



## News Bulletin

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February 17, 2017

Dear Subscriber,

We hope you enjoy this edition of the AMM News Bulletin. A [PDF version](#) of the bulletin is available on our website.

## Latest News

### AMM Meets with Ministers

The AMM kicked off its annual round of meetings with Provincial Cabinet Ministers this month. The first two meetings took place on February 14th, with the AMM Executive meeting with the Honourable Ralph Eichler, Minister of Agriculture, and the Honourable Ian Wishart, Minister of Education and Training. The AMM then met with the Honourable Cathy Cox, Minister of Sustainable Development, on February 16.

More meetings with Ministers are scheduled in the upcoming weeks. You can keep up with these meetings by checking out the [News](#) section of the AMM website.

At each meeting, a [Position Paper](#) is presented highlighting priority issues relevant to each Minister's portfolio.

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Mark your  
calendars for  
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**UPCOMING  
EVENTS**

**2017 Mayors,  
Reeves and  
CAOs Meetings**

*April 11, 2017*

RBC Convention  
Centre, Winnipeg

**Register now!**

[Central, Eastern and  
Interlake meeting](#)



*L to R: Vice-President Gavin van der Linde, Sustainable Development Minister Cathy Cox, and President Chris Goertzen.*

### 2016 Census data released

The first 2016 Census data release - population and dwelling counts - was released on February 8, 2017. According to 2016 Census data, Manitoba's population has grown to 1,278,265, representing a 5.8% increase.

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### MPI rate increase

Manitoba Public Insurance has confirmed a rate increase for basic and complex firefighting payments. These rates increase on March 1 annually, based on the prior year's C.P.I. plus 1%.

Effective March 1, 2017, the basic call rate will increase from \$788 to \$806, and the complex call rate will increase from \$1,051 to \$1,075. These increases are based on the 2016 Manitoba C.P.I. rate of 1.3% (resulting in a 2.3% increase.)

### [Letter from MPI](#)

### Connect to Innovate application deadline extended

The Government of Canada has extended the Connect to Innovate application deadline from **March 13, 2017 to April 20, 2017.**

The Government of Canada's goal is to ensure that as many rural and remote communities as possible benefit from better access to high-speed Internet while maintaining a competitive and fair process.

As a result of this program, Canadians living in rural and remote communities will be able to unlock a full suite of modern digital tools

### [Midwestern, Northern, Parkland and Western meeting](#)

### 2017 Municipal Officials Seminar & MTCML Tradeshow

*April 12-13, 2017*

RBC Convention Centre, Winnipeg

### [Register NOW!](#)

Partnership of the Manitoba Capital Region proudly presents

### Shifting to Drive

Thursday March 9, 2017 @ 8AM

The Metropolitan Entertainment Centre  
281 Donald Street  
Winnipeg Manitoba

[more info](#)

Manitoba Sustainable Energy Association (ManSEA) 2017 Conference & AGM presents:

### Sustainable Energy & Carbon Pricing, What Does It Mean for Me?

April 5, 2017  
William Glesby Centre  
Portage la Prairie

*Learn about carbon reduction in Manitoba and the role of sustainable/renewable energy.*

and services to fully participate in our digital economy.

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## In Memoriam

The Board of Directors and Staff of the AMM were deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Western District Director Rick Plaisier. Rick passed away on February 8, 2017 at the age of 68. He is survived by his wife Marie and sons Kent, Todd and Shawn and their families.



Rick was the Reeve of the RM of Sifton, and also served previously in both the Village of Rossburn and the Town of Virden. He was elected to the AMM Board in June, 2013.

Funeral services were held in Virden on February 14th. If friends so desire, donations may be made to CancerCare Manitoba, the Parkinson Society or the Lions Foundation of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario.

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### New Sales Manager for Canada Culvert



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