



News Release

AMM ready to host largest municipal event

Education funding on property key focus of Convention

November 19, 2004 - The Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) will hold its 6th Annual Convention at the Winnipeg Convention Centre from November 22 – 25, 2004. This is the largest event held in Manitoba for elected municipal officials. Over 1,000 delegates will vote on 60 resolutions over the four day convention.

The first resolution members will vote on concerns the AMM's number one issue and calls for the *Total Removal of Education Tax from Property*. "The AMM Convention is an event that gives our members across the province the opportunity to develop strategies to overcome the issues facing municipalities today," said AMM President, Stuart Briese. "One of the most important issues we are facing right now, and have been for some time, is education tax on property. The way we vote on this resolution will determine how we position our lobbying activities for the coming year."

Education funding will also take centre stage during a plenary session featuring Carolyn Duhamel, Executive Director of MAST (Manitoba Association of School Trustees), the Honourable Peter Bjornson, Minister of Education, Citizenship & Youth, and Briese.

"The issues that are discussed at our Convention are a reflection of the concerns and issues that are being felt throughout Manitoba," said President Briese. "As the elected officials closest to the people, we can provide the support and the means to bring important issues like education funding forward to be resolved by the higher levels of government."

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