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Media Advisory

AMM to attend Throne Speech

November 14, 2006 – Doug Dobrowolski, Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) Central District Director (Rural), will represent the AMM at the opening of the fifth session of the 38th Manitoba Legislature tomorrow afternoon. Dobrowolski, who will be accompanied by AMM Executive Director Joe Masi, 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 incorporated municipalities, we are anxious to hear what the speech holds for our members,” explains Dobrowolski.

The AMM has almost 40 resolutions coming to the floor for debate at their annual convention at the end of November, and Dobrowolski hopes to see some overlap between Throne Speech promises and AMM members’ needs.

“The infrastructure crisis is the biggest issue for everybody – aging roads, water systems, recreation centres – and while any infrastructure-related funding is always positive, we would really like to see both some short-term relief and some long-term planning come into play,” notes Dobrowolski. “We are also looking for clarification on the implications of the recent water protection announcements. Municipalities are all for meeting environmental objectives, but the ability to pay, given municipalities’ responsibilities, has to come into consideration as well,” he adds.