

Media Advisory

President's Tour *Puts Communities First*

Community leaders gather to discuss infrastructure, question candidates

August 8, 2011 – Two months ago, the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) launched a comprehensive campaign designed to send a strong message to all parties in the days leading up to the October 4 provincial election. That message – it is time to *Put Communities First* – will be heard loud and clear in the coming weeks as the AMM's President, Doug Dobrowolski, tours Manitoba to hear firsthand how the infrastructure deficit is affecting municipalities at home.

"We know Manitoba's public infrastructure is crumbling, and we know municipalities need access to new revenues to even begin to address the problem," explains Dobrowolski. "But it is also personal. This issue affects our members where they live. The lack of adequate infrastructure costs communities new business, it hurts economic development opportunities, and it affects citizens' quality of life – we know these things. But do the candidates in this election know? If not, they need to hear it firsthand."

Key participants at each meeting will be the head of council (mayor or reeve) and municipal CAO along with a number of invited community leaders, business people, economic development staff, chamber of commerce representatives, and others.

"Our goal for the tour is exactly the same as the goal for the entire campaign, and that is to ensure municipal infrastructure is front and centre of all candidates this election," Dobrowolski stresses. "It needs to be heard, it needs to be understood, and it needs to be addressed within all parties' platforms."

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A schedule of President's Tour dates is on the following page.

Media are welcome at all meetings.



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AMM “PUTTING COMMUNITIES FIRST” PRESIDENT’S TOUR

Dauphin, Manitoba

Monday, August 15, 2011

Parkland Recreation Complex, 200, 1st Street SE, Dauphin

Room: Curlers Lounge

Facilitator: Richard Cloutier, News Director, CJOB

Gimli, Manitoba

Tuesday, August 16, 2011

Lakeview Resort & Conference Centre, 10 Centre Street, Gimli

Room: Tara’s Corner

Facilitator: Joe Masi, Executive Director, AMM

Brandon, Manitoba

Wednesday, August 17, 2011

Victoria Inn, 3550 Victoria Avenue, Brandon

Room: Salon 1

Facilitator: Joe Masi, Executive Director, AMM

Portage la Prairie, Manitoba

Thursday, August 25, 2011

Canad Inns, 2401 Saskatchewan Avenue West, Portage la Prairie

Room: Ambassador E

Facilitator: Richard Cloutier, News Director, CJOB

Lorette, Manitoba

Friday, August 26, 2011

Complexe Communautaire de Lorette Community Complex, 1420 Dawson Road, Lorette

Room: Upstairs Hall

Facilitator: Joe Masi, Executive Director, AMM

All meetings take place from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.