

Media Advisory

AMM to tour Midwestern region

Annual municipal visits give elected officials chance to voice concerns

October 7, 2009 – The Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) will continue its annual round of municipal visits next week by touring the Midwestern region of the province. AMM representatives will meet with councils from a number of municipalities to discuss priority issues for the AMM board, and to hear from the councils regarding the issues facing this region.

“Municipal visits are important to the AMM because they offer us the chance to communicate on a more individual level with our members,” notes AMM President Doug Dobrowolski. “We are able to sit at their council table and hear the issues that are unique to their particular region. Getting this information first-hand really enhances our lobbying efforts throughout the year.”

The AMM makes it a priority to visit each of their 198 member municipalities at least once during each four-year election cycle. This round of visits was originally scheduled for February but had to be postponed due to poor weather.

AMM representatives at the meetings will include Dobrowolski, Urban Vice-President Shirley Kalyniuk, Rural Vice-President Roger Wilson, and Executive Director Joe Masi. Also attending the meetings will be the AMM directors representing the Midwestern region, Urban Director Eileen Clarke and Rural Director Randy Lints.

The AMM will visit the following municipalities next week:

Tuesday, October 13	Wednesday, October 14
10:00 am - RM of Saskatchewan 12:30 pm - RM of Hamiota and Town of Hamiota 4:00 pm - RM of Blanshard 6:30 pm - RM of Miniota	8:30 am - RM of Shoal Lake 10:00 am - RM of Strathclair 12:00 pm - RM of Harrison

The AMM represents all municipalities in Manitoba.