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Media Advisory

AMM to meet with Cabinet

November 17, 2010 – The Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) 12th Annual Convention takes place from November 22 – 25, 2010 at the Winnipeg Convention Centre. Although the resolutions sessions are among the most important agenda items, the event has a number of other highlights. According to AMM President Doug Dobrowolski, one of those is the opportunity to meet with government.

“A number of provincial cabinet ministers attend and meet with individual municipalities throughout the event” explains Dobrowolski. “For some of the more remote municipalities, our Convention is one of the few opportunities they have to meet face-to-face with ministers outside of their own provincial ridings.”

As well, the AMM Board of Directors will meet with Premier Selinger and members of Cabinet on Thursday, November 25, prior to the annual Ministerial Forum. “We will present a brief outlining all of the AMM’s priority issues, and hopefully see where Premier Selinger stands on many of those issues,” says Dobrowolski.

The Ministerial Forum is scheduled for 10:00 am on Thursday and is highly anticipated this year as it may be one of the last opportunities AMM members have to meet with Cabinet as a group before next fall’s provincial election. “This forum gives our members two solid hours to ask any direct question they like of the Premier and Cabinet Ministers in attendance,” says Dobrowolski. “It is a very open, candid forum and we typically enjoy a high turnout of ministers for this event.”

A number of other government officials will address the delegate body throughout the four-day Convention:

Monday, November 22

The Honourable Vic Toews, MP for Provencher, President of Treasury Board 1:30 pm

Tuesday, November 23

The Honourable Ron Lemieux, Minister of Local Government 9:45 am

Wednesday, November 24

Hugh McFadyen, MLA Fort Whyte, Leader of the Official Opposition 10:00 am

Dr. Jon Gerrard, MLA River Heights, Leader of the Liberal Party of Manitoba 10:15 am

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All sessions take place in Hall B. All media are welcome to attend.

A complete agenda is available on the AMM website at: http://www.amm.mb.ca/events_convention.html