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Manitoba's largest municipal gathering kicks off next week

Brandon, November 22, 2007 – The Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) 9th Annual Convention will take place from November 26 – 29, 2007 at the Keystone Centre in Brandon. The event, the largest held in Manitoba for municipal elected officials, will see close to 1,000 mayors, reeves, and councillors from across Manitoba in attendance.

A number of high-profile speakers and presenters will address delegates next week, including:

- The Honourable *Vic Toews*, President of Treasury Board and MP for Provencher
- The Honourable *Steve Ashton*, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs
- President *Gord Steeves*, Federation of Canadian Municipalities
- *Hugh McFadyen*, Leader of the Official Opposition
- *Dr. Jon Gerrard*, Leader of the Liberal Party of Manitoba
- *Dr. Enid Slack*, Canada's foremost expert on the municipal fiscal imbalance across Canada
- *Marc Garneau*, the first Canadian to fly on a NASA mission to space

Other highlights include a presentation by Manitoba Water Stewardship; a panel discussion about wind energy; three resolutions sessions; and elections for AMM President and Vice-Presidents. In addition, Premier Gary Doer will address delegates at the annual banquet Wednesday evening and participate in the annual "bear-pit" session Thursday morning, along with members of his Cabinet.

"The AMM Annual Convention is simply the best opportunity for municipal elected officials to come together," says AMM President Ron Bell. "Not only will they learn about hot-button issues like the municipal fiscal imbalance, wind energy, and water stewardship initiatives, but they will make decisions that will direct our lobbying in the coming year."

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All media are invited to attend this event.

A complete agenda is available on the AMM website at:

<http://www.amm.mb.ca/PDF/Events/Convention/2007/Final%20Agenda.pdf>