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Media Advisory

AMM to attend Throne Speech

October 26, 2005 – Ron Bell, President of The Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) will attend the opening of the 38th Manitoba Legislature tomorrow afternoon. Bell is anxious to hear what the Throne Speech contains in regard to municipalities in Manitoba.

“The throne speech outlines the government’s agenda for the coming session and as the association representing each of Manitoba’s 199 municipalities, we are anxious to hear what the speech holds for our members,” explains Bell.

The AMM has over 70 resolutions coming to the floor for debate at their upcoming convention at the end of November, and Bell hopes to see some overlap between Throne Speech promises and AMM members’ needs.

“Aging community infrastructure is the biggest issue for everybody – bridges, roads, water systems, recreation centres – and any infrastructure-related funding or programs is always positive,” notes Bell. “I’d also like to see something on economic development, primarily some support for the creative industries that are forming to offer new, value-added products such as biodiesel,” he adds.

President Bell will be available for interviews immediately following the speech from the throne.