

HIGHLIGHTS – PMA Board Meeting & Central Regional Meeting held November 26-27, 2009

Board of Directors Meeting

PMA held a Board Meeting from Nov. 26-27 at Hotel Gander. A number of agenda items were discussed with Convention 2010 at the forefront.

Convention 2010

- Convention will take place at Holiday Inn, St. John's, from April 21-23, 2010.
- Theme will be "PMA: Training for a Stronger Tomorrow".
- Delegate fees are increased to \$240 plus HST.
- MTDC has been approached about offering a pre-convention session on "Introduction to Municipal Administration". This training would take place on Tuesday, April 20. A decision will be made at the next MTDC Board of Directors meeting.
- Ideas for education topics were discussed. Some tentative ideas are as follows:
 - CCRC Update
 - Gas Tax/PSAB/ICSP
 - Property Assessment
 - Fire Services
 - Risk Management
 - Stress Management
 - Tax Collection
- Discussion was held around entertainment and how we can combat losing delegate involvement due to St. John's amenities.
- Sizing will be requested on convention registrations in order to be more accurate when ordering sizes and genders.
- Some recognition will be placed on the booths of long time sponsors or exhibitors.

2010 Municipal Budgeting Process

Edison Goodyear, Municipal Analyst, Dept. of Municipal Affairs, hosted this session with approximately 40 people in attendance. Copies of the budget format were distributed to everyone present. If you didn't get one, please contact the PMA office and one will be forwarded to you.

Central NL Waste Management Strategy

Edward Evans, Executive Director, CNWMA, presented this session on the strategy update, status on the development of the 8 sites, fees and charges for municipalities, and potential start dates. For your convenience, the PowerPoint presentation is available on the PMA website.

Central Regional Meeting

Membership was informed of training that MTDC will be hosting from January - March 2010.

- (1) In January, 9 sessions will be held in various regions on "Municipal Orientation". Topics will include roles/responsibilities, how to conduct a proper meeting, conflict of interest, etc. Others will be added once the curriculum is finalized.
- (2) In addition, another 21 sessions will be held in various locations province wide, focusing on a financial piece which will cover cash handling, budgeting, debt collection and financial evaluation forms.

The membership was also asked for suggestions on education topics for the convention. Several ideas were brought forward:

- Proper Minute Taking / Conducting Council Meetings
- How to Complete Various Gov't Reports (i.e. Social Services)

**PLEASE FORWARD ANY IDEAS YOU MAY HAVE REGARDING CONVENTION.
WE WELCOME ALL SUGGESTIONS.**

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