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NAMS Canada to help municipalities across Canada make stronger infrastructure decisions

NAMS Canada – an affiliate of IPWEA – is proud to announce it will again be working with Canadian municipalities in their efforts to improve infrastructure spending decisions through stronger asset management.

Municipalities across the country face a mounting pressure to balance competing priorities – including new and existing infrastructure – on limited budgets. Strong asset management ensures local leaders are making decisions based on the best information available.

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) chose NAMS Canada to again deliver its online course leading to the award of its Professional Certificate in Asset Management Planning. Offered in English or French, the course is open to municipal staff and elected officials.

The interactive 10-week course helps participants develop a draft asset management plan using their own data while developing their asset management capacity and earning a qualification.

NAMS Canada will offer this course a further three times (four times depending on demand) during 2018 and 2019 building on the course delivered to 200 participants from 150 municipalities across Canada earlier this year. The French iteration of the course will be offered in the fall of 2019.

Training will be collaborative, ensuring elected officials and staff in municipalities across Canada are working together and learning from one another, while building their asset management capabilities.

“NAMS Canada is committed to delivering practical training that builds the capacity of the municipal sector across Canada. As part of this rollout, we will also be creating an online forum to provide an opportunity for participants to connect and exchange ideas outside of the course environment. We will also be extending our technical support,” Nicole Allen, Executive Director NAMS Canada said.

The grant for this work to NAMS Canada is funded through FCM's Municipal Asset Management Program, a five-year, \$50-million program, delivered by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and funded by the Government of Canada. MAMP is designed to help Canadian municipalities strengthen infrastructure investment decisions based on sound asset management practices. The program provides asset management training, funding and information sharing to enable municipalities to access the data needed to plan effectively.

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