

# Media Advisory

## AMM to tour Western region

*Annual municipal visits give elected officials chance to voice concerns*

**January 22, 2009** – The Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) will kick off its annual round of municipal visits next week by touring the Western 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 hear the issues that are unique to their particular region. Getting 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 the AMM directors representing the Western region, Urban Director Maxine Chacun and Rural Director Alan Ransom.

The AMM will visit the following municipalities next week:

<b>Monday, January 26</b>	<b>Tuesday, January 27</b>	<b>Wednesday, January 28</b>
10:00 am – RM of Archie 12:00 pm – Village of Elkhorn 2:30 pm – RM of Pipestone 5:30 pm – Town of Virden	9:00 am – RM of Wallace 11:00 am – RM of Sifton /Town of Oak Lake 1:30 pm – RM of Woodworth 4:00 pm – RM of Daly/Town of Rivers 7:30 pm – RM of Glenwood/Town of Souris	12:00 pm – City of Brandon

The AMM represents all municipalities in Manitoba.