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# News Release

## Former AMM director new Ag minister

*Kostyshyn a “dedicated advocate” for rural Manitoba*

**January 13, 2012** – The President of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) is pleased with the appointment of Ron Kostyshyn, former AMM Parkland Rural Director, to Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives by Premier Greg Selinger.

“I would like to congratulate Ron on his appointment to Provincial Cabinet and wish him all the best in his new position,” said Doug Dobrowolski, AMM President. “I worked closely with Ron during the two years he served on our Board of Directors and he is a very dedicated advocate for rural Manitoba. He is also a 20-year veteran of the RM of Mossey River Council and deeply understands municipal issues. I have no doubt he will do an excellent job in this portfolio.”

The AMM is also encouraged by the appointment of veteran Gord Mackintosh to the combined department of Conservation and Water Stewardship. Dobrowolski noted the merge should result in the streamlining of some services. “We sincerely hope this merger will create some efficiencies for our members.”

The AMM meets with each provincial cabinet minister at least once each year, and looks forward to a positive working relationship with both the new and returning ministers in the coming year.

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