

## **Western/Northern Regional Meeting**

PMA held a Western/Northern regional meeting at the Fisherman's Landing Inn, Rocky Harbour, June 14, 2013.

Three presentations were held:

**1) Managing Municipal Infrastructure in a Changing Climate**

Facilitated by: Robert Keenan, CCRC  
Kim Bitterman, Dept. of Environment & Conservation

**2) Alternative Dispute Resolution**

Facilitated by: Arthur Skinner, Western Regional Manager, Dept. of Municipal Affairs

**3) Tourism Assurance Plan**

Facilitated by: Lisa McDonald, NL Tourism Board Manager

Session were very well attended with 33 administrators present.

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

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

1) PMA is presently working on the development of a core program consisting of 5 key areas:

- Roles, Responsibilities, Relationships
- Municipal Office Administration
- Municipal Accounting
- Cash Handling/Budgeting/Financial Evaluations
- Municipal Planning

LW Consulting consisting of Gerard Lewis and Keith Warren have been contracted to develop the first module on RRR. The module will be piloting in St. John's, June 28.

- 2) PMA plans to offer a 2 day training event in October at Hotel Gander. This event will be for training on key topics pertinent to administrators. It will be titled PMA Fall Training Forum.
- 3) Discussion was had around the convention and feedback received. All evaluations indicated the convention was very beneficial. One area of concern was the prize draws and exhibitors eligibility for winning. It was agreed that prizes are donated for the municipal delegates and exhibitors will have to be made aware of that prior to the next convention. Committee members will work on a professional way to have this idea addressed.
- 4) President Bragg attended the CAMA conference in Victoria, BC in May. He gave a recap of the education sessions and interprovincial meeting. He highlighted our own PMA member, Dawn Chaplin, who presented at the conference. Also indicated that PMA is a very pro-active association who is ahead of many associations from other provinces. Felt it is very important for PMA to be in attendance.
- 5) New PMA Board members Brian Peckford and Hayward Broomfield read and signed the Oath of Office.
- 6) Discussion was had around municipal elections and the training sessions provided by the Dept. of Municipal Affairs. It was felt that because of the Sept. 24 election day, we will postpone our Sept. regional meeting and include it with the training forum in October.

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.

The next Board meeting will take place on Sept. 13 in St. John's.

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