



## e-Brief

An electronic update of news and events from the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators

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As most of you may already know, the CAMA National Office is now located in Fredericton, New Brunswick. The transition from Willow Group in Ontario took place in the Fall of 2005, and is now complete. Coordinates for the new office are as follows:

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With this change, and whereas membership services are now performed from New Brunswick, CAMA is required to charge harmonized sales tax, HST, (15%) on membership invoices and remit this 15% to the Federal government. Your municipality can claim the full 15% back on your GST return by recording this as Federal sales tax.

### **2006 CAMA Montréal Conference**

The 2006 CAMA Conference will be held May 29-31<sup>st</sup>, in Montréal, Québec. The theme of this year's conference is *Worklife Quality*.

The conference will allow you to learn how worklife quality affects employee engagement, organizational performance and financial performance; how changing demographics will affect your workplace; how to measure work-life quality and monitor your progress; how to leverage your existing programs, policies and practices, and; how to design and implement effective work-life quality strategies. Conference Program information and registration Forms will be mailed to you later this week. This information will also be available on line by the end of the week.

A block of rooms has been set aside at a rate of \$205.00/night plus taxes. Please call the Hilton Montréal Bonaventure and reserve your room at 1-800-445-8667, or 1-514-878-2332.

For information on the conference, visit our website at: [http://www.camacam.ca/conference\\_2006.asp](http://www.camacam.ca/conference_2006.asp), or email [admin@camacam.ca](mailto:admin@camacam.ca).

### **Board News**

- The next board meetings will be held on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006, at the Château Bromont, in Bromont, Québec. This give the board an opportunity to review CAMA business and to be updated on the progress the organization in making across the country.

### **Community Leadership/ Literacy Project**

The CAMA Awards of Excellence for Municipal Workplace Literacy Achievements will be presented at the Annual Conference in May 2006. Information on the awards and the application procedures will be sent

to CAMA members in mid-February. We encourage you to review the five award categories and submit applications for your programs.

This year we have revised one of our categories to specifically acknowledge the accomplishments of educators and municipal partners.

We encourage you to send the award brochure to your staff. The application deadline is March 31, 2006. If you have any questions about whether your program would meet the criteria for the five award categories, please contact Patricia Nutter at (613) 264-0111 or [pnutter@lincsat.com](mailto:pnutter@lincsat.com).

## **CAMA Awards Program**

### **2005 CAMA Awards Highlights**

Congratulations to the City of Summerside, PEI, on receiving the 2005 CAMA Award for Excellence in the Environmental category for municipalities with a population under 20,000.

For over fifty years the west end of Summerside has had a problem with odour emanating from the shore. The cause of the odour was a result of a combination of factors including accumulated marine plant material, primarily eelgrass.

In April 1998, the City of Summerside proposed the Summerside West End Development Project (SWEDP) to alleviate the odour problem. A Phase I study was done and it proposed a conceptual design, first order estimates and descriptions of the potential physical and biological project/ environment interactions, along with this, and Environmental Impact Statement was also completed.

The SWEDP involved the creation of six hundred meters of new armour stone wall, and underground storm drainage system and in filling between the new and existing seawall, reclaiming three acres of land and the redirection of a fresh water stream. There was construction of a boardwalk promenade with a timber walkway and connected asphalt path for bikers, strollers and rollerbladers, it is complete with lighting on Water Street along with the creation of green space and a parking area at the eastern end of the new boardwalk. One of the most attractive features of this project was the creation of a beachfront with several access areas off the boardwalk. Summerside can boast as being one of the few communities with a beach in the heart of their downtown. The project was designed to increase visitation to Summerside through improved access to and enjoyment of the city's waterfront.

The City of Summerside had a tremendous opportunity with regards to future planned development. The City's waterfront was under-developed and under-utilized. Upon completion of the West End Development Project numerous benefits were spawned from the project including a walking path from the Downtown Core, expanded use of the waterfront, a mix of residential, commercial and recreational activities that are user friendly, an increase in the amount of quality green space and parkland for families to enjoy.

The completed work has exceeded expectations. In June 2003, with financial assistance from the Government of Canada, and the Province of Prince Edward Island, the City of Summerside officially opened the new beach and boardwalk. The re-development of this area has greatly enhanced the area. This project along with future developments has made a very significant contribution to the environment, community and the quality of life of Summerside residents. This project identified and reduced an environmental problem along with creating a model for sustaining economic activity.

Congratulations again to Terry Murphy, City Manager, and the Mayor and Council of Summerside for their award. For more information about this project, please contact Aaron MacDonald, Director of Technical Services, at (902) 432-1230.

### **2006 CAMA Awards**

2006 CAMA Awards Program packages were sent out to all members on January 23, 2006. We encourage you to participate in this year's program. Check out our website at [www.camacam.ca](http://www.camacam.ca).

If you wish to submit a nomination, please send 5 copies, on or before March 1, 2006, to Barry Carroll, Town Manager, Portugal Cove-St. Phillip's, 1119 Thorburn Road, Portugal Cove-St. Phillip's, NL, A1M 1T6.

## **Membership Notes**

- To have a job posting appear in CAMA's Job Broadcast, and on our website, the cost is \$100 for members, and \$200 for non-members. For more information, or to have your job listed, please email [admin@camacam.ca](mailto:admin@camacam.ca).
- On behalf of the CAMA Board of Directors, we would like to welcome the newest members to our Association:
  - Mr. Nathan Gorall, Province of Nova Scotia

**The next CAMA e-Brief will be issued on Monday, February 27, 2006**  
**Look for the next Job Broadcast on Monday, February 20, 2006**  
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