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Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators.

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	<p>Leading Communities to Success in the New Global Economy</p> <p>ICMA's 95th Annual Conference September 13-16, 2009, Montréal, QC</p> <p><i>Special registration discounts apply!</i></p> <p>Register today at www.icma.org/conference2009.</p>
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CAMA Update

Professional Development Grants Program Being Accepted

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>.

More CAMA Awards Presented in Person by Board Member

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.

On July 7, Kelly Daniels, CAMA representative for British Columbia and Yukon and Chief Administrative Officer for the Victoria Capital Regional District presented the City of Vancouver with the 2009 Willis Award for Innovation, for communities with populations over 20,000.

Vancouver was recognized for developing a community energy system that harnesses and recovers waste heat from sewage. The *Southeast False Creek Neighbourhood Energy Utility* (NEU) 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.

Mr. Daniels will also be in the Resort Municipality of Whistler on July 21st, the site of the CAMA 2009 Annual Conference, to make his next presentation. Whistler won the 2009 CAMA Environmental Award, for communities with populations under 20,000, for its *Low-Temperature District Energy-Sharing System*.

The system was implemented at the Whistler Athletes' Village as part of the community's strategy for applying sustainable principles to game infrastructure. The system is designed to meet the needs of the 2010 Olympics and Paralympics Games and beyond.

The Council for Maple Ridge will be presented with their CAMA Award of Excellence in the Fall.

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 ESRI Canada did not get included on the USB key handed out at the Conference. Read on to find out more...

ESRI Canada

ESRI Canada provides enterprise geographic information systems (GIS) solutions that empower businesses, governments, and educational institutions to make timely, informed and mission critical decisions. They offer customized solutions that help municipalities meet their unique challenges.

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.

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.

Sustainability Screening Report (SSR)

Town of Canmore, AB

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



An innovative screening process aimed at ensuring sustainable development and local input has earned national recognition for the Town of Canmore, AB.

The Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators (CAMA) presented Canmore with the 2009 Willis Award for Innovation, for municipalities with populations under 20,000. The award was presented at the Association's annual conference held in Whistler, BC from June 1-3, 2009.

Canmore'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.

The process requires all applicants for statutory plan amendments and development permits to provide a detailed description to Council and the community of how their project will provide a net environmental, social and economic benefit to Canmore. The process also ensures increased public participation.

Canmore has been under extreme development pressure for well over a decade. Surrounded by provincial parks, the town has a limited footprint and small window of opportunity to influence development in the community. The process is applicable beyond Canmore.



In the photo above, the award was presented to Mr. Don Kochan, Chief Administrative Officer with the Town of Canmore, by Owen Tobert, CAMA President and Paul Gregory, FCM, the award sponsor. 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.

District of Maple Ridge, BC

Winner: Organizational Commitment to Creating a Positive Learning Culture for all Employees



Creating a learning culture with something for everyone, including lunch-and-learn workshops, on-site certificate and diploma courses, and a new professional development pilot project has netted the District of Maple Ridge, BC a Workplace Literacy and Learning Award from the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators (CAMA).

The award, in the “*Organizational Commitment to Creating a Positive Learning Culture for all Employees*” 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 honours towns and

cities that have shown leadership by promoting lifelong learning in the workplace.

The nature of Maple Ridge’s learning culture means that there’s something for everyone; from lunch-and-learn workshops led by employees to on-site certificate and diploma courses in administration and leadership. In 2008, the two-year leadership program had 44 participants.

A new Professional Development pilot project offers employees personality assessments, coaching, and programs tailored to meet their specific workplace goals. In 2008, a survey of staff ranked training and learning opportunities as the number one motivational factor among municipal employees.

CUPE Local 622 is an active partner in the District’s learning initiatives. Other partners have included the British Columbia Institute of Technology, Vancouver Community College, the Arts Centre and Theatre, and the Fraser Valley Regional Library.

The award was presented by President Tobert and Literacy Chairman, Mr. Ron Penney and accepted by Jim Rule, Chief Administrative Officer for Maple Ridge and Steve Traviss, Senior Human Resources Officer for the district.

Membership Notes

New Members

On behalf of the CAMA Board of Directors, welcome to the following new members:

- Ms. Dorian Kachur, Business Strategy Team Leader, City of Airdrie, AB
- Ms. Kathleen Muretti, Environmental Services, Procurement & AP Team Leader, City of Airdrie, AB
- Mr. Lorne Stevens, Manager of Engineering Services and Public Works, City of Airdrie, AB
- Mr. Louis Coutinho, Chief Administrative Officer, Town of Windsor, NS



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http://www.camacam.ca/about_ebrief.asp.

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