the larger issues affecting all municipalities. We all have different issues that are unique to our regions and to our communities, and we deal with those in more individual ways. However, there are two or three major issues

that certainly affect our membership as a whole – things like infrastructure, finding alternate revenue sources and planning – that, I think, we have made steady progress on. We may not have all of the results that we want yet, but we are moving forward. Identifying two or three “priority” issues, along with all of our other lobbying activities, has helped us start the ball rolling on long-term change for municipalities. We may not see these changes come to fruition this year, or next year, or in five years, but with a steady and focused approach, we will see them happen. That is my belief and one that has driven me through all of the ups and downs of the past four years.

While making the decision to step down has not been an easy one, it is

indeed the right one for me and my family. Making this decision has given me cause to reflect on my time with this association, particularly the last four years as president. There is no way I could have led to the best of my ability without the support and encouragement of my two Vice-Presidents. I’d like to acknowledge **Garry Wasylowski** and **Lorne Boguski** who served with me during my first two years. And especially **Doug Dobrowolski** and **Shirley Kalyniuk**, who have worked side-by-side with me for the last half of my term as president, and who have become my good friends as well. I also would like to extend my sincere thanks to all the board members, past and present, with whom I have worked.

Another cliché is that time flies when you’re having fun, yet that too is true. The past four years

have passed swiftly, and while not without their trials, I have most definitely had the time of my life. This is an organization that is very important to me and near to my heart in many ways. I will miss it, and you.

If I leave you with a final thought, it is this: I appreciate your support of the AMM, and of me during my term as President; but most of all I appreciate the work that you do every day within your own communities. Collectively, it is *that* work that allows us, from the ground up, to continue to move these important issues forward and make change happen for the betterment of all of Manitoba’s municipalities. □

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A ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME event



Joe Masi, Executive Director

A Century of Vision, A Decade of Partnership is the theme for our 10th Annual Convention, and for this commemorative issue of the *Municipal Leader* as well. In fact, it has been our guide for the entire past year, as we have celebrated our 10th anniversary as an association. The year has been filled with activities, contests, prizes, and get-togethers, and it will all culminate at the end of November as we gather at the Winnipeg Convention Centre.

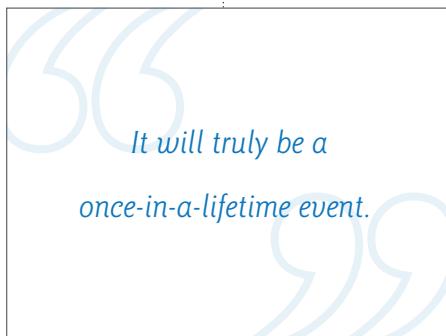
From the moment you arrive at this year's Convention, you will likely notice some slight changes to the norm. For starters, it kicks off first thing Monday morning with a very special item on the agenda – the launch of the long-awaited history book, *With One Voice*. Shortly afterward, the registration desk will open and each delegate will receive a complimentary copy of this beautiful book which you may then have signed by the author, **Gordon Goldsborough**. It will truly be a once-in-a-lifetime event.

But that is just the beginning, as this year's Convention has been planned to exceed your expectations in all ways. Tuesday morning's opening ceremonies will take place as always, but again with a special twist, as we welcome a number of past-presidents of not only the AMM but our predecessors, the Union of Manitoba Municipalities (UMM) and the Manitoba Association of Urban Municipalities (MAUM). We are indebted to these individuals for their many years of dedication to their respective associations, and look forward to giving them the recognition they deserve.

You won't want to miss a minute of our keynote speakers either, as we've

brought in three of the highest calibre - **Stephen Lewis**, **Mike Duffy**, and **Preston Manning**. They need no introduction as they are all icons throughout Canada and all have considerable expertise, insight, and inspiration to share.

I cannot say enough about our gala banquet as we have booked the ultimate entertainer in **André-Philip Gagnon**. Suffice it to say it will be a show you will not soon forget. We've also made it easier for you to choose your seats this year, as you can pre-select them. No more mad rush into the hall to grab a seat!



In short, we truly want this event to be as enjoyable and memorable as it possibly can be. Our staff has been working diligently throughout the entire year to make the 10th anniversary of the AMM special for our membership, and have continued to do so in preparing for Convention. An event of this quality would not be possible if not for the dedication and attention to detail that each and every AMM staff member contributes in their own way. Special thanks must go to **Donna Belbin**, our Event Coordinator, for working her magic as she does with every AMM event; and **Linda Hargest**, who oversees the planning of our events to ensure that everything goes smoothly. Ultimately, though, the AMM operates as a team, and I would like to thank my entire team for their hard work in making this event the resounding success it promises to be.

See you in Winnipeg! 

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PROVINCE INVESTS IN HOUSING ACROSS MANITOBA

In recent months, the Province has made several key announcements related to housing in Manitoba.

The City of Dauphin received \$1.4 million to build 12 new supportive housing units at the Happy Haven seniors' residence. Supportive housing provides 24-hour support and supervision to seniors while allowing them to live securely and independently in the community.

Swan River received \$500,000 in funding for phase two of an integrated housing project, Emergency Community Housing Opportunity II (ECHO II). Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) Swan Valley is developing ECHO II to help low-income families and those with mental-health issues. The total project costs were approximately \$1.4 million, with the Province contributing \$500,000 through the Canada-Manitoba Affordable Housing Initiative. CMHA has been developing ECHO II for the past year following the success of first project located in Dauphin.

The Northern View Lodge, for seniors in The Pas, will receive \$2.25 million in

funding for 16 new supportive housing units. Northern View Lodge is another seniors' facility that provides the opportunity for independent living in a supervised, secure environment.

The projects in Dauphin and The Pas are funded by the Aging in Place initiative that supports the renovation of existing personal care home facilities, new construction and community programs in Winnipeg. Rural and northern Manitoba received \$21 million in February 2007 along with the commitment to build a new personal-care home in Neepawa. Aging in Place provides support to more than 3,300 living units across Manitoba.

HEALTH CARE IN MANITOBA

The Medical Student/Resident Financial Assistance Program received an additional \$220,000 in funding. Third year medical students are eligible for a provincial grant of \$25,000, up from \$15,000, with a commitment to practice in rural Manitoba for one year. All medical school students are eligible for a 60% rebate on tuition fees, up to \$25,000, should they choose to live and work in Manitoba following graduation.

Nurse recruitment and retention received a \$3 million investment that will allow training for an additional 40 new nursing students throughout Manitoba. As well, a new program will help international nursing students to practice in Manitoba.

The University of Manitoba is the first university to have a graduate level physician assistant program. The Canadian Forces offered the only accredited physician assistant program prior to this.

Physician assistants are able to perform a range of procedures including patient exams, ordering diagnostic tests, performing minor procedures and prescribing needed medications and treatments.

The two-year physician assistant program, which includes lectures and clinical care courses, will accept up to 12 candidates each year. Graduates will receive a master of physician assistant studies degree from the faculty of graduated studies. Graduates must meet with national certification standards and then are able to register with the College of Physician and Surgeons of Manitoba. Manitoba is the only province with legislation in place to allow physician assistants to register and practice.



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EDMONTON COMMITS TO URBAN BIODIVERSITY

On September 8 Edmonton, along with 20 other international cities signed the Durban Commitment to Biodiversity in Durban, South Africa. The Durban Commitment recognizes the importance of the protection of urban biodiversity. Twenty-one cities from six continents are participating in the ICLEI's Local Action for Biodiversity. These cities have declared their intention to conserve and enhance urban biodiversity and to integrate biodiversity considerations into governance and planning. Edmonton, along with the other 20 cities will prepare a biodiversity summary report for work completed in their area. The City of Edmonton Diversity Report may be viewed at www.edmonton.ca/naturalareas

ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEM

Residents of Stewiacke, Nova Scotia will have the option of casting their ballot in the October municipal election from the comfort of their home or by the traditional paper ballot system.

Sheldon Dorey, Chief Administrative Officer for Stewiacke noted council is

hoping for greater participation with the electronic voting option. Each resident will receive a PIN number which allows them access to vote over the internet or by telephone. Security measures are in place ensuring that voters only cast one vote. Election costs have doubled to \$7,200 with the addition of electronic voting. Council may consider eliminating paper ballots should the electronic voting system prove successful, thereby reducing costs.

Stewiacke is the fourth municipality in Nova Scotia to implement electronic voting this year.

In 2006, throughout eight municipalities in Ontario, 82% cast votes electronically as compared to 18% casting votes using the paper ballot.

WELLAND PART OF LED CITY INITIATIVE PROGRAM

The City of Welland was recognized for becoming part of the LED City Initiative, an international program that promotes the use of high efficiency lighting.

The city has been using light-emitting diodes for street lights, traffic signals and other areas for the last three years. Con-

verting all traffic signal lights to LED has resulted in energy savings of 66 per cent. Along Fitch Street 50 LED street lights have been installed. The city's downtown core area will have 50 more LED lights installed along with pedestrian lights as part of its downtown revitalization program.

Welland has a population of 50,331 and is the eighth city in the world to earn LED City Initiative designation from Cree Industries for its environmentally-friendly ways. 

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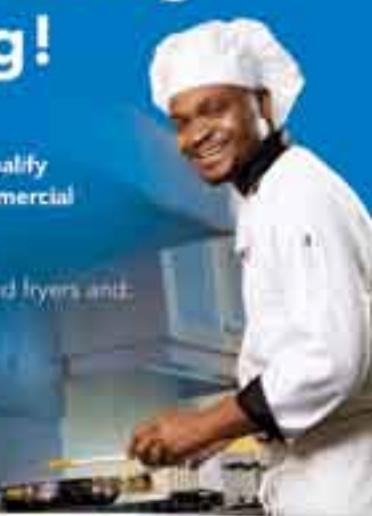
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With the LEED acronym quickly becoming part of the municipal vocabulary, we thought this story – about a LEED Gold City Hall – would be of interest to our members. While LEED Canada currently applies only to new construction, new criteria in the works will be available for existing buildings, hopefully by 2011. In the meantime, read the Cambridge example for inspiration:

CAMBRIDGE CITY HALL: THE FIRST LEED GOLD CITY HALL IN CANADA

On July 31, 2008, the new Cambridge City Hall, completed in 2008, was awarded LEED® Gold from the Canada Green Building Council (CaGBC), making it the first city hall in Canada to receive LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification. This city hall is the result of collaboration between architects Diamond Schmitt, LEED consultant Enermodal Engineering, and the City of Cambridge. City officials see this building as a chance to show their city's commitment to being a regional trendsetter and living by the motto of "being a good neighbour."

The curtainwall building has eye-catching horizontal sun shades that reduce interior glare and temperatures. The landscaping around the city hall is comprised exclusively of native or naturalized species which do not require irrigation. Native sedum, grasses, and bulbs are also featured on the green roof, which can be accessed by visitors and employees. The green roof is an improvement over the traditional dark-coloured roofs because the plants cool the surroundings—thus this city hall does not contribute to what is known as the “urban heat island.”

But it is inside where the true innovation is really noticed. Visitors and city employees entering the building pass by a four-storey “living wall,” featuring tropical plants that filter the air as it passes through the wall. The clean air is then circulated through the ventilation system to the rest of the building causing a noticeably more refreshing work environment.

The building focal point is a beautiful, multi-storey atrium with operable skylight windows that automatically open under appropriate conditions to allow rising hot air out and let cool air in. In addition, a weather monitoring system on the roof sends an email to occupants when it is appropriate to open their windows to let cool air in to stimulate this stack ventilation system. Another energy saving and quality of life enhancing feature is the daylighting control system, which automatically dims or shuts off artificial lighting when there is sufficient natural sunlight.

Cambridge City Hall is a water miser. Water usage is reduced through a cistern that collects rainwater for non-potable water uses like flushing toilets. Low-flow faucets and waterless urinals also help the building save 2.9 million litres of water every year—an annual water savings of 39%. City hall also achieves 39% energy savings through various engineering innovations, including an ultra-efficient boiler, chiller, and water heater.

Visitors can find out why Cambridge residents are justifiably proud of their new city hall. An interactive computer “kiosk” provides information and performance data on the building’s environmental features.

LEED is the most recognized and prestigious green building rating system in North America. LEED Canada is administered by the Canada Green Building Council, which uses the rating system to designate buildings: Certified, Silver, Gold, and Platinum – according to the green features they incorporate. 



Welcome to Cambridge City Hall.
(photo credit: Linda Fegan)



The living wall enhances the natural beauty of City Hall while providing air purification.
(photo credit: Thomasz Adamski)



A portion of the roof is made up of plants, grass and shrubs to retain heat in the winter and cool things off in the summer. (photo credit: Thomasz Adamski)



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PSAB: a four-letter word?

For the past couple of years, municipalities have become very familiar with this term, as well as GAAP (generally accepted accounting principles). At the start, many (myself included) referred to PSAB as a four-letter word. Some of us were joking while, unfortunately, some were quite serious. Many people don't like change, and PSAB is resulting in some significant change.

I once heard the phrase, "The only thing that remains constant is change." The challenge we have in a world of change is to determine which is beneficial, or at least how to use the change that is occurring beyond our control to our advantage.

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1. PSAB will provide a clearer picture of your own municipality's financial position, and make adjustments to its future budgeting to better manage itself. Is infrastructure currently in a significant deficit position? Will sewer lines not need replacing for at least another 10 years based on normal life spans? Knowing the answer to these and other questions, long term planning will be much easier and beneficial.

2. The information will be comparable because it will be based on the same accounting principles. This means similar sized municipalities can be located and compared financially. By doing so, a municipality can confirm those areas where it is doing well. It can also speak with municipalities that are doing better in other areas and learn what it can do to improve in those areas. As an alternative, it may also learn what extra services it is providing that makes up the extra costs in an area. The municipality can then explain to its residents why its costs are higher, and the benefit they receive for those added costs.

3. By having better information in the financial statements, and by being comparable, municipalities will be able to prove to its residents that it is doing well.

PSAB will provide a clearer picture of your own municipality's financial position.

The municipality will have the numbers in the financial statement to back it up. Conversely, the public will be able to more easily monitor municipalities using this same information. Accountability will have even higher standards

than it does now. Given that our residents are who we serve, this accountability shouldn't worry us.

Complying with PSAB has already been a significant amount of work. Meeting the remaining requirements will also be a lot of work. In the end, I see it being worth the effort. I'm looking forward to seeing how the municipality I work for compares with similar communities. Hopefully the comparison will show how well, not how poorly, we are doing. After all, PSAB isn't a four-letter word. It's just an acronym. And having the better information should make us better at our job of running local government. ■

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TRUE NORTH a chat with new Board member Karen MacKinnon

During the AMM's 9th Annual Convention in November 2007, a change to the AMM by-laws was carried by the delegate body. The change deemed that the Northern District, previously represented by one AMM Director, would now be represented by two. An election was held shortly afterward and Councillor Karen MacKinnon of the City of Flin Flon was newly elected to serve on the AMM Board. (Thompson Councillor Oswald Sawh was acclaimed to his position as Northern Director.) The Leader sat down recently with MacKinnon to get to know her a bit and introduce her to our members.

Having just attended her second AMM Board meeting on September 25, MacKinnon is still getting her feet wet. However, her reasons for running for the Northern Director position are clear. "I am of the strong opinion that people have to work together," she says. Fittingly, although it took some prodding, that is also one of the reasons why she decided to run for Flin Flon Council in the first place during the 2006 election. "A couple of people approached me about it," she explains, "but I had never actually given it any thought." However, "Flin Flon has been very good to me and my family, and I felt like it was time to give something back."

Her love of her community is always evident as she describes moving to the community over three decades ago from Nova Scotia. "In the '70's, unemployment was high and the community was even then recruiting from the East Coast," she explains. It has turned out to be a good fit for MacKinnon and her family (husband Barry works for HudBay Minerals). What does she love most about Flin Flon? "The people," she says without hesitation. "The people are just fantastic. It's also a very safe community."

Flin Flon also has the distinction of being one of the few municipalities in Canada that, as a border community, belongs to two provinces – in this case Manitoba and Saskatchewan. "We are



now recognized as a municipality in Saskatchewan as well as Manitoba," she notes. "We belong to both the AMM and to SUMA (Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association)."

Even after serving less than two years on Council, MacKinnon knew that she wanted to contribute more. "Flin Flon has never had a representative on the AMM Board, and I felt that it was time that Flin Flon got involved. My Council was also very supportive," she stresses. She also strongly feels the time was right for the Northern contingent on the board to expand to two directors. "It's such a large and important part of the province," she says, "and the value of the north is going to expand even more, with all the resources there. It is a unique part of the province with unique issues."

MacKinnon leads a very busy life aside from her political activities. As Sales and Promotion Manager for three publications – the Flin Flon Reminder, Cottage North Magazine, and the Northern Visions Gazette (on the Saskatchewan side) – she is a busy lady who, in her own words, "loves my job." She again gives credit to her Council for being supportive of her work and to her employer for being flexible regarding her Council, and now AMM, responsibilities. While MacKinnon notes she has a "major learning curve" ahead of her on the AMM Board, she feels just as strongly that cooperation is the key to success in any organization. "I look forward to working not only for my region, but for the whole province," she says. "I feel very strongly that we all have to work together to find out what our members need." 

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AMM EDUCATION SESSION #3

What Happens When the Abacus MEETS THE BLACKBERRY?

UNDERSTANDING THE NEW PUBLIC SECTOR ACCOUNTING BOARD'S RECOMMENDATIONS

Donna Belbin, AMM Events Coordinator

The WoW Team of **Ron Wells** and **Wendy Wolfe** presented an intense and complete explanation of the necessary implementations of recommendations from the Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB) for elected officials. Their session took place on Friday, October 3 at Canad Inns Portage la Prairie, and was enjoyed by 106 participants.

One of the goals of the day was to make statements less intimidating and more understandable by explaining most of the features of the new accounting and reporting model for local governments. Ron encouraged the participants that, with their full attention and much patience, the PSAB recommendations and process would be clear.

The workshop included some definitions and the reasons behind the PSAB implementations. Specifically, PSAB is the authorized standard setter for the public sector. To meet its objectives, PSAB:

- Follows due process and respects and encourages input from all of its stakeholders
- Brings objectivity to the consideration of issues
- Respects stakeholders' ability to change
- Recognizes the need for timely responses to stakeholders' needs.

Wells went on to describe the basic elements of financial statements, as well as the qualitative characteristics of financial statements and the objectives of financial statements. He explained that financial statements are relevant when they help users make decisions, and when they provide information that has predictive and feedback value, provides accountability and is timely. He also discussed general reporting principles and PSAB reporting standards.

Wendy Wells followed up by reviewing the Consolidation and Municipal Reporting Entity (MRE) and providing examples of each in a worksheet format. She also explained that Control is the power to govern the financial and operating policies



Ron Wells and Wendy Wolfe of the WoW Team, with Michel St. Amant (centre), PSAB GAAP Project Manager.

of another organization, with the expected benefits or the risk of loss to the municipality from the organization's activities.

Wendy noted that often, Control is not a clearly defined matter, and that professional judgment is required. She went on to describe the four main indicators of Control, along with the "persuasive" indicators of Control, and characteristics of Government Partnerships.

Wendy left us with the thought that, "The landscape is the same; the picture is being taken from a different angle."

The Association of Manitoba Municipalities would like to thank Ron Wells and Wendy Wolfe for all their work in putting together this presentation.

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RM OF DUFFERIN	Councillor Don McCutcheon
RM OF HEADINGLEY	Councillor Marly Mustard
RM OF PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE	Councillor Owen Williams
RM OF SOUTH NORFOLK	Councillor Dave Marginet
RM OF VICTORIA	Councillor Reginald Marginet
RM OF VICTORIA	Councillor James Cassels
RM OF VICTORIA	Reeve Allan Steinke
TOWN OF MORDEN	Councillor Maurice Butler
TOWN OF MORDEN	Councillor Ron Laverty
TOWN OF MORDEN	Councillor Irvin Wiebe
TOWN OF MORDEN	Councillor Alex Fedorchuk
TOWN OF TREHERNE	Mayor James Knockaert

10 YEAR PINS

RM OF CARTIER	Councillor Ken Beaudin
RM OF HEADINGLEY	Councillor Tammy Wood
RM OF LORNE	Councillor Roland Conrad
RM OF LOUISE	Reeve Ken Buchanan
RM OF LOUISE	Councillor Bruce McKay
RM OF MORRIS	Councillor Leo Kornelsen
RM OF MORRIS	Councillor Sieg Neumann
RM OF MORRIS	Councillor Denis Robert
RM OF THOMPSON	Councillor Wayne Gall
TOWN OF ALTONA	Mayor Mel Klassen
TOWN OF MANITOU	Councillor Harry Brendle
TOWN OF MANITOU	Councillor Sam Vodden
TOWN OF MORDEN	Councillor Wayne Hosea
VILLAGE OF CRYSTAL CITY	Councillor Glen Wheeler

15 YEAR PINS

CITY OF WINKLER	Councillor Herb Dick
RM OF HEADINGLEY	Reeve Wilfred Taillieu
TOWN OF MANITOU	Mayor Jake Goertzen
TOWN OF MANITOU	Deputy Mayor Norman Scharf

25 YEAR PIN

RM OF NORTH NORFOLK	Councillor Art Wilcox
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LIFE MEMBERSHIP PIN

TOWN OF MANITOU	Walter Mueller
<i>38 years of service as Councillor and Mayor</i>	

Note: Due to technical difficulties, we have no Long Service Award photos for the Central District. We apologize.

EASTERN DISTRICT

5 YEAR PINS

RM OF BROKENHEAD	Reeve Glen Dudeck
RM OF BROKENHEAD	Deputy Reeve Mark Dugard
RM OF BROKENHEAD	Councillor Ruth Ferens
RM OF DE SALABERRY	Councillor Marc Marion
RM OF FRANKLIN	Councillor Ron Mihaychuk
RM OF SPRINGFIELD	Councillor Bob Bodnaruk
RM OF SPRINGFIELD	Councillor Karen Lalonde
RM OF SPRINGFIELD	Councillor Ken Lucko
RM OF STUARTBURN	Reeve Jim Swidersky
RM OF STUARTBURN	Councillor Ed Penner
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RM OF WHITEMOUTH	Reeve Glen Malkoske
TOWN OF NIVERVILLE	Councillor Kevin Stott

10 YEAR PINS

CITY OF STEINBACH	Councillor Elbert Toews
LGD OF PINAWA	Mayor Blair Skinner
RM OF FRANKLIN	Councillor Larry Chubey
RM OF FRANKLIN	Councillor Duane Riach
RM OF MONTCALM	Reeve Roger Vermette
RM OF MONTCALM	Councillor Louis Roy
RM OF STUARTBURN	Councillor Roman Gawronsky
RM OF TACHE	Councillor Jacques Trudeau
RM OF VICTORIA BEACH	Councillor Gordon Kaye
TOWN OF BEAUSEJOUR	Councillor Teresa Gmiterek

20 YEAR PIN

TOWN OF NIVERVILLE	Councillor John Funk
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25 YEAR PINS

RM OF FRANKLIN	Reeve Archie Hunter
RM OF FRANKLIN	Councillor Bryan Nichols
TOWN OF LAC DU BONNET	Mayor Paul Chapman
TOWN OF MORRIS	Mayor Dale Hoffman



INTERLAKE DISTRICT

5 YEAR PINS

CITY OF SELKIRK	Mayor David Bell
CITY OF SELKIRK	Councillor Pat Pruden
CITY OF SELKIRK	Councillor John Buffie
CITY OF SELKIRK	Councillor Duane Nicol
RM OF COLDWELL	Reeve Brian Sigfusson
RM OF COLDWELL	Councillor Oluf Christensen
RM OF ERIKSDALE	Councillor Jack Pool
RM OF GRAHAMDALE	Councillor Barry Ewasuk
RM OF ST. FRANCOIS XAVIER	Councillor Yvonne Wood
RM OF ST. FRANCOIS XAVIER	Councillor Terry Leslie
RM OF WEST ST. PAUL	Councillor Bruce Henley
RM OF WEST ST. PAUL	Councillor Dan Garcea
RM OF WOODLANDS	Councillor Bill Fleury
RM OF WOODLANDS	Councillor Carl Fleury

RM OF WOODLANDS	Councillor Doug Oliver
TOWN OF TEULON	Deputy Mayor Jim Dola
TOWN OF TEULON	Councillor Keith Smith
TOWN OF TEULON	Councillor Michael Ledarney
TOWN OF WINNIPEG BEACH	Councillor Greg Mandzuk

10 YEAR PINS

CITY OF SELKIRK	Councillor Marlene Cook
RM OF ARMSTRONG	Councillor Diane Woychyshyn
RM OF BIFROST	Councillor Darvin Firman
RM OF ST. FRANCOIS XAVIER	Reeve Roger Poitras
RM OF ST. FRANCOIS XAVIER	Councillor Robert Thiessen
RM OF WEST ST. PAUL	Reeve Clifford Dearman
TOWN OF WINNIPEG BEACH	Deputy Mayor Daryl Carry

15 YEAR PINS

RM OF GRAHAMDALE	Reeve Brian Kiesman
RM OF SIGLUNES	Councillor Ted Fuchs
TOWN OF STONEWALL	Councillor Lockie McLean
TOWN OF WINNIPEG BEACH	Mayor Don Pepe

20 YEAR PIN

RM OF COLDWELL	Councillor Ken Olafson
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25 YEAR PIN

RM OF BIFROST	Councillor Marvin Magnusson
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MIDWESTERN DISTRICT

5 YEAR PINS

RM OF LANSDOWNE	Councillor Joe Moller
RM OF RUSSELL	Councillor Darin Douglas
RM OF SHELLMOUTH-BOULTON	Councillor Kelvin Nerbas
RM OF STRATHCLAIR	Councillor John Gill
TOWN OF RAPID CITY	Councillor Laurie Ringland
TOWN OF RUSSELL	Councillor Christopher Radford
VILLAGE OF BINSCARTH	Deputy Mayor Brent Burton

10 YEAR PINS

RM OF BIRTLE	Councillor Morley Butler
RM OF BLANSHARD	Reeve Richard Heapy
RM OF BLANSHARD	Councillor Jim Brown
RM OF LANSDOWNE	Councillor Leonard Paramor

RM OF MINIOTA	Councillor Lyle Salmon
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RM OF ODANAH	Councillor Ron Carr
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RM OF SASKATCHEWAN	Councillor Ron Kingdon
RM OF SHELLMOUTH-BOULTON	Councillor John Hunter
RM OF WESTBOURNE	Reeve David Single
RM OF WESTBOURNE	Councillor Dwight Ferguson
TOWN OF RUSSELL	Councillor Bonita Bily
TOWN OF RUSSELL	Councillor Eldon Montgomery
TOWN OF SHOAL LAKE	Mayor Mike Blahy
TOWN OF SHOAL LAKE	Councillor Deborah Eastcott

15 YEAR PINS

RM OF LANSDOWNE	Councillor Bill Pottinger
TOWN OF SHOAL LAKE	Councillor Johnny Michasiw

25 YEAR PINS

RM OF BLANCHARD	Councillor Roy Greer
RM OF LANSDOWNE	Councillor Ray Gork
RM OF RUSSELL	Deputy Reeve Alvin Kingdon
TOWN OF ROSSBURN	Mayor Shirley Kalyniuk

**NORTHERN DISTRICT****5 YEAR PINS**

RM OF KELSEY	Councillor Conrad Ziehlke
RM OF KELSEY	Councillor Bruce McLean
RM OF KELSEY	Reeve Rod Berezowecski
TOWN OF CHURCHILL	Councillor Terry Stover
TOWN OF CHURCHILL	Councillor Michael Iwanowsky
TOWN OF SNOW LAKE	Councillor Grace Chrapun
TOWN OF THE PAS	Councillor Ken Gurba

10 YEAR PINS

RM OF KELSEY	Councillor Neil Scott
TOWN OF CHURCHILL	Councillor Wally Huska
TOWN OF CHURCHILL	Mayor Michael Spence
TOWN OF THE PAS	Councillor Bert Lagimodiere

15 YEAR PIN

TOWN OF CHURCHILL	Mayor Michael Spence
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20 YEAR PIN

TOWN OF THE PAS	Councillor Ron Skokun
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25 YEAR PIN

RM OF KELSEY	Councillor Larry Johnson
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The two-day **Gravel Road Design and Maintenance course** is being offered again this year. Courses will be held November 12-13, 2008 in Brandon, March 3-4, 2009 in the RM of Hanover and March 10-11, 2009 in the City of Thompson. Please remember that MGRA members receive a substantial discount to all courses! For more information on becoming a member of MGRA, contact Terra.

The judging is complete for another year! Thanks to all municipalities that submitted entries to make this year another success. See you at the Banquet in April!

Please note that the AGM and Annual Awards Banquet will be held Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at the Royal Oak in Brandon.

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PARKLAND DISTRICT

5 YEAR PINS

RM OF SHELL RIVER	Councillor Mike Shenderewich
RM OF SWAN RIVER	Deputy Reeve Richard Barteski
RM OF SWAN RIVER	Councillor Steve Gazdewich
TOWN OF GILBERT PLAINS	Councillor James Dzuba
VILLAGE OF BENITO	Councillor Dale Offenberger
VILLAGE OF BOWSMAN	Mayor Theresa Rehaluk
VILLAGE OF BOWSMAN	Councillor Wanda Currie
VILLAGE OF BOWSMAN	Councillor Leanne Hutman

10 YEAR PINS

RM OF GILBERT PLAINS	Councillor Lawrence Safronetz
RM OF MCCREARY	Councillor Dave Smith
RM OF MINITONAS	Reeve Michael McIntosh
RM OF SHELL RIVER	Councillor Gary Buick
RM OF SHELL RIVER	Councillor Craig Mohr
RM OF SWAN RIVER	Reeve Earl Fullerton
TOWN OF GILBERT PLAINS	Mayor Lyle Smith
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20 YEAR PINS

RM OF ALONSA	Reeve Stan Asham
RM OF SHELL RIVER	Reeve Albert Nabe
RM OF SHELL RIVER	Councillor Joe Senderewich
RM OF SHELL RIVER	Councillor Victor Starchuk

25 YEAR PIN

RM OF OCHRE RIVER	Reeve Raymond Janssen
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30 YEAR PINS

RM OF GRANDVIEW	Councillor Nick Fiarchuk
TOWN OF MINITONAS	Mayor Henry Barkowski
TOWN OF STE. ROSE DU LAC	Mayor Rene Maillard



WESTERN DISTRICT

5 YEAR PINS

CITY OF BRANDON	Councillor Vince Barletta
CITY OF BRANDON	Councillor Murray Blight
CITY OF BRANDON	Councillor Ken Fitzpatrick
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RM OF SIFTON	Councillor Russell Thiessen
RM OF SIFTON	Councillor Fred Faucher
RM OF WHITEHEAD	Councillor Jeff McManes
RM OF WINCHESTER	Councillor Richard Sexton
TOWN OF OAK LAKE	Mayor Jeff Sigurdson
TOWN OF OAK LAKE	Councillor Patrick Cox
TOWN OF OAK LAKE	Councillor Reg Morcombe
TOWN OF RIVERS	Councillor Al Lepp
TOWN OF RIVERS	Councillor Tim Gray
TOWN OF RIVERS	Councillor Ernie Fast
TOWN OF RIVERS	Councillor Bill Stewart

10 YEAR PINS

RM OF CAMERON	Ewen Mosby
RM OF CORNWALLIS	Councillor Emil Egert
RM OF DALY	Councillor Wes Paddock
RM OF DALY	Councillor Rod Veitch
RM OF EDWARD	Councillor Carey Murray
RM OF NORTH CYPRESS	Councillor Marj Campbell
TOWN OF CARBERRY	Mayor Wayne Blair
TOWN OF HARTNEY	Mayor Bruce Evans
TOWN OF HARTNEY	Councillor Lori Taylor
TOWN OF HARTNEY	Councillor Clare Phillips
TOWN OF VIRDEN	Councillor Jeff McConnell
VILLAGE OF WAWANESA	Mayor Bruce Gullet
VILLAGE OF WAWANESA	Councillor Shane Wilton

15 YEAR PINS

RM OF ARTHUR	Councillor Wayne Serruys
RM OF NORTH CYPRESS	Councillor Wendy Lundy

20 YEAR PIN

RM OF OAKLAND	Councillor Stan Kozak
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25 YEAR PINS

RM OF EDWARD	Councillor Fred Raynor
RM OF SOUTH CYPRESS	Councillor John Hamilton
TOWN OF VIRDEN	Councillor Terry Johnson

30 YEAR PIN

RM OF CAMERON	Reeve Wayne Drummond
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A new program offered by Manitoba Hydro helps school divisions and building operators find savings opportunities in their facilities, and contribute to a cleaner environment. The *Power Smart Energy Manager Program*, launched in March 2008, provides information, training and support for Manitoba school divisions to hire dedicated Energy Managers.

Although the program targets school divisions, Manitoba Hydro invites commercial building operators from other types of buildings and facilities to participate in upcoming Energy Manager training sessions this fall.

"Engaging in energy conservation has many benefits – it lowers utility and maintenance costs, improves building comfort and helps the environment," says **Nancy Stroich**, Marketing Specialist, Manitoba Hydro. "An Energy Manager actively manages and minimizes energy costs through operational improvements and behavioural changes at your facilities. The role of an Energy Manager can be assumed by building operators, maintenance managers or anyone who manages the energy, water and waste systems in your buildings."

"With minimal investment, a business gains an on-site individual who

is dedicated to realizing and maintaining long-term savings," says Stroich. "These savings can be redirected to further efficiency upgrades, or in the case of school divisions, towards specific education-related needs."

The first step to becoming an Energy Manager is training. Manitoba Hydro offers a four-day training course in Winnipeg, in November 2008 for school divisions and other commercial customers interested in reducing energy consumption.

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- Ensure that all mechanical and electrical systems are functioning in peak operating conditions
 - Create awareness about energy efficiency opportunities within your buildings
 - Monitor energy usage patterns and develop an energy management plan
 - Establish an energy management team with managers, teachers and others
 - Train, educate and involve students and staff in conservation
 - Add occupancy sensors to high energy use buildings
 - Add water saving devices to high energy use buildings.

“Energy conservation lowers utility and maintenance costs, improves building comfort and helps the environment.”

annual utility costs." says Stroich. "Companies with an Energy Manager show they are fiscally and environmentally responsible. When a company reduces energy and water consumption, the result is less harmful impacts on the environment."

Stroich notes that in a school division, the program can further enhance energy and environmental education with the participation of staff and students. “By teaching students the behavioural changes, this impacts a whole new generation. The effects of the role can be very far-reaching.”

Once training is complete, an Energy Manager is equipped to spot three types of opportunities: best practice, no- and low-cost improvements, and medium-to-high cost retrofits.

Best practice involves behavioural changes such as having staff and students turn off lighting in unoccupied spaces or at the end of the day. No and low-cost opportunities require little or moderate investment, such as maintenance scheduling for HVAC systems to enhance energy efficiencies. Medium-to-high cost retrofits require the most significant investment, such as replacement of an HVAC system or lighting retrofits.

Energy Manager training is scheduled for November 2008 in Winnipeg. Space is limited so pre-register early. Contact: Nancy Stroich at (204) 474-3390 or e-mail: nstroich@hydro.mb.ca.

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E-Index: a tool for collective vision *un outil de vision collective*



By Annie Girard / Par Annie Girard



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Originally from Quebec, Annie Girard came to Manitoba in 2004. With a masters degree in Business Administration she has been involved in economic development for nearly 10 years. Inspired by Manitoba, its bilingual population and the potential for development, Annie gave herself the mission of promoting her adopted province by being involved in activities that promote Manitoba in external markets.

Originaire du Québec, Annie Girard a migré vers le Manitoba en 2004. Détentrice d'une maîtrise en administration des affaires, elle côtoie l'univers du développement économique depuis près d'une dizaine d'années. Enthousiasmée par le Manitoba, la valeur ajoutée de sa population bilingue et son grand potentiel de développement, Annie s'est donné une mission de promotion de sa province d'adoption sur les marchés extérieurs.

Manitoba's bilingual municipalities in the new knowledge economy *Les municipalités bilingues du Manitoba dans la nouvelle économie du savoir*

In 2007, the CDEM (*Conseil de développement économique des municipalités bilingues du Manitoba* – Economic Development Council for Manitoba Bilingual Municipalities)¹ completed the E-Index study of 14 of the 15 bilingual rural municipalities that are members of the AMBM (*Association des municipalités bilingues du Manitoba*). Completed using the E-Index diagnostic tool developed by Manitoban company Function Four Ltd., this study provided important information concerning the degree of involvement of Manitoba's bilingual municipalities in the knowledge economy.

AMBM Executive Director **Jean Beaumont** said that he was very impressed with the tool. "With this updated picture, municipal and community officials, as well as business leaders and other decision-makers now have a better understanding of the technological strengths and weaknesses of their respective communities," he enthused. Besides helping to stabilize the traditional economy through ICTs (information and communication technologies), the E-Index supports the AMBM region in its change of direction towards the knowledge economy through use of new skills and infrastructure. The tool also provides information to guide investment in businesses, and then to develop and maintain an innovation-conducive environment.

In most cases, data collection in the field is primarily performed by local residents. These people are trained in basic research techniques and specific E-Index methods in order to become certified researchers. These teams' wages normally represent 10-15% of E-Index's implementation costs in the community.

En 2007, le Conseil de développement économique des municipalités bilingues du Manitoba (CDEM)¹ complétait l'étude E-Index au sein de quatorze des quinze municipalités bilingues rurales membres de l'Association des municipalités bilingues du Manitoba (AMBM). Cette étude réalisée via l'outil de diagnostic E-Index - mise au point par la firme manitobaine Function Four Ltd - a fourni des renseignements importants concernant le niveau de participation des communautés bilingues à l'économie du savoir.

Le directeur général de l'AMBM, **Jean Beaumont**, se dit fort impressionné de l'outil. « Avec ce portrait à jour, les dirigeants municipaux et communautaires, les entreprises et les décideurs connaissent mieux les forces et les faiblesses technologiques de leur localité », se réjouit-il. En plus de contribuer à stabiliser l'économie traditionnelle par le biais des TIC, le E-Index appuie la région de l'AMBM dans son virage vers l'économie du savoir par l'utilisation de nouvelles compétences et de nouvelles infrastructures. L'outil fournit aussi de l'information afin de guider les investissements dans les entreprises, puis de développer et maintenir un environnement propice à l'innovation.

La majorité du temps, la recherche de données sur le terrain est principalement effectuée par des résidants locaux. Ces personnes sont formées sur les techniques de recherche de base et les méthodes propres au E-Index pour devenir des chercheurs certifiés. Les salaires de ces équipes constituent normalement entre 10 et 15 % des coûts d'application du E-Index dans la communauté.



E-Index Objectives *Objectifs du E-Index*

The E-Index focuses on three main community support objectives:

- **Adapting to the knowledge economy** – The E-Index helps communities make the transition from the traditional economy to the knowledge economy.
- **Improved community development** – The E-Index not only provides essential information, it also produces recommendations for determining suitable community development activities and projects.
- **Orienting ICT investment** – The E-Index provides communities, governments and other stakeholders the information they need to make smart decisions concerning investment in ICT-related training and infrastructure.

Le E-Index vise trois principaux objectifs en vue de soutenir les collectivités :

- **Adaptation à l'économie du savoir**
– Le E-Index aide les collectivités à faire la transition entre l'économie traditionnelle et l'économie du savoir.
- **Amélioration des efforts de développement communautaire** – Le E-Index fournit des renseignements essentiels et formule des recommandations pour déterminer les activités et les projets de développement communautaires adéquats.
- **Orientation des investissements en TIC** – Le E-Index fournit aux collectivités, aux gouvernements et aux parties prenantes les renseignements nécessaires pour prendre des décisions éclairées au moment d'investir dans la formation et les infrastructures liées aux technologies de l'information et des communications.

Impressive results *Des résultats éloquents*

In April 2008, the Winnipeg firm of Function Four Ltd. delivered to the CDEM and AMBM a professional document containing the results of the E-Index study. The comparative analysis, which was carefully carried out by its research team, focused on four specific ICT-related niches: infrastructure, expertise, usage and affordability. The technologies studied consisted of radio, Internet, television, land-line telephone, cell-phone and fax. The overall results were presented, specifically for each of the 14 municipalities studied, using a rating scale of A+ to D. (Figure 1)

C'est en avril 2008 que la firme winnipégoise Function Four Ltd remettait au CDEM et à l'AMB un document professionnel présentant les résultats de l'étude E-Index. L'analyse comparative soigneusement réalisée par son équipe de chercheurs visait quatre créneaux précis : infrastructure, savoir-faire, utilisation et abordabilité. Les technologies étudiées vont de la radio à l'Internet, en passant par la télévision, le téléphone terrestre, le téléphone cellulaire et le télécopieur. Les résultats sont présentés globalement, puis spécifiquement pour chacune des quatorze municipalités étudiées, selon une échelle se situant entre A+ et D. (Figure 1)

FIGURE 1.
Results of the E-Index for the Rural Municipality of Alexander
Tableau des résultats E-Index pour la Municipalité rurale d'Alexander

	INFRASTRUCTURE <i>INFRASTRUCTURE</i>	SKILLS <i>SAVOIR-FAIRE</i>	UTILIZATION <i>UTILISATION</i>	AFFORDABILITY <i>AFFORDABILITÉ</i>
Radio / Radio	A+	B	B	A
Fixed phone / <i>Téléphone terrestre</i>	A+	B	B	B
FAX / <i>Télécopieur</i>	D	C	D	B
Mobile phone / <i>Cellulaire</i>	B	C	D	D
Television / <i>Télévision</i>	A+	A	B	A
Computer / <i>Ordinateur</i>	C	C	D	B
Internet / <i>Internet</i>	C	D	D	C
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Infrastructure: B *Infrastructure : B*

The AMBM region possesses very good basic infrastructure in ICTs (grade: B). High levels of infrastructure were identified for radio, land-lines and television, and relatively good levels for cellphones; on the other hand, computers, Internet and fax machines were weaker areas in which the AMBM would do well to invest. According to Function Four's experts, the region will accordingly benefit the most from investment designed to provide better access to broadband Internet, as well as to computers and fax machines. Nonetheless, generally speaking, the entire region is helping its member communities to participate in the new knowledge economy and find new solutions and opportunities for its businesses and residents.

“For example, the document indicates that the rural municipality of Ritchot possesses a high level of infrastructure (89%), compared with the overall average of 72% for all AMBM municipalities,” explains **Dany Robidoux**, the CDEM’s knowledge economy coordinator and manager of the E-Index project in the AMBM’s region. (Figure 2)

La région de l’AMBM possède une très bonne base d’infrastructure (note : B) en matière de technologies de l’information et des communications (TIC). Des niveaux élevés d’infrastructure ont été identifiés pour la radio, le téléphone terrestre et la télévision. Pendant que les téléphones cellulaires présentent un bon niveau d’infrastructure, les ordinateurs, l’Internet et les télécopieurs sont des domaines plus faibles où l’AMBM aurait intérêt à investir. Selon les experts de Function Four Ltd, la région profiterait ainsi le plus d’investissements ciblés pour donner un meilleur accès à l’Internet large bande, aux ordinateurs et aux télécopieurs. Toutefois, globalement, la région entière permet à ses communautés de participer à la nouvelle économie du savoir et de trouver des nouvelles solutions et opportunités pour ses entreprises et résidents.

« Par exemple, on apprend dans le document que la municipalité rurale de Ritchot présente un niveau élevé d’infrastructure (89%), comparativement à la moyenne globale de 72 % dans l’ensemble des municipalités de l’AMBM », explique **Dany Robidoux**, coordonnateur de l’économie du savoir au CDEM et responsable du projet E-Index dans la région de l’AMBM. (Figure 2)

FIGURE 2.
Results of the E-Index for the Rural Municipality of Ritchot
Résultats E-Index pour la Municipalité rurale de Ritchot

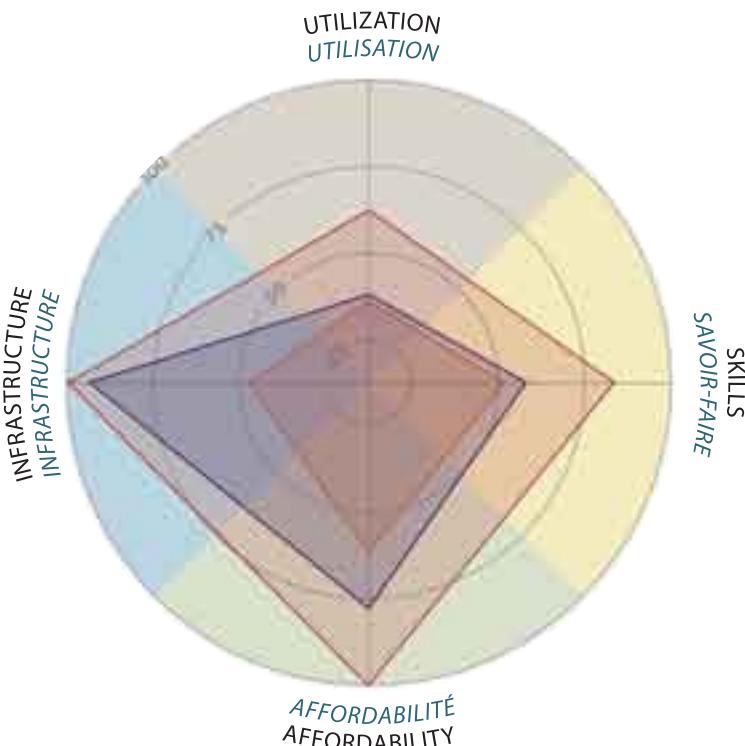
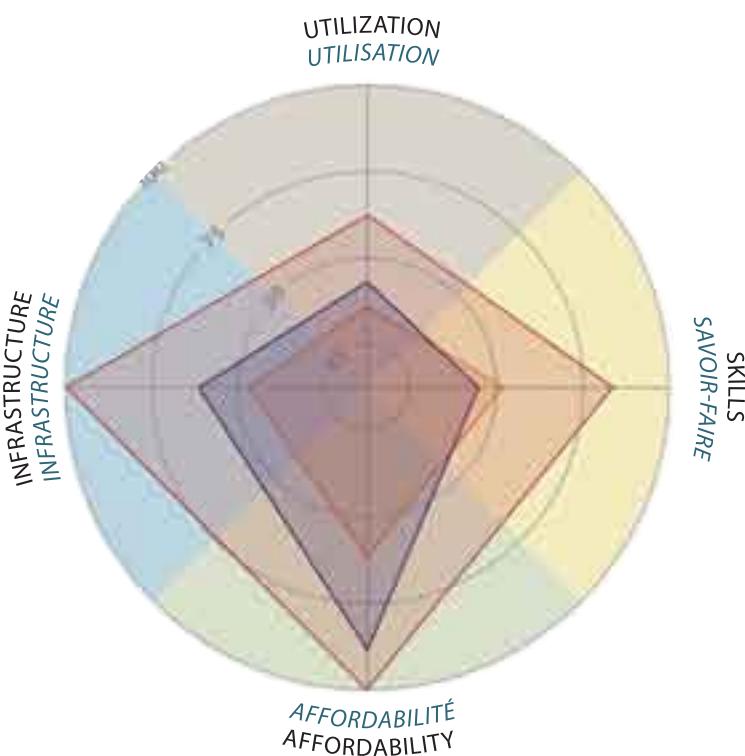


FIGURE 3.
Results of the E-Index for the Village of Somerset
Résultats E-Index pour le Village de Somerset



Expertise: B
Savoir-faire : B

The region also received an overall grade of B for expertise. High levels of expertise were observed in the use of television, radio and land-lines, but only an intermediate level for cellphones and relatively low levels for radio, fax machines, computers and the Internet. An upgrading of the population's expertise in the use of these latter technologies is therefore recommended.

En ce qui concerne le niveau de savoir-faire, la région affiche aussi une note globale de B. Des niveaux élevés de savoir-faire ont été observés en ce qui concerne la télévision, la radio et le téléphone terrestre. En ce qui concerne les téléphones cellulaires, on passe à une note moyenne et à peu élevée pour la radio, le télécopieur, l'ordinateur et l'Internet. On recommande donc une mise à niveau du savoir-faire de la population pour ces derniers outils technologiques.

Usage: C
Utilisation : C

Usage of ICTs in the rural bilingual municipalities received a C grade. Radio, landlines and television received grades ranging from intermediate to high, while cellphones, computers, fax machines and the Internet are under-utilized, despite the infrastructure available in the region. It would therefore be beneficial to raise the residents' awareness about making greater use of these technologies.

The village of Somerset stood out by reason of its high ICT usage level (44%), compared with the other bilingual municipalities that were rated at 28% on average. (Figure 3)

L'utilisation des TIC dans les municipalités bilingues rurales affiche une note de C. La radio, le téléphone terrestre et la télévision présentent des résultats allant de moyen à élevé, alors que les téléphones cellulaires, les ordinateurs, les télécopieurs et l'Internet sont sous utilisés, malgré les infrastructures disponibles dans la région. Il serait ainsi bénéfique de sensibiliser les résidants à faire un usage accru de ces technologies.

Le village de Somerset se démarque par un niveau élevé d'utilisation des TIC, à la hauteur de 44%, comparativement aux autres municipalités bilingues qui présentent un score de 28%. (Figure 3)



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Affordability: B Abordabilité : B

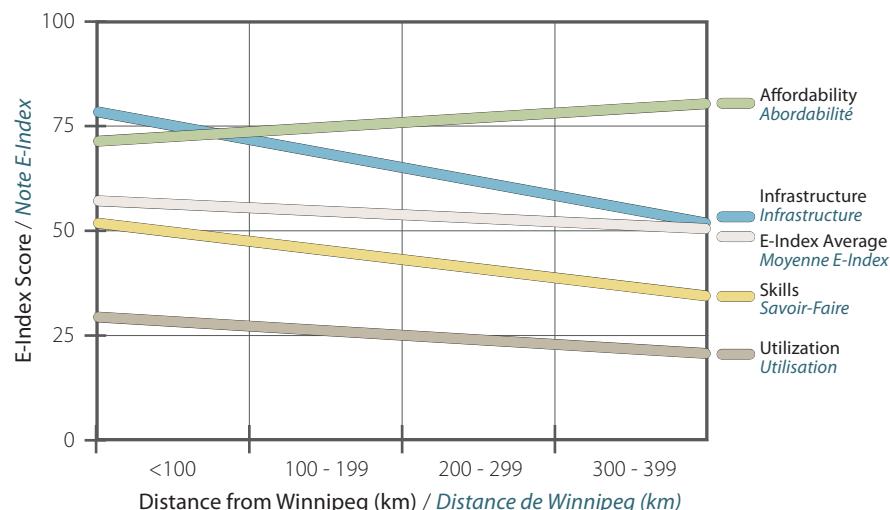
The municipalities studied received a B grade for affordability (equality of access), which is an intermediate rating. Specifically, the region possesses high levels of affordability for radios and televisions, and intermediate levels for land-lines, computers, faxes and dial-up Internet. Note: The region posted relatively low levels of affordability for broadband Internet and cellphones.

Jean Beaumont points out: "Comparing relative distance from the provincial capital, Winnipeg, with the consumer investment to access ICTs, it appears that the most remote populations enjoy the most affordable prices." (Figure 4)

Une note de B a été attribuée aux municipalités étudiées en matière d'abordabilité (égalité d'accès) des TIC, correspondant à un niveau moyen. Spécifiquement, la région possède des niveaux élevés d'abordabilité pour les radios et télévisions et des niveaux moyens pour les téléphones terrestres, ordinateurs, télécopieurs et Internet avec accès par ligne commutée. Fait à noter : la région affiche des niveaux peu élevés d'abordabilité pour l'Internet à large bande et les téléphones cellulaires.

Jean Beaumont précise « qu'en traçant un parallèle entre le degré de distance par rapport à la capitale Winnipeg et l'investissement du consommateur pour accéder aux TIC, on constate que les populations les plus éloignées bénéficient de prix plus abordables ». (Figure 4)

FIGURE 4.
Comparison between the E-Index results and the distance from Winnipeg
Relation entre les résultats du E-Index et la distance des communautés avec Winnipeg



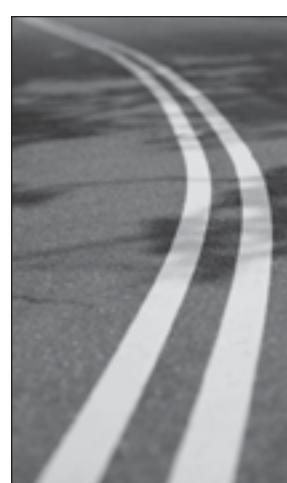
E-Index: A credible tool created in Manitoba E-Index : un outil crédible créé au Manitoba

The E-Index was developed by Function Four Ltd. of Winnipeg, an innovative company, whose specialized and experienced staff work on community projects in conjunction with university, government and private-sector representatives.

The importance and validity of the E-Index results have been recognized at the regional, national and international levels. The fact that E-Index results are compatible with the DAI (Digital Access Index) objectives established by the United Nations enables communities to participate in the E-Index study and compare themselves with their international counterparts.

Le E-Index a été mis au point par Function Four Ltd. de Winnipeg, une société novatrice dont le personnel spécialisé et expérimenté collabore avec des représentants des milieux universitaires, gouvernementaux et privés dans le cadre de projets communautaires.

L'importance et la validité des résultats du E-Index sont reconnues autant à l'échelle régionale et nationale qu'à l'échelle internationale. Les résultats du E-Index sont compatibles avec les objectifs du DAI (Indice d'accès numérique) établis par les Nations Unies, ce qui permet aux communautés qui participent à l'étude E-Index de se comparer à l'échelle internationale.



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As a result of this first phase, AMBM member municipalities have obtained an updated portrait of the status of ICTs on their territory. This fall, new results from a secondary survey will be announced and will identify community needs in terms of ICT usage in several specific areas of the economy: education, healthcare, tourism and e-commerce. On the strength of these new data, municipal and economic leaders will then be able to develop specific strategies for each municipality that will facilitate ICT-based economic development for these communities.

"We then hope to make an E-Index study with a commercial or organizational slant so as to identify the best ICT usage practices and thereby encourage higher productivity and competitiveness in the AMBM region's businesses," says Dany Robidoux, who is totally convinced that such a technological shift is an absolute priority for Manitoba's bilingual municipalities. 

Dans cette première phase, les municipalités membres de l'AMB M ont obtenu un portrait à jour de l'état des TIC sur leur territoire. Cet automne, de nouveaux résultats provenant d'un sondage secondaire seront dévoilés et identifieront les besoins communautaires par rapport à l'utilisation des TIC dans plusieurs domaines précis de l'économie : l'éducation, la santé, le tourisme et le commerce électronique. Forts de ces nouvelles données, les leaders municipaux et économiques pourront dès lors développer des stratégies qui sont spécifiques à chaque municipalité et qui faciliteront le développement économique communautaire en misant sur les TIC.

« Nous espérons ensuite faire une étude E-index à saveur commerciale ou organisationnelle pour identifier les meilleures pratiques dans l'utilisation des TIC et ainsi favoriser une meilleure productivité et compétitivité chez les entreprises de la région de l'AMB M », vient préciser Dany Robidoux pour qui le virage technologique est une priorité absolue. 

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Endnote *Note finale*

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ENCOURAGING Citizens' Involvement

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By Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs

All citizens have the right to expect their elected governments – federal, provincial and municipal – to be accountable for the decisions they make and the actions they take. As well, governments have a responsibility to operate in a fair, open and transparent manner. As citizens increasingly want greater involvement in the decision-making process, governments are challenged to provide meaningful opportunities for public participation.

The Municipal Act requires municipalities to provide opportunities for public participation in several key areas - for example, on the annual financial plan or a proposed local improvement - and has rules for how that must occur. By going beyond the basic requirements established in the Act, your municipality can demonstrate to its citizens that it values their involvement in the decision-making process.

Your municipality can do several things to encourage your citizens to be involved:

Provide sufficient public notice of each council meeting and public hearing.

Citizens need to know when you are meeting to discuss municipal business. *The Municipal Act* requires Council to adopt a procedures by-law that establishes fair and consistent rules for council meeting and

public hearing procedures. Council has the opportunity and responsibility to ensure that this includes sufficient advance notice of each council meeting and public hearing. Citizens may become disheartened and suspicious when they find out, too late, that a matter has already been decided.

notices, on the municipal website and in public places throughout the municipality, i.e. local coffee shops and grocery stores as well as the municipal office.

- Including a meeting agenda with meeting notices.



"Fair, open, and transparent decision-making by government instills public confidence."



To ensure that your citizens are well aware of upcoming meetings and hearings Council should consider:

- Posting the regular meeting schedule at the beginning of each year on the municipal website, in the local paper, and in the municipal office.
- Posting all public hearing and meeting notices, including special meeting
- Calling the media with a reminder of an upcoming meeting (regular, special and information meetings) or a public hearing.
- Inviting citizens who have asked questions about a particular matter to attend the meeting and/or hearing when that matter will be debated and decided.

Encourage public participation at meetings and public hearings.

The need to run efficient and effective meetings and public hearings must be balanced with the need to promote public participation. Consider the importance of:

- Providing citizens an opportunity to register to speak to council as a delegation on any matter, regardless of whether council has already made a decision.
- Providing citizens an opportunity to register to speak to a matter that is included on the meeting agenda.
- Including a time on the meeting agenda for questions from the general public.
- Moving your meeting place to different locations throughout the municipality from time to time, to encourage greater attendance and participation by citizens.
- Conducting informal meetings to apprise your citizens of municipal decisions and enable them to bring forward questions and concerns.

Respond to citizens' concerns.

A common complaint of citizens is that Council has not responded to a letter or a meeting in which a concern has been raised. It is important to ensure that citizens are aware of Council's decisions – even if they may not agree – and to advise them of available avenues of appeal. Some practical suggestions include:

- Providing a written response to all written and oral presentations to council.
- Posting meeting minutes on the municipal website and in the municipal office as soon as practicably possible. Being able to access municipal information without asking for it will reduce calls and questions from your citizens.
- Developing newsletters, utility and tax bills inserts to disperse information to the community.
- Presenting concise and understandable information at your public meetings and public hearings. Too much information can be as frustrating and confusing as no information at all.
- Establishing an access to information policy that will enable administra-

tive staff to provide ready access to information which would be available to the public under *The Freedom of Information and Privacy and Protection Act*.

- Encouraging administrative staff to take the time to answer questions from the citizens.

Fair, open, and transparent decision-making by government instills public

confidence. When discussions are open, public participation is encouraged, and information is readily accessible, citizens have greater trust and confidence in their elected representatives. Your municipality can work to implement innovative ways to provide citizens with meaningful opportunities for involvement, and strive to be fair, open and transparent in all aspects of its operations. 

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André-Philippe has toured with international singing star Céline Dion, entertaining millions of fans from Australia to Europe and throughout the US. His performances at the Stade de France in Paris proved once again his unique charisma and talent, with 90,000 people giving him a standing ovation each night. André-Philippe has tickled audiences in over 11 countries, in two languages, performing more than 3,500 shows to over 5 million people. 

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Keynote SPEAKERS

Mike Duffy Inside Canadian Politics

Mike Duffy is one of Canada's best-known journalists and most popular television personalities. Our nation admires Mike's accomplishments and contributions to Canadian broadcasting and we have come to rely on him for his insight of Canadian politics. With over a decade of experience on Parliament Hill, Mike Duffy is widely recognized as the "Ottawa insider."

Over the years Mr. Duffy has appeared on all CTV News' broadcasts, from *CTV National News* with Lloyd Robertson, to *Canada AM*, *W-FIVE*, and CTV's weekly political broadcast, *Question Period*.

He is currently the Ottawa editor of CTV NewsNet, and hosts their daily political broadcast, *Mike Duffy Live!*

Mr. Duffy is a former Visiting Fellow at Duke University and an ACTRA award-winner for live TV reporting. He was twice nominated for the "Best in the Business" award by the Washington Journalism Review and in 1994 was named to the Canadian Association of Broadcasters Hall of Fame. He has received honorary degrees from his alma mater, the University of P.E.I., and from Niagara University in Niagara Falls New York, in addition to numerous other awards and citations.

Monday - November 24



AMM looks forward to welcoming veteran political journalist Mike Duffy as he explores the current trends and hot topics in Canadian politics. With his trademark wit and incisive analysis, he will provide delegates with a must-have primer on the key political issues of the day. Mr. Duffy will combine the latest buzz from "inside Ottawa" and provide a unique and memorable presentation you won't want to miss.

Stephen Lewis The Power of Community: Creating Positive Environments

Stephen Lewis is Chair of the Board of the Stephen Lewis Foundation in Canada. He is Co-Founder and Co-Director of AIDS-Free World, a new international AIDS advocacy organization, based in the US. He is also a Professor in Global Health in the Faculty of Social Sciences at McMaster University.

Stephen Lewis' work with the United Nations spanned more than two decades. From 1995 to 1999, Mr. Lewis was Deputy Executive Director of UNICEF at the organization's global headquarters in New York. From June 2001 to the end of 2006, he was the Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS in Africa for UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan.

Mr. Lewis was appointed a Companion of the Order of Canada, Canada's highest honour for lifetime achievement, in 2003. The same year, *Maclean's* magazine honoured Mr. Lewis as their inaugural "Canadian of the Year." In April 2005, *TIME* magazine listed Stephen Lewis as one of the '100 most influential people in the world.' His best-selling book, *Race Against Time*, was a finalist for the Writers' Trust Award and the Trillium Book Award. It won the Canadian Booksellers Association's Libris Award for non-fiction book of the year, and Mr. Lewis was named the CBA's Author of the Year for 2005.

Tuesday - November 25



Mr. Lewis speaks on the importance of community in the lives of children, focusing on leadership, accountability, health and education in both a national and international context. Mr. Lewis will draw upon his extensive international experience to illustrate the importance of an active civil society in creating a safer, more peaceful world. Be prepared for a moving and inspirational message.

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Hon. Preston Manning Explaining the Beaver to the Eagle

Preston Manning was an MP from 1993 to 2001. He founded two political parties – the Reform Party of Canada and the Canadian Reform Conservative Alliance – both of which became the official Opposition in Parliament. Mr. Manning served as Leader of the Opposition from 1997 to 2000. On July 11, 2008, he was appointed to the Council of Canadian Academies and will serve on its Board of Governors.

Since retirement from Parliament in 2002, Mr. Manning has released a book entitled *Think Big*, describing his use of the tools and institutions of democracy to change Canada's national agenda. He is a member of the Institute of Corporate Directors. In 2007, he was made a Com-

panion of the Order of Canada. He has served as a Senior Fellow of the Canada West Foundation and as a Distinguished Visitor at the universities of Calgary and Toronto. Mr. Manning is currently a Senior Fellow of the Fraser Institute and President and CEO of the Manning Centre for Building Democracy.

Mr. Manning continues to write, speak, and teach on a variety of subjects including the revitalization of democracy and Canadian conservatism, strengthening relations between the scientific and political communities, the application of market mechanisms to environmental conservation, and the management of the interface between faith and politics.

[Wednesday - November 26](#)

In, *Explaining the Beaver to the Eagle*, Mr. Manning will examine how we as a nation explain our humble origins through the pursuit of our founding rodent – the beaver. He will remind us how we lay bare our national character: our pursuit of positives through negatives, our extreme moderation, our affection for the middle, our penchant for being sorry, our softening of the declarative, and our longing for affirmation. 

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2008

<u>9:30 am – 3:00 pm</u>	<i>Hall A – 3rd Floor</i>	<u>2:00 pm</u>	<i>Hall B – 3rd Floor</i>
Convention Registration	Keynote Speaker: Mike Duffy "Inside Canadian Politics"		
<u>9:00 am</u>	<i>Hall B – 3rd Floor</i>	<u>3:00 pm</u>	
AMM History Book Launch	Refreshment Break		
<u>10:00 am – 4:00 pm</u>	<i>Hall A – 3rd Floor</i>	<u>3:15 pm</u>	<i>1st & 2nd Floor Rooms</i>
AMM Display Area Open	Roundtable Discussions		
<u>1:00 pm</u>	<i>Hall B – 3rd Floor</i>	<u>4:30 pm</u>	
Annual Business Meeting 2007 Convention Minutes Annual Financial Report and Annual Report Review Municipal Insurance Program 2008 Convention Overview	Adjournment for the day		
<u>1:30 pm</u>	<i>Hall B – 3rd Floor</i>	<u>7:30 pm – 12:00 am</u>	<i>Room 2E-2H, 2nd Floor</i>
President of the Treasury Board (Invited) The Honourable Vic Toews, MP for Provencher	Icebreaker: Meet and honour our longtime Icebreaker Sponsors and enjoy the live music of Simon Says. * Open to Delegates, Partners, Icebreaker Sponsors and AMM Special Guests only.		

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2008

<u>10:00 am – 3:00 pm</u>	<i>Hall A</i>	<u>1:15 pm</u>	<i>1st & 2nd Floor Rooms</i>
Convention Registration	Breakout Sessions - A: see page 44 for details		
<u>9:00 am</u>	<i>Hall B – 3rd Floor</i>	<u>2:15 pm</u>	<i>1st & 2nd Floor Rooms</i>
Opening Ceremonies	Breakout Sessions - B: see page 44 for details		
<u>9:00 am – 3:30 pm</u>	<i>Hall A – 3rd Floor</i>	<u>2:30 pm</u>	<i>Campaign B - Delta Winnipeg</i>
AMM Display Area Open	Partners' Program He Said, She Said: Strategies for Living Real Life		
<u>10:00 am</u>	<i>Hall B – 3rd Floor</i>	<u>3:15 pm</u>	<i>Hall B – 3rd Floor</i>
Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs Honourable Steve Ashton	Nominations for AMM President Close Candidate Speeches		
<u>10:30 am</u>	<i>Hall B – 3rd Floor</i>	<u>3:30 pm</u>	<i>Hall B – 3rd Floor</i>
Nominations for AMM President Open	Resolutions Session-1		
<u>10:45 am</u>	<i>Hall B – 3rd Floor</i>	<u>5:15 pm</u>	<i>Hall B – 3rd Floor</i>
Keynote Speaker: Stephen Lewis "The Power of Community: Creating Positive Environments"	Adjournment for the day		
<u>11:45 am</u>			
Lunch Break – Delegates on their Own			

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2008

9:00 am – 3:00 pm	<i>3rd Floor East Concourse</i>	1:00 pm	<i>Hall B – 3rd Floor</i>
Convention Registration		AMM Presidential Election Result	
9:00 am	<i>Hall B – 3rd Floor</i>	1:05 pm	<i>Hall B – 3rd Floor</i>
Keynote Speaker: Honourable Preston Manning “Explaining the Beaver to the Eagle”		Nominations for AMM Vice-Presidents Close Candidate Speeches	
10:00 am	<i>Hall B – 3rd Floor</i>	1:30 pm	<i>Hall B – 3rd Floor</i>
Leader of the Official Opposition Hugh McFadyen, MLA Fort Whyte		Resolutions Session-3	
10:15 am	<i>Hall B – 3rd Floor</i>	2:15 pm	<i>Hall B – 3rd Floor</i>
Leader of the Liberal Party of Manitoba Dr. Jon Gerrard, MLA River Heights		Elections for AMM Vice-Presidents	
10:30 am	<i>Hall B – 3rd Floor</i>	2:30 pm	<i>Hall B – 3rd Floor</i>
Resolutions Session-2		Federation of Canadian Municipalities President Jean Perrault, Mayor, City of Sherbrooke	
11:45 am	<i>Hall B – 3rd Floor</i>	2:45 pm	<i>Hall B – 3rd Floor</i>
Elections for AMM President Nominations for AMM Vice-Presidents Open		Resolutions Session-Final AMM Vice-Presidential Election Results End of Day Announcements	
12:00 pm		6:00 pm	<i>Hall A – 3rd Floor</i>
Lunch Break – Delegates on their Own		AMM Gala: Doors and a cash bar open at 6:00 pm Dinner 7:00 pm followed by program and Special Entertainment André-Philippe Gagnon	

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2008

9:00 am – 10:00 am	<i>3rd Floor East Concourse</i>	11:55 am	<i>Hall B – 3rd Floor</i>
Convention Information		Grand Prize Draw: Grand Prize of \$2000 Travel Certificate Sponsored by (HED & AMM Logos)	
9:00 am	<i>Hall B – 3rd Floor</i>	12:00 pm	<i>Hall B – 3rd Floor</i>
Building Canada Plan Canada - Manitoba Infrastructure Secretariat		Convention Adjournment	
<i>If necessary, elections for District Directors will be held immediately following adjournment.</i>			

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Breakout SESSIONS

1:15 pm

- 1 HOW WOULD YOUR MUNICIPALITY SCORE IN THE NEW KNOWLEDGE-BASED ECONOMY?
Jean Beaumont, ED AMBM & Dany Robidoux, Coordinator CDEM
- 2 FARM BUILDING CODE & GREEN BUILDING POLICY, *Doug Popowich, Fire Commissioner*
- 3 TREATY RELATIONS COMMISSION OF MANITOBA, *Chief Dennis White Bird*
- 4 TBA

2:15 pm

- 1 MUNICIPAL FAIRNESS PROJECT, *Mel Holley, Senior Investigator, Ombudsman Manitoba*
- 2 EMPLOYEE MENTAL HEALTH, *Chris Summerville, ED Manitoba Schizophrenia Society*
- 3 PHYSICIAN & NURSING TRAINING/RECRUITMENT, *Jerry Ross, Workforce Planner Manitoba Health*
- 4 TBA

Here is a snapshot of a few of our breakout sessions!

Employee Mental Health – “The Pursuit of Happiness”

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Chris Summerville, D.Min., CPRP

Mr. Summerville is one of the eleven non-government directors of the Mental Health Commission of Canada, chaired by Dr. Michael Kirby. As a family member and a recipient of psychiatric services, Chris has been the executive director of the Manitoba Schizophrenia Society

since 1995 and is the CEO of the Schizophrenia Society of Canada. As a provincial and national leader and advocate he serves on numerous boards and committees including the Manitoba Provincial Advisory Council on Mental Health, The Mood Disorders Society of Canada, The National Network on Mental Health, the Alliance on Mental Illness and Mental Health in Manitoba, the South Eastman Regional Health Authority Board, and the Mental Health Ethics Committee of the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority. With an earned doctorate, he is certified with the U.S. Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services as a Certified Psychosocial Rehabilitation Practitioner (CPRP) and as an ASIST Suicide Intervention Trainer with Living Works. He lives in Steinbach, Manitoba.



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How Would Your Municipality Score in the New Knowledge-Based Economy?

In 2007, the Economic Development Council for Manitoba Bilingual Municipalities (CDEM) completed its E-Index study of fifteen rural bilingual municipalities belonging to AMBM. The results of the E-Index study have allowed us to produce a detailed summary including the following elements: infrastructure, skills, and utilization and affordability of the technology in the regions studied. For the municipal governments and the local businesses, E-Index demonstrates the best technologies in which to invest and the best means to improve on the existing technologies. This allows the development of a number of applications of excellence to attract new businesses into the region.

This presentation will be in French with English translation.

Jean A. Beaumont, Executive Director of Association des municipalités bilingues

du Manitoba (AMBM) & Dany Robidoux, Coordinator of the Knowledge-based Economy at the Economic Development Council for Manitoba Bilingual Municipalities (CDEM)

Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba

TREATY LAND ENTITLEMENT

The Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba is a neutral body created through a partnership between the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs and Canada with a mandate to strengthen, rebuild and enhance the Treaty relationship with mutual respect between First Nations and Manitobans.

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Mandate:

The Commission has received a five year mandate and will function to:

- Engage in public education to improve the understanding of the Treaty; relationship and Treaty related issues;
- Provide facilitation service for discussing Treaty issues; and,
- Conduct independent research.

Dennis White Bird, Treaty Commissioner

Dennis White Bird is an Anishinabae from the Rolling River First Nation and is proud to say that the Anishinabae language is his first language.

Commissioner White Bird worked as a teacher for seven years before he was called to take a leadership role within his community. During his 18 years as the Chief of Rolling River, Commissioner White Bird successfully negotiated a Treaty Land Entitlement agreement with Canada and Manitoba. His community was the first to ratify the agreement.

Upon leaving the position within his community, Commissioner White Bird's leadership responsibilities grew as he was elected as Regional Chief for the Manitoba region within the national First Nation organization: the Assembly of First Nations. As Regional Chief, he was appointed the Executive Member in Charge of Treaties and was very involved in the promotion of First Nation languages.

Commissioner White Bird was elected to the position of Grand Chief of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs in August 2000. Throughout his term as Grand Chief, Commissioner White Bird showed a strong interest in promoting First Nations youth issues and worked closely with the Manitoba First Nations Youth Council, an initiative of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs.

Dennis White Bird was appointed Treaty Relations Commissioner for Manitoba in June 2005 by a federal Order-in-Council. The appointment is a natural progression for a man who has shown a great interest and dedication to the fulfillment of the true spirit and intent of the Treaty relationship and the education of both First Nation and non-First Nation youth.



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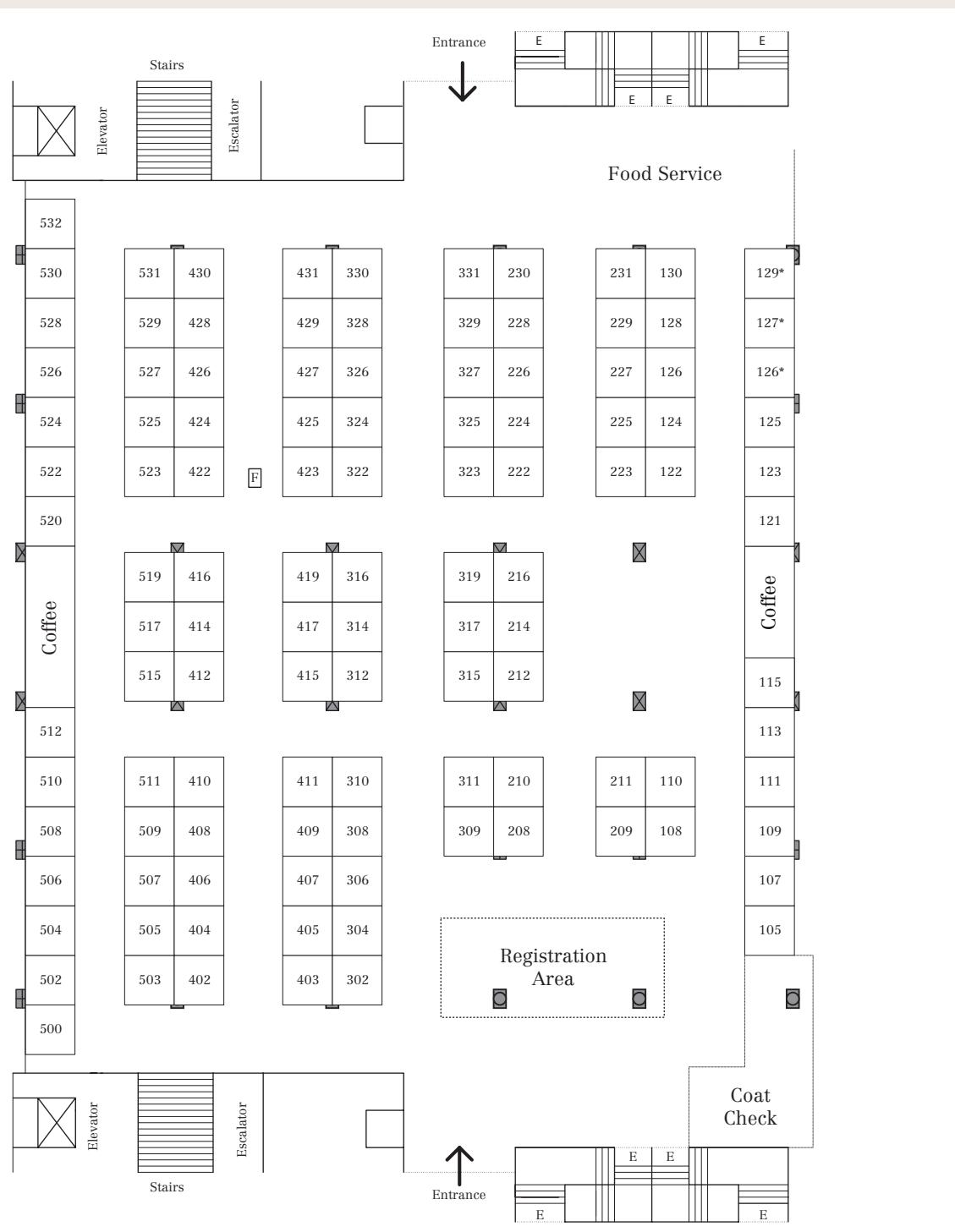
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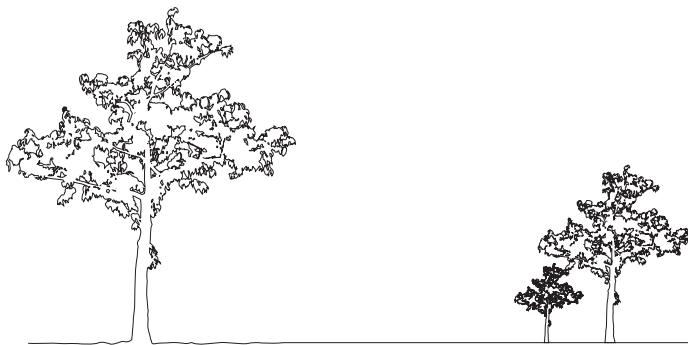
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Building health *from the ground up*

What communities are doing to address healthy living

By Betty Kozak, PHEc, Health Promotion Coordinator, Assiniboine RHA

When you look around your community, what do you see? Do you see families out taking advantage of walking paths or trails? Are there healthier or lighter food choices available at the rink canteen or the local restaurant? Are there kids of all ages and backgrounds playing pick-up hockey? Are there vegetables growing nicely in the community garden? Do people come together to cook meals and then take the food home for their families to enjoy?

How do you build health from the ground up and have a community that supports healthy living? How do you make the healthy choice the easy choice? The good news is that communities can create environments where healthy options are more readily available close to home. There are simple ways for communities to take collective action to support health; the most effective being to involve community groups in the planning and design for public spaces, and lifestyle options. By supporting community members to come together around an idea and work together to find a solution, the results are often both practical and "homegrown." Simple examples of supportive community

"The good news is that communities can create environments where healthy options are more readily available close to home."



Above: A student follows the clues as part of a CDPI event on the Langford trail.

action are: providing clear and smooth walking trails, linking existing walking paths, clearing outdoor skating spaces, offering free garden space, and having healthier food choices at the rink. When a community decides that they can build health from the ground up, they can influence people to look at their own personal health practices and make positive changes by eating healthier, being more active, finding ways to reduce stress and lead a tobacco free lifestyle.

Did you know that there are 11 communities in the Assiniboine Regional Health Authority looking at ways to support community wellbeing and the lifestyle issues?

Each of the following communities is involved in the Chronic Disease Prevention Initiative (CDPI): Shoal Lake, Erickson, Keeseekoowenin, Killarney, Minnedosa, Hamiota, Neepawa, Treherne, Rossburn, Virden and Waywayseecappo.



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This outdoor skating rink is part of Killarney's CDPI initiative.

What is CDPI?

CDPI is a collaborative initiative designed to prevent and manage chronic diseases such as diabetes, cancer and cardiovascular, kidney and respiratory disease, which are all major causes of illness, disability and death in Manitoba. The CDPI initiative is jointly funded by Manitoba Health/Healthy Living and the Public Health Agency of Canada and supported by the Assiniboine Regional Health Authority. Although the name of the project sounds like something you might find in a doctor's textbook, the initiative is about bringing community together to focus on the promotion and support of healthy lifestyle choices (e.g., healthy eating, active living and tobacco reduction).

Some of the local project ideas that communities are working on across the Assiniboine region include:

- Supporting healthy choices for youth e.g. hot meals or veggie snacks at schools, or new ways to be active;
- Promoting healthy eating at local events and in community cafeteria settings;
- Finding ways to partner with other local groups to promote physical activity opportunities (e.g., community walking challenges);
- Improving access to fruit & vegetables through community gardens;
- Linking different age groups together to learn new skills e.g. intergenerational dancing and cooking classes; and
- Creating environments to support active living (e.g., walking trails and skating ovals).

The work accomplished through the community CDPI committees allows people to actively design, develop and implement projects that work in their own community and impact positively on people's health. Community input and participation are essential to the success of the CDPI community projects. The work that communities are doing through CDPI supports change and improves the overall health of people living in our region. For further information regarding the CDPI initiative in Assiniboine Regional Health Authority, call **Pam Walker**, Public Health Program Manager at (204) 483-6220, or Health Promotion Coordinators: **Betty Kozak** at (204) 476-7843, **Melody Kowalchuk** at (204) 328-6215, or **Sherrill-Lee Hyra** at (204) 328-7541. 

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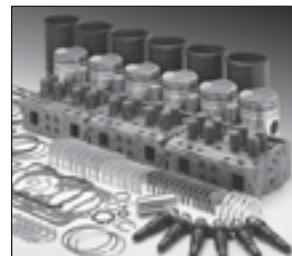
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Recently completed Benito Public Library.

Public LIBRARIES

AS VALUE-ADDED COMMUNITY ASSETS:
three Manitoba examples



by Jane Fudge,
Manitoba Library
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Ms. Fudge is a current
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In recent years, the Manitoba Library Trustees Association (MLTA) has worked to refresh itself as an organization, including undertaking a review of the overall delivery of public library service in Manitoba alongside the Provincial Government's library review process. The MLTA found that more than two thirds of local funders and municipal leaders in Manitoba recognize the increasing public demand for libraries as information providers through steady increases to annual operating funding.¹ In particular, this article highlights three Manitoba communities that are making progress in library service delivery and have recently opened enhanced public libraries.

The smallest of these projects is Bibliothèque Père Champagne in Notre Dame de Lourdes. Relocated in the new wellness centre (*Centre Albert-Galliot*) the new library serves a population of about 1,200.

Librarian **Gisele Theroux** said, "We have been in our new location 14 months, gaining 48 new patrons. Being under the same roof as a medical clinic, pharmacy, physiotherapy clinic, chiropractor, and fitness centre has resulted in better traffic for the library. The added space in our new location has

allowed us to add two public computers with wireless access. Now we have improved wheelchair access, wider aisles, and more shelf space. We added an outside book deposit. Thanks to collaboration with the local high school, we have a student coming in to help daily, which allows us to remain open extended hours."

"We are very pleased with the open library concept," notes Board Chair **Diane Bazin**. "This open air concept was presented to the library committee during the early development stage of the *Centre Albert-Galliot*. **Dr. Denis Fortier**, a visionary of modern concepts, proposed including a library in the new wellness centre...and sharing common space with a public waiting room. The results speak for themselves. Our membership has grown by three or four people per month, every month since our opening in June 2007."

Chair Bazin added, "The challenge with our relocation has been finding innovative ways of extending our library hours. Everyone wants the library to remain open every day of the week, just like the wellness centre. For a small library that only has the funding to keep its library open 13 hours a week, this was and continues to be a problem! A



Bibliotheque Pere Champagne.



The new Winkler Public Library.

call for volunteers and a partnership with the local high school permitted us to open the library four days a week. Our summer hours were limited to 13 hours per week, but with the start of the school year and our renewed partnership with the high-school's Special Needs program, we will be open every day of the week. Finding ways to keep the library open longer is still a work-in-progress. If we could find the funding, our librarian would gladly work more hours."

"All in all, we are very happy with our move, our new library and the open concept, and thanks to our volunteers' and the Town Council's support, our clients are satisfied and our future looks bright," Diane concluded. The library just celebrated its 20th anniversary in May 2008.

Compare this project to the recently completed public library in Benito which is part of the North-West Regional Library system, and serves a population of over 7,000. The project was achieved with the help of \$164,000 in capital funding from the Building Manitoba Fund, the Community Places Program, and the Manitoba Community Services Fund.

Librarian **Gloria Stesenko** reports increases in gate count, memberships,

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usage of public access computers and information requests. The enhanced space includes an Archival Room as well a multi-purpose room which is available after library hours.

Chair of the North-West Regional Library Board, **Brian Burick**, stated that the new Benito Public Library was long overdue and has been well received by the whole community.

However, there are ongoing challenges in funding due to a shrinking

tax base. Local per capita operating funding has only increased by about \$10,000 since 2004 and Provincial operating funding has remained the same. Although there is certainly demand, long-term support for the library remains a concern.

In Winkler, the move to the new public library was done book by book thanks to a celebratory crowd of supporters, including many school children. The building uses a geothermal heat

source in addition to the traditional heat sources. The new library has wireless access in addition to public access computers. The new library is centrally located within walking distance of several schools and provides easy access for many senior citizens living downtown. The building also has a large room for historical documents belonging to the local heritage society. The large glass-walled foyer opens to a large meeting room that can be used for library purposes and outside groups.

Although the projects range widely in scale, all three examples depict community assets that added value and brought direct benefits for all ages in each community. Between 2004 and 2006, the demand for library services has grown throughout Manitoba. This is illustrated by gatecount statistics ranging from an increase of 700 in Notre Dame de Lourdes to 5,000 in Benito to 6,000 in Winkler. These expansions have also supported expanded collections through increases of approximately 4,000 items in Benito and 7,000 items in Notre Dame de Lourdes and Winkler.²

MLTA applauds the Public Library Trustees who spearheaded these successful projects. MLTA looks forward to assisting other municipalities who are facing the challenge of bringing improvements to public library service in their communities. There are currently seventeen municipalities in Manitoba either considering such projects or re-evaluating ways of meeting the growing demand for information access in public libraries while facing a shrinking tax base.

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ENDNOTES

1 Notre Dame de Lourdes – total revenue increase: \$15,000 since 2004; includes marginal increase to Provincial operating per capita support, \$12,556 Provincial capital funding; local operating support increase of approximately \$2 per capita from 2004 to 2007. South Central Library Board – total revenue increase: over \$43,000; includes increased Provincial per capita operating funding of approximately \$18,000 and local operating funding increasing by \$2 per capita since 2004.

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Involving the cyclists in the planning stage will encourage the use of the park/trail and help to reduce makeshift changes to the trail that often occur when the cyclists are not happy with the design.

Unauthorized changes experienced in some parks include such things as: holes dug in or beside the trail or after jumps, increasing the elevation or shape of jumps to extreme heights or the addition of makeshift ramps or other unsafe materials onto the trail. These changes

increase the risk factor and your potential to be held liable for injuries if not corrected promptly.

Once the design is completed, obtain agreement from the cyclists and parents that they will not make changes to the trail without approval from the municipality.

A review process should be planned once the trail has been completed and the cyclists have had a chance to try it out.

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It is important that there are no sudden drop-offs from the hills or trails where cyclists could be injured if they ran off the trail. Some trails are being set up to run through wooded areas so care needs to be taken to ensure that there are no obstacles (trees, rocks etc.) that cyclists could hit if they ran off the trails, especially after a hill or a jump.

Ensure that the trails are located far enough away from roadways or walkways that cyclists will not come in contact with

vehicles or pedestrians even if they accidentally run off the trail.

PARK INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE

It is very important that the park, trail, approaches etc. are inspected at least weekly to remove debris, repair any damage and to ensure that there are no unusual hazards (holes, jumps, ramps or other material) that were not part of the original design.

If possible, get the parents and the cyclists involved with monitoring and maintaining the park/trail to ensure that the park/trail remain safe for all users. At the very least, get them to agree to notify the municipality when they notice problems.

Any problem areas noted should be repaired immediately or the park/trail should be shut down until repairs can be made.

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A phone number should be provided to report any problems or concerns about the park/trail use or maintenance.

GUIDELINES

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LOVE ME, TENDERER — municipalities, tendering and the law

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Municipalities and other public bodies are often involved in projects or purchasing in which the contract is put out for tender. The tendering process helps to ensure that contracts are awarded to qualified suppliers, on the most advantageous terms (financial and otherwise) for the municipality and without improper political or personal preference. From the bidder's perspective, it offers a fair opportunity to secure a contract by submitting the best qualified bid.

The courts get involved when the process goes awry. Sometimes low bidders believe that their bids are rejected for improper reasons. Sometimes higher bidders believe that the low bid that was accepted should have been rejected as ineligible. Contractors can, and often do, sue municipalities. Their claims are for the lost profits that they would have earned from the job had it been properly awarded. Those can be big numbers, and municipal liability insurance may not cover the loss.

The courts have been very active in supporting the integrity of the tendering process. Courts have held that a call for tenders creates a legal, contractual obligation on the municipality, in favour of all of the bidders, to award the contract only in accordance with the terms of the tender. (The courts call this "Contract A." The contract that is then awarded to the successful bidder is "Contract B.") After all, bidders may spend thousands of dollars in time and resources in preparing a bid, and they deserve to be treated fairly. If bidders lose faith in the tendering system, what alternatives will a municipality have to make sure that it is getting the best contract?

Public bodies have a duty to act in good faith in the tendering process. Courts have held this duty to include:

- Making the bid evaluation criteria available to all bidders;

- Giving each bidder a fair opportunity to bid;
- Evaluating the bids using only the criteria set out in the invitation to tender; and
- Rejecting all non-compliant bids.

Courts have rejected "bid shopping." Bid shopping occurs when a municipality opens the bids and then uses them to "negotiate" by approaching bidders with the information and trying to get them to lower their bids. This violates Contract A and the duty of good faith.

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Tendering lawsuits can be very expensive and complicated.

The 2007 Supreme Court case of *Double N Earthmovers Ltd. v. Edmonton*, the City of Edmonton dealt with a contract to provide earthmoving equipment and operators. Double N and Sureway were two bidders. The call for tenders required that all equipment was to be 1980 model year or newer and was to be fully described, with serial numbers listed. Before the contract

was awarded, Double N told Edmonton that one Cat listed by Sureway as a 1980 model was actually a 1979 model. For another piece, Sureway listed a 1977 unit "or 1980 Rental Unit," without a serial number for the rental unit.

After its bid was identified as low bid the City approached Sureway and said that Sureway would "probably" get the contract if it could lower its price on one piece of equipment, which it agreed to do. Double N was also approached to reduce its price on the same type of equipment. Edmonton awarded the contract to Sureway. By the time the contract was performed, Sureway had acquired use of 1980 equipment, but over the 30-month contract it also used other, older equipment on the job.

Double N, as next lowest bidder, sued Edmonton. Double N said that Sureway's bid should have been rejected because Edmonton was told that Sureway did not have the equipment and because Sureway did not include all equipment serial numbers. Double N also said that by agreeing to changes to the contract with Sureway, Edmonton was bid shopping.

In a split decision, the Court dismissed Double N's claim. It held that Sureway submitted a bid that complied with the call for tenders. In the bid Sureway promised to supply 1980 model or newer equipment. Once Edmonton accepted the bid, Sureway was legally bound to comply with the terms of the bid if Edmonton insisted. Edmonton was not under any duty to investigate the accuracy of the bid.

The tender package (in what is usually referred to as the "privilege clause") allowed the City to "waive any informality." The Court said that the failure to include the equipment serial number was just the type of bid defect that could be waived by the City. The lack of a serial number was not something that was material to

the performance of the contract or to the price.

It also held that the Edmonton was not bid shopping when it approached Sureway to lower its price. The tender package included a condition that "Changes in Tenders will not be permitted after the Tenders have been opened unless negotiated with the lowest evaluated Tenderer." Under that term, Edmonton was permitted to negotiate with the low bidder, which was Sureway. (I suspect that had Edmonton selected another bid after these "negotiations," the court's view might have been very different.)

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE LESSONS?

1. Be very careful when preparing the call for tenders. Consider developing a standard document (but make sure that it fits the job before using it). Extra time up front avoids costly headaches later.
2. Pay special attention to the privilege clause. If the municipality intends to exercise discretion in selecting a bidder other than the lowest bidder, then set out the criteria that will be used. Do not rely on just "the lowest or any bid may not necessarily be accepted."
3. Reject all non-compliant bids unless

the call for tenders allows you to do otherwise. This may be hard to swallow when it means disqualifying the lowest bidder(s), but everyone needs to play by the same rules and it may save you a law suit.

4. Be very careful when considering waiving informality or non-compliance, even when you are allowed to do so.
5. Don't bid shop.
6. Get advice from your municipal solicitor or another lawyer with tendering or construction law experience.

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Central



Reeve Toby Trimble, RM of Portage la Prairie, and Mayor Ken Brennan, City of Portage la Prairie



Delegates vote on a resolution



City of Portage la Prairie Councillor Dave Quinn speaks to a resolution

Eastern



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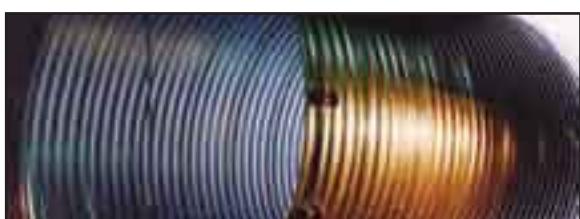
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Councillor Diane Woychyshyn, RM of Armstrong, Councillor Robbie Thorsteinson, Town of Arborg, and Minister Steve Ashton, Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs



Officials from the Town of Arborg



Students from Eriksdale School perform O' Canada

Midwestern



RM of Westbourne Councillor Arnold Coutts and Reeve David Single chat between presentations.



Town of Birtle Deputy Mayor Dwight Stewart gives opening remarks



Students from the Birtle Elementary School Choir followed up their performance of O' Canada with a dance routine



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Northern



The Northern District Resolutions Committee – Councillor Conrad Ziehlke, RM of Kelsey, Councillor Cory Young, City of Thompson, and Dave Kennedy, City of Flin Flon



Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs Steve Ashton addresses the crowd



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Delegates listen attentively



President Bell and Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives Rosann Wowchuk



St. Andrews Junior Choir (with Phyllis Friesen) perform O' Canada

Western



CAOs Dennis Higginson, Town of Rivers, and Don Stephenson, RM of Wallace



Reeve Wayne Drummond, RM of Cameron, reads a resolution



President Bell shows off his winnings!



Mayor Bruce Dunning, Town of Virden, gives his opening remarks

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