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# News Release

## ***Manitoba's largest municipal gathering kicks off next week***

**Winnipeg, November 24, 2006** – The Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention will take place from November 27 – 30, 2006 at the Winnipeg Convention Centre. The event, the largest held in Manitoba for municipal elected officials, will see attendance of close to 1,000 mayors, reeves, and councillors from across Manitoba – many of those newly elected. A number of high-profile speakers and presenters will address delegates during next week's event, including:

- The Honourable *Vic Toews*, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada
- The Honourable *Steve Ashton*, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs
- President *Gloria Kovach*, 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

Other highlights include a presentation by Manitoba Water Stewardship on the proposed regulation on *nutrient management*; a coffee-table debate entitled *Municipal Government in Changing Times*, and the ever-popular *Ministerial Forum*, a "bear-pit" session allowing AMM members the opportunity to ask direct questions of the Premier and Cabinet. Several *resolutions sessions* will take place as well.

"Due to the recent municipal election, we anticipate hundreds of newly elected officials this year," said AMM President Ron Bell. "The AMM Annual Convention is simply the best opportunity for municipal elected officials to come together, learn about hot-button issues like the municipal fiscal imbalance and the proposed water stewardship regulations, and 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/2006/FinalAgenda.pdf>