

# News Release

## AMM tours Parklands Region

*Annual municipal visits give officials chance to voice concerns*

**August 6, 2004** - This week, representatives from the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) met with councils from several Parklands district municipalities to discuss issues the AMM board has been working on in recent months, and to hear from the councils regarding the issues facing that district.

“Municipal visits are important to the AMM because they offer us the chance to meet our members from a specific region and communicate on a more individual level with them. We were eager to meet some of the officials in this district as well as hear the concerns within their communities,” said AMM President Stuart Briese.

Some of the issues raised by the Parklands district municipalities included education funding from property taxes, by-law enforcement, and tax sharing between municipalities.

“Having councils take part in a discussion with the AMM executive about issues affecting our region offers an important opportunity to have our specific issues and concerns addressed,” said Albert Nabe, AMM rural Parklands district director and Reeve of the R.M. of Shell River.

“Municipal visits are also an integral part of keeping our members informed of what the AMM is working on,” added Lorne Boguski, AMM urban Parklands district director and Mayor of the Town of Roblin.

Issues the AMM updated the Parklands district on included infrastructure funding, water management, and planning legislation.

Representatives from the AMM included Briese, Nabe and Boguski, as well as Urban Vice-President Ron Bell, Rural Vice-President Garry Wasylowski, and executive director Joe Masi. The municipalities included in these visits were:

- R.M. and City of Dauphin
- R.M. and Town of Ste. Rose du Lac
- R.M. of Shell River
- R.M. of Ochre River
- R.M. and Town of Gilbert Plains
- R.M. and Town of Grandview
- R.M. of Alonsa
- Town of Roblin

The AMM represents all municipalities in Manitoba.

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