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AMM Takes “Fair Share – Fair Say” Campaign on the Road

Tour gives Councils chance to identify local infrastructure priorities

March 24, 2016 – With nearly 80% of Canadians believing local Councils are in the best position to identify the most pressing infrastructure needs in and around their communities, the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM), led by President Chris Goertzen, will hit the road next week as part of a tour through Central Manitoba.

“Right now in Manitoba, municipalities are responsible for doing 60% of the infrastructure work but receive just 8 cents on every tax dollar to try to get the job done,” said Goertzen. “All we’re asking for is a fair share of tax dollars and a fair say around a provincial decision-making table to make sure our priorities are front and centre.”

To ensure these messages reach provincial candidates from all political parties, Goertzen said the AMM has been very active leading up to and during the 2016 election. “We want Manitobans to know that their communities deserve both a fair share of funding and a fair say in how dollars get spent. Right now, the current funding structure and workload is unfair to all municipalities.”

As it is his first term as President, Goertzen stressed the importance of this municipal tour stating that, “these visits are important to the AMM because they give us a chance to communicate one-on-one with our members about some of our most critical issues. Plus, they allow me to hear our members’ local issues firsthand.”

AMM representatives attending the meetings will include President Goertzen, Vice-Presidents Ralph Groening and Mel Klassen, Central District Directors Martin Harder and Neil Christoffersen, and Executive Director Joe Masi.

The AMM will visit the following municipalities next week:

Tuesday, March 29	Wednesday, March 30	Thursday, March 31
10:30 am – RM of Grey 12:00 pm – RM of Dufferin/Town of Carman	9:30 am – Municipality of Louise 11:00 am – Municipality of Pembina 1:30 pm – Municipality of Norfolk-Treherne 3:00 pm – RM of Victoria 5:30 pm – Municipality of North Norfolk	9:30 am – City of Portage la Prairie 11:00 am – RM of Portage la Prairie

The AMM represents all municipalities in Manitoba.