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News Release

AMM to meet new Cabinet

November 18, 2009 – The Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) 11th Annual Convention takes place from November 23 – 26, 2009 at the Keystone Centre in Brandon. While the resolutions sessions are considered 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. 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 morning. “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 annual Ministerial Forum, scheduled for Thursday morning at 10:00 am, is always highly anticipated but even more so this year due to the recent Cabinet changes. “This forum gives our members two solid hours to ask any direct question that they like of the Provincial Cabinet, including the Premier,” explains President Dobrowolski. “Questions are candid and not pre-screened.”

A number of other government officials will address the delegate body throughout the event, including:

Monday, November 23

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

Tuesday, November 24

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

Wednesday, November 25

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 the UCT Pavilion. All media are welcome to attend.