



## 2021 MIDWESTERN DISTRICT MEETING

### June 24, 2021

The Association of Manitoba Municipalities invites Midwestern District members to register and attend the Midwestern District Meeting on June 24, 2021.

While you will be able to view the proceedings on [AMM's YouTube channel](#) and watch as council, eligible voters MUST be logged into the Zoom webinar to vote.

**Further in this document, please review your District's:**

- Draft Agenda
- Midwestern District's 2020 Meeting Minutes
- Service Pin Criteria which also includes the link to Service Pin Application

**Regarding the Midwestern District Election:**

- Elections will be held live during each District meeting and be conducted via a Zoom Poll.
- Elected municipal officials and CAOs, who are registered to attend their District's meeting by the deadline, are eligible to vote.
- The Zoom meeting link and meeting ID will be distributed electronically to each voting registrant, no later than 3 days prior to the meeting date.
- Each eligible voter **must** log into the meeting on a separate device to cast their anonymous vote through the internal polling feature.

If you are unable to attend the meeting in your District, you are welcome to observe a meeting in another District on [AMM's YouTube channel](#). The list of dates for each District meeting can be found on the [AMM website](#).

**Online registration deadline for this meeting is June 21, 2021.**

**[Register Here](#)**

If you have any questions, please contact Donna Belbin, AMM Events Coordinator at [dbelbin@amm.mb.ca](mailto:dbelbin@amm.mb.ca)



## MIDWESTERN DISTRICT MEETING - DRAFT AGENDA

### June 24, 2021

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| 10:00 am | <p>District Meeting Called to Order</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Anthem</li><li>• Welcome from Denys Volkov, AMM Executive Director</li><li>• Minutes of 2020 District Meeting</li></ul> <p>Greetings from AMM President</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kam Blight, Reeve, RM of Portage la Prairie</li></ul> <p>Greetings from AMM Vice-Presidents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chris Ewen, Mayor, RM of Ritchot</li><li>• Brad Saluk, Reeve, RM of Brokenhead</li></ul> <p>Greetings from District Directors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Murray Parrott, Councillor, Town of Neepawa</li><li>• Merv Starzyk, Mayor, RM of Yellowhead</li></ul> |
| 10:15 am | <p>Manitoba Municipal Relations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Honourable Derek Johnson, MLA Interlake-Gimli</li></ul>   |
| 10:25 am | <p>Western Financial Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Grant Ostir, President</li></ul>   |
| 10:35 am | <p>AMM Trading Company</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ainsley Murdock, Client Relations Manager</li></ul>  |
| 10:45 am | <p>Rural Manitoba Economic Development Corporation (RMEDC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Margot Cathcart, CEO</li></ul>   |
| 11:00 am | <p>Other Business</p>   |
| 11:00 am | <p>2021 Service Awards<br/>2022 District Meeting Host</p> <p>Election for District Directors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Candidate Speeches</li><li>• Call for Vote</li><li>• Results</li><li>• Acceptance Speeches</li></ul> <p><i>If the Results end in a tie, a Second Ballot will be called.</i></p>  |
| 12:00 pm | <p>Official Close of 2021 Midwestern District Meeting</p>   |



## **ASSOCIATION OF MANITOBA MUNICIPALITIES**

The following are the minutes of the **2020 Midwestern District Meeting** of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities, which took place virtually via **Zoom** on **Wednesday, June 17, 2020**.

**10:00 a.m. Meeting called to order**

**Welcome Remarks**

Director Merv Starzyk, RM of Yellowhead  
Director Murray Parrot, Town of Neepawa  
MLA Greg Nesbitt, MLA Riding Mountain

**Speech – Province of Manitoba**

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- Executive Director Denys Volkov provided updates on AMM Trading Company, Communications from AMM and Convention.

### **MINUTES OF 2019 MIDWESTERN DISTRICT MEETING**

***BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the minutes of the 2019 Midwestern District Meeting be adopted***

- Moved by Councillor Linda Little, Hamiota Municipality
- Seconded by Reeve Larry Oakden, Hamiota Municipality

**CARRIED**

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Ralph Groening reported on the following issues:

- Virtual JDM / COVID – 19
- Provincial Budget
- AMM-Province Strategic Collaboration Group & Municipal Service Delivery Improvement Program
- ICIP2
- DFA Formula Changes

### **VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Vice-President Kam Blight reported on the following issues:

- Bill 48 (The Planning Amendment and City of Winnipeg Charter Amendment Act)
- Provincial Drainage Regulations & Water Management

### **VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Vice-President Brad Saluk reported on the following issues:

- Bill 2 (Code of Conduct)
- PSCS Update

### **WESTERN FINANCIAL GROUP MUNICIPAL INSURANCE PROGRAM**

- Grant Ostir, President and COO - Western Financial Group, provided an update on the municipal general insurance programs for property and casualty and employee health and dental benefits.

### **AMM TRADING COMPANY**

- Ainsley Murdock, Client Relations Manager - Association of Manitoba Municipalities, provided an update regarding AMM Trading Company and Group Buying Program.

### **STRENGTHENING COUNCIL MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT**

- Jane Morgan, Senior Director - Municipal Governance, Manitoba Municipal Relations, presented an overview of Council Members' Code of Conduct.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Years of Service Pins were presented. President Ralph Groening thanked all for attending.

#### **Future June District Meeting Host:**

- 2021 – Municipality of WestLake-Gladstone
- 2022 – Hamiota Municipality

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting is adjourned at 12:00 pm

- Moved by Councillor Emile Sabourin, Rosburn Municipality
- Seconded by Councillor Jason Nadeau, Town of Neepawa



## Service and Life Membership Pins

### SERVICE PIN CRITERIA

- Years of service need not be consecutive. For the purpose of calculating service time, the total number of years served by a member of council, whether consecutive years or in two or more times served on council will be considered.
- Service need not be with the same municipality. For the purpose of calculating service time, the total number of years served by a member of council, whether with one or more municipalities within Manitoba will be considered.
- In the event a member of council fails to receive a service pin during the year that he/she reaches any service pin milestone, he/she may request the pin in a future year and will be awarded the respective pin either at the next district meeting or at any time as agreed to by the Executive Committee.
- Years of service are recognized once 5 years have been completed and are then recognized every 5 years following until year 40. An individual elected in October 2014 will be eligible for a 5-year pin at the 2019 District Meeting.

**[Click here to be directed to the 2021 Service Pin submission form](#)**

*2021 Service Award recipients will be recognized during their District's virtual meeting and pins will be sent their municipal office for presentation.*

### LIFE MEMBERSHIP PIN CRITERIA

All nominees must be endorsed by the council of a member of the AMM or by the Board of Directors of the AMM.

- All nominees must be persons who were elected officials of a member municipality of AMM but no longer hold office as an elected official.
- In order to be eligible to receive a Life Membership pin the nominee shall:
  - (i) have served for not less than nine (9) years in an elected position in a municipality in Manitoba; and
  - (ii) be recognized as having made an outstanding or exemplary contribution towards the community in which he/she has served as an elected municipal official.
- All nominations received by the AMM will be considered by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall decide whether the nominee shall be awarded a Life Membership Pin.
- Anyone who is to be awarded a life membership pin shall be notified in advance of the date, time, and location that the pin will be awarded.

To submit a nominee for Life Membership, please send a letter of nomination and a complete outline of the contributions and achievements of your nominee for the Life Membership Pin to [events@amm.mb.ca](mailto:events@amm.mb.ca) or mail to:  
AMM, attn: Donna Belbin, Events Coordinator, 1910 Saskatchewan Avenue West, Portage la Prairie, MB R1N 0P1