



With one month into the new year, we'd like to let you know what's been happening!

NEW PMA AVALON DIRECTOR

Please join us in welcoming **Margie Hopkins, Town Clerk/Manager, Town of Old Perlican**, as our new Avalon Director!

Margie was nominated by Shelly Butt, Town of Victoria, and seconded by Renee Froude, Town of Bay de Verde. As no other nominations were received, she was elected by acclamation.

We look forward to having Margie on our Board and thank her for accepting the nomination.

If you would like to reach out to your new Director, you can do so via email at townofoldperlican@persona.ca or telephone at 587-2266.

CORE PROGRAM

Please see below training schedule for our Core and Advanced modules. Details will be forwarded to the membership once confirmed. Please mark your calendars!

Core School (Modules 1-5)

March 25--29 - St. John's

October 21-25 – Gander

Advanced 2 (Municipal Finance):

April 30-May 1 - Gander

Advanced 3 (Municipal Budgeting):

April 11-12 - Mount Pearl

June 20-21 - Deer Lake

ONLINE OFFERINGS – Core Modules

PMA is in discussions with representatives of College of the North Atlantic to develop a Memorandum of Understanding to enter into a new partnership. This MOU will outline our relationship to collaborate on initiatives related to training, innovation, applied research, and economic and community development.

The key component for our members will be the opportunity to avail of Skype technology to complete our CORE Modules. With 17 campuses across this province, members will have the opportunity to attend in class with facilitators, attend at another campus and use their technology, OR use Skype from your own home computer.

As this partnership is in the beginning stages, we will keep you informed. The goal, however, is to offer this at our first Core School of the year, March 25-29. The idea, as of now, is to have LW Consulting facilitate at one of the CONA St. John's campuses for those interested in attending "in person", while having Skype technology available to those who may want to use this medium. Please note that registration fees will be the same regardless of how you attend.

Again, further details will be forwarded once finalized, and confirmed.

REGIONAL TRAINING EVENT, February 22, Clarendville Inn

Municipal Administrators & Elected Officials from ALL regions are encouraged to attend this training session. It qualifies under the Gas Tax Agreement and is eligible for Matched Training Financial Assistance.

- 1) 9 – 10:30 **Drinking Water: An Overview of Resources Available from WRMD**
Deneen Spracklin, Water Resources Management Division, Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment
- 2) 10:45 am – 12 **Municipal Audits: How to Prepare & What to Expect**
Richard Power, Chartered Professional Accountant
- 3) 12-1 LUNCH – Provided
- 4) 1-2 **Emergency Preparedness... Are You Ready**
David McCormack, Manager, Fire & Emergency Services
- 5) 2-3 **Membership Meeting**

REGIONAL MEETINGS/TRAINING – 2019

See below, tentative dates for 2019 training:

Feb. 22, Clarendville Inn
April 5, Wabush Hotel
June 5-7, Annual Convention, St. John's, Holiday Inn
Sept. 18-20, Fall Forum, Quality Hotel, Gander
Nov. 29, Glynmill Inn, Corner Brook

ANNUAL CONVENTION & TRADE SHOW 2019

PMA will be holding its 2019 Conference in St. John's from June 5-7, Holiday Inn.

Rooms have been blocked so members are encouraged to book early and please reference the PMA conference when making your reservations. A direct line to call is 722-0506. My contact for accommodations has been Patricia Martin.

We want to hear from you on suggestions for training sessions, entertainment, etc. Please forward your ideas to ex.dir@nlama.ca.

MUNICIPALITIES ACT REVIEW

PMA is actively working with the Dept. of Municipal Affairs & Environment to ensure that revisions to this legislation adequately meet the needs of our members. As key stakeholders, we will be providing comments and feedback on its draft form.

PMA OFFICE

Please note that in 2019, PMA will be moving to a new location at 79 Mews Place, St. John's. MNL has recently purchased a building at that address and PMA will be renting office space there. It was agreed by the Board of Directors that it would be beneficial to PMA to join other stakeholders with shared interests at this location.

Members will be informed when this move is to take place. It is tentatively scheduled for May.

SOCIAL MEDIA

In order to engage the membership in all mediums possible, PMA has been actively using Facebook and Twitter. All members are encouraged to join both these social media groups in order to ensure that information from our association is not missed.

As well, we encourage all members to forward town events, pictures, etc., to PMA in order to have your information shared on our profiles. We take pride in highlighting our members and the good work they do in, and for, their towns.

Twitter: [@PMAEXDIR](https://twitter.com/PMAEXDIR)

Facebook: [Professional Municipal Administrators](#)

FUNDING APPROVED – Dept. of Municipal Affairs & Environment

We are happy to inform our membership that the Dept. of Municipal Affairs & Environment, under the leadership of Minister Graham Letto, has approved a \$15,000 Special Assistance Grant to provide training in Labrador. Training is scheduled to take place at the Wabush Hotel on April 5. We thank Minister Letto, and his department, for their ongoing support of our association and initiatives.

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