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## **Roles, Responsibilities and Resources of Municipal Government examined in AMM report**

*Municipal officials speak out on the need for additional revenues*

**June 8, 2006** – Each year in March, the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) meets with top municipal officials from throughout Manitoba during its annual Mayors, Reeves and CAOs meetings. This year, breakout sessions were held at each meeting during which the roles, responsibilities and resources of municipal government was examined. The findings from the breakout sessions are contained in a report released earlier this week by the AMM.

AMM President Ron Bell explains the need for such a discussion. “There is a great deal of talk lately about the fiscal imbalance,” said Bell. “Having just returned from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Annual Conference, it is an issue that has ramifications across Canada, not just here in Manitoba. We felt it was important to hear firsthand from our members how they are being affected by this issue in their own communities.”

The report documents the participant’s responses to the following questions:

- Which responsibilities are Municipal and which are Provincial?
- Can you think of any Municipal responsibilities that would be better delivered by the Province, and vice versa?
- What funding sources should municipalities have access to?
- What do you think is the role of all three levels of government in funding the current infrastructure deficit?

The report is available on the AMM website at [www.amm.mb.ca](http://www.amm.mb.ca).

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