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## APEGM Announces Grand Opening of New Association Office

**WINNIPEG, MB, March 4, 2009** – The Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Manitoba hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony to help celebrate the official opening of their new office on March 4, 2009. The new office will allow APEGM to meet the growing demand for more engineers and geoscientists in Manitoba as well as improve service to existing members.

When the Association office moved into the 3695 sq. foot location at 850A Pembina in 1996, the association had 3554 registered members who were served by an office staff of six. As of December 31, 2008, the number of members had grown to 5,608, an increase of 5.9% over the last year, and a staff of 12 due to the increase in membership and the addition of new program initiatives.

"The industry has seen steady growth in the last 5 years and it's reflected in the growth of our association", said Grant Koropatnick, Executive Director and Registrar. "We are seeing a commitment to infrastructure renewal and engineers are involved in every aspect of this widespread renovation of our cities, roads, buildings, and support services."

The new location is approximately 7200 sq ft and has over 1400 sq ft of meeting space – a large collaboration area of over 1000 sq. ft, which may be split into two separate areas; and a dedicated meeting room able to accommodate meetings of 10 to 15 people. Within the meeting space and the front lobby, cutting edge technology can be found through touch screen displays, smart boards, and conferencing ability.

"Our new office reflects the changes happening in our professions. Young professionals are leading the way in high-tech innovation, new ways of problem-solving, and reaching out to their communities with a fresh sense of commitment. The new office shows a new, funky, high-tech image with a very cool presentation of our history."



From Left to Right: Jason Kasper, Ideate Design Consulting Inc.; Don Himbeault, P.Eng., APEGM President; Chantal Guay, P.Eng., CEO Engineers Canada; Andrew Swan, Minister of Competitiveness, Training and Trade; Grant Koropatnick, P.Eng., APEGM Executive Director and Registrar.

The new office is located in South Winnipeg at 870 Pembina Highway. APEGM is open Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. For more information about APEGM, visit [www.apegm.mb.ca](http://www.apegm.mb.ca) or call 204-474-2736.

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