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News Release

Amended Sewage Ejector Rules Address Municipal Concerns

April 21, 2010 – The Association of Manitoba Municipalities is pleased the Province of Manitoba has responded to municipal concerns by proposing amendments to its Onsite Wastewater Management Systems Regulation.

“The proposed amendments make the regulation far more manageable for everyone,” according to Doug Dobrowolski, AMM President. “The current regulation (which came into effect in October, 2009) created a great deal of uncertainty and would have imposed a harsh financial burden on municipal ratepayers.”

The proposed new rules will provide an opportunity for owners of sewage ejectors to retain an existing sewage ejector at the time of property transfer as long as it meets certain criteria. “The AMM has always been supportive of the Province’s move to protect the environment,” notes Dobrowolski. “What we did not support is banning sewage ejectors in areas not deemed environmentally sensitive, and the proposed amendments address that.”

“The AMM is grateful to the Province and in particular to the Premier and the Minister of Conservation for hearing our concerns and taking leadership on this issue,” said Dobrowolski. “The proposed amendments go a very long way to addressing municipal concerns.”