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News Release

AMM Convention Update

November 24, 2010 – The Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) 12th Annual Convention runs through Thursday at the Winnipeg Convention Centre, but one of the most important parts – the resolutions sessions – have concluded.

In total 43 resolutions were debated. This included three late resolutions, including one submitted by the City of Thompson in response to Vale's proposed closure of its Thompson nickel refinery and smelter by 2015. The resolution, calling for the AMM to "lobby the provincial and federal governments to support and protect resource-based industries and jobs in rural and northern Manitoba," was carried by the delegate body.

Other late resolutions were #41, calling on the AMM to lobby the Province of Manitoba to reinstate the Community Profiles website, and #43, asking the AMM to lobby the Province to change the eligibility criteria of the flood proofing initiative to include both permanent and seasonal properties. Both were carried.

Resolutions defeated were #1, #16, #17, #18, #27, #29, and #38. Resolution #37 was withdrawn, and all other resolutions were carried.

A complete list of resolutions submitted is available at <http://www.amm.mb.ca/documents/Resolutions.pdf>.

In other Convention news, two new AMM Directors were elected yesterday. Mayor Jim Goymer, Town of Gillam was elected to the position of Northern Director, and Councillor Trevor King, RM of Woodlands was elected to the position of Interlake Rural Director. Results for the election for AMM Urban Vice-President will not be available until Thursday morning.

The AMM Annual Convention concludes tomorrow following the Ministerial Forum, which runs from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm.