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We cannot fall ANY FURTHER BEHIND



Doug Dobrowolski, President

Isn't it great to usher in spring? Typically a time of renewal, warmer days, puddles (and sometimes, unfortunately, floods) spring is also the time for budgets.

Across Canada municipalities held their collective breath waiting for the federal budget to come down in early March. Fortunately, the feared spending cuts and offloading did not materialize. Leading up to the budget, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) called for the Federal Government to sustain its core commitments to cities and communities, and that is essentially what it did. The Gas Tax Fund, the GST rebate and the existing social housing programs will continue, even as the government begins its long term plan to balance its books.

Given the fiscal situation, it comes as no surprise that there is little stimulus funding still available for access by municipal projects – virtually every dollar has been committed, and in many cases projects have begun. Our hope in the coming year is for Ottawa to continue to partner with provinces and territories to monitor stimulus projects, identify regional challenges, and show flexibility where delays are caused by factors outside of municipal control. The Federal Government stood by municipalities with Budget 2010, and we join FCM in urging it to continue to do so.

It should come as no surprise that provincially, too, our "wish list" is on the short side. Gone are the days of big "asks" – at least temporarily. We expect a tough budget and hopefully, a fair budget. We are taking a realistic approach in that we expect existing programs to be maintained and protected. That is not to say we are looking for nothing new at all, simply that we are looking for movement on smaller, more achievable items.

For example, an issue of great importance to many of our municipalities is the cost of using fire personnel to do traffic control at motor vehicle accident scenes. Too often untrained fire personnel are

being asked to do traffic control as RCMP have other priorities. Municipalities understand this and while traffic control is ultimately the responsibility of the RCMP, local fire departments are willing to provide this service. However municipal fire departments should be trained and compensated for their time. To that end we asked the Province to provide funding to municipal fire departments to offset the cost of providing traffic control at accident scenes, and we also asked for training to be made available to municipal fire departments.

While this is just one example, it perfectly illustrates how a download situation is born – an expectation is created, municipalities rise to the challenge, and ultimately end up providing a service that was never their responsibility to begin with.

Naturally, we expect some movement on the sewage ejector issue as well – that is one that requires no explanation. And, as with the federal budget, we must not see any erosion of our current programs. In times of fiscal rebuilding, everyone understands the need for restraint. However, there is an equal need to maintain and protect what we already have. We simply cannot fall any further behind.

Our budget submissions for 2010, both federal and provincial, are available on our website at http://www.amm.mb.ca/pol_budgets.html.

With that, our year is well under way and our work certainly appears to be cut out for us! I am thankful for the many opportunities I have already had to meet with our members, including our recent round of Mayors, Reeves and CAOs meetings. These meetings continue to be an excellent way for the AMM to feel the pulse of our membership and hear the issues facing our community leaders. I look forward to our next opportunity to meet – at MOS in Brandon. See you there.

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Voicing differing OPINIONS IS HEALTHY



Joe Masi, Executive Director

By the time you read this we will have wrapped up our annual series of Mayors, Reeves and CAOs meetings which ran from March 15-23, 2009. These meetings represent the first opportunity of the year for the AMM Executive to update our members on issues of importance, and update you we did. Your Executive covered almost two dozen of our most pressing issues during the seven meetings, including the Onsite Wastewater Management System Regulation, provincial land use policies, economic development, housing, recycling, health care, rural childcare, policing, drainage, and more.

The meetings also gave us an opportunity to fill you in on some newer issues that have come up, things like the need for equal rights for municipal officials while in council meetings and our work on the women in government resolution.

We also provided timely updates on federal infrastructure funding and gas tax, two items – thankfully – not clawed back in the recent federal budget. Furthermore, we filled you in on our priority issue for 2010 – the core challenges of municipalities.

Most importantly, the Mayors, Reeves and CAOs meetings are an opportunity for you to ask questions and generate discussion on issues of concern. The issue of holding the annual convention in Winnipeg on a regular basis certainly generated a great deal of discussion at some meetings, less at others. Our members expressed both agreement and dissention on the subject, and differences of opinion continue to be voiced. To me, this is not a negative but a positive - you will not agree all the time on what is best for your association and members, but you will always have the opportunity to express your opinions and hear those of your peers. This is why Mayors, Reeves and CAOs meetings are so important, why all AMM gatherings are so important, in fact – so that our members may hear each other's point of view. This

is also why it is essential that every AMM member has an equal opportunity to attend these events.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Mayors, Reeves and CAOs meetings, and thank you to this year's hosts – the RM of Grandview and Town of Grandview (Parkland), RM of Hamiota and Town of Hamiota (Midwestern), RM of Pipestone (Western), RM of South Norfolk and Town of Treherne (Central), RM of West St. Paul (Interlake), Town of Churchill (Northern), and RM of Springfield (Eastern). Your hospitality was outstanding.

We now turn our attention to our next big event, the Municipal Officials Seminar and MTCML Trade Show at the Keystone Centre in Brandon on April 14 and 15. As always, we expect approximately 700 municipal elected officials and staff to attend and take advantage of our wide selection of policy and professional development workshops and plenary sessions. The MTCML Trade Show is THE largest municipal trade show event in Manitoba, with a wide range of displayers taking part this year. From 4:00 to 7:00 pm, come and have some fun at the annual Wine and Cheese reception that caps off the Trade Show. It is always a great time and there are lots of prizes to be won.

We've included a sneak preview of the entire event in this issue. I look forward to seeing you at MOS! ▶



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IN Brief

MANITOBA'S WINTER WONDERS

Are you feeling bored and restless?

There may be a winter festival in your area!

Each winter the town of The Pas and surrounding area is home to the Northern Manitoba Trappers' Festival. Dogsled racing, chainsaw and dance contests are just a few of the activities to take in. Festival du Voyageur, another major winter festival held in Winnipeg, celebrates the joie de vivre of the fur traders! For detailed information you may go to www.trappersfestival.com or www.festivalvoyageur. mb.ca

Many smaller communities also receive support from the Department of Culture, Heritage and Tourism through the Community Festivals Support Program. Perhaps one of the following winter celebrations is near you:

- Brochet Caribou Festival
- Cormorant Métis Days
- · Leaf Rapids Winter Carnival
- · Lockport Children's Festival
- · Grand Marais Family Festival
- Lundar Winter Carnival
- Canadian Power Toboggan Championships in Beausejour
- · Festival Manipogo in St. Laurent
- · Beaver Days in Falcon Lake
- Aurora Winterfest in Churchill
- Lieutenant-Governor's Westman Regional Winter Festival

The Community Festivals Support Program is accepting applications for 2010 northern and rural Manitoba summer festivals until April 1. For detailed information go to www.gov.mb.ca/chc/recreation/community festivals.html

TOUR OF NORTHERN MANITOBA

In early January, the Honourable **Kerri Irvin-Ross**, Minister of Housing and Community Development, along with local MLAs, toured the northern communities of Thompson, Churchill, Cross Lake and South Indian Lake to listen and share views on the housing situation in northern Manitoba. The objective of this tour was to gain insight into creating safe and better housing for Manitoba's northern communities.

Minister Irvin-Ross also took the time to tour the University College of the North campus, as the province has committed \$6.5 million for the construction of 24 family housing units. Eight priority areas for northern Manitoba and urban Aboriginals will receive \$327 million through the HOME-Works! Initiative, a two year plan from the provincial and federal governments.

NEW RECREATION CENTRE FOR RIVERS

The town of Rivers will soon be home to a new multi-use community complex, Riverdale Community Centre, thanks to the Recreational Infrastructure Canada (RInC) program, through Canada's Economic Action Plan. The Province and RInC program will each contribute \$800,000.

Construction of the Riverdale Community Centre will generate economic growth and job creation. The building will also meet the Canadian Green Building Council Requirements of Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver Certification.

The RInC program will invest \$500 million in recreational facilities across Canada over a two-year period. Western Economic Diversification Canada (WD) is delivering the program in the four western provinces.

FLOURISHING MINING INDUSTRY

Manitoba is tops in Canada for competitive mining taxes, is in the top ten worldwide for mineral policies in mining investment, and its geological database is ranked as one of the best worldwide. Through the 2009 Mineral Exploration Assistance Program (MEAP) the Province has committed \$1.4 million for 25 new exploration projects as announced by the Honourable **Dave Chomiak**, Minister of Innovation, Energy and Mines.

The MEAP's first level of assistance covers up to 25 percent of approved eligible expenses to a maximum of \$300,000. Lynn Lake, Leaf Rapids, Snow Lake and other northern areas qualify for the higher level of assistance which covers up to 35 per cent of approved eligible expenses to a maximum of \$400,000.

Economic development and job creation in northern Manitoba has increased as a result of the MEAP funding to the HudBay and Garson Gold mining projects. MEAP has also increased exploration in Manitoba. For a map of MEAP projects go to www.gov.mb.ca/stem/mrd/busdev/incentives/index.html

PARENT-CHILD CENTRES FOR THREE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

The Province will provide funding of \$195,000 for three new community schools and \$60,000 to incorporate parent-child centres into the schools, Education Minister **Nancy Allan** and Aboriginal and Northern Affairs Minister **Eric Robinson**, the Minister responsible for Aboriginal education, announced in late January.

The community schools concept began with a pilot project in 2004 at Wapanohk-Eastwood Community School in Thompson and today there are 25 community schools across the province. The new community schools that will incorporate parent-child centres under this pilot project are Ruth Betts School in Flin Flon School Division, the Grand Rapids School in the Frontier School Division and Shaughnessy Park School in the Winnipeg School Division.

Community schools provide support in parenting and literacy skills, while students learn valuable information regarding nutrition and family values. The long-term goal for community schools is to see an increase in graduations and strong, successful students prepared to face the real world. Each community school is unique in how to best serve the families in its area.

ICE-JAM PREVENTION

Workers are hard at work on the Red River with two new Bobcat remote-controlled ice cutting machines and three improved amphibious ice cutters to help in the prevention of ice-jams. Ground-penetrating radar and satellite imagery is being used to determine ice thickness and to develop a model to predict where and when ice jams may occur.

The two new Bobcat remote controlled ice-cutting machines are equipped with GPS tracking devices to help in preventing ice jams on the Red River and other ice-jam-prone rivers. The Bobcats have the capacity to measure the thickness of the ice, record locations, times and ice-cutting functions. By doing so, this allows the preparation of the mapping of progress and analyzing of the ice-cutting program.

The improved amphibious ice cutters are also equipped with GPS tracking devices that will record locations, times and ice cutting functions to map the progress and analyze the ice-cutting program.



The Province budgeted \$1 million for this year's ice-cutting and icebreaking program as announced by the Honourable **Christine Melnick**, Minister of Water Stewardship. Approximately 30 employees have been employed for ice cutting which began on the Red River at Netley Creek and will go as far south as the Selkirk Bridge. Other Manitoba rivers that are prone to ice jams will be considered later in spring.

NEW FAMILY CAMPGROUND FOR SUMMER OF 2011

Summertime fun for 2011 will be that much better! Construction is now underway on a new \$5 million family campground located at the south end of the Winnipeg Beach Provincial Park. The new campground, slated to open mid-summer 2011, is being developed thanks to \$5 million in funding, as recently announced by the Honourable **Bill Blaikie**, Minister of Conservation.

The new campground will feature 120 fully serviced campsites with the latest in energy efficiency and environmental technologies as well as accessible campsites for persons with disabilities. A campground office, three modern washroom/shower facilities and an expansion to the boardwalk will also be constructed. Plans for a multi-purpose pavilion and children's play area are also in the works.

FUNDING FOR MANITOBA'S BILINGUAL COMMUNITIES

Manitoba's bilingual communities are one step closer to building stronger economic development plans thanks to \$1,680,000 in federal and provincial funding. The Conseil de développement économique des municipalités bilingues du Manitoba (CDEM) received \$59,500 to provide workshops on entrepreneurship, cultural identity, sport, leadership and heritage for francophone youth.

Manitoba's francophone youth, through CDEM, will receive support in starting their own business and developing entrepreneurial skills. Also, the francophone youth will have the opportunity to hone their leadership skills, cultural and language skills and interests.



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WIND power woes

In the Summer 2009 issue of *Municipal* Leader, we profiled a municipality taking great strides in the use of green energy. The RM of Morris already had a new public service garage using geothermal heating and cooling. The new building offered a perfect opportunity to take this green outlook one step further by using vertical axis wind

turbines to fully power the geothermal system. Working with Global Wind Group based in Winnipeg, and sharing the cost of the project with Manitoba Conservation's Sustainable Development Innovations Fund (SDIF), the RM of Morris public service garage in Rosenort became the first building in Canada to have multiple roof-mounted wind turbines.

Each of the three vertical axis wind turbines was designed to generate 1.2 kW and be mounted on the rooftop, eliminating the cost of a pole. However, the municipality and Global Wind Group were forced to re-think the project after some unexpected problems. While the turbines produce energy as promised, on windy days they also roar like an airport and cause the building and its contents to vibrate.

The problem was likely caused by the building's corrugated tin roof picking up the vibrations from the wind turbines and amplifying them. The building's large size (80 x 220 feet) and construction (wood covered by metal, with no teleposts supporting it) further amplified the noise, in effect causing it to act like a speaker box.

Global Wind Group admits the roofmounted turbines would work better on a flat-roofed building, but believes this is just the first generation and small vertical-axis turbines have a future. In the meantime, the RM will revert to pole-mounted turbines and still reap the energy-saving benefits. While the turbines are disconnected at this time, the RM plans to install them in spring once the ground thaws, at the suppliers cost.



Editor's note: The Winter, 2010 issue of The Municipal Leader contained an error on p. 16. In the photo caption, vice-presidents Shirley Kalyniuk and Roger Wilson were identified incorrectly. Kalyniuk is the Urban Vice-President and Wilson is the Rural Vice-President. We regret the error.





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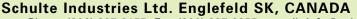
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ELECTION 2010

CANDIDATES CHECKLIST

Manitoba municipal elections are held every four years, on the fourth Wednesday in October. The next general municipal election will be held on Wednesday, October 27, 2010.

The RM of Victoria Beach, the Town of Winnipeg Beach, and the Village of Dunnottar hold elections every four years on the fourth Friday in July. In 2010, Election Day is Friday, July 23.

Whether you are planning on running for re-election in your municipality or considering running for the first time, there is a great deal of information available to help you. The best source of information is on the Province of Manitoba's website through Manitoba Local Government. Their resources include a comprehensive Frequently Asked Questions section, a Municipal Candidate's Guidebook, information about campaign financing, and much more.

The following checklist is from the Municipal Candidate's Guidebook – *Municipal Elections 2010.*

BECOMING A CANDIDATE

- Ensure you are qualified to run. You must be:
 - a Canadian citizen
 - at least 18 years of age on Election Day
 - a voter in the municipality (you are a resident or own property for six months)
- Decide whether you are running for mayor/reeve or councillor.
- Know the name, office location and phone number of the Senior Election Official (SEO) and Chief Administrative Officer (CAO). You may need to contact them for information.
- Register with SEO. A sample form is included in the guide. Registration dates: For resort municipalities (Winnipeg Beach, Dunnottar, Victoria Beach):
 - February 1 June 17, 2010 for mayor/reeve
 - March 31 June 17, 2010 for councillor

For all other municipalities:

- May 1 Sept 21, 2010 for mayor/reeve
- June 30 Sept 21, 2010 for councillor
- Obtain a copy of the voters list from the SEO for campaigning, after you are registered.
- File nomination papers with SEO. A sample form is included in this guide:
 - File your nomination papers on time:
 - Winnipeg Beach, Dunnottar, Victoria Beach: June 11-17, 2010
 - All other municipalities: Sept. 15-21, 2010
 - Ensure nomination papers have correct information (name, contact information, office for which you are running).
 - Ensure you have the required number of eligible voters sign your papers.
- Appoint persons if desired to act as your official agent and scrutineers and file the appointments with the SEO.

WHILE YOU ARE CAMPAIGNING

- Open a campaign account at a bank, credit union, caisse populaire, etc. if you intend to accept monetary contributions.
- Know the restrictions on who can make contributions:
 - Only residents of Manitoba are allowed to make donations.
 - Contributions from unions, corporate and anonymous donations are prohibited.
- Know the maximum contribution amount. Individuals (including candidates and their spouses) can each contribute up to:
 - \$1,500 to a candidate for mayor/ reeve or a councillor elected at-large
- \$750 to a councillor elected by ward
- Know the portion of fundraising

KEY DATES

RESORT COMMUNITIES – WINNIPEG BEACH, DUNNOTTAR AND VICTORIA BEACH

Candidate Registration

Mayors/Reeves – February 1, 2010 to June 17, 2010 Councillors - March 31, 2010 to June 17, 2010

Nomination

June 11, 2010 to June 17, 2010

Campaign Period

Mayors/Reeves - February 1, 2010 to Dec. 31, 2010

Councillors - March 31, 2010 to Dec. 31, 2010

Withdrawal Deadline

June 18, 2010

Election Day - July 23, 2010

Filing of Election Finance Statements

Deadline determined by municipalities but no later than 210 days (Feb. 18, 2011) after the election.

ALL OTHER MUNICIPALITIES

Candidate Registration

Mayors/Reeves - May 1, 2010 to September 21, 2010 Councillors - June 30, 2010 to September 21, 2010

Nomination

September 15, 2010 to September. 21, 2010

Campaign Period

Mayors/Reeves - May 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011 Councillors - June 30, 2010 to March 31, 2011

Withdrawal Deadline

September 22, 2010

Election Day - October 27, 2010

Filing of Election Finance Statements

Deadline determined by municipalities but no later than 210 days (May 25, 2011) after the election.





revenue considered as a contribution. Check with the CAO.

- Know rules about loans if you intend to borrow money for your campaign.
 Loans may only be from a financial institution and there are restrictions on how it should be repaid.
- Record all contributions and expenses and where possible retain receipts. This information will be used to file your Election Finance Statement and must be kept for at least two years.
- Confirm your campaign expense limit.
 Check with the CAO to determine how much you can spend. Some common expenses are gas for travel and food for campaign volunteers.
- Make sure you don't run a campaign deficit. Your expenses should not exceed your contributions.
- Know alternative voting opportunities (sealed envelope voting, advance polls, mobile polls).

ON ELECTION DAY

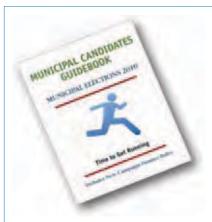
- Know restrictions about political activities at voting places on Election Day and rules about signage.
- Familiarize yourself with the qualifications of voters.
- Remind scrutineers to bring a copy of their appointment form to present to the voting official on Election Day.

AFTER THE ELECTION

- File an Election Finance Statement with the CAO of your municipality. This is a record of all your expenses and contributions. Donors who give more than \$250 must be identified. Check with your municipality for the deadline.
- Failure to file an Election Finance Statement can result in disqualification for an elected council member. Unelected candidates will not be allowed to run for council until after 2014 if the deadline is missed.
- Turn over surplus contributions to the CAO.

IMPORTANT LINKS:

Manitoba Local Government http://www.gov.mb.ca/ia/index.html AMM website http://www.amm.mb.ca/ election 2010.html



The "Municipal Candidate's Guidebook" may be downloaded from the Manitoba Local Government website at:

http://www.gov.mb.ca/ia/index.html.

CALLING ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS

What are your plans for the upcoming municipal election? Whether you are planning to run again, stepping down, or undecided, we'd like to hear from you.

In the Summer 2010 issue of *Municipal Leader* we'd like to salute some of Manitoba's municipal leaders and ask a few questions, such as:

- What have you enjoyed most about being on council?
- What do you consider your greatest accomplishment?
- What advice would you give to potential candidates?

Please share your thoughts with us – your experience and wisdom is invaluable. Contact:

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I look forward to hearing from you!





The Ethical Moment and Effective SELF-MANAGEMENT – A SESSION RECAP



By Donna Belbin, AMM Events Coordinator

Our appointment-packed

schedules often present a workout of self-management skills. Occasionally, situations may arise that challenge your integrity, values and ethics. AMM's February 5 Education Session brought Cec Hanec of Cec Hanec and Associates to Portage la Prairie to address these two issues plus motivate, educate and bring self-awareness to an enthusiastic group of participants.

Prior to the session, participants completed an online survey that generated two personalized reports. The first determined work style and addressed "how" each person completes tasks. The second report identified personal values and revealed "why" each person does what they do. The outcomes on both reports were very detailed and dramatically, and very accurately, illustrated each participant's characteristics, attitudes and approaches.

The goal of the 'Effective Self-Management' portion of the session was to assist in formulating strategies to better manage time. The best way to achieve the most of your time is to make a plan to prioritize and complete tasks in order to achieve the desired outcomes within allotted time-frames.

In addition to looking at everyone's general characteristics, the group took time to point out time-wasters and with a group exercise, identified some strategies to minimize or even eliminate them. From visualizing, setting goals and leaving time for the unexpected to being willing to adapt, not sweating the small stuff and even being physically active, the participants came up with a long list of suggestions. Ideas to beat procrastination and organizing one's work space and paperwork provided some action plans for participants.

Cec noted that when it comes to multiple demands and priorities, your

goal should be to find balance and blend. Whether it is the schedule of your work day, your personal time or your environment, if you add, you have to learn to remove.

The second portion of the session, 'The Ethical Moment,' focused on the importance of being personally ready and identified proactive steps to take when faced with a challenge to your values. On a fairly frequent basis, most people experience differences of opinion, ethical dilemmas and value conflicts between themselves and others.

Key psychological skills such as mental toughness, ability to visualize, relax, and source energy, and to effectively manage time and relationships all produce advantages. These include being prepared to handle ethical decisions, performing well under pressure, improving response time in demanding situations, being



AMM Education Sessions are hands-on and interactive



Workshop Leader, Cec Hanec, chats with participant Jacques Trudeau, Councillor, RM of Taché



effective in any situation and surviving, and enjoying, life's daily challenges.

The individual profile reports for this section measured workplace motivators and the relative prominence of the six basic interests or values:

- · theoretical
- utilitarian/economic
- · aesthetic
- social/altruistic
- individualistic/political
- traditional/regulatory

These values in turn identify the drive for knowledge, money, form and harmony, helpfulness, power and order. The values in which each participant ranked high indicated where they are most passionate, and uncovered the strengths that make each person unique within an organization.

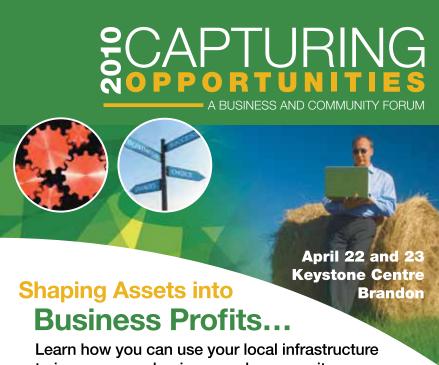
Cec provided the participants with a template of a Personal Strategic Action Plan. The interactive plan was designed to help individuals move from where they currently are to where they want or need to go. By recognizing goals such as career performance, developing people skills and personal activities, participants could track progress within timelines and identify where motivation could be improved.

> Don't be a Snapdragon. That's when half of you is snapped and the other half of you is draggin'. - Cec Hanec

Although presented in two parts, it was clear the individual profile reports and the examination of self-management and being prepared ethically went hand in hand.

Cec also encouraged participants to add "increasing your knowledge of other cultures" to their personal Action Plan. What better way for any municipal official to implement this action than to register

and attend the next AMM Education Session "Responding to Canadian Cultural Diversity: Building Bridges across Cultures"? The session will be led by Priti Shah of PRAXIS Conflict Consulting and takes place on Friday, March 26 at the Canad Inns Polo Park. Don't delay - session details and registration is available online at the AMM website at www.amm.mb.ca.



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UPDATE from the Policy Dept.

Strategic PLAN 2010 - OUR TOP ISSUES



By Tyler MacAfee, AMM Director of Policy & Communications

Again this year the AMM Board of Directors met in early January to set a vision for the coming year and follow up on the previous year's plan. While the deliberations ran the gamut of topics, one of the most important discussions every year is where to focus our lobbying efforts. Here are the top issues for 2010 as identified by the AMM Board:

INFRASTRUCTURE DEFICIT

To no one's surprise the Board identified the infrastructure challenges facing communities in Manitoba as one of the top issues. AMM has estimated the municipal infrastructure deficit in our province to be in excess of \$11 billion, or just over \$10,000 per Manitoban. This is an alarming number and one that municipalities will never be able to tackle on their own. Taking on this issue in a serious way will require all three orders of government to work together.

DOWNLOADING AND UNFUNDED MANDATES

Another top issue is the ever increasing responsibility of municipalities. Sometimes it is a clear downloading of responsibilities and other times it is expanding the mandate of municipal governments without any new revenue to offset it. It was clear from the work already done in 2009, including the survey of the AMM membership, that this is a critical issue for municipalities.

Every year we see municipalities taking on added responsibilities, most often because no one else is doing it. We have seen municipalities pay to recruit doctors to their community to keep the hospital open, or pay a share of provincial road construction to bump their projects up the provincial priority list. These are clearly not municipal responsibilities, but if no one else is willing

to do it citizens turn to their municipal councils to fill the void.

ALTERNATE REVENUES

So what is the solution? There is no doubt municipalities do not have the revenue they need to tackle all of the challenges they face. New revenue sources are needed. Over the last few years AMM members have helped set the direction by passing resolutions asking for a share of the provincial sales tax, an increase to VLT revenues, a rebate of the PST spent by municipalities similar to the GST, or even a share of the GST itself.

EDUCATION TAXATION ON PROPERTY

Closely related to the need for new revenue sources is the need to free up tax space on the main revenue source for municipalities – property tax. Right now education tax represents far too great a percentage of the property tax base, pressuring municipalities to hold the line or limit tax increases. Property taxation

is by far the largest single revenue source for municipalities, yet municipalities do not have access to the whole tax base and are too frequently being pushed out by education taxation. The reduction of education tax from property would certainly go a long way toward providing greater revenue options for municipalities.

There is no doubt 2010 will be a tough lobbying year as we have heard the message loud and clear from the Province that this will not be a good budget year. However, AMM is continuing to push forward on these issues and is including all of them in our annual meetings with Provincial ministers, along with respective departmental issues. These core challenges for municipalities will also form the basis for our discussions with the Premier as well as our Lobby Day meetings.

Copies of all AMM position papers are available at http://www.amm.mb.ca/pol provincial.html



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- The risk of WNV infection is highest during late June, July, August and early September.
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HOW DO I PROTECT AGAINST WNV?

- Reduce the time you spend outside between dusk and dawn.
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- · Get rid of standing water around your home.
- Make sure your door and window screens fit tightly and are free of holes.

For more information about WNV risk, visit our website at manitoba.ca. For questions about WNV health concerns, contact your doctor or call Health Links – Info Santé at 788-8200 (in Winnipeg); toll-free 1-888-315-9257.

"Chronic fatigue and bouts of depression – all from the bite of a mosquito. Please take the time to protect yourself and those you love." -Wayne, age 60 (Diagnosed with WNV in 2005)

"Mosquitos infected with West Nile virus can bite anyone – and that 'anyone' could be you! Take precautions to cut down the risk." - Rachel (Lost her 66-year-old father to WNV in 2007)

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HOME AWAY

CHARITABLE GROUP AIMS TO PROTECT THE COMFORTS OF HOME DURING

Manitobans are accustomed to traveling to Winnipeg for medical treatments when the situation requires specialized treatment; but what happens when the treatment involves an extended stay in the city? For some Manitobans, weeks or months of their time are spent living with friends or relatives; but for most, the extended stay involves hotels or rented accommodations. The disorientation of being away from home and family can be emotionally and physically draining – not to mention the financial impact.

To address this problem, a group of concerned Manitobans have undertaken a fundraising effort to build a residence for rural adult Manitobans requiring treatment while in Winnipeg. Founded by two oncology nurses, **Joanne Loughery** and **Patricia Benjaminson**, and a patient volunteer, **Greg Pilgrim**, the project is known as A Port in the Storm Inc. (APITS).

According to the trio, the "Port" will be a house – which will provide a safe, supportive, affordable, home-like environment and haven for people who are in the centre of a "Storm."

President of APITS, Joanne Loughery, often shares a story of inspiration that encouraged her and her partners to dedicate their time to establishing this charity:

A young single parent from rural Manitoba required a lengthy stay in Winnipeg to receive aggressive out-patient treatment for a life-threatening illness. As there were no family or friends living in Winnipeg, arrangements were made to rent a furnished apartment. The child was frightened by the parent's illness and missed her extended family and friends when in Winnipeg so the parent spent much time alone. During one conversation the young parent shared her dream: "The worst part of my cancer experience was staying in that expensive apartment all alone. If I had one wish I would want a house built in Winnipeg for people like me, similar to the Ronald McDonald House for children. I would call it my 'house of hope.'" Regrettably, this young patient did not live to accomplish this dream.

Joanne states, "I have been a nurse in the field of cancer for over 20 years.

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(L to R) Gary Hanna, Board member representing Whiteshell and East Beaches Region; Dale Smeltz, Steering/Fundraising Committee Chair; Darcy Kruger, Building Committee Chair; Ro-Jean Anstett, Campaign Director; and Kathy Hanna.



Dale Smeltz, Chair of the Steering / Fundrasing Committee and Joanne Loughery, President and Board Chair





FROM HOME

OVIDE MANITOBANS WITH IG MEDICAL STAY IN THE CITY

Receiving treatment for cancer or any life threatening illness is a very trying experience for patients and their families. It creates enormous physical, emotional, spiritual, and financial burdens. Over the years as an oncology nurse I have known this to be a very difficult problem for many patients and have heard many similar stories. I have cared for endless numbers of patients from rural Manitoba and housing is an enormous burden for them during this very stressful time."

APITS has adopted a mission statement to provide a safe, supportive, affordable, home-like environment and haven for people who are in the centre of a "Storm." Since the inception of the organization, like-minded volunteers have been working to move the project forward.

A 10-member board meets regularly to review the work of eight committees involving dozens of volunteers throughout the Province. Various groups throughout the province have developed fund-raising projects for APITS and now the Board is moving towards the launch of a public capital campaign. A Canada Mortgage & Housing Corporation grant was approved and awarded to assist with building and developmental plans. In addition, a Winnipeg Foundation grant was secured to assist with ongoing campaign costs. Currently, a building and operations committee is actively working with City of Winnipeg councillors on a donation of land in the city.

All of these signs of progress indicate that there is a strong body of public support for the project.

"We are hopeful that we can complete our capital campaign this year," says Loughery. "Then we can be talking about making our dreams a reality."

More information can be obtained by contacting A Port In The Storm's offices, 161 Rue Grandin in Winnipeg or by checking their website www.aportinthestorm.ca. ▶





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Last words (THOUGH WHETHER "OF WISDOM" REMAINS TO BE SEEN)



Ernie Epp, President, MMAA

It's the beginning of March when I'm writing this, and in a few weeks the privilege of representing MMAA as its President will belong to someone else. In fact, by the time you receive this article it may be down to a few days. So what final words do I have?

ON THE MANITOBA MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATORS ASSOCIATION

For many years MMAA has worked for the development of its members. It has been my privilege to continue with this and serve as its President for this two-year period. It is an experience that I encourage other MMAA members to consider and, like Morden's Council, for councils to support administrators in this venture.

ON THE ASSOCIATION OF MANITOBA MUNICIPALITIES

Whether or not we may agree with every direction AMM takes, the reality is without AMM, municipalities in Manitoba would be a lot worse off. Whether it's human nature or some other reason, it seems many find it easier to criticize when we don't agree. If we were to use the positive reinforcement philosophy instead and praised AMM for the things it is doing that we support, the message would be even stronger. Those serving would also have a much more positive perspective, along with greater energy to get those things done.

ON THE ALL-IMPORTANT HUMAN RESOURCES ISSUE

Municipalities will see an increasing challenge in recruiting and retaining good employees. Ours is an aging society. For employees, workplace condition expectations are continually increasing. Employees expect more and more to make a difference in what they do by being given responsibility, not by being micromanaged. The stack of Provincial

The public needs to know we all believe in what we do, and are working collectively to make it better and better.

regulations we're expected to know and adhere to continues to grow, with little end in sight. Some members of the public – at times actually supported by individuals on Council (a member of the employer's board of directors) - have a perspective that government employees are there to be verbally abused or worse. Over the past two years, I've heard too many stories from MMAA members about workplace situations that should be considered unacceptable. Councils that don't spend time addressing the workplace shouldn't be surprised they are regularly hiring new, inexperienced people who later end up leaving for the same reasons. (Editor's note: See the next issue of Municipal Leader for a Special Report on Human Resources.)

ON THE ANTICIPATED ADMINISTRATIVE WORK LOAD

Downloading is going to create even greater challenges for municipalities in the next few years. The Canadian economy is well below what it was a couple of years ago. The federal government has far less money available for spending. As a havenot province, Manitoba ends up in the same situation even though our economy hasn't been impacted as greatly. Whether by creating regulations or simply discontinuing funding programs, upper levels of government will be tempted to reduce costs by requiring or "allowing" municipalities to take on those costs. Each time this is done the strain on staff also grows.

ON MUNICIPAL ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The October municipal election will be an opportunity and a threat. Some council members have already decided not to run again. Others will run but won't get back in. In some cases, proven leaders will no longer be at the table. In other cases, new faces will present an opportunity to move municipalities forward. Unfortunately, it is possible singleissue candidates will get in, find out they are alone on that view, and spend the next four years disrupting democracy to the detriment of their municipality. Outlining roles and responsibilities right at the beginning of a new council, and even to potential candidates before the election, is a needed action.

ON THE PURPOSE OF IT ALL

Local government is a good thing. All of us need to be optimists, and promote our municipalities and organizations whenever we can. The public needs to know we all believe in what we do, and are working collectively to make it better and better. I look forward to being a part of this positive direction for the foreseeable future.





New Packaging and Printed Paper Stewardship Program

By Ken Friesen, Multi-Material Stewardship Manitoba

eginning April 1, Multi-Material Stewardship Manitoba (MMSM) will launch its new Packaging and Printed Paper Stewardship Program. So what's the same and what has changed since the MPSC program? This new program responds to Regulation 195/2008 under the Waste Reduction and Prevention (WRAP) Act. It strengthens support for Manitoba's multi-material recycling program and builds on the successful recycling program that has been available to Manitobans for many years now.

What is new?

For the past 15 years, the Manitoba Product Stewardship Corporation (MPSC) has provided recycling throughout the province. This new Regulation makes the "stewards" of packaging and printed paper

responsible for organizing and supporting a program to recover those materials as well as to reduce litter. Stewards are companies and people who are the brand owners, first importers or first sellers of packaging and printed paper in Manitoba. Any business that supplies, distributes, or sells packaged products or printed paper in Manitoba may be affected by the new provincial legislation and must register as product stewards and remit fees that are used to operate the program and cover up to 80% of the cost of municipal recycling programs in Manitoba.

Mandate -Multi-Material Stewardship Manitoba

Multi-Material Stewardship Manitoba (MMSM) is a steward responsibility organization (SRO) that was formed in 2006 in anticipation of the Packaging and Printed Paper Stewardship Regulation. MMSM developed and submitted a Program Plan as part of its obligation under the Regulation, and it is this plan that has been approved by the Minister of Conservation. The Board of Directors consists of steward representatives, most of who were involved in the development of the Program Plan. For more information, visit www. stewardshipmanitoba.org.

Stewardship programs in other jurisdictions

These types of broad based stewardship programs are achieving success in other Canadian jurisdictions; both Ontario and Quebec operate similar packaging and printed paper programs. There are now over 50 stewardship programs across Canada. While the models and programs

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are not uniform across Canada or in Europe, the consistent thing among them is the intention to shift the burden of managing end-of-life products and packaging from taxpayers to producers and consumers.

How will this program affect Manitoba municipalities?

In the short term MMSM has decided to maintain the current funding rates for each population group (as shown in the table below) and will continue to pay municipal support claims for all recycled material recovered from local recycling programs. Remember that to be paid each municipality must send to MPSC its support claims for material collected to the end of March 31, 2010. MMSM will start paying municipal support claims for material recovered as of April 1, 2010 following a similar structure presently in place with MPSC. Old Corrugated Cardboard (OCC) payments will also follow the current MPSC process and be paid at a designated time using the same cap percent limits.

Payment rate per tonne for April 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010

\$213
\$162
\$138
\$132
\$108

What's next?

For 2011, MMSM will implement several changes. MMSM has adopted a calendar year as its fiscal year to match up with municipalities and the reporting periods and payment schedules will change. All of the changes will be discussed within the Municipal Industry Advisory Committee (currently being formed) prior to MMSM Board decisions. For 2011, MMSM will enter into contracts with municipalities thereby formalizing the payment arrangements. Most significantly, however, is that MMSM, like MPSC, is mandated by Regulation to provide up to 80% of the net cost of efficient and effective recycling programs.

MMSM will also establish a Continuous Improvement Program that will be funded one-third by industry, one-third by the Province, and one-third by municipalities. This program will make strategic

investments to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of recycling in Manitoba.

Further information regarding promotion and education, school and postsecondary recycling program funding, and plastic bag reduction programs will also be made available in the next short while.

MMSM will send detailed information to all municipalities shortly. For questions or further information, we encourage municipal

representatives to contact MMSM at municipalservices@stewardshipmanitoba.org.

Building on the growth and success of the MPSC program, MMSM will ensure that packaging and printed paper "Blue Box" recycling programs are sustainable into the future. We look forward to our partnership with municipalities to support Manitoba recycling and contribute to the environmental protection of this province.

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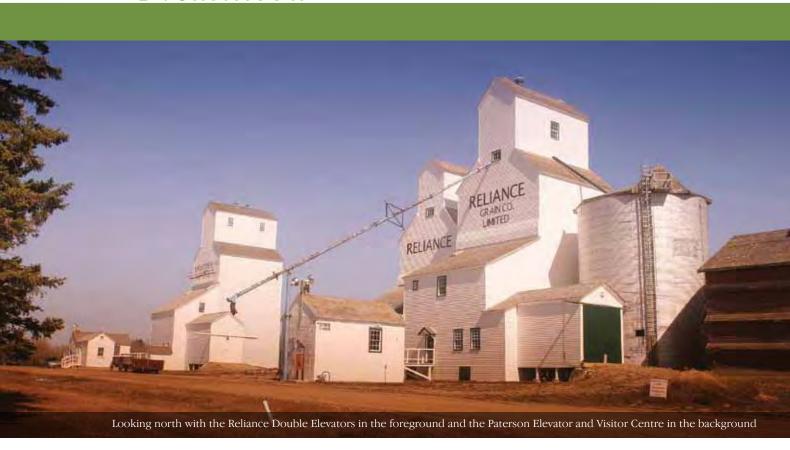


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INGLIS GRAIN ELEVATORS National Historic Site

While standard wooden grain elevators are rapidly disappearing from the Prairies, the Inglis Grain Elevators are enjoying a new lease on life. Located in the picturesque village of Inglis in Manitoba's Parkland, restoration of these five 'Prairie Giants' has been ongoing since the Government of Canada designated them as a National Historic Site in 1996. The non-profit, community-owned site, offering guided tours and featuring an interpretive centre, picnic area and gift shop, has been deemed a Manitoba Star Attraction, attracting visitors from around the world. The 1920s standard-designed elevators

were constructed in the



golden age of Canada's grain trade. They are unique because of their near original condition and represent one of the last standing rows of elevators in the world. Four of the elevators were constructed in 1922, with a fifth – a double elevator complex – added in 1941.

Unfortunately, increased use of trucks and cars spelled the beginning of the end of the commercial life of elevators. In 1953, CPR ended the passenger service to Inglis, and freight service ended in the early 1970s. Grain shipments continued on an ever-decreasing basis until 1995, when the elevators ceased to operate.

In 1994, a group of concerned local residents formed the Inglis Area Heritage Committee to preserve and protect these unique vintage buildings. The former owners of the elevators supported the plan and transferred the ownership of the buildings and the surrounding 29-acres of land to the committee to help conserve this National Historic Site.

The elevators have endured thanks to the determination and dedication of the people in the Inglis area, who recognized early on that the elevators are an enduring symbol of the Prairies, agriculture and a way of life.

To ensure these elevators will be enjoyed by future generations for many years to come, the Committee (incorporated since 1995) has joined forces with the Living Legacy Community Foundation to create the Inglis Elevators Endowment Fund. Gifts made to the

endowment will be held forever and the interest will be shared annually with the Committee to assist with operating costs and ongoing maintenance.

THE ELEVATORS

All five of the Inglis Grain Elevators are very much in their original condition. Since the tracks had been under the threat of closure since the 1950s, companies would not spend large sums of money on repairs to the elevators.

The Paterson Elevator, at the very north end of the row, was built in 1922 by N.M. Paterson and Sons. When it was first built, it was considered to be a "Cadillac" of elevators, the only elevator in the row with a dust collector. This elevator has been completely restored and now serves as the interpretive centre and administrative centre.

The next two Reliance Elevators were operated from one office. Matheson-Lindsay built the smaller elevator in 1922. The Province Elevator Company bought it in 1928 and, in the mid-1930s, the company changed its name to Reliance. In 1941, Reliance built the second larger elevator. These two elevators have been completely restored.

The National Elevator was built by the Northern Elevator Company between 1920 and 1922. This company became part of National Grain in 1940 and it still bears the National logo. The original office, built in the 1930s, now serves as the gift shop.

At the far south of the row is the United Grain Growers Elevator, built in 1922 and replaced in 1925 after fire destroyed the original structure. Fire was a constant concern for elevator

agents, given the dry wood in the buildings and large amounts of highlycombustible grain dust. There are many NO SMOKING signs throughout the site. This message was so important that some of the signs were posted in Ukrainian, because there were many Romanian and Ukrainian farmers in the area. For more information

For more information about the Inglis Grain Elevators National Historic Site, visit http://www.ingliselevators.com/index.html.



HOURS OF OPERATION:

The Inglis Elevators National Historic Site operates with volunteers and summer student staffing only. Call ahead to confirm hours of operation or to arrange a tour guide, especially in the off-season. Typically open as follows:

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THE OLYMPIC FLAME **COMES TO MANITOBA**

The 2010 Olympic Torch Relay began in Canada on October 30, 2009 and concluded at the Opening Ceremony signaling the start of the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games on February 12, 2010. It was the longest Olympic Torch Relay to ever take place in a single country.

On its journey to Vancouver the Olympic Flame passed by some of the most pristine and stunning landscapes in the world. Some of those landscapes were right here in Manitoba, as excited Manitobans gathered to share this experience as the flame travelled through dozens of communities.

The Torch crossed the Ontario-Manitoba border on January 5, entering the province at Falcon Lake. Over the next memorable few days the Torch visited the following Manitoba communities:

- Falcon Lake
- Richer
- Ste. Anne
- Steinbach
- Dugald
- Oakbank
- Selkirk
- Winnipeg
- Gimli
- Peguis
- St. Laurent
- · Oak Bluff
- Sanford
- Brunkild
- Carman • Roland
- Winkler

- Morden
- Elm Creek
- · Oakville
- Portage la Prairie
- Dakota Tipi
- Long Plain
- Gladstone
- Neepawa
- Minnedosa
- Forrest Station · CFB/BFC Shilo
- Brandon
- Sioux Valley Dakota
- Virden

Some highlights of the Olympic Flame's Manitoba trek included a ride in a classic car in Steinbach before officially passing the centre of Canada and entering Winnipeg. The flame eventually made its way to the Forks where 15,000 spectators watched the lighting of the cauldron.

After short stops in Gimli, Peguis and St. Laurent on January 6, former Olympian Eddie "the Eagle" Edwards carried the Olympic Flame in -35°C weather on January 7. The flame then travelled to Winkler for an afternoon celebration before ending its day in Portage la Prairie. Although the cold weather moved celebrations indoors in both communities, it didn't dampen the spirits of the thousands of residents who participated.

January 8 marked the flame's last day in Manitoba. Phil Fontaine, former head of the National Assembly of First Nations, carried the Torch through Long Plain Reserve before it travelled to Neepawa and Brandon

We are proud of these communities for being part of the over 1,000 across Canada to take part in this historic event!



TORCH RELAY IN BRIEF:

- Over 100 days in length.
- Over 1,000 communities and places of interest where torchbearers carried the Olympic Flame.
- Nearly 200 celebrations hosted by communities in every province and territory.
- Approximately 90% of Canada's population was within a one-hour drive of experiencing the Olympic
- Over 45,000 kilometres were travelled.
- Extensive tour of the North includ-

ing a visit to Alert, Nunavut, the northernmost permanently inhabited community in the world.

12,000 people had the honour of being an Olympic Torchbearer and helped carry the flame to Vancouver.

Source: http:// www.vancouver2010.com/ more-2010-infor-

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TEAM MANITOBA

As proud as Manitoban communities were to take part in the 2010 Olympic Torch Relay's journey across Canada, we are even more proud to have produced a few of what the Olympic Games are, after all, truly about - the athletes themselves. The following athletes all got their start in Manitoba, and it is possible that many had their earliest sport experiences at municipal recreation facilities.

JENNIFER BOTTERILL

WOMEN'S HOCKEY HOMETOWN: WINNIPEG, MB

This veteran of three previous Winter Olympics (Turin, Salt Lake City, and Nagano) is one of the most decorated female hockey players on the planet. A member of the national team since 1997, she helped her team to a gold medal win in both Turin and Salt Lake City, a silver in Nagano, and another gold in Vancouver.

CAROLYN DARBYSHIRE

WOMEN'S CURLING

HOMETOWN: ARBORG, MB

Darbyshire won two Alberta championships in 2007 and 2009 as second for skip Cheryl Bernard. She also won one Manitoba championship in 1985 as second for her mother, Merline Darbyshire. She won a silver medal in Vancouver curling with Bernard's team.

CLARA HUGHES SPEED SKATING HOMETOWN: WINNIPEG, MB



One of only four athletes to medal in both Summer and Winter Olympics, Hughes won one gold, one silver and one bronze in speed skating in Salt Lake and Turin, and two bronze in road cycling in Atlanta. She is both an Officer of the Order of Canada and Member of the Order of Manitoba, and was Canada's flag bearer for the Vancouver

opening ceremonies. Hughes won a bronze medal in the last race of her career, the women's 5,000 metres in Vancouver.

MEGAN IMRIE

BIATHALON

HOMETOWN: FALCON LAKE, MB

A veteran of several Canadian championships, Imrie first grew interest in biathlon after watching the Canadian Championships in Falcon Lake as a six year old.

MIKE IRELAND

SPEED SKATING

HOMETOWN: WINNIPEG, MB

Having previously competed in Turin, Salt Lake City, and Lillehammer (and qualifying for Nagano but unable to compete due to injury), Ireland is a medalist in several World Spring Championships. He has been speed skating since the age of 5, and announced his retirement at the Vancouver Winter Olympics.

DUNCAN KEITH

MEN'S HOCKEY

HOMETOWN: WINNIPEG, MB

Keith was born in Winnipeg but moved to Fort Frances, Ontario at age 2, then to Penticton B.C. at 14. He was drafted by the Chicago Blackhawks in the second round (54th) overall in 2002 after starring at Michigan State. He is currently second among NHL defencemen with 50 points, and was part of Team Canada's gold medal win over the US in Vancouver.

CINDY KLASSEN

SPEED SKATING

HOMETOWN: WINNIPEG, MB

Klassen is Canada's most-decorated Olympian with six medals: a gold, two silver, and two bronze from Turin, and one bronze from Salt Lake. She was also named Canada's top athlete in 2006.

ION MONTGOMERY

SKELETON

HOMETOWN: RUSSELL, MB

Ranked fifth overall in World Cup points, Montgomery won his first World Cup event in 2008 in Cesana, Italy. He grew up playing hockey and baseball in Russell. His hometown helped raise money for him to train this summer through 'Mission Montgomery.' It paid off in Vancouver with a gold medal win in Men's Skeleton.

JOHN MORRIS

MEN'S CURLING

HOMETOWN: WINNIPEG, MB

Morris is a two-time Canadian champion and three-time Alberta champion. He won gold at the 2008 World Championships and silver in 2009 as vice-skip for Kevin Martin. His father Earle represented Manitoba at the 1980 Brier. He won a gold medal in Men's Curling in Vancouver as part of Martin's team.

KYLE PARROTT

SPEED SKATING

HOMETOWN: MINNEDOSA, MB

Parrott started speed skating at age 11, and he left Minnedosa for Calgary to train at the Olympic Oval at age 17. His father helped found a speed skating club in Brandon. He finished 9th in his first World Single Distance Championship in 2009, and is currently ranked second in Canada in the 1000m.

DANIELLE POLESCHUK

SKI CROSS

HOMETOWN: WINNIPEG, MB

Currently 8th in the World Cup ranking, Poleschuk spent two years on the national alpine team, but later moved to the relatively new sport of ski cross. She grew up in three cities: Winnipeg, Fernie, BC and Calgary. She also plays field hockey and golf, with a handicap of 12.

SHANNON REMPEL SPEED SKATING

HOMETOWN: WINNIPEG, MB



A veteran of the Turin Winter Olympics, where she won silver in the Team Pursuit event, Rempel is currently ranked 3rd overall in the 1,000m and fifth in the 1,500m.







BRITTANY SCHUSSLER **SPEED SKATING**

HOMETOWN: WINNIPEG, MB

Schussler is a 2009 World Champion in Team Pursuit and had 11 Top-10 finishes in the '08-09 skating season. She was Manitoba Youth Athlete of the Year in '02-03 and won a provincial high school soccer championship. She has been speed skating since the age of seven.

JONATHAN TOEWS MEN'S HOCKEY HOMETOWN: WINNIPEG, MB



Toews was named Chicago Blackhawks captain in July, 2008 at just 20 years old, becoming the third-youngest NHL player to wear the 'C'. He is also the first Canadian to win gold at the Worlds and World Juniors in the same season (2007, 2008). Toews was part of Team Canada's gold medal win over the US in Vancouver.







MISSION MONTGOMERY



Even before Jon Montgomery's gold medal win in Vancouver, his community was already planning a homecoming he would never forget. Last June, the Town of Russell welcomed the world-class athlete back home for a celebration called *Mission Montgomery*. The campaign, which continued right up to the 2010 Olympic Winter Games, saw the community rally behind the soon-to-be golden boy – encouraging him every step of the way. As we saw on the evening of February 19th, that support paid off. The 30 yearold Montgomery won gold in the Skeleton competition by beating Latvian competitor Martin Dukurs by only a fraction of a second during his fourth and final run down the winding track while reaching speeds up to 144 km/hour.

Community members watched the celebration take place in Whistler on their big screens, but couldn't wait to join in on the party and paint the town red for their special home-grown athlete. Montgomery's homecoming festivities took place Sunday, March 14th in Russell, with a parade, a salute to Jon, a free community barbeque and entertainment. Premier Greg Selinger was in attendance and the community of Russell extended an invitation to neighbouring communities to participate in the parade. An estimated 6,000 people came out to celebrate Jon and enjoy the 107 parade floats!

Montgomery has since recognized the community support he's received from Russell many times, including on national television minutes after his win. His Dad, Councillor Eldon Montgomery, was in Vancouver for the race and perhaps summed it up best when asked whether there is a lesson to be learned from his son's huge win: "Well, I believe the lesson to be learned is that once you start something, you finish it and I think Jon finished it tonight."

That same could be said for the community of Russell, in that they finished what they set out to do: support and encourage one of their own until the very end, to ensure the final outcome was nothing short of a complete success.

Mission accomplished!

"Once you start something, you finish it and I think Jon finished it tonight." - Eldon Montgomery

HOW SPORT HELPS COMMUNITIES

The Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport commissioned the report "What Sport Can Do-The True Sport Report" on behalf of the True Sport Movement -Canada's national movement for sport and community. The entire report can be viewed at http://www.truesportpur.ca/. Here are a few highlights of how sport can benefit your community:

HEALTH

- Sport can increase the number of active Canadians, and increasing physical activity levels by just 10 per cent would save Canadians over \$150 million annually in direct health costs alone.
- Participation in sport can stem the tide of child obesity – 10 per cent of Canadian children aged 7 -13 are currently at risk of disability, disease

and premature death because they are obese.

CHILD AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

- Youth involved in sport are more likely than non-athletes to eat healthily and weigh less, and less likely to smoke, use drugs, engage in sexual activity, or feel bored or hopeless.
- Girls experience particular benefits from sport due to its protective effects against osteoporosis, anxiety, depression, suicide and adolescent pregnancy.

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

- Sport can help to strengthen communities by building social capital and fostering greater inclusion of marginalized groups like the disabled.
- Sport can help to facilitate the integration of newcomers.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Sport plays a significant role in the economy of Canadian communities by providing jobs and enhancing skills and productivity.
- Sport contributes to economic development and renewal. For example, in 2004 Canadian households spent \$15.8 billion on sport.

ENVIRONMENT SUSTAINABILITY

- Many investments in community sport are investments in green space, with users often becoming advocates for their protection, proper maintenance and expansion.
- New greener standards for sport and recreation facilities are helping to ensure that sport is doing its part to make our communities more sustainable



THE TRUE LEGACY OF THE OLYMPICS

Every year, millions of Canadians come together through sport. In every province and territory, community sport inspires friendship, learning, health, and personal growth. Canadians tell researchers that after the family, sport is the most powerful influence on young people's development.

One of the legacies of any Olympic Games is the reinvigorated interest in the importance of sport at the community level. A by-product of this is, of course, renewed interest in the importance of sport facilities. The AMM has been focusing on the need for recreation infrastructure for some time, because we know that despite the indisputable positive benefits of sport, recreational

facilities are often neglected while other pressing infrastructure needs - such as roads and water treatment - take precedence. Across Manitoba, many recreational facilities are several decades old and municipalities simply don't have the money to fund repairs, let alone new construction.

Here is an outline of what is happening, and what still needs to happen, to ensure this renewed interest translates into a real legacy - more recreational facilities and opportunities for Manitobans:

· There has been some promising movement, including the twoyear, \$500 million Recreation Infrastructure Canada (RInC) Program announced in the 2009 Federal Budget. This fund begins to address the demand for a tripartite

recreation infrastructure program that the AMM and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities have been calling for. However, the Province needs to make sure that Manitoba's share of this fund can benefit communities throughout Manitoba, not just those with big projects on the go.

- The Province of Manitoba also made a four-year commitment in its 2009 Budget to double funding for recreation centres to over \$60 million. However, there are still opportunities for improvements to other recreation infrastructure programs such as the Community Places Program, since the \$50,000 maximum is still in place.
- Aside from recreation infrastructure, the AMM is also lobbying for

"The road to excellence, and the path to every podium, begins at a community playing field, pool, rink or track. - "What Sport Can Do," The True Sport Report ©Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport, September 2008

WHERE OLYMPIC DREAMS BEGIN



For those unconvinced of the huge impact the presence of community recreation facilities have on budding world-class athletes, the words of Jennifer Botterill may change their minds. The winner of an amazing four medals (three gold and one silver) representing Team Canada in women's hockey over the course of four Olympic Winter Games has come a long way from the winter afternoons she'd spend at the outdoor rink at the Wildwood Community Club with her dad, Cal, some 20 years ago.

"It was a long time ago now," recalled the 30-year-old, who first made Canada's national team as a teenager in 1997. "But I like to revisit that moment every time I go home. (The rink) was literally at the end of our street and I'd go down and shoot pucks with my dad. When you're out there, it was such a different stage (from the Olympics), but you were still smiling and enjoying it. That's why I started playing.

"I can remember all of it very vividly - putting on your skates and walking over chopped bits of ice on the path on the way out, stepping on the snow. And it was cold. But I loved just getting out there and shooting pucks. Sometimes it was pickup games and sometimes you were on your own."

Little boys who were weaned on outdoor rinks grow up dreaming about winning the Stanley Cup, of course. So what did a little girl from Wildwood dream about?

"I wanted to go to the Olympics," Botterill replied. "I didn't know what sport. But I was that kid watching the Olympics on television." Reprinted with permission from Randy Turner, Winnipeg Free Press



assistance in controlling the operating costs of community facilities. The high fees charged by Manitoba Hydro, for example, should be reduced considering the limited budgets of these publicly-owned andoperated facilities.

- As for municipalities who build new facilities, they are facing another issue - increased costs due to the Provincial requirement that government-funded buildings meet or exceed LEED silver certification.
- Finally, the AMM is lobbying for sufficient resources for recreation practitioners to ensure high-quality recreational programming is available throughout Manitoba.

Manitoba athletes did enjoy some success at the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics. Their success can be attributed to many factors such as genetics, determination, work ethic, intelligence teamwork, and many other qualities.

It's even possible that their Olympic dreams first took flight many years ago... at a community recreation facility.

Congratulations to all Canadian Athletes!



Throughout Manitoba, communities showed their Olympic pride this February, like in this example from the RM of Glenella



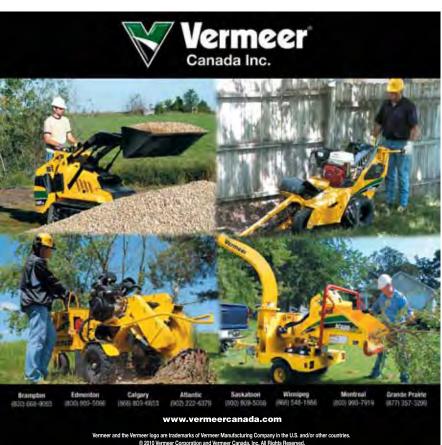




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Thank you Manitoba Athletes ... FOR GIVING US SUCH WONDERFUL 2010 OLYMPIC MEMORIES





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GOLD (Women's Hockey)

CAROLYN DARBYSHIRE

SILVER (Women's Curling)

CLARA HUGHES

BRONZE (Speedskating - 5,000 m)

MEGAN IMRIE

I5TH (Biathalon – 4 X 6 km Relay)

MIKE IRELAND

16TH (Speedskating – 500 m)

DUNCAN KEITH

GOLD (Men's Hockey)

CINDY KLASSEN

I2TH (Speedskating – 5,000 m)

JON MONTGOMERY

GOLD (Skeleton)

JOHN MORRIS

GOLD (Men's Curling)

KYLE PARROT

24TH (Speedskating – 1,000 m)

DANIELLE POLESCHUK

19TH (Ski Cross)

SHANNON REMPEL

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9:00 am Opening Remarks

9:15 am Minister of Local Government (Invited) – Honourable Ron Lemieux
 9:45 am Multi-Material Stewardship Manitoba – Ken Friesen, Executive Director

10:30 am Refreshment Break

10:45 am Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Brock Carlton, Chief Executive Officer

11:00 am MTCML Trade Show opens

11:45 am Delegate Luncheon

1:00 pm Policy Breakout Sessions

2:00 pm Refreshment Break

2:20 pm Policy Breakout Sessions

3:25 pm Provincial Land Use Policies

Claudette Toupin, ADM, Community Planning & Development Division, Manitoba Local Government

4:10 pm Adjournment

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9:00 am Beacon for Change Leadership & Governance

Phyllis Kobasiuk, Senior Consultant

10:00 am 6th Annual Municipal Excellence Award

10:15 am Door Prize Draw & Refreshment Break

10:35 am Professional Development Breakout Sessions

11:45 am Delegate Luncheon

1:00 pm Professional Development Breakout Sessions

2:10 pm Beacon for Change Leadership & Governance

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2:55 pm Closing Remarks & Adjournment



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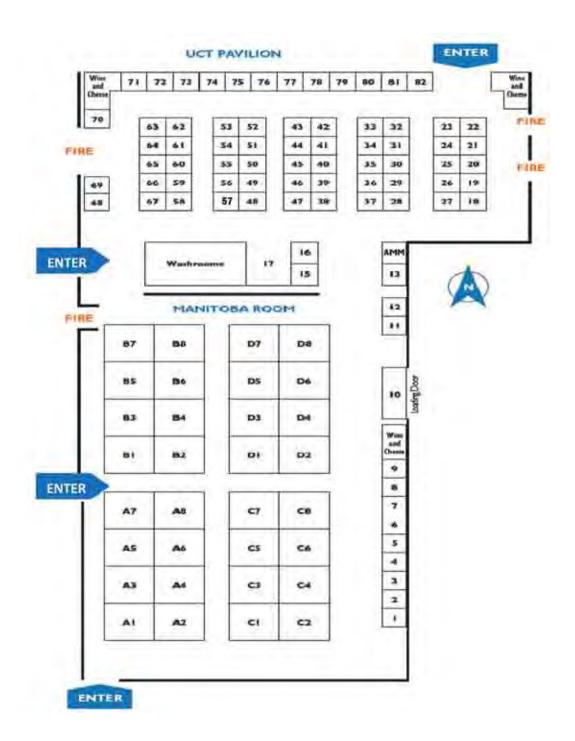
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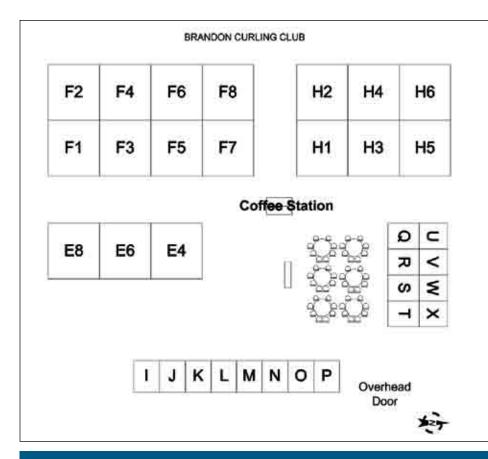
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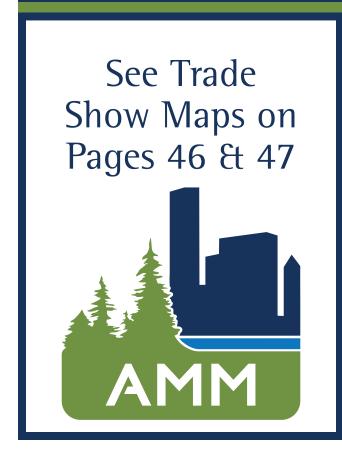
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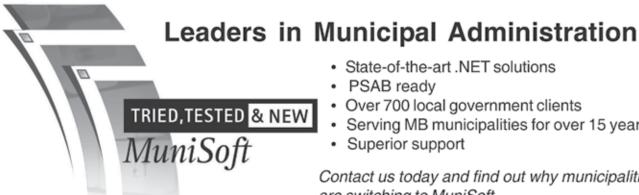
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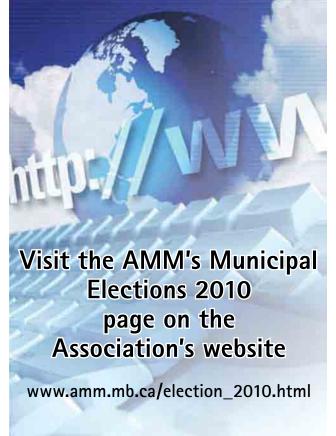
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In anuary I had the privilege of speaking at a conference in Calgary dealing with the remediation and reclamation of contaminated sites in Western Canada. One of the highlights (for me, anyway) was hearing about some of the exciting things that are happening in North America and, in particular, in Canada, in the redevelopment of former industrial properties, or "brownfields."

Storm Cunningham (yes, that's his real name), who is the CEO of Resolution Fund LLC out of Washington, DC, spoke about what it takes to make a successful brownfield redevelopment. He made the point that not all former industrial sites may be suitable for redevelopment. Sometimes the communities in which brownfields are located are no longer capable of attracting large industries or economic engines. Sometimes the historical conditions that gave these communities an economic advantage at the time the industries were originally developed simply no longer exist.

Some of the most successful redevelopment models that he showed involved the removal of industrial barriers to riverfront access and the reintroduction of green space in place of obsolete industries to make more attractive communities. He also had examples of communities with shrinking populations and a declining industrial base that took the bold step of razing parts of their cities and cutting-off services in order to manage costs. This is an example of "right-sizing" on a municipal level. The point was that not all municipalities have the same capacity for redevelopment.

Cunningham also gave examples of redevelopment projects that did not perform as expected. He talked about large downtown stadiums that never delivered the ongoing neighbourhood impacts

originally anticipated. He also talked about failures in the construction of large, architecturally significant edifices, on the theory "if you build it, they will come." In many cases, no one came. Those municipalities were attempting to replicate the success of Bilbao, Spain in attracting investment through the construction of the magnificent Guggenheim Museum. Cunningham used former Winnipeg Mayor's Glenn Murray's description of these failed attempts as "irritable Bilbao syndrome."

Closer to home, I also heard from Chris Ollenberger, CEO of the Calgary Municipal Land Corporation. CMLC is a corporation wholly-owned by the City of Calgary. Its role is to redevelop the

Calgary East Village, a grossly underutilized former industrial area of Calgary and its skid-row. CMLC receives all of its funding through tax increment financing (TIF). To ensure that there is adequate base funding, the TIF zone was designed to include the new Bow Tower development, a large high-rise office building on land adjacent to the East Village.

Tax increment financing involves designating a TIF zone for redevelopment, setting the base assessment and then directing increases in real property taxes realized from the redevelopment in that zone to funding investments that will facilitate that redevelopment. In the case of CMLC, the TIF funding is being used





to clean up contaminated former industrial sites, realign major roads, rebuild drainage works and provide a river walk green space. CMLC has front-ended these development costs by going to market and borrowing on the anticipated future TIF revenue stream.

Interestingly, CMLC is wholly independent of the City of Calgary. It has no City administrators or elected officials on its board of directors or in its management, has no City employees and reports only twice annually to City Council. I wonder how many Manitoba municipalities would have the courage to remove the political component from the redevelopment process and be content to only handle the development approvals. Total project costs funded through TIF are expected to exceed \$255 million, all to provide a suitable base in the area for private development.

Both presenters made a distinction between TIF and what they called "fake TIF." They consider it to be "fake TIF" where TIF funds are being used to subsidize a private development or industry locating within the TIF zone. Neither saw this as having a sustainable economic or community benefit.

Manitoba municipalities have the ability to establish TIF zones under The Municipal Act and The City of Winnipeg Charter. The legislation allows them to redirect the municipal component of real property taxes.

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The proposed Centreport Canada inland port project has been touted as a potential beneficiary of this type of TIF program. Announcements have also suggested that low-income housing may be another potential target, although the jury is out as to whether that kind of a TIF program will be judged to be "fake" or "real."

While the devil is in the details, there is no argument that the use of TIFs can give rise to some very creative redevelopment projects. The only limits are the imagination and foresight of the municipal and provincial leaders who have access to these tools.

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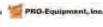
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Swimming pool AND WATER PARK SAFETY

By Ken Fingler, Director, Risk Management, HED Insurance & Risk Services

Swimming pools and water parks – both indoor and outdoor – have become more prevalent throughout Manitoba over the last number of years.

These facilities provide countless hours of enjoyment for the communities as well as the opportunity for swimming lessons and competitive sports, but they also present the potential for injuries and even death for the users that need to be addressed before opening the facility to the public.

Careful planning to make your facilities safe for the users along with regular inspections, testing and maintenance will greatly reduce the incidents of accidents and claims.

The majority of incidents at swimming pools and water parks involve children 14 years of age or younger not only because they are the major users of these facilities, but also because they are focused on having fun and not on safety. This makes it vital for facility operators to implement and maintain strict safety programs and procedures. Many pool injuries result from children being trapped by the force of suction from the drain in the pool or spa because of a broken or missing outlet cover.

Drowning is most common when children get access to the pool during a short lapse in adult supervision.

PREVENTING DROWNING DEATHS

- Since seconds count, always look for a missing child in the pool first.
- Don't leave toys and floats in the pool that can attract young children and cause them to fall into the pool and may be hidden under these floats.
- 3. Inspect frequently for missing or broken covers.
- Do not allow children into a pool or spa that has broken or missing covers.
- Advise users to immediately call for maintenance and repair if problems or broken equipment are found.
- 6. Maintain clarity in pool water.

POOL CLARITY

All too often, murky water may be a contributing factor in a drowning if a small child cannot be spotted at the bottom of the pool making water clarity a safety requirement.

The clarity of the water should be such that the pool drains can be clearly seen from the pool deck. In some areas, it is required that a 2-inch disk with red and black quadrants be visible in 15-feet of water from the pool deck.

Regularly treating and balancing the water is vital to maintaining clear safe water.

It is recommended that hourly checks on water clarity are done by a member of the maintenance staff or by the lifeguard. Treat-

ment of the pool water must be accomplished when no swimmers are present. It may be necessary to close the pool to make required chemical changes.

Proper filter cleaning and maintenance is a critical element in providing and maintaining water clarity.

Records must be kept for all pool equipment and water quality inspections, all water testing and chemical applications.

The Provincial Swimming Pool Regulations and other guidelines and information located on the Manitoba Health site at:

http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/environmental-health/protection/pool.html

POOL SAFETY PROCEDURES

Preventing injuries and other incidents at pools requires not only initial preparation but also regular and frequent checks to ensure that all the safety equipment is operational and in good condition and that all safety procedures are known by all staff and are being followed. The following is a sample check list that can be followed for the regular inspections.

SAFETY CHECK-LIST:

- Are pool and spa drain-covers in place, secure and in good condition?
- 2. Are secure locks in place on pool gates/doors and exercise room doors?
- 3. Are buoy ropes separating shallow and deep portions of the pool in place?
- 4. Are depth markings clearly visible in minimum 3-inch lettering around the pool deck and around the pool coping?
- 5. Are standard no-diving and no running signs around pool coping and on the pool deck?
- 6. Are life safety devices (life rings, Sheppard hooks, etc.) in place, highly visible, easily accessible and in good condition?
- 7. Are ladders and handrails secure and in good repair?
- 8. Is an emergency phone in place, secure and in working order?
- 9. Is health and safety signage in place and clearly visible at pool, spa and exercise room?
- 10. Are pool, spa and exercise areas free from trip hazards?
- 11. Is there a clearly visible pool-side emergency shut off switch for the pumps in case of entrapment in the pool drain?
- 12. Are life guards certified and qualified? Has their training been documented?
- 13. Is the pool operator certified and qualified?
- 14. Is water quality testing done in accordance with local health code requirements? Are daily logs kept of all pool and spa water tests?
- 15. Is furniture in good condition?





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16. Are restrooms and change rooms clean and in good condition? 17. Are emergency exits well marked?

RECOMMENDED POOL SIGNAGE

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- All persons using pool do so at their own risk.
- Pushing, wrestling, dunking, splashing and unnecessary noise are not permitted.
- No running.
- No diving.
- Food and drinks not permitted in the Pool area.
- Absolutely no glass containers allowed in pool area.
- Do not use while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Pets not allowed.
- When wet, slippers and towel must be used before entering building.
- Management reserves the right to deny use of the pool to anyone at anytime.
- Showers should be taken before use.

WATERSLIDES

Waterslides are great fun but they present some potential hazards in addition to the pool safety issues. There is great excitement whenever a group of children are using waterslides and they are usually very anxious to get back up to the top for the next ride.

Ensuring that the slide, stairs, platforms and landing areas are in good condition and that the flow of the sliders is well controlled will prevent most incidents. It is vital that strict rules are implemented and enforced. Warning signs and rules must be prominently displayed at entrance and near the slides.

WATERSLIDE SAFETY CHECKLIST:

Structural

- 1. Do steps and platforms have handrails and vertical bars to prevent falls?
- 2. Are all steps, platforms and walking surfaces non-slip?
- 3. Does slide empty directly into the swimming pool leaving no rider free fall space between the slide and the water surface?
- 4. Is the pool landing area of adequate depth to prevent injury (normally at least 3-ft. deep and not more than 4-ft deep)?

Operations

1. Are lifeguards (with Red Cross or equivalent certification) on duty at the pool during all hours of slide operation?



- 2. Is slide attendant (with CPR training certification) on duty at each slide during all hours of slide operation?
- 3. Are lifeguards and slide attendants easily identifiable to users?
- 4. Is a public address system or bullhorn available for use when necessary to enforce slide rules and in case of emergency?
- 5. Is a sign prominently posted showing slide rules?
- 6. Is there an emergency pump cut-off in a visible readily accessible location near the slide?

RECOMMENDED POSTED SLIDE RULES

- Hours of operation ____ am ___ pm.
- No Running or Diving.
- Only one rider at a time. No doubles, trains or chains.
- Do not slide until the landing area is clear and attendant says to start.
- Slide only in a sitting position or lying on your back with feet pointing toward the water, arms clasped across chest.
- DO NOT SLIDE HEAD FIRST.
- Keep arms and feet inside flume. Do not stop on the slide.
- Do not attempt to walk back up the slide.
- Leave pool landing area immediately after sliding.
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GROUP USE POLICIES

Field trips to the pool and waterslides is a very popular activity for schools, day cares and recreation programs. Policies are needed to ensure that the field trip organizers provide adequate numbers of adult supervisors for the size of the group. The facility should also provide one qualified life guard for every 25 students in or near the water.

Permission slips and informed consent forms should be completed and signed by the parent or guardian of each child before the event.

The Manitoba School Boards Association has developed a "Swim Safe" program policy for the use by schools when arranging swimming field trips. This policy includes the recommended minimum supervision levels for the size of the group.

Grade:	K	1 to 4	5 to 8	9 to 12
Adult to student ratio:	1 to 4	1 to 6	1 to 8	1 to 12

Manitoba School Boards *Swim Safe* policy is available on line at: http://www.mbschoolboards.ca/whatwedo/documents/Swim%20 Safe%20Program.pdf

Facility operators should be familiar with this policy so that they can comply with their requirements and ensure that the groups follow the policy as well. It is recommended that all groups follow this procedure even if they are not a school.

DOCUMENTATION

In spite of all your precautions, some accidents will happen and a few may result in law suits alleging negligence as a cause of the injuries.

Your best defence is detailed written policies and procedures, prominent warning signs, well trained staff that understands and follows the safety and emergency procedures along with regular, well documented safety checks and water testing.

Should you or your staff have any questions please contact Ken Fingler at HED Insurance and Risk Services at 1-800-265-0314 ext. 7279 or by e-mail at kfingler@hedinc.com.

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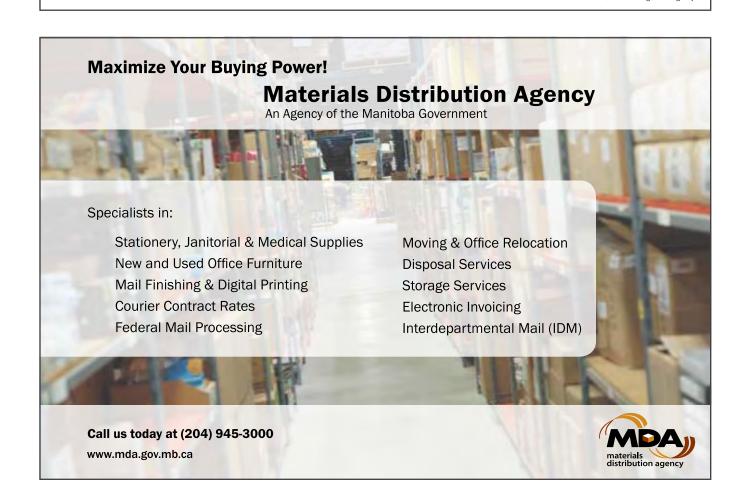
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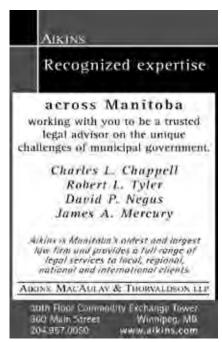
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THE FIRST FEW MONTHS OF 2010

As readers can see, the first few months of the New Year have been busy ones for the AMM Executive and Board of Directors.



The AMM met with the Village of Cartwright and the RM of Roblin during the Western District Municipal Visits.



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Rural Vice President Roger Wilson and MMAA President Ernie Epp during a light moment at the AMM Strategic Planning Session.



The RM of Lansdowne was another stop on the Midwestern Municipal Visit tour.



The AMM Executive met with the Hon. Jim Rondeau on February 25. (L-R) Urban Vice-President Shirley Kalyniuk; Rural Vice-President Roger Wilson; Minister Rondeau; and President Doug Dobrowolski.



The AMM met with the Town of Minnedosa during its Midwestern District Municipal Visits.



Premier Selinger addressed the AMM Board of Directors during his visit to Portage on January 28. (L-R) President Doug Dobrowolski, Executive Director Joe Masi, Director of Policy & Communications Tyler MacAfee, and the Premier.



The Hon. Bill Blaikie, Minister of Conservation, and President Dobrowolski met on February 26.



Manitoba Conservation District Association President Harold Foster presented President Dobrowoski with the 2009 Conservation District Builder Award at the MCDA's annual banquet in early December.



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President Dobrowolski and Executive Director Masi attended the grand opening of the PCU Centre in Portage la Prairie on February 27. With them are Councillor Orville Wagner and David Faurschou, MLA for Portage la Prairie



The RM of Riverside (Midwestern Municipal Visits)



Eastern Rural Director George Harbottle, Interlake Rural Director Alice Bourgouin, and Central Urban Director Mel Klassen share a laugh during the AMM Strategic Planning Session in early January.



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