

Eastern Regional Meeting Recap

PMA held an Eastern regional meeting at the Clarenville Fire Hall on Friday, Sept. 28, with 32 in attendance.

Two presentations were covered:

- Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act
- Best Practices: Collections

Both presentations were informative and beneficial. Copies are available by calling the PMA office at 726-6405.

During the regional meeting component, the following topics were discussed with the membership:

1) PMA training topics for 2013: The following ideas were brought forward from the membership.

- Interpreting the Municipalities Act
- Preparing for a New Council

2) Core Program: The membership was advised of a plan to develop a core program for administrators that would be offered on an annual basis. These courses will be offered in addition to training at regional meetings. Meetings of the PMA Education Committee are planned to determine course topics and content.

3) Convention 2013: April 17-19, Holiday Inn, St. John's

The membership was encouraged to contact PMA with any ideas for education topics or agenda items they would like to see added or changed.

4) Round Table Discussions:

- Waste management issues, particularly on the Burin Peninsula.
- PMA spoke on the Mentorship program and how it works.
- It was brought forward about possible changes forthcoming to the Municipal Elections Act.

A sincere thank you to the PMA membership who support the activities of our association. The next meeting will take place at Hotel Gander on November 23.