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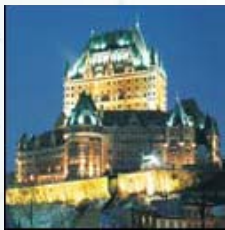
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CAMA Update

CAMA 2008 National Conference – Last Day to Register is May 15



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. The theme for the conference is "*Preserving our Legacy*." The deadline to register is May 15.

The cost to register is \$550 plus GST for members and \$650 plus GST for non-members. The partner's program costs \$195 plus GST and the CAMA Golf Day will cost members \$135 plus GST. See the program outline below. For more information and to register for the conference, visit http://www.camacam.ca/conference_2008.asp.

The host hotel for the conference is the Hilton Québec. The deadline for booking hotels rooms at the special conference rate has now past. Delegates can call the Hilton directly at 418-647-6500 or 1-800-447-2411 to check on room availability and any rates that will apply. Other hotels in the area include the Delta Québec Hotel and the Hôtel Courtyard Marriott de Québec.



SAP Signs on as Platinum Sponsor



SAP has signed on as a Platinum sponsor for the CAMA conference. Read on to find out more about their services.

CAMA members are reminded that starting January 1, 2009, under PSAB 3150 legislation, municipalities in Canada are expected to track and report the current value of their assets, including the original capital cost of each asset and its amortized value.

These assets include major capital infrastructure such as streets and roadways, sewer and water lines, and parks facilities. Overall, such assets carry an estimated value of more than CAN\$1.6 trillion, revealing the extent of work ahead for towns and cities across Canada.

While many public sector organizations have existing asset management approaches that are technically capable of doing the job, gaps exist in the processes and configuration. In some cases, the approach is short term and not sustainable. SAP TCA reporting is a cohesive solution to provide appropriate setup, workflow, and reporting, which ultimately eases the burden of asset reporting and helps ensure compliance to PSAB 3150 requirements immediately and for the future.

The Regional Municipality of Halton covers 960 square kilometers (370 square miles), includes frontage on Lake Ontario and communities such as Burlington, Halton Hills, Milton, and Oakville. The Region is successfully using the joint SAP and Riva Modeling Systems TCA solution.

The solution integrates directly into existing business process systems in order to enable the Region of Halton to take accurate inventory of its infrastructure, calculate depreciation, and track and record asset maintenance in real time through a visually rich, easy-to-use, Web-based portal.

The Region of Halton implementation validates SAP TCA Reporting as a solution to help Canadian municipalities meet the new tangible capital assets reporting requirements set by CICA's PSAB. Learn more about SAP's TCA reporting during this year's 37th Annual CAMA Conference in Québec City or by visiting www.sap.com.

AON Consulting Canada Becomes Gold Sponsor

AON Consulting has signed on as a gold sponsor for the CAMA conference. Find out more about AON below.

Aon Consulting Canada is one of the leading human capital consulting firms in Canada. Our global network, our involvement in industry task forces and our ongoing commitment to professional development enable us to provide leading-edge advice in all areas of human capital management. We provide services in:

- Human Capital Management, which includes Compensation, Communication, Talent Strategies and Benchmarking and Survey Services and our Human Capital Strategies group.
- Health and Benefits, which includes health and benefits consulting and Integrated Absence Management (IAM).
- Retirement, which includes pension and actuarial consulting, financial planning and investment consulting.



Aon Consulting Canada est une des premières sociétés d'experts-conseils en capital humain du Canada. Grâce à son réseau mondial, à sa participation à des

groupes de travail sur l'industrie et à son engagement constant envers le perfectionnement professionnel, elle peut offrir des conseils de pointe dans tous les secteurs de gestion des ressources humaines. Voici un aperçu de ses services:

- Gestion des ressources humaines – rémunération, communication, stratégies de définition des profils, services de sondage et de comparaison, groupe sur les stratégies de gestion des ressources, etc.
- Assurance-santé et autres avantages – services de consultation en la matière, gestion intégrée des absences, etc.
- Retraite – services de consultation en matière de pension, d'actuariat et d'investissement, planification financière, etc.



- Outsourcing, which includes pension administration, benefits administration, worker's compensation, and employee processing (recruitment and assessment) for both active and retiree populations

With over one hundred municipal clients, Aon has a strong presence in the municipal sector and is recognized as a trusted advisor.

- Impartition – administration des pensions, des prestations, indemnisation des accidentés du travail, recrutement et évaluation des employés (population active et retraitée), etc.

Comptant au-delà de cent clients, Aon s'est bien implantée dans le secteur municipal et est reconnue comme un consultant de confiance

REMINDER: 2008 ICMA Annual Conference Seeking International Speakers

As in past years, ICMA is making an effort to broaden the international perspective of the ICMA conference educational program. Conference organizers are looking to Canada and CAMA for help in identifying potential panelists for the 2008 conference, which will be held September 21-24 in Richmond, Virginia.

Following is the theme, title and times of educational sessions being developed from ideas generated by the 2008 Conference Planning Committee and other sources. CAMA members who are planning on attending the conference and would be interested and able to contribute to the content of any of these sessions, can contact Ross Hoff, Conference Director and Director of International Member Programs, at 202-962-3646 or rhoff@icma.org for more details. (Please note that conference organizers are not able to consider additional session topics at this time.)

Civic Engagement

- Emerging Technologies: New Mediums for Civic Engagement, Monday, Sept. 22, 12:45–2 p.m.
- Community Ambassadors: Organizing Volunteers to Support Local Government, Tuesday, Sept. 23, 3:30–4:40 p.m.

Environmental Sustainability

- Supporting Green Design and Technology: Policies, Ordinances, and Building Codes, Monday, Sept. 22, 12:45–2 p.m.
- Managing for a Sustainable Future, Tuesday, Sept. 23, 12:30 – 1:45 p.m.
- Regional Governance in Support of Sustainability: Overcoming Political Barriers, Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2–3:10 p.m.

Infrastructure Planning and Financing

- Building It Right the First Time, Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2–3:10 p.m.
- Buried Assets and Buried Liabilities: Dealing with Aging, Hidden Infrastructure, Tuesday, Sept. 23, 3:30–4:40 p.m.

Organizational and Professional Sustainability

- Recruit, Reward, and Retain the Best, Monday, Sept. 22, 9:45–11 a.m.
- The Organization That Works: How to Implement a Learning Culture, Tuesday, Sept. 23, 11 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
- Addiction in the Workplace, Tuesday, Sept. 23, 3:30–4:40 p.m.

Managing Small Communities

- Leading Practices for Small-Community Issues, Monday, Sept. 22, 9:45–11 a.m.
- Working Together while Maintaining Identity, Monday, Sept. 22, 2:30–3:40 p.m.
- Boundary-less Models for Funding Infrastructure, Tuesday, Sept. 23, 11 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
- Maintaining a Sense of Place: Keeping the “Small Town” Feeling, Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2–3:10 p.m.
- Small but Mighty: Big Jobs from Small Communities, Tuesday, Sept. 23, 3:30–4:40 p.m.

Personal Issues Facing Local Government Managers

- Looking Out for Me, Monday, Sept. 22, 2:30–3:40 p.m.
- Committed to Your Job and Committed to Your Family, Tuesday, Sept. 23, 3:30–4:40 p.m.

Board News

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 of CAMA's 2009 annual conference. The December board meeting has been scheduled for Ottawa, ON.



CAMA Literacy Project

CAMA Sponsored Computer Literacy Fun Centre a Big Hit!



On May 3, 2008 CAMA sponsored a Computer Literacy Fun Centre in Fort Erie as part of a larger annual Family Literacy Event in Fort Erie. The Computer Literacy Fun Centre was one of five projects funded by the CAMA Literacy Project in support of Fort Erie's Learning Community Project. The goal of the centre was to introduce families to computers as a family learning tool and to appeal to all ages.

Hundreds of parents and their children, grandparents and grandchildren, and their friends streamed in and out of the lab throughout the day. Young children quickly jumped on the chairs in front of computers to play the colourful, educational computer games. Adults and children alike went into another room to try their hand at being a rock star with the music video simulation Guitar Hero.

Not only did children and their parents get introduced to new forms of computer learning, they had a great time. When asked about their experience in the centre, a common response was, "it was cool!" People also learned more about Fort Erie's Community Learning Project. For many of the event volunteers who came through the lab, it was the first time they had heard about the project. This new awareness opens up future opportunities for the project in terms of expanded contacts and partners.

Fort Erie's Family Literacy Event is in its fifth year. In September of 2002, a group interested in promoting the critical importance of emergent literacy formed the Fort Erie Family Literacy Event Committee. Committee members represented a wide variety of parties from across the Niagara Region including the local library, the YMCA, Healthy Babies, Healthy Children, local school boards and child care programs, Ontario Early Years, Early Years Niagara, CAPC-Brighter Futures, the Town of Fort Erie, Speech Services Niagara, and the Adult Literacy Council of Greater Fort Erie.

The goals of the annual event are to provide opportunities for young children to engage in rich literacy activities with their parents. Parents learn how they can promote the development of emergent literacy skills in their homes. This year approximately 2000 participants enjoyed the day, taking home a free book and literacy related information for parents. For more on this event, contact Patricia Nutter, CAMA Municipal Partnerships Project, 613-264-0111 or p.nutter@xplomet.com.

CCL "Learning Communities" Symposium Will Feature Fort Erie Case Study

Want to know more about the Fort Erie's Community Learning Plan outlined above. It will be featured as part of the Canadian Council on Learning (CCL) "Learning Communities" symposium to be held in Quebec City from May 28 to 29. Attendees of both the CAMA and FCM conferences are invited to attend the CCL symposium.

The event gets underway with an evening soiree entitled "*Hors d'œuvres and ideas*" to be held from 5 pm to 7 pm on Wednesday, May 28 enjoy the event at the Hilton Quebec. The symposium will be held from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm on May 29 at the Hôtel Delta Quebec. It is entitled: *Future prosperity, competitiveness and well-being: Exploring the power of a Community Learning Strategy to achieve broad socioeconomic outcomes.*

Fort Erie's Community Learning Plan will be a case study at the symposium. Gather with other symposium attendees from 9:15–11:00 a.m. for to the session entitled "Fort Erie: Lessons Learned from the Field." Registration for both events is free. For more information or to register, contact: David Holtzman, dholtzman@ccl-cca.ca / 604-694-2710, ext. 308 or Sheena Powell, spowell@ccl-cca.ca / 613-786-3230, ext. 217 or visit <http://www.ccl-cca.ca/CCL/Events/Upcoming/20080528-29EveningandSymposium.htm?Language=EN>.



Membership Notes

REMINDER: Municipal Revenue – Stability and Sustainability Symposium

The International Property Tax Institute (IPTI), in co-operation with the City of Calgary, the City of Edmonton, and Municipal Tax Equity Consultants Inc. invites you to a one-day symposium entitled “Municipal Revenue – Stability and Sustainability.” The event will be held on Thursday, June 5, 2008 at the Delta Calgary Airport Hotel, 2001 Airport Road, N.E., Calgary, AB.

The cost to attend is \$450 for IPTI members and \$495 for non-members. The fee includes materials, breakfast, lunch, and closing reception. The registration deadline is May 23, 2008. The recommended hotels are the Delta Calgary Airport, 403-250-6024 (Rate: \$199, plus tax) or Sandman Hotel & Suites Calgary Airport, 403-219-2480 (Rate: \$110, plus tax). (Note: Amounts shown are government rates; proper ID must be shown at time of booking.)

For more information on the symposium, and for secure on-line registration and payment, log on to: http://www.ipti.org/calgary_symposium.asp or you can contact, Ian W. McClung, Executive Director, ITPI, 403-241-2271 or mcclungi@telus.net.

- On behalf of the CAMA Board of Directors, we would like to welcome the following new members:
 - Mr. Normand Beaulieu, Chief Administrative Officer/Treasurer, Town of Hawkesbury, ON
 - Mr. Paul Schulz, Director, Planning & Protective Services, City of Airdrie, AB
 - Mr. Mark Locking, Director, Engineering & Public Works, City of Airdrie, 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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