



April 28, 2014

## Lobby Day 2014

*“I will commit to working with you to develop a strategic infrastructure plan for the province that is based on return on investment.”*

Brian Pallister, Leader of the Official Opposition

*“I would encourage you to keep lobbying if this is something you think is important. I get the challenge in terms of alternate revenue sources.”*

Municipal Government Minister Stan Struthers, on a PST rebate for municipalities

Since 2004, the AMM has held an annual Lobby Day. Although the AMM regularly meets with Provincial Cabinet Ministers, the mandate of Lobby Day is for the AMM Board of Directors to meet with and educate not only Cabinet members about municipal issues and the work of the AMM, but MLAs from all the major political parties in Manitoba.

This year’s Lobby Day took place on April 23, 2014.

The first meeting of the day was with **Rana Bokhari**, Leader of the Manitoba Liberal Party, and Dr. **Jon Gerrard**. Next, the AMM met with Leader of Official Opposition, **Brian Pallister**, and a number of PC MLAs. Lobby Day concluded with a meeting with the NDP, including Municipal Government Minister **Stan Struthers**, various Cabinet Ministers and MLAs.

During each meeting, the AMM highlighted two major issues to the parties—infrastructure funding and alternate revenue, and economic development. Board members also asked a number of other specific questions, both related to the highlighted topics and other municipal issues.

By all accounts Lobby Day 2014 was successful in communicating the AMM’s priority issues and educating Manitoba’s major political parties about the concerns of municipal governments. •

*The AMM’s 2014 Lobby Day presentation is available at [www.amm.mb.ca/pol\\_provincial.html](http://www.amm.mb.ca/pol_provincial.html)*

## Everything is Local

Local infrastructure is the most critical top-of-mind issue for almost one third of Manitobans, according to a recent poll by Probe Research. The poll “Everything is Local” was commissioned jointly by the AMM, the City of Winnipeg, and the Manitoba Heavy Construction Association to gauge public opinion of local governments and the challenges facing municipalities.

The poll showed that 31% of those surveyed placed infrastructure over other hot-button issues like crime, jobs/economy, taxation or health care.

Respondents were also asked to provide a list of areas they feel require additional municipal spending. More than one half of Manitobans (56%) believe that local governments should spend more money addressing core infrastructure like streets, roads, bridges and water and wastewater projects.

The poll also showed overwhelming support for having revenues from last year’s PST increase put in the hands of municipalities. Of those surveyed, 69 per cent expressed the view that the money raised from the PST increase should flow directly to municipalities, as opposed to 23% who feel the provincial government should determine how the money is spent. •

*Everything is Local: A Probe Research Analysis of Municipal Issues in Manitoba can be viewed on the AMM website at <http://tiny.cc/av2pex>.*

## Manitoba Cities Caucus meets

On April 16, the mayors of Manitoba’s cities met in Brandon to discuss the top issues facing their communities.

According to City of Steinbach Mayor **Chris Goertzen**, who was acclaimed to serve his second one-year term at the helm of the Cities Caucus, questions remain about the design of the New Building Canada Fund. “New rules about stacking of funding and exclusion of local roads from the main component of the fund raise concerns,” he said.

The group agreed that given this uncertainty, the need for alternate revenue to fund municipal infrastructure programs is becoming a higher priority. The AMM has lobbied for both a share of the Provincial Sales Tax (PST) to be dedicated to municipal infrastructure, along with a rebate on the PST municipalities pay on infrastructure projects. •

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## Coming Events

### June District Meetings

The 2013 June District Meetings will take place June 9 - 13, 16 & 17, 2014.

The deadline to submit resolutions for all June District Meetings is **June 1, 2014**. The resolution must be passed by Council to be eligible.

**In order to ensure your resolutions are sent in to the AMM office by June 1st, please review and pass resolutions at your May council meetings.**

Please review the "Process for resolutions" and "How to write a resolution" for more information. These documents are available at:

[www.amm.mb.ca/events\\_june\\_form.cfm](http://www.amm.mb.ca/events_june_form.cfm)

If you have any questions regarding resolutions for the upcoming June District Meetings, please contact:

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## Notices

### New Single-Lot Subdivision Process

The Province of Manitoba recently passed legislation updating the subdivision review process to reduce the review time for simple, one-lot subdivision applications.

This is in response to concerns identified by the AMM, as well as some applicants, that the previous process was overly long. Changes took effect January 31, 2014.

A new subdivision application and instructions is available at:

[www.gov.mb.ca/ia/land\\_use\\_dev/sra.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/ia/land_use_dev/sra.html)

**A Guide to the Subdivision Process in Manitoba:**

[www.gov.mb.ca/ia/land\\_use\\_dev/pdf/guide\\_subpr.pdf](http://www.gov.mb.ca/ia/land_use_dev/pdf/guide_subpr.pdf)

## Notices



### Partner 4 Growth Providing funds for economic opportunity in your region

The Partner 4 Growth program provides up to \$15,000 in cost-shared funding to rural municipalities and non-profit organizations in rural and northern Manitoba to help strengthen or diversify economic activity in their regions.

Partner 4 Growth will fund:

- a maximum of \$8,000 for projects that identify strategic economic opportunities and the feasibility of economic opportunities such as:
  - strategic planning
  - feasibility studies
- a maximum of \$15,000 for projects intended to implement activities to pursue strategic economic opportunities such as:
  - business retention and expansion
  - training and workshops
  - investment attraction

Applications are now available for 2014/15 at [www.manitoba.ca/agriculture](http://www.manitoba.ca/agriculture) or contact your local Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Development GO Office.

**Application deadline: May 31, 2014.**

### Conservation and Water Stewardship Announcement

In March, 2013, the Manitoba Environmental Industries Association (MEIA) facilitated a public stakeholders consultation meeting on behalf of Conservation and Water Stewardship in regards to the amendments to the Contaminated Sites Remediation Act (CSRA) and the Contaminated Sites Remediation Regulation (CSRR). As of April 1, 2014, the new amendments to the CSRA and the CSRR come into effect.

For further information, please visit:

[www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/environments/contams/index.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/environments/contams/index.html)

## Job Postings

### RM of East St. Paul Chief Administrative Officer

Under the direction of Council, the CAO is responsible for the overall management of the operations of the RM of East St. Paul in accordance with legislated requirements; and the by-laws, policies and procedures established by Council.

Qualifications

- Graduate of the Manitoba Municipal Administration program.
- Significant experience in a senior management role, preferably as a Chief Administrative Officer, with responsibilities such as overseeing the implementation and delivery of programs and services and ensuring that programs and services are delivered efficiently and effectively with the use of the human, financial and physical resources of the municipality.
- Knowledge of the Municipal Act and related statutes.
- Experience and ability to interpret and administer various agreements, statutes, by-laws and policies.
- Knowledge of municipal accounting practices, financing and budget preparation.
- Effective leadership, motivational and change management skills.
- Proven analytical, organizational, problem solving, decision-making and judgment skills.
- Superior interpersonal and communication skills.
- Computer experience (Microsoft Office) is required.

Remuneration will be commensurate with experience and qualifications. Applications should be marked "Personal & Confidential" and addressed to the following by May 9th, 2014;

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