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# **News Release**

## **Municipal Leaders to meet new Provincial Cabinet**

**November 15, 2016** - The Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) <u>18th Annual Convention</u> takes place next week at the RBC Convention Centre in Winnipeg. Approximately 900 municipal officials are registered.

According to President Chris Goertzen, one of the highlights of the event is the many opportunities municipalities have to meet with the new provincial government. "Since April's provincial election, many of our members have been eager to meet with new ministers and raise issues pertaining to their individual municipalities," he said.

Municipalities have the chance to do just that during the annual Ministerial Forum. The forum gives delegates almost two hours to ask any direct question they like of the Cabinet Ministers and Premier Brian Pallister.

Another highlight is the first annual meeting between the AMM Board of Directors and Premier Brian Pallister and members of Provincial Cabinet. "We will discuss the Premier's commitment to a "fair say" for municipalities," said Goertzen. "We will also outline all of the AMM's priority issues along with a number of critical issues that require immediate action, like the need for a "fair share" as well."

Municipalities will hear from other leaders too, as both Flor Marcelino, Interim Leader of the Official Opposition, and Judy Klassen, Interim Leader of the Manitoba Liberal Party will address delegates.

### Complete list of speakers:

#### Monday, November 21

1:00 pm

1:20 pm	AMM President's Address, Mayor Chris Goertzen
1:40 pm	City of Winnipeg Address, Mayor Brian Bowman
1:50 pm	Federal Speaker: Robert Falcon-Ouellette, MP Winnipeg Centre
2:20 pm	Federation of Canadian Municipalities: President Clark Somerville
3:45 pm	Keynote speaker: Jon Montgomery

**Opening Ceremonies** 

#### **Tuesday, November 22**

9:00 am	Honourable Fileen Clarke.	. Minister of Indigenous and Municipal Relation	ons

9:30 am9:45 amFlor Marcelino, Interim Leader of the Official OppositionJudy Klassen, Interim Leader of the Manitoba Liberal Party

10:30 am Ministerial Forum

1:30 pm Keynote speaker: Jody Mitic

#### Wednesday, November 23

1:45 pm Keynote speaker: Arlene Dickinson

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All media welcome to attend.

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