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## CAMA Update

### Municipalities Face New Rules for Sewage Plants From The Canadian Press

Canadian municipalities will have to bring their leaky sewage treatment plants up to snuff under new regulations to be unveiled by the Harper government later this year. The new rules will set performance benchmarks, timelines and monitoring and reporting requirements for the country's 4,000 wastewater facilities, Environment Minister Jim Prentice said Thursday in Saint John, N.B.

The regulations will cover all wastewater systems operated by municipalities, the provincial and federal governments, and those on federal or aboriginal lands. "All jurisdictions will now have to maintain, update, or develop new regulatory tools to implement the Canada-wide strategy," Prentice said, according to a copy of the speech provided by his office. "We have the strategy. We intend to enforce it with the powers of the Fisheries Act to protect the health of Canadians and the environment."

Facilities that can't afford the upgrades or repairs can apply to Ottawa's infrastructure fund or borrow from the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp., Prentice said.

The government will publish draft regulations in December, which will be revised and finalized next year.



A soggy summer in some parts of the country has pushed sanitary and storm sewers to the limit. Heavy rainfall in Ottawa has clogged city drains and spilled nearly 500 million litres of sewage into the Ottawa River. Beaches have been closed because of high levels of bacteria. Oyster and quahog fishing was banned along a six-kilometre stretch of Prince Edward Island's East River in June after a sewage leak was discovered at a treatment facility in a nearby trailer park.

Politicians in Victoria, B.C., recently approved a plan to build four treatment plants to handle the millions of litres of raw sewage the city and surrounding suburbs now dump every day into the Strait of Juan de Fuca. And a recent report by the environmental group Ecojustice analyzed figures from Ontario's Ministry of the Environment and found billions of litres of untreated sewage have been dumped into the province's waterways.

### **ICMA Annual CAMA Dinner/International Reception**

Plans are being finalized for the "Annual Canada Night Dinner" at the 2009 ICMA Conference in Montréal, Québec. As has been the tradition in the past, the CAMA President has taken on the role of organizing this activity.

If you are a CAMA member attending ICMA, CAMA President Chris MacPherson invites you to this year's dinner, which will be held on Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 8:00 p.m. at the Vargas Steakhouse (514-875-4545) located at 690 Rene Levesque West.

This is a modern restaurant serving steak, chicken, seafood and sushi. A pre-set menu has been established for the CAMA group in which the price is approximately \$40.00/person. As in past years, attendees are responsible for the cost of their meals. The Vargas restaurant is about a 10 minute walk from the Conference hotels.

It is important to RSVP to Jennifer Goodine, CAMA National Office, at [admin@camacam.ca](mailto:admin@camacam.ca) by next Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> so the appropriate seating can be confirmed in the restaurant.

CAMA members in attendance at the ICMA Conference are also invited to attend the International Affiliates Reception co-hosted by CAMA, SOLGM, SOLACE, and LGMA taking place on the same evening (September 14<sup>th</sup>) from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Le Centre Sheraton Montréal Hotel (1201 Boulevard Rene-Levesque West) in Salon 1, Second Floor.

### **2010 CAMA Conference: CAMA Members Can Now Book Accommodations**

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

### CAMA Board Meeting Next Week in Stratford, Ontario

CAMA members are reminded that the CAMA Board will meet next week in Stratford, ON (September 9-11, 2009). Key business items will be to continue the implementation of the CAMA Strategic Plan. One of our initiatives is an updated website and you will see significant changes in the look and feel during the month of September 2009, along with an interactive calendar to post your events to in the future.

This is the first Board meeting since the Annual Conference. The Board will review the final report and budget for the Conference, which was held in Whistler. The Board will look ahead to the 2010 Conference planned for Toronto and will discuss the theme and the speaker line-up along with some possible venues for the Casual Night Out and other extra curricular activities. A number of items are slated for discussion under the member services and national office update along with the Literacy Report for the last quarter. As usual, the Board will receive the Treasurer's Report. Kelly Daniels, International Chair, will be presenting a report on several initiatives outlining how CAMA can partner with our affiliate organizations and provide significant opportunities for our membership to take advantage of.

The professional development applications will be considered along with discussions on the 2010 CAMA Award Program and the future board meetings.

### Meet the New CAMA Board Members

Two new individuals were elected to the CAMA Board of Directors at the Association's Annual Conference in June 2009. The new members will be featured in CAMA e-Brief over the coming weeks. First up, is Patrick Moyle, CAMA Representative for Ontario.



Patrick Moyle is the Chief Administrative Officer with Halton Region. Prior to joining the Region, he held a variety of positions in the public, private and not for profit sectors. He began his career in land use planning and economic development in the Muskoka District, followed by experience as a CAO in Huntsville, Orangeville and Caledon. He was also the Commissioner of Corporate Services with the City of Brampton, President of Evanco Development, and Executive Director of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

Mr. Moyle served as a Board Member of the Headwaters Health Corporation and currently is a member of the municipal pension employers group, MEPCO. Patrick has also served as an advisory to the Province during the realignment of services discussion in the 90's and most recently was an advisor on infrastructure matters during the Provincial Municipal Fiscal Services Review.



## Ask CAMA

Ask CAMA is an e-brief feature where members may submit any question related to municipal policy, projects and governance. To submit a question to Ask CAMA, write to [admin@camacam.ca](mailto:admin@camacam.ca).

### Pandemic Planning

**Gerard Lewis, CAO, City of Mount Pearl**

**“Do any other municipalities (20,000 to 40,000 in population) have a Widespread Illness Plan/Pandemic Flu Manual?”**

If you have a response to Gerard’s question, you can contact him directly at [glewis@mountpearl.ca](mailto:glewis@mountpearl.ca) or call 709-748-1025.

## 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.

### “Olympic” Energy-Sharing Efforts, Resort Municipality of Whistler, BC

**Winner: CAMA Environmental Award**



Development of a one-of-a-kind heating and cooling system that uses ambient heat from treated wastewater has earned national recognition for the Resort Municipality of Whistler (RMOW) in British Columbia.

CAMA presented Whistler with the 2009 CAMA Environmental Award for its *Low-Temperature District Energy-Sharing System*. The award ceremony took place at the Association’s annual conference in Whistler, BC. In the photo, the award was presented by President Owen Tobert, and Paul Gregory, FCM Award Sponsor, to Mr. Mike Vance, RMOW General Manager of Program & Policy

Development and Mr. Ted Battiston, RMOW Manager of Sustainability Initiatives.



The RMOW implemented a low-temperature district energy system at the Whistler's Athletes' Village as part of its strategy for applying sustainable principles to infrastructure. The system is designed to meet the needs of the 2010 Olympics and Paralympics Games and beyond.

The system, described as one of the first closed-loop systems of its kind in Canada, is projected to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 96 per cent when compared to conventional heating technologies, which normally circulate high temperature water, thus limiting their use and responsiveness. The Whistler system extracts low-temperature ambient heat from treated wastewater effluent, making it flexible enough to provide both heating and cooling for approximately 2,200 users occupying 85,000 square meters of space.

### **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.

#### **Nunavut Municipal Training Organization**

**Winner: Workplace Literacy and Learning Award, "Development of Effective & Successful Partnerships for Workplace Learning" category.**



The creation of a non-profit organization to deliver training to municipal employees in Nunavut has earned the Nunavut Municipal Training Organization and the Nunavut Association of Municipal Administrators a Workplace Literacy and Learning Award from CAMA.

The award was presented at the CAMA 2009 Community Leadership Awards Luncheon held on June 2 during the association's Annual Conference held in Whistler, BC. The award is given to successful partnerships in the area of workplace learning. In the photo, the award was presented by President Tobert and Literacy Award Chairman, Mr. Ron Penney and accepted by Ms. Margaret Taylor, on behalf of the Nunavut Municipal Training Organization.

In 2003, two visionary and focused organizations in Nunavut partnered to create a new non-profit organization to deliver training to municipal employees. That's how the Nunavut Municipal Training Organization was born.

The "parents" of this new body were the Nunavut Association of Municipal Administrators and the Government of Nunavut's Department of Community and Government Services. Their joint training needs survey in the fall of 2002 paved the way for creation of the Municipal Government Certificate Program—a training regime designed to enhance every aspect of municipal operations in the Territory.



Since the training program was launched in 2004, more than 500 Records of Achievement have been issued. The program's success has had a significant impact on the delivery of quality municipal programs and services throughout the Territory. All of this has occurred despite challenges unique to Nunavut, such as having to translate materials into the local language, and the uncertainty of travel in the North.

## New CAMA Members

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

- Ray Barnard, Chief Administrative Officer, City of Medicine Hat, AB
- Mr. Larry Baran, Chief Administrative Officer, Vulcan County, AB
- Mr. Ken Todd, Chief Administrative Officer, City of Niagara Falls, ON

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](mailto:admin@camacam.ca).

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**Week of September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

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