

News Release

Book launch kicks off AMM Convention

November 18, 2008 - To commemorate its tenth anniversary the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) is publishing *With One Voice: A History of Municipal Governance in Manitoba* by Gordon Goldsborough. The book is being launched at a ceremony at next week's 10th Annual Convention:

Monday, 24 November 2008, 9:00 AM
Hall B - Third Floor
Winnipeg Convention Centre

AMM Executive Director Joe Masi, AMM President Ron Bell, and Gordon Goldsborough will address delegates during the book launch, along with special guest The Honourable John Harvard, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Manitoba.

Local governments provide the facilities and services that each of us use on a daily basis. They are responsible for ensuring that our faucets deliver clean water, the sewers take away our wastes, and garbage and recyclables are collected. They build and maintain our roads, operate our libraries, protect us from fire and crime, and in bygone days, they equipped our schools and hospitals. No wonder that villages, towns, cities and rural municipalities have been described as "the most important level of government."

With One Voice describes over 100 years in the history of Manitoba from a municipal perspective, covering such topics as daylight saving time, income and property taxes, rural electrification, the war waged on gophers and other animal pests in farm fields, the colour of margarine (it was not always yellow!), and video lottery terminals. Woven through the story are fascinating sidebar articles on the history of parking meters, pioneering women in politics, Manitoba ghost towns, Sunday shopping, and much more. *With One Voice* is, quite literally, a history of everyday life in Manitoba.

All media are welcome to attend the book launch. More information is available at

<http://www.mhs.mb.ca/news/withonevoice.shtml>.

