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News Release

AMM to meet with flooded municipalities

First-hand look at scope of damage will determine lobby direction

August 9, 2005 – The Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) will hold a series of regional meetings to gauge the extent of the damage from this year's spring and summer flooding. The wet conditions have had a very serious impact on many communities in the province and the aim of these meetings is to hear from municipalities first-hand the scope of the damage and what programs may be needed to fully recover from the wet conditions.

"We basically want to establish how severe the damages are to get a picture in our minds as to where we have to lobby," explained AMM President, Mayor Ron Bell. "So far the Province has been very helpful in working with affected municipalities, so we just want to see whether there are any gaps in the various programs that could be filled with additional support services of any kind."

Bell describes the meetings as "fact-finding" missions. "We're holding these meetings to listen," he explained, "and we won't limit them to municipal property damage only. We are interested in hearing how communities are being affected by flooded basements, farm-related needs, roads – the whole gamut of damages."

Following the meetings the AMM will prepare a report detailing their findings and forward it to both the Provincial and Federal governments. The contents of the report will be used to determine the direction the AMM's lobbying on disaster financial assistance will take.

The meetings will take place in Hamiota, Deloraine, Lockport, Elie, and Letellier between August 12 and August 22, 2005.

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The meeting schedule is attached. Up to date information is also available on the AMM website at

www.amm.mb.ca.



MEETING NOTICE

Flooding and Wet Conditions in Manitoba

The AMM will be holding a series of regional meetings for municipalities to help us gauge the extent of the damage from this year's spring and summer flooding. The wet conditions have had a very serious impact on many communities in the province and the aim of these meetings is for AMM to hear first hand the scope of this damage and what programs that you think may be needed to fully recover from the wet conditions. These programs could include additional support for municipalities, individuals, businesses and producers. The input heard at these meetings will help formulate the AMM's position that it will be taking forward to government. If you are interested in attending these meetings, please see the list provided below. Should you have any questions, please call AMM Executive Director Joe Masi at 204-856-2360.

Friday, August 12, 2005

HAMIOTA

Hamiota & District Sports Complex
(Curling Viewing Lounge)
200 Maple Avenue, Hamiota.
Meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m

Friday, August 12, 2005

DELORAINE

Deloraine Elks Hall
111 Cavers Street, North, Deloraine, MB
Meeting will begin at 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 18, 2005

LOCKPORT

Sunset Room in Gaffer's Restaurant
Henderson Highway & PTH 44, Lockport, MB
Meeting will begin at 2:00 p.m.

Monday, August 22, 2005

ELIE

Elie Veteran's Hall
34 Main Street, Elie, MB
Meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m.

Monday, August 22, 2005

LETELLIER

Letellier Community Hall
6 Railway Street, Letellier, MB
Meeting will begin at 2:00 p.m.

