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AMM acclaims Bell for fourth term

Brandon, November 27, 2007 – The membership of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) have once again shown their faith in Birtle Mayor Ron Bell by acclaiming him President for a fourth one-year term.

Bell, who has been Mayor of the Town of Birtle since 1995, served three years as AMM Urban Vice-President prior to being elected President in 2004. “I am really pleased to have the opportunity to lead this association for another year,” says Bell. “We have accomplished a great deal over the years but there is still so much work to do. I am very honoured that our membership has given me the opportunity to continue being a part of this work over the next 12 months.”

Bell was instrumental in negotiating a “new deal” for municipalities in 2005, and is a member of the Rural/Northern Federal-Provincial Local Consultative Committee on Infrastructure, which recommends municipal projects to be funded through the \$145 million Canada-Manitoba Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (MRIF).

As a strong proponent in reducing the municipal infrastructure deficit, Bell’s greatest wish for the coming year is to soon see an agreement signed between Canada and Manitoba that will result in Building Canada funds flowing to municipalities. “We have been waiting for this fund to be finalized for many months,” says Bell. “It is my hope that the Building Canada Fund will improve the state of infrastructure for Manitoba municipalities.”

Bell is also pleased that he will be the President leading the AMM through its 10th anniversary celebrations over the next year. “We amalgamated into one association representing all municipalities nine years ago,” explains Bell. “We’ve come a long way over the past nine years and I am really thrilled that I am able to be a part of the milestone we will reach one year from now.”

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To arrange an interview with President Bell, please contact the AMM.

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