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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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A unique blend of Old-World charm and vibrant, North American energy, Montréal is the exhilarating location for ICMA's 2009 Annual Conference. A study in sustainable urban development, the city offers some of the best of many worlds, including the opportunity to learn, study, and enhance your skills in an international setting.

Message from ICMA International Vice-President, Mr. Simon Farbrother

As city manager of Waterloo, Ontario, and a member of the Executive Board of ICMA, the International City/County Management Association, I am reaching out to my colleagues who live and work in this year's ICMA conference host country with exciting news about the [95th ICMA Annual Conference in Montréal, Québec](#), September 13-16.

ICMA last visited Montréal back in 1987, and our most recent conference in Canada took place in Vancouver in 1997. You won't want to miss this rare opportunity to join our colleagues from the U.S. and around the world—in our home country!



The [ICMA Annual Conference](#) is the world's largest gathering of local government management professionals. Keynote addresses from internationally renowned thought leaders (including award-winning environmentalist **David Suzuki**, foremost economic analyst **Alice Rivlin**, and Canada's leading workplace health and demographic expert **Linda Duxbury**); stimulating educational sessions; intensive workshops; and locally based field demonstrations give attendees an unparalleled opportunity to learn about and acquire new techniques for addressing the critical challenges facing our communities.

ICMA members in Canada attending their first ICMA Annual Conference in Montréal receive a \$200(USD) discount off the member conference registration rate. We've also eliminated the August 14 cut off for the second conference registration rate, for an additional \$50(USD) in savings. The \$200(USD) "first-time, host" discount, combined with the second registration fee extension, could mean as much as \$250(USD) in savings for you, bringing the cost of registration to only \$435(USD) compared with the current registration rate of \$685(USD) for ICMA members outside Canada.

Early-career professionals who have been Affiliate members of ICMA for three or fewer years are eligible for an additional \$300(USD) off the conference registration fee. If you fit this criteria, you could pay as little as \$135 to register for this outstanding event!

If you are not a member of ICMA, you can join now and register at the deeply discounted ICMA/CAMA member price. Visit <http://www.camacam.ca/index.php?q=node/32> for a membership application and information on joining ICMA.

Visit icma.org/conference2009 for more details and then plan to join us in Montréal, September 13-16! I hope to see you there!

Simon Farbrother
City Manager, Waterloo, Ontario
ICMA International Vice President

Can't Come to Montreal? Let ICMA Come to You!

Can't leave town? Bring ICMA to your organization through your computer! In response to member demand, ICMA is launching their first-ever [virtual conference option](#) for the 2009 Annual Conference in Montreal, September 14-15! Developed in partnership with ICMA Strategic Partner [Granicus](#), provider of streaming media for local governments, the [ICMA e-Conference Montréal](#) is a low-cost, no-travel professional development and networking alternative that just may answer your budgetary or travel restrictions! [Visit the virtual conference site today](#) for details and to register.

CAMA Update

Professional Development Grants Program

The deadline for the Professional Development Grants Program applications was on August 14, 2009 for events proposed for the period October 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010. For the third year in a row, the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators (CAMA) is pleased to be offering this program to our member municipalities. Five professional development grants, valued at \$2,000 each, will be awarded to CAMA member municipalities.

The CAMA board of directors will select successful candidates at their September 2009 board meeting. Recipients will be notified shortly thereafter. For more on the program, 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 21st, Kelly Daniels, CAMA representative for British Columbia and Yukon and Chief Administrative Officer for the Victoria Capital Regional District presented the Resort Municipality of Whistler with 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.

2010 CAMA Conference: CAMA Members Can Now Book Accommodations

The 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 next Board meeting in Ottawa from November 25-27, 2009.

Former CAMA President lands new position as CAO of Guysborough, NS.

Congratulations to former CAMA President (2007-2008) Barry Carroll, who started his position on August 10th as the new Chief Administrative Officer for the Municipality of the District of Guysborough, NS.

Jim Toye Named as Rotary Paul Harris Fellow

Jim Toye, CAMA's Second Vice President and representative for Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Nunavut has been recognized for outstanding service to the Rotary Club. On June 29 the Rotary Club of the Battlefords named Toye a Paul Harris Fellow in recognition of his exemplary contributions to the Rotary Club of the Battlefords. The presentation was made by Rotary District Governor Terry Drader of the Drayton Valley, Alberta Rotary Club.



The Paul Harris Fellowship is named for Paul Harris, who founded Rotary in Chicago in 1905. The Fellowship was established in his honour in 1957 to express appreciation for a contribution of US \$1,000 to the humanitarian and educational programs of the Rotary Foundation. Those programs include an array of projects that save and invigorate the lives of people around the world and enhance international friendship and understanding. Foundation programs provide educational opportunities, food, potable water, health care, immunizations and shelter for millions of persons. These activities are funded, implemented and managed by Rotarians and Rotary clubs around the globe.

Rotarians and Rotary clubs, as is the case in Jim's Fellowship, make the donation to the Foundation and designate a Paul Harris Fellow to recognize another person whose life demonstrates a shared purpose with the objectives and mission of the Rotary Foundation to build world understanding and peace.

Congratulations Jim on this well deserved award!

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.

York Region Greening Strategy Regional Municipality of York, ON

Winner: CAMA Environmental Award

Recognition of the interconnectedness of our natural environment and the need to ensure best use of local knowledge drove an environmental planning strategy that has earned York Region national recognition.

CAMA presented the Regional Municipality of York, Newmarket, ON with the 2009 CAMA Environmental Award for its *York Region Greening Strategy*. The award ceremony took place at the Association's annual meeting on June 3rd in Whistler, BC.

CAMA is pleased to recognize the administrative excellence and vision demonstrated by the Regional Municipality of York with this robust and integrated environmental planning approach. This kind of innovation has the potential to be a model for communities across the country.

The CAMA Environmental Award acknowledged the Strategy's innovative and future-focused approach to regional decision-making with the potential to affect the natural environment. Adopted in 2001, the Strategy includes planning and strategic action related to green lands, forests, community education, stewardship and land securement.

The range of partnerships developed as part of the program is aimed at ensuring best possible use of the Region's resources, people, knowledge and expertise. The plan is already exhibiting concrete results, including the planting of hundreds of thousands of trees, the adoption of sustainable forest practices and a high level of resident involvement.

In the photo above, the award was presented to Ms. Sandra Malcic, Regional Greening Coordinator with the Regional Municipality of York by Owen Tobert, CAMA President, Jim Toye, Awards Chair, and Paul Gregory, FCM award sponsor. CAMA's Environment Award recognizes the commitment of a municipality to environmentally sustainable governance, to protecting the environment and to combating climate change



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.

Leadership Institute Program Grand Prairie, AB

Winner: Workplace Literacy and Learning Award, "Recognition of Educators" category.

Two champions with a big idea and municipal staff who provided invaluable input resulted in a Leadership Program that has earned national recognition for Grande Prairie, AB.



Donelda Laing, Manager of Family and Community Support Services for Grande Prairie and Dan Lemieux, Grand Prairie's Fire Chief, were recognized with a Workplace Literacy and Learning Award from CAMA for their work developing the City's Leadership Institute Program

The award, in the "Recognition of Educators" 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. In the photo, the award was presented by President Tobert and Literacy Chairman, Mr. Ron Penney and accepted by Ms. Laing and Mr. Bill Walker, on behalf of Fire Chief Lemieux.

The awards celebrate the efforts that outstanding people and organizations have made to municipal workplace learning and literacy programs. CAMA is pleased to recognize administrative excellence, especially when it makes a difference to municipal employees across the country.

The City of Grande Prairie's Leadership Institute Program was created by asking employees for their views and harnessing the energy of two powerful people willing to champion new ideas within the workplace.

Using an Appreciative Inquiry process that resulted in input from 157 employees in 21 departments, Donelda Laing created the City's 22-day leadership training program in partnership with Northern Lakes College and a local consulting firm.

The first group of students started the program in September 2008 and will finish in November this year. As part of their training, they have already helped the City by researching and reporting on how Grande Prairie can improve its secondment process.

CAMA presented the first national awards of excellence in municipal workplace literacy achievements in 2001. The awards are a celebration of the 'journey of discovery' that municipalities and their employees embark on with these training initiatives and an acknowledgement of the key role that management and labour jointly play to make these programs a true success.

Membership Notes

Member Inquiry - Municipalities & Tamiflu

At the FCM conference, the manufacturers of Tamiflu (Roche) were given the opportunity to pitch their product. Apparently they were there at the request of the City of Toronto who have purchased a stockpile of the medication in anticipation of a flu pandemic. Patrick Moyle, CAO for the Halton Region, ON is wondering if anyone is aware of any other municipalities who are stockpiling this drug?

If you have a response to Patrick's question, you can contact him directly at patrick.moyle@halton.ca or call 905-825-6230.

New Members

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

Brenda Orchard, Chief Administrative Officer, County of Annapolis, NS
Gail Stephens, City Manager, City of Victoria, BC
Harry Harker, Town Manager (CAO), Town of High River, AB
Ken Anderson, Director of Corporate Services, City of Grande Prairie, AB
Richard Rousseau, Vice-President, Sales & Industry Relations, D.L.G.L. Ltd., Blainville, QC
Tim Anderson, General Manager of Public Works, City of Waterloo, ON
Tom Stevens, City Manager, City of Campbell River, BC

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 e-mail admin@camacam.ca.

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

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Week of August 24, 2009

To view the last Job Broadcast listing, log on to:
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