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Board of Directors Meetings and Regional Training Sessions

Most recently, PMA hosted two Board of Directors meetings and two regional meetings.

October 15 -16, Port Blandford

PMA held its first Board meeting under the direction of President Derrick Bragg. A number of items were discussed but most prevalent were committee structures and assignment of members.

Two education sessions were held:

ICSP/PSAB Update

Ryan Lane and Rayanne Hibbs from the Dept. of Municipal Affairs hosted this session. It was well attended with more than 30 administrators present.

Municipal Infrastructure Lending Program

Glenn Furlong, Corporate Representative, CMHC, provided information on a lending program they provide for housing-related infrastructure.

November 26 - 27, Gander

A meeting was held at Hotel Gander with Convention 2010 front and center. Keeping with the association's primary goal of focusing on professional development, the theme will be "PMA: Training for a Stronger Tomorrow". All administrators are asked to please forward your suggestions for education sessions, exhibitors, entertainment....anything you would like to see at our upcoming convention.

Again, two education sessions were held:

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 were distributed to everyone present.

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.

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PMA would like to wish their membership a Very Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year! Thank you for your continued support.



An Administrator Recognized...

Diane Butler, Town of Wabana

With more than 47 years under her belt as a Town Clerk/Manager, Diane Butler, Town of Wabana, retired on October 16, 2009.

Diane is recognized for her dedication and loyalty to her town. Council and Staff at the town commented that her commitment never wavered and she consistently went above and beyond the call of duty.

From everyone at PMA, Congratulations Diane for a well deserved retirement!

MTDC

The Municipal Training and Development Corporation would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, and a wonderful New Year!!!

MTDC would like to send out a big "Thank You" to all elected councillors and administrative staff who have helped make 2009 a very successful year with regards to training and development. The MTDC Board of Directors and staff look forward to a productive and educational 2010.

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Change to Support

As you may be aware, Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador is launching the Regional Government Initiative in 2010. The centerpiece of this initiative will be a regional government paper drafted by MNL's Community Cooperation Office. The paper will outline a compelling reason for regional government and then present seven different regional government options for municipalities to consider. The purpose of the paper is to get people to once again evaluate the merits of regional government while imagining what their municipality would look like within the different regional government systems.

We understand and are cognizant of the fact that municipal administrators will view significant changes to the current municipal structure with apprehension. Municipal administrators are not only a necessary part of the municipal structure, many of them also depend on their position as administrators for financial security - to pay mortgages and support children. We have no intention of releasing a paper that recommends a regional government model that makes many administrator positions redundant. That, we think, is counter-productive as municipalities need more help, not less.

Without getting into the particulars of regional government, we envision a model that provides more support for administrators by giving them access to greater assistance and by slightly reducing their workload; certain responsibilities that administrators currently have little time or resources to work on will be within the responsibility of the region. A regional government will also serve as another institution that administrators can use to ask for assistance, while also serving as a forum for them to meet and discuss common concerns and issues.

We do not envision administrators as being highly resistant to greater regional cooperation. It is our experience that administrators are the most cooperative and collaborative individuals within the municipal system. Administrators understand and see the everyday struggles of their municipalities and they understand the need to communicate and work together if towns are to remain or become sustainable. Administrators are in the unique position to work towards achieving goals by being largely removed from municipal politics. In this way, we think that administrators will recognize the urgent need for municipal reform in Newfoundland and Labrador; they are the one's who are tasked to keep town's alive and know the need for more help.

The Regional Government Initiative will take place throughout 2010 and we look forward to working with administrators during the process and hearing their ideas.



Tidy Towns 2010 - Registration Form

Please make cheque payable to:
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Forward payment with your registration
form to:

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Category	Fee	Payment enclosed	
Up to 1500	\$150	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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Celebrating a Successful Year

A message from Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador



Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador would like to congratulate all individuals who were involved in the Tidy Towns program this year. The success is in no small part, due to the dedication and commitment of the Advisory Committee. These individuals are the backbone of the competition and the reason why it continues to grow and thrive.

Co-Chairs, MNL Avalon Director Lucy Stoyles and Jim Floyd teamed up in 2009 and together they delivered tremendous results. MNL promises to continue to provide the high level of office, logistical, marketing & communication support that committee members have come to expect.

2010 is shaping up to be another banner year for MNL and in particular the Tidy Towns program. We are pleased to have Mayor Churence Rogers, MNL Small Towns Director Chair both the Environment Committee and Tidy Towns Advisory Committee. We expect Mayor Rogers to bring many great ideas to his new role and the Advisory Committee is excited to work with him. Mayor Rogers has a significant Tidy Towns background. While mayor of Harbour Breton in 1997, he was the driving force in their Community Enhancement Committee and their subsequent Tidy Towns win.

MNL has many initiatives that we work on continuously throughout the year for the benefit of our members and the province as a whole, none of these programs can survive without support from sponsors. Tidy Towns in particular has been fortunate to receive

major financial support from the Department of Municipal Affairs. This year the MMSB also became a Tidy Towns sponsor and we are delighted to have them recognize the value of this program. Sponsorships like these enable judges to travel and evaluate registered communities, without their financial support it would be impossible to achieve our mandate of delivering a provincial competition of integrity. We sincerely thank them for their contributions and hope to continue working with them in the future.

The standard of past competitions has been exceptionally high and it is with excitement and a sense of responsibility that MNL is looking forward to continuing our working relationship with the Advisory Committee, The Dept. of Municipal Affairs, and MMSB to cultivate the program in 2010.