

## **Western/Northern Regional Meeting**

PMA held a Western/Northern regional meeting at the Shallow Bay Motel, Cow Head, on June 11, 2010.

Two education sessions were held:

- 1) Records Management - Facilitated by PMA Western Director, Kimberly Reid, Town Clerk, Town of Deer Lake.
- 2) Stress Management - Facilitated by Mark Baldwin of the Dale Carnegie program.

Both sessions were very well received and we thank all who travelled to attend.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The next regional meeting is tentatively scheduled for Marystown on Sept. 10, 2010.

## **PMA Board of Director's Meeting**

While in Cow Head, the PMA Board of Directors held a Board meeting to discuss current issues and future plans for the association.

- 1) PMA is presently working with the Dept. of Municipal Affairs and MNL to develop a training schedule for the remainder of 2010. As of now, the Dept. will be hosting training in the fall surrounding Gas Tax and as well, training will be conducted on Budgeting. This, however, will be more interactive with case studies and a step-by-step process on how to actually prepare a municipal budget. Once the dates and locations are finalized, all municipalities will be notified.
- 2) There is presently a vacant position on the PMA Board for a Northern Director. Our former representative, Martina Gale, is no longer employed by the Town of Wabush, and thus has resigned from her position as PMA Northern Director. As a result, a nomination form will be forwarded to all members in the Northern region. Once nominations are received, ballots will be mailed out for voting purposes.

- 3) The Dept. of Municipal Affairs is presently conducting a legislative review of the Municipalities Act. PMA will be engaging the department to have a member on the review committee.
- 4) Feedback from convention evaluations stated that Administrators did not feel that Mayors or Councillors should be permitted to attend the PMA convention. Discussion at the PMA Board meeting indicated that all Board members felt that education and professional development should be accessible to everyone in local government. It was also stated that Administrators are able to avail of the sessions at both the MNL Symposium and their convention, and we should offer the same to all members of Council.

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A sincere thank you to the PMA membership who support the activities of our association. We look to the future with a vision of improved and increased services to allow for a more improved workplace, and a more effective local government.

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