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# News Release

## AMM completes report on flooding and wet conditions in Manitoba

***Unprecedented conditions have serious impact on communities***

**September 26, 2005** – The Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) has completed its report on flooding and wet conditions in Manitoba. The AMM gathered the information contained within the report at a series of regional meetings that took place in August in the communities of Hamiota, Deloraine, Lockport, Elie, and Letellier.

“Our intent was to gauge the extent of the damage from this year’s spring and summer flooding,” states Ron Bell, AMM President, “and we certainly heard first-hand that the damage was indeed extensive. The wet conditions we have seen this year are truly unprecedented, and this has resulted in very real impacts for Manitoba communities.”

The report is divided into four main sections, recapping how municipalities feel about *Disaster Financial Assistance*, *Department of Fisheries and Oceans*, *Water Related Issues*, and *Agriculture*. It contains 29 recommendations spanning all four areas examined during the meetings. It has been distributed to both the Provincial and Federal governments, with whom the AMM has also requested meetings to further discuss the report and its findings.

“We believe that acting on these recommendations will improve Manitoba and Canada’s ability to deal with disaster situations in the future,” notes Bell. “It was clear from the comments of those who attended the meetings that not only is immediate action needed, but greater attention must be paid to prevention. We need to be better prepared when the next disaster arrives.”

The report is available for download on the AMM website at [www.amm.mb.ca](http://www.amm.mb.ca).