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CAMA Update

Applications Being Accepted for CAMA Professional Development Grants Program

For the third year in a row, the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators (CAMA) is pleased to be accepting applications for the CAMA Professional Development Grants Program. Five professional development grants, valued at \$2,000 each, will be awarded to CAMA member municipalities.

The grants are intended to help Canadian municipalities organize professional development for their staff and others in their region. The training must also address an identified professional development need. The deadline for grant applications is August 14, 2009 for events proposed for the period October 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010. The CAMA board of directors will select successful candidates at their September 2009 board meeting. Recipients will be notified shortly thereafter.



Applications will be evaluated based on the program / service obligation, CAMA mission, professional development content, alternate providers, and financial need. **Please note that consideration will only be given to events that are offered to all of the municipalities in the region. Preference will be given to municipalities who demonstrate that the event addresses an identified professional development need in that region.** For more on the program and to obtain the application form, please visit the CAMA web site at <http://www.camacam.ca/index.php?q=node/25>.

Canada Firearms Registry – Municipalities Must Report Firearms by October 31

The Public Agents Firearm Regulations came into effect on October 31, 2008. Under the Regulations all public agencies that own firearms including municipalities, must report the firearms to the RCMP – Canada Firearms Registry before October 31, 2009.

The most common reason for municipalities to own firearms is for the purpose of animal control. If your municipality owns firearms and has not yet reported them to the Registrar please contact publicagency@cf-cafc.gc.ca or call 1-800-731-4000, extension 1045, for instructions on how to report municipal firearms. For more information about the Regulations visit the RCMP – Canada Firearms Program website at <http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/cfp-pcaf>

Board Members Presenting CAMA Awards in Person

In addition to the award of excellence presentations made at the CAMA annual conference in Whistler, CAMA board members have been visiting winning municipalities to recognize their Councils and employees in person.

Ron Shaw, CAMA Director-at-Large and Chief Administrative Officer for the City of Stratford, ON was on hand for a council meeting at the Regional Municipality of York in Newmarket, ON on June 25 to recognize the award-winning efforts of that community.

York Region was awarded the CAMA Environmental Award for communities with a population over 20,000, for their *Greening Strategy*, which recognized the interconnectedness of their natural environment and the need to ensure the best use of local knowledge to drive environmental planning strategies.

Owen Tobert, outgoing CAMA president and former CAMA rep for Alberta and the Northwest Territories, as well as City Manager for Calgary, journeyed to a Council meeting for the Town of Canmore on June 30, to present that community with the 2009 Willis Award for Innovation, for communities with populations under 20,000.

Canmore was recognized for an innovative screening process aimed at ensuring sustainable development with local input. The town's *Sustainability Screening Report* (SSR) process was approved in 2007 and is today a key factor in its ongoing quest to ensure long term sustainability and viability of the community.

Kelly Daniels, CAMA representative for British Columbia and Yukon and Chief Administrative Officer for the Victoria Capital Regional District will be making other presentations later in July.

2009 CAMA Conference Survey: Tell us what you think!

The Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators is currently conducting an e-mail survey with those who attended the 38th Annual CAMA Conference in Whistler, BC from June 1-3, 2009. Delegate feedback is extremely important and will assist in the planning and development of next year's CAMA Conference in Toronto. Didn't get a chance respond? Why not take few minutes right now.

- CAMA members who attended the conference can click on the following link to provide info on the conference and your perception of CAMA: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=8nQjD7BPFrKaYEuh4sYxkw_3d_3d.
- For those who attended the conference, but are not CAMA members, the survey link is as follows: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=4Vbt7KbDVa4mSjoQdO98Rg_3d_3d.



CAMA 2009 Conference Tradeshow Sponsor Information

Thanks to all those who supported the CAMA conference in Whistler, BC. CAMA members can find out more about the sponsors by visiting the CAMA web site at <http://www.camacam.ca/index.php?q=node/34>. Information about WebTech Wireless and ESRI Canada did not get included on the USB key handed out at the Conference. Read on to find out more about these companies and how municipalities can benefit.

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The City of Woodstock recently leveraged ESRI Canada's Asset Valuation Toolkit to proactively comply with Ontario's PSAB PS3150 requirements. They developed an asset valuation framework that cuts costs, streamlines the entire asset management cycle and ensures compliance. To read this case study, please visit:

http://www.esricanada.com/documents/EC1_09_05_08_A_Woodstock_AVT_.pdf

2010 CAMA Conference: CAMA Members Can Now Book Accommodations

With the final clean-up almost complete for the 2009 CAMA Annual Conference, planning is well underway for the 2010 conference to be held in Toronto, ON from May 31 to June 2 at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel. The preliminary conference theme is "Leading in Uncertain Times: Municipal Best Practices." Sessions will focus on municipal finance, innovation and governance. For further information and to book your hotel accommodations, please visit the CAMA website at: <http://www.camacam.ca/index.php?q=node/230>.

Board News

Upcoming Board Meetings

The next CAMA board of directors meeting will be held from September 9-11, 2009 in Stratford, ON, home municipality of CAMA board member at large, Ron Shaw, CAO for Stratford. This meeting will include a side trip to Toronto to discuss plans for the 2010 conference with the local host community. The board will hold their November board meeting in Ottawa, ON.

Workplace Literacy & Learning

Build a Bird Feeder: A Unique Workplace Learning Initiative

The City of Grande Prairie Workplace Learning Committee hosted a "Build a Bird Feeder" course in May for interested staff members, including management and union representatives. The municipality enlisted the carpentry skills of their own facility workers to teach the course, booked the carpentry shop at one of Grande Prairie's facilities and posted an invitation on the City's web site.



Ten people signed up and learned the skills of operating an air nailer and small hand tools. The event was a success, and the participants had a lot fun and lots of laughs building the project. They were also quite proud of their finished products. Undoubtedly, the birds in Grande Prairie's neighbourhoods are reaping the rewards of their efforts. For more on the program, and to reach the event organizers in Grande Prairie, contact Pat Nutter, CAMA's workplace learning & literacy coordinator at (613) 264-0111, or p.nutter@xplornet.com.



CAMA Awards

CAMA Awards of Excellence

The Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators congratulates the 2009 Award of Excellence recipients. Over the coming weeks, CAMA e-Brief will focus on the award winners as well as the nominees. Both the winners and nominees show Canada's municipal government at its best.

Southeast False Creek Neighbourhood Energy Utility City of Vancouver, BC

Winner: Willis Award for Innovation (Population over 20,000)

Development of a community energy system that harnesses and recovers waste heat from sewage has earned national recognition for the City of Vancouver, BC.

The Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators (CAMA) presented Vancouver with the 2009 Willis Award for Innovation for its *Southeast False Creek Neighbourhood Energy Utility* project at the association's annual conference in Whistler, BC.

The City of Vancouver's *Southeast False Creek Neighbourhood Energy Utility* is a district energy system that will provide space heating and domestic hot water to all buildings in the Southeast False Creek and Olympic Village sustainable community development.

The first phase of the Neighbourhood Energy Utility (NEU) development will recover heat from the municipal sewer system as the main energy source. The technology taps a renewable, locally available source of energy sufficient to supply approximately 70 per cent of the annual thermal energy demand for the new neighbourhood.

The NEU's Community Energy Centre is expected to achieve LEED™ Gold certification and should be completed by the summer of 2009. NEU technology is readily transferable to neighbourhood scale developments elsewhere in North America.

The Willis Award for Innovation, awarded in recognition of Jack Willis for his contribution to the CAMA, is presented for programs, projects or services that demonstrate exceptional innovation or meritorious initiative.

Workplace Literacy & Learning Awards

The Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators congratulates the 2009 recipients for the Community Leadership Awards for Municipal Workplace Literacy & Learning Achievements. Over the coming weeks, CAMA e-Brief will profile the award winners.



Kristi Nelson, CUPE Local 787
City of Grande Prairie, AB
Winner: Learner Achievement Category



Getting her Grade 12 diploma as a mature student has taken Kristi Nelson, an employee with the City of Grande Prairie, AB, on a steadily upward and multi-faceted career path. And, it is that journey that has landed her a Workplace Literacy and Learning Award from the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators (CAMA).

The award, in the “Learner Achievement” category, was presented at the CAMA 2009 Community Leadership Awards Luncheon held on June 2 during the association’s Annual Conference held in Whistler, BC. This award recognizes learners who have shown a strong commitment to literacy and learning.

In 2006, Kristi Nelson began training for a full-time position as a parts person with the City of Grande Prairie, AB. Looking back on the first year of that three-year course, Nelson recalls: “It was like a foreign language. Nothing was clear or familiar.”

The course got easier as time went on and she graduated in 2008 as a Red Seal certified tradesperson — the second most significant educational achievement in her life. The first was getting her Grade 12 diploma as a mature student in 1996, just before she began her career with the City.

Now, Ms. Nelson is a member of Grande Prairie’s Workplace Learning Committee, Safety Advisory Committee, Health and Safety Team, Audit Action Plan Team, and CAMA’s national Learners’ Council. She also sits as vice-president of CUPE 787.

And early in 2009, she accomplished her newest goal – a secondment to the Occupational Health and Safety unit for the City of Grande Prairie. Ms. Nelson attended the awards luncheon to accept her award.

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