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News Release

Northern Mayors concerned about new infrastructure fund

April 7, 2014 – The Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) travelled to Snow Lake, Manitoba on March 26, 2014 to meet with Northern Mayors and CAOs.

After updating Northern members on various municipal issues, the discussion turned to infrastructure funding and the New Building Canada Fund (NBCF).

President Doug Dobrowolski and Mayor Clarence Fisher, Town of Snow Lake, both expressed concern that the NBCF does not recognize the unique infrastructure challenges facing the north.

“Although the NBCF does have funds available for infrastructure projects in northern communities, it fails to recognize the higher cost of doing business in the north,” said Dobrowolski.

Fisher added, “We face shorter construction seasons and higher costs than municipalities in the south. Combining these challenges with a lack of vision, support and understanding of municipal governance issues from both provincial and federal authorities places our communities in difficult situations.”

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