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News Release

One cent sales tax resolution re-opened, amended, carried

November 26, 2008 – The second resolution session of the AMM 10th Annual Convention began with the re-opening of resolution #75-2008, tabled during yesterday's resolution session. Mayor Steve Strang of the RM of St. Clements, representing the capital region municipalities, brought forth the motion to re-open debate. A lengthy discussion ensued and the end result was a majority vote to carry the resolution, albeit in an amended format. The amended version read:

Therefore Be It Resolved That the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to allocate the equivalent of a one per cent provincial sales tax to municipalities for municipal infrastructure.

Be It Further Resolved That the distribution of the revenue be distributed on a per capita basis in order to be fair and equitable to all municipalities.

Resolution #28-2008, a similar resolution, was withdrawn from the sponsoring municipality after the carrying of resolution #75.

In other Convention news, Mayor Shirley Kalyniuk, Town of Rosburn was acclaimed by the delegate body and will serve as the Urban Vice-President of the AMM for a third one-year term. Newly elected to the position of Rural Vice-President, vacated by Doug Dobrowolski who was elected President yesterday, is Reeve Roger Wilson from the RM of Birtle.

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