



MEMBER ADVISORY

LATE RESOLUTION - ONE CENT MUNICIPAL SALES TAX

November 18, 2008 – Last week, the AMM Resolutions Committee met via conference call to discuss a number of late resolutions. One particular late resolution that has received a great deal of media attention is AMM Resolution #75-2008, “One Cent Municipal Sales Tax”. It is sponsored by the City of Portage la Prairie, the RM of Westbourne, the RM of Cameron, the City of Brandon, and several other municipalities.

WHEREAS Manitoba municipalities need new sources of growth revenue to deal with increasing demands;
AND WHEREAS the current reliance on property taxes and provincial grants is not sustainable;

Therefore Be It Resolved That

The AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to collect a one cent municipal sales tax to be allocated to municipalities for municipal infrastructure.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the distribution of the revenue be on a per capita basis in order to be fair and equitable to all Manitoba municipalities.

Please note:

- This resolution will be the first resolution debated in the first resolution session of this year's Convention. The first session is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, November 25, at 3:30 pm.
- The decision to carry or defeat this and all resolutions lies with the AMM membership in attendance at the resolutions sessions. Carried resolutions will be used to form the AMM's lobbying position in the coming year.
- Voting delegates include all elected officials and Chief Administrative Officers.

Complete details on the AMM 10th Annual Convention are available on the AMM website at www.amm.mb.ca.
