



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

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CAMA Update

Change at CAMA National Office

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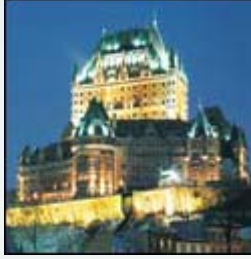
Please be advised that Jeanne Geldart is no longer serving as Executive Director of CAMA. On behalf of the Board of Directors and the members of our association, I want to thank Jeanne for her work and wish her all the best in her future endeavours. Please forward all your inquiries to Jennifer Goodine, at the CAMA national office at admin@camacam.ca or the undersigned at b.carroll@sackville.com, or one of the board members. (Contact information listed on our website at www.camacam.ca.) The toll free line for CAMA is 1-866-771-2262.

Barry Carroll,
President

CAMA 2008 National Conference – Registration Underway

The 37th Annual CAMA Conference will be held in Quebec City from May 26-28, 2008. This year marks the 400th anniversary of the founding of Quebec City and lots of activities are planned. The theme for the conference is *“Preserving our Legacy,”* and will feature a number of excellent speakers, a number of optional city tours, as well as a great chance to network with municipal administrators from across the country. To find out more, click on the following link: http://www.camacam.ca/conference_2008_PreliminaryProgram.asp.





The cost to register is \$550 plus GST for members and \$650 plus GST for non-members. Registration fees include all conference sessions, trade show, opening reception, breakfasts, breaks, lunches, casual night out and the President's Dinner. The partner's program costs \$195 plus GST, and includes a daytime partners' program, as well as the opening reception, Tuesday's casual night out, and Wednesday's President Dinner. Additional tickets can be purchased for the casual night and President's Dinner.

The CAMA Golf Day will be held on May 26, and is open to delegates and their partners. The member rate is \$135 plus GST, and includes green fees, lunch and snacks. Golf carts are included in the fee, but must be reserved directly with the golf course. If golf is not your game, you can register for the optional workshop on Monday afternoon with Felicia Logan, ICMA University, on dealing with change and its impact on leadership. To register for the conference, visit http://www.camacam.ca/conference_2008_registration.asp.

The host hotel is the Hilton Québec, with room rates ranging from \$245 to \$325. Because of Quebec City's 400th anniversary, CAMA members must act early, and register by **April 11, 2008**. For reservations please call 418-647-6500 or 1-800-447-2411. Other hotels in the area include the Delta Québec Hotel and the Hôtel Courtyard Marriott de Québec. To get a registration form to fax, or find out more about the conference, log on to the conference web page at http://www.camacam.ca/conference_2008.asp.

Board News

Board Meeting Held

Despite an early-March snow storm that snarled much of the air traffic across the country, the CAMA board meeting went ahead, just in a different city. Due to the airline delays the board meeting was held in Winnipeg instead of Brandon. The board meeting lasted all day on March 6, with CAMA president, Barry Carroll in the chair. Even with the change in location and tightened timeline, the board tackled an extensive agenda. A summary follows:

Strategic Plan

Work continues on CAMA's strategic plan, with emphasis now being on incorporating the results of the 2008 Members Needs and Preference Survey. A total of 63 completed surveys were received from a total membership of 380, for a total response rate of 17 per cent. With this input, the plan can be finalized in time for the CAMA annual meeting in May.

Membership Services / CAMA National Office

Since the last board meeting in November, over a 100 new member kits have been sent out to potential candidates. CAMA currently has 388 members, with a 94 per cent membership retention rate for the 2007-2008 fiscal year. Membership renewals forms for 2008 have been sent out and are coming back. Award information has also been sent out to the membership as part of the annual conference.

A new automated phone system will be installed at the CAMA national office to better assist with member inquiries. The board heard about a Municipal Government Study being conducted by Mr. Andrew Sancton, a political science professor from Western University. Mr. Sancton will be invited to present his findings at a later date. Work also continues on a pension study for CAMA, especially around the aspect of pension portability for CAOs. The membership will be kept informed of the process.

2008-2009 CAMA Slate of Officers

A call for nominations for CAMA board has been circulated to the membership. Two nominations have been received to date.



Communications

Traffic to CAMA's website continues to be steady. The conference and job posting web pages enjoyed a significant amount of activity for the last two months of 2007. CAMA's newsletter was distributed in e-format in January 2008, as opposed to the traditional printed version in FCM's *Forum* publication. The response seems to have been positive, with a move to more distribution of information via the e-world being contemplated. Use of web-based initiatives is in keeping with plans to develop a new communications plan for CAMA – work that is ongoing.

Annual Conference

Work is in full gear for CAMA's annual conference to be held in Quebec City from May 26-28. The board received an update on planning. All promotional materials have now been mailed and the CAMA website contains all the details needed for CAMA members to register for this important educational and networking opportunity.

Efforts are also underway as it relates to the sponsorship and exhibitor component of the conference. A new platinum sponsor has signed on. Invitations have been sent to the presidents of ICMA, SOLACE, and LGMA and Local Government New Zealand to attend CAMA's annual conference. Representatives from ICMA and LGMA have already advised the CAMA national office they will be attending.

Governance Model Review

Brian Hamblin, City Manager for Camrose, AB and chair of CAMA's Governance Review Committee presented the findings of his committee's work to the board. The report focused on suggestions related to the nominating committee, the process to be elected to the board, regional and at-large nominees, election of officers, and terms of office. CAMA chair, Barry Carroll thanked Mr. Hamblin and his committee for their work. The board received the report for information purposes. Further review of the recommendations will be needed.

Literacy Report

An update was provided on literacy efforts carried out by Pat Nutter on behalf of CAMA. Evaluations of several literacy workshops were reviewed and status report on The Municipal Partnerships: Building Capacity for Literacy and Learning in the Workplace and Community Project for the period November 2007 to March 2008 was reviewed.

Professional Development

Professional development continues to be important for the CAMA board of directors. The final grant under the professional development pilot-project was awarded to the City of Yorkton, SK, who will receive \$500 to offset the cost of two "Respectful Workplace Awareness" workshops held in February. The success of the program will be discussed at the May board meeting.

International Efforts

Ongoing relationships with international associations related to good municipal government practices continue. CAMA will cost share a hospitality suite with other international associations at the next ICMA conference. An affiliated agreement will be sought with Local Government New Zealand. Interest was also expressed in exploring a CAMA Local Government Good Practice Toolkit based on the LGMA model.

2008 CAMA Awards

Jim Toye, chair of the 2008 CAMA Awards program, reported that 26 award nominations had been received. The evaluation committee would be reviewing the nominations. The board discussed the Honourary Life Memberships and considered the idea of creating a Long Service Award category, which was received for information purposes.

Upcoming Board Meetings

The next CAMA board meeting will be held on May 25 as part of the CAMA annual conference in Quebec City. The early-Fall board meeting will be held in Whistler, BC, the location for CAMA's 2009 annual conference, with the December board scheduled for Ottawa, ON.



CAMA Awards Program

2008 Awards Program Nominations Now Closed

Nominations for the 2008 CAMA Annual Awards Program and the Municipal Workplace Literacy and Learning Awards of Excellence have now past. Thank you to all the CAMA members who submitted nominations. The judges will now review the submissions. Winners will be announced at the CAMA national conference in May. Good luck everyone!

Membership Notes

- On behalf of the CAMA Board of Directors, we would like to welcome the following new members:
 - Claude Despres, Director of Corporate Planning, City of Moncton, New Brunswick
 - Twyla L. Graff, Chief Administrative Officer, District of Lantzville, British Columbia
 - Mark Brown, Chief Administrative Officer, Town of Qualicum Beach, British Columbia
 - Mr. Rodney Burkard, Chief Administrative Officer, Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, AB
 - Robert Coon, Chief Administrative Officer, Municipal District of Rocky View, AB
- 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.

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To view the last CAMA e-Brief, visit:
http://www.camacam.ca/about_ebrief.asp.

Job Broadcast is also distributed every two weeks. The next issue will appear:

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To view the last Job Broadcast listing, log on to:
http://www.camacam.ca/about_job.asp.

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Happy Easter / Joyeux Pâques



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