

Media Advisory

AMM to tour Northern region

Annual municipal visits give elected officials chance to voice concerns

April 6, 2009 – The Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) will continue its annual round of municipal visits this week by touring the Northern region of the province. AMM representatives will meet with councils from a number of municipalities to discuss priority issues for the AMM board, and to hear from the councils regarding the issues facing this region.

“Municipal visits are important to the AMM because they offer us the chance to communicate on a more individual level with our members,” notes AMM President Doug Dobrowolski. “We are able to sit at their council table and discuss their issues directly. This is especially important for the Northern municipalities, whose challenges are unique to their region. Hearing this information first-hand really enhances our lobbying efforts throughout the year.”

The AMM makes it a priority to visit each of their 198 member municipalities at least once during each four-year election cycle.

AMM representatives at the meetings will include Dobrowolski, Urban Vice-President Shirley Kalyniuk, Rural Vice-President Roger Wilson, and Executive Director Joe Masi. Also attending the meetings will be AMM Northern Director Councillor Oswald Sawh, City of Thompson.

The AMM will visit the following municipalities this week:

Wednesday, April 8	Thursday, April 9
12:00 pm – Town of Lynn Lake 5:30 pm – Town of Leaf Rapids	8:00 am – City of Thompson 10:00 am – LGD of Mystery Lake

The AMM represents all municipalities in Manitoba.