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**AMM RESOLUTION #1-2007****BY-LAW CHANGE: CHANGES TO DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP****SPONSOR(S)***AMM***DEPARTMENT(S)***AMM*

**WHEREAS** Schedule "A" to the By-Laws of the Association currently provides that the RM and Village of McCreary is a member of the Midwestern District and that the RM of Headingley is a member of the Interlake District.

**AND WHEREAS** it is desirable to amend Schedule "A" to the By-Laws of the Association to provide that the RM and Village of McCreary become a member of the Parklands District and the RM of Headingley become a member of the Central District;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the By-laws of the Association be and are hereby amended as follows:

1. Article 2, section 1 by deleting "Schedule "A"" and replacing it with the "attached Schedule "A"".

This resolution takes effect immediately upon adoption by the Association.

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The Board of the AMM is bringing this by-law change forward at the request of these municipalities.

**Schedule A:  
Proposed District By-law Changes**

Interlake District	Central District	Midwestern District	Parklands District
Arborg, Town Armstrong, R.M. Bifrost, R.M. Coldwell, R.M. Dunnottar, Village Eriksdale, R.M. Fisher, R.M. Gimli, R.M. Grahamdale, R.M. Riverton, Village Rockwood, R.M. Rosser, R.M. St. Andrews, R.M. St. Francois Xavier, R.M. St. Laurent, R.M. Selkirk, City Siglunes, R.M. Stonewall, Town Teulon, Town West. St. Paul, R.M. Winnipeg Beach, Town Woodlands, R.M.	Altona, Town Carman, Town Cartier, R.M. Crystal City, Village Dufferin, R.M. Gretna, Town Grey, R.M. Headingley, R.M. Lorne, R.M. Louisa, R.M. Macdonald, R.M. MacGregor, Village Manitou, Town Morden, Town Morris, R.M. North Norfolk, R.M. Notre Dame de Lourdes, Village Pembina, R.M. Pilot Mound, Town Plum Coulee, Town Portage la Prairie, R.M. Portage la Prairie, City Rhineland, R.M. Roland, R.M. St. Claude, Village Somerset, Village South Norfolk, R.M. Stanley, R.M. Thompson, R.M. Treherne, Village Victoria, R.M. Winkler, City	Binscarth, Village Birtle, R.M. Birtle, Town Blanshard, R.M. Clanwilliam, R.M. Ellice, R.M. Erickson, Town Gladstone, Town Glenella, R.M. Hamiota, R.M. Hamiota, Town Harrison, R.M. Lakeview, R.M. Langford, R.M. Lansdowne, R.M. Miniota, R.M. Minnedosa, Town Minto, R.M. Neepawa, Town Odanah, R.M. Park, R.M. Rapid City, Town Rosedale, R.M. Rosburn, R.M. Rosburn, Town Russell, R.M. Russell, Town St. Lazare, Village Saskatchewan, R.M. Shellmouth-Boulton, R.M. Shoal Lake, R.M. Shoal Lake, Town Silver Creek, R.M. Strathclair, R.M. Westbourne, R.M.	Alonsa, R.M. Benito, Village Bowsman, Village Dauphin, R.M. Dauphin, City Ethelbert, R.M. Ethelbert, Village Gilbert Plains, R.M. Gilbert Plains, Town Grandview, R.M. Grandview, Town Hillsburg, R.M. Lawrence, R.M. McCreary, R.M. McCreary, Village Minitonas, R.M. Minitonas, Town Mossey River, R.M. Mountain, R.M. Ochre River, R.M. Roblin, Town Ste. Rose, R.M. Ste. Rose du Lac, Town Shell River, R.M. Swan River, R.M. Swan River, Town Winnipegosis, Village

**Schedule A:  
Proposed District By-law Changes**

Western District	Eastern District	Northern District
Albert, R.M. Archie, R.M. Argyle, R.M. Arthur, R.M. Boissevain, Town Brandon, City Brenda, R.M. Cameron, R.M. Carberry, Town Cartwright, Village Cornwallis, R.M. Daly, R.M. Deloraine, Town Edward, R.M. Elkhorn, Village Elton, R.M. Glenboro, Village Glenwood, R.M. Hartney, Town Killarney-Turtle Mountain, RM Melita, Town Morton, R.M. North Cypress, R.M. Oak Lake, Town Oakland, R.M. Pipestone, R.M. Rivers, Town Riverside, R.M. Roblin, R.M. Sifton, R.M. Souris, Town South Cypress, R.M. Strathcona, R.M. Virden, Town Wallace, R.M. Waskada, Village Wawanesa, Village Whitehead, R.M. Whitewater, R.M. Winchester, R.M. Woodworth, R.M.	Alexander, R.M. Beausejour, Town Brokenhead, R.M. De Salaberry, R.M. East St. Paul, R.M. Emerson, Town Franklin, R.M. Hanover, R.M. La Broquerie, R.M. Lac du Bonnet, R.M. Lac du Bonnet, Town Montcalm, R.M. Morris, Town Niverville, Town Pinawa, L.G.D. Piney, R.M. Powerview, Village Reynolds, R.M. Ritchot, R.M. Ste. Anne, R.M. Ste. Anne, Town St. Clements, R.M. St. Pierre-Jolys, Village Springfield, R.M. Steinbach, City Stuartburn, R.M. Tache, R.M. Victoria Beach, R.M. Whitemouth, R.M.	Churchill, Town Flin Flon, City Gillam, Town Grand Rapids, Town Kelsey, R.M. Leaf Rapids, Town Lynn Lake, Town Mystery Lake, L.G.D. Snow Lake, Town The Pas, Town Thompson, City

**AMM RESOLUTION #2-2007****BY-LAW CHANGE: LIMITATIONS ON BOARD MEMBERS  
SEEKING NOMINATIONS****SPONSOR(S)***AMM***DEPARTMENT(S)***AMM*

**WHEREAS** the Association has determined for the proper governance of the Association to prohibit any member of the Board of Directors of the Association (the "Board") that officially seeks the party nomination for a provincial or federal election from maintaining his or her position on the Board;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the By-laws of the Association be and are hereby amended as follows:

1. By inserting the following as Article 4, Section 14:

14. Limitation on Board members

Any Board member who seeks party nomination for a provincial or federal election shall no longer be entitled to hold his or her office and his or her position on the Board shall be declared vacated from the time the Board member makes his or her intention to seek nomination public. Should a Board member be unsuccessful in obtaining a party nomination, he or she shall be eligible to seek election from the membership at the time designated for elections set out in these By-Laws.

This resolution takes effect immediately upon adoption by the Association.

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The Board of the AMM is bringing this by-law change forward as a result of its internal review.

**AMM RESOLUTION #3-2007****BY-LAW CHANGE: ADDITIONAL NORTHERN DIRECTOR****SPONSOR(S)***Thompson, City (Northern)***DEPARTMENT(S)***AMM*

**WHEREAS** Article 4, section 1 of the By-Laws of the Association currently requires that there be one elected official representing the Northern District which representation may be from any of the member municipalities of that District;

**AND WHEREAS** the By-Laws of the Association currently require that there be two (2) elected officials representing the Board of Directors for Parklands, Western, Midwestern, Central, Eastern and Interlake Districts which is comprised of one (1) representative from an urban municipality and one (1) representative from a rural municipality in each of the respective Districts;

**AND WHEREAS** it is desirable to amend Article 4, section 1 of the By-Laws of the Association to provide that there be two (2) representatives from the Northern District, one elected from the municipalities of The Pas, RM of Kelsey, Flin Flon, Snow Lake or Grand Rapids, and one elected from the municipalities of Thompson, Lynn Lake, Leaf Rapids, Churchill, Gillam or LGD of Mystery Lake;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the By-laws of the Association be and are hereby amended as follows:

1. Article 4, section 1 be deleted and replaced with the following:

Board of Directors

The Association shall have a Board of Directors, which shall be comprised of the members of the Executive Committee, who shall not hold any other Board position, plus fifteen (15) additional Board Members. The Board Members shall be comprised of Elected Officials representing one of eight (8) Districts as follows:

**AMM RESOLUTION #3-2007 (CONTINUED)**

Parklands - 2 representatives  
Western - 2 representatives  
Midwestern - 2 representatives  
Central - 2 representatives  
Eastern - 2 representatives  
Interlake - 2 representatives  
Northern - 2 representatives  
Winnipeg - 1 representative

The representation to the Board of Directors for Parklands, Midwestern, Western, Central, Eastern, Interlake Districts, shall be comprised of one (1) representative from an urban municipality and one (1) representative from a rural municipality in each of the respective Districts. The representation to the Board for Northern District shall be comprised of one (1) representative from The Pas, RM of Kelsey, Flin Flon, Snow Lake or Grand Rapids and one (1) representative from Thompson, Lynn Lake, Leaf Rapids, Churchill, Gillam or LGD of Mystery Lake.

This resolution takes effect immediately upon adoption by the Association.

**AMM RESOLUTION #4-2007****DATE OF MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS SEMINAR****SPONSOR(S)**

*Whitehead, RM (Western)  
Elton, RM (Western)*

**DEPARTMENT(S)**

*AMM*

**WHEREAS** the AMM has given notice that the AMM Board has decided to permanently change the dates of the annual Municipal Officials Seminar and Trade Show (MOS) to the middle of April each year;

**AND WHEREAS** the majority of members of the Western District are farmers;

**AND WHEREAS** the middle of April is a very busy time of the year for farmers;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the AMM Board reschedule MOS to the middle of March rather than the middle of April.

**AMM RESOLUTION #5-2007****AMM CONVENTION TIMELINE****SPONSOR(S)***Ochre River, RM (Parklands)***DEPARTMENT(S)***AMM*

**WHEREAS** Councils are finding it increasingly difficult to get members to attend the AMM Convention for the full four days;

**AND WHEREAS** presently the actual convention activities take place in two half days and two full days;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the AMM Board condense future conventions to three full days ending Wednesday night.

**AMM RESOLUTION #6-2007****MANDATED REGULATIONS****SPONSOR(S)***Brenda, RM (Western)***DEPARTMENT(S)***AMM**Government of Canada**Province of Manitoba*

**WHEREAS** in the view of the AMM the number of mandated regulations in areas such as health, emergency measures and protective services has in the last few years reached epic proportions;

**AND WHEREAS** these regulations have been imposed on municipalities with little or no consultation with those most directly involved;

**AND WHEREAS** this most often results in municipalities being forced to put in place policies they cannot afford and often do not agree with or see the reason for;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Government of Canada, the Province of Manitoba and the AMM review these regulations with the purpose of making them more affordable and more in line with the realities in municipalities;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** all future regulations undergo consultation prior to being imposed;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the municipalities be consulted in the review process.

**AMM RESOLUTION #7-2007****REINSTATING THE PRAIRIE GRAIN ROADS PROGRAM****SPONSOR(S)***Shoal Lake, RM (Midwestern)***DEPARTMENT(S)***Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada  
Manitoba Infrastructure  
and Transportation*

**WHEREAS** rail line abandonment and elevator closures have resulted in longer grain hauls by farmers and grain companies;

**AND WHEREAS** more and larger trucks continue to damage older municipal roadways;

**AND WHEREAS** the cost to repair or rebuild these roads is beyond most municipal budgets;

**AND WHEREAS** the Prairie Grain Roads Program has enabled municipalities to upgrade major roads in their jurisdiction;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the AMM lobby the Government of Canada and the Province of Manitoba to reinstate the Prairie Grain Roads Program.

**AMM RESOLUTION #8-2007****SALE OF CEMETERY PLOTS EXEMPT FROM GST****SPONSOR(S)***Ste. Rose du Lac, Town (Parklands)***DEPARTMENT(S)***Finance Canada*

**WHEREAS** a majority of municipalities oversee and provide a levy for the operation of their cemeteries;

**AND WHEREAS** Canada Revenue Agency has deemed the sales of cemetery plots as real property and Goods and Services Tax taxable;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the AMM lobby the Government of Canada to exclude cemetery plots under the classification of real property for the purpose of charging Goods and Services Tax.

**AMM RESOLUTION #9-2007****REVIEW OF THE NOXIOUS WEED ACT OF MANITOBA****SPONSOR(S)***Macdonald, RM (Central)***DEPARTMENT(S)***Manitoba Agriculture,  
Food and Rural Initiatives*

**WHEREAS** the current version of The Noxious Weed Act was enacted in 1987 and subsequently amended a number of times;

**AND WHEREAS** the current version of The Noxious Weed Act makes reference to situations that are no longer applicable to the agricultural practices of today;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to have The Noxious Weed Act of Manitoba reviewed and entirely updated.

**AMM RESOLUTION #10-2007****COSTS OF CONTROLLING NOXIOUS WEEDS****SPONSOR(S)***West St. Paul, RM (Interlake)***DEPARTMENT(S)***Manitoba Agriculture,  
Food and Rural Initiatives*

**WHEREAS** The Noxious Weed Act has provisions for controlling and destroying noxious weeds on lands;

**AND WHEREAS** municipalities find that the cost of weed control on certain lands exceed \$500.00 per lot or quarter section;

**AND WHEREAS** Section 27 (3) of The Noxious Weed Act limits the sum collectable to \$500.00 in any one year for any parcel or quarter section without the written approval of the Minister;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to amend Section 27 (3) of The Noxious Weed Act to remove the limitation on the amount that can be collected against any one parcel or quarter section in any one year.

**AMM RESOLUTION #11-2007****NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL****SPONSOR(S)**

*Alonsa, RM (Parklands)*

**DEPARTMENT(S)**

*Manitoba Agriculture,  
Food and Rural Initiatives  
Manitoba Infrastructure  
and Transportation*

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to ensure that all equipment, either owned by the Province or private contractors, being used on Manitoba highway roadsides has been cleaned to ensure that Leafy Spurge and other noxious weeds are not transferred among municipalities.

**AMM RESOLUTION #12-2007****INCREASE TO OPERATING GRANTS FOR VETERINARY SERVICES****SPONSOR(S)**

*Shoal Lake, Town (Midwestern)  
Ste. Rose, RM (Parklands)*

**DEPARTMENT(S)**

*Manitoba Agriculture,  
Food and Rural Initiatives*

**WHEREAS** Veterinary Service Districts in Manitoba each receive an operating grant of \$19,000 from the Province of Manitoba on a yearly basis;

**AND WHEREAS** the cost of maintaining a Veterinary District is ever increasing with municipal levies surpassing the provincial contribution;

**AND WHEREAS** the cost of operating veterinary clinics has increased significantly;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba for an increase in operating grants to Veterinary Service Districts in the amount equal to municipal levies.

**AMM RESOLUTION #13-2007****MATERIAL STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM****SPONSOR(S)***Thompson, City (Northern)***DEPARTMENT(S)***Manitoba Conservation*

**WHEREAS** the benefits of having a comprehensive recycling program has proven to be valuable in ensuring the amount of waste products being taken to landfill sites is minimized;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba for a more comprehensive material stewardship program that maximizes the amount of materials and number of products to be recycled.

**AMM RESOLUTION #14-2007****INCREASED FUNDING FOR HOMETOWN GREEN TEAM PROGRAM****SPONSOR(S)***St. Laurent, RM (Interlake)***DEPARTMENT(S)***Manitoba Education,  
Citizenship and Youth*

**WHEREAS** the Hometown Green Team Program provides employment opportunities for youth living in rural areas where summer employment opportunities are scarce;

**AND WHEREAS** rural communities depend on the Hometown Green Team to provide many much needed services;

**AND WHEREAS** it is in the best interest of rural communities to retain their youth through employment opportunities;

**AND WHEREAS** the Hometown Green Team Program provides a wage incentive equal to \$4.16 per hour (50 per cent of minimum wage plus vacation allowance), while the Urban Green Team Program provides \$8.70 per hour (100 per cent of minimum wage plus vacation allowance and employer contributions to Employment Insurance and the Canada Pension Plan);

**AND WHEREAS** applications for Hometown Green Team funding far exceed available resources;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to fund the Hometown Green Team Program at the same hourly rate as the Urban Green Team Program;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the AMM lobby the Provincial Government to increase funding for Hometown Green Team Program to allow more applications to be approved.

**AMM RESOLUTION #15-2007****REIMBURSEMENT CHANGES FOR DISASTER ASSISTANCE****SPONSOR(S)***Lac du Bonnet, RM (Eastern)***DEPARTMENT(S)***Manitoba Emergency Measures  
Emergency Preparedness Canada*

**WHEREAS** the Provincial Government does not announce funding for a disaster until months after a disaster has occurred;

**AND WHEREAS** the cost to municipalities is far lower if the work is completed using municipal employees and equipment;

**AND WHEREAS** reimbursement to the municipality is at the rate of 16 per cent of actual costs incurred by the municipality;

**AND WHEREAS** the Province reimburses the municipality at the rate of 100 per cent for costs only if the work is contracted;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba and the Government of Canada to change the method of reimbursement for disaster assistance to create an equal compensation percentage whether municipal employees and equipment are used or the repair is contracted.

**AMM RESOLUTION #16-2007****RURAL CHILDCARE SERVICES****SPONSOR(S)***Rosburn, RM (Midwestern)***DEPARTMENT(S)***Manitoba Family Services  
and Housing*

**WHEREAS** childcare is an essential element of rural infrastructure, helping rural families to combine work and family, enabling parents to earn off-farm income, and thus strengthening the rural economy;

**AND WHEREAS** childcare services promote farm safety, and can mitigate out migration and population decline;

**AND WHEREAS** childcare services have significant local economic impacts in the short-term, as every \$1 spent on childcare generates \$1.58 of economic benefits through ripple effects; childcare services create employment for early childhood educators; and the spending from every 2 childcare jobs supports another full-time job, in addition to enabling parents labour force participation;

**AND WHEREAS** high quality childcare services also generate significant economic effects in the long-term, by promoting children's development, school-readiness, and helping children who are disadvantaged by poverty;

**AND WHEREAS** over half of mothers in rural areas are in the paid labour force, and face barriers to paid employment when childcare services are absent;

**AND WHEREAS** licensed childcare services exist for just 14 per cent of Manitoba children aged 0-12, parent fees are high and subsidies are restrictive, and trained early childhood educators are scarce, due to low wages and benefits;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to provide more capital and operating grants for smaller rural operations to establish local childcare services and through encouraging the provincial government to provide incentives to increase the pool of trained early childhood educators in rural areas.

**AMM RESOLUTION #17-2006****INCREASED FUNDING FOR SUPPORTIVE HOUSING****SPONSOR(S)***Brokenhead, RM (Eastern)***DEPARTMENT(S)***Manitoba Family Services  
and Housing*

**WHEREAS** the Province of Manitoba has provided a grant program for municipalities to develop supportive housing units;

**AND WHEREAS** the municipalities are finding that the amount of the grants are inadequate for the projects to be economically viable;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba for an increase to the grants provided to municipalities by the Province for the development of supportive housing units.

**AMM RESOLUTION #18-2007****SURVEY MONUMENT RESTORATION COSTS****SPONSOR(S)***Winchester, RM (Western)***DEPARTMENT(S)***Manitoba Finance*

**WHEREAS** municipalities are responsible for survey monuments and costs of replacement of additional legal markers;

**AND WHEREAS** the Province of Manitoba has a monument restoration program regarding 50 per cent cost reimbursement of monuments through municipalities;

**AND WHEREAS** additional markers or replacement of monuments are presently only 50 per cent recoverable resulting in a considerable burden on local taxpayers;

**AND WHEREAS** these costs should be the responsibility of the individual or individuals requesting surveying as a cost of business;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to make the cost of monument restoration and additional legal markers the burden and responsibility of the individual or individuals requesting the surveying;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** costs incurred by the individual or individuals can be applied for using existing municipal administration to collect and refund the current percentage as per the program guidelines, therefore not changing the integrity of the current provincial program.

**AMM RESOLUTION #19-2007****REMOVAL OF COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS FROM  
HEALTH CARE FACILITIES****SPONSOR(S)***Rosedale, RM (Midwestern)***DEPARTMENT(S)***Manitoba Health and Healthy Living*

**WHEREAS** 10 per cent of community contribution for health care facilities are a financial hardship for the municipalities;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to remove the 10 per cent community contribution on any health care facilities.

**AMM RESOLUTION #20-2007****GPS AND GIS FUNDING****SPONSOR(S)***Ste. Rose, RM (Parklands)**Ste. Rose du Lac, Town (Parklands)***DEPARTMENT(S)***Manitoba Health and Healthy Living**Manitoba Emergency Measures*

**WHEREAS** the Global Positioning System (GPS) has become a vital global utility, indispensable for modern navigation on land, sea and air around the world, as well as an important tool for map-making and land surveying;

**AND WHEREAS** a Geographic Information System (GIS) is a collection of computer hardware, software, and geographic data for capturing, managing, analyzing and displaying all forms of geographically referenced information;

**AND WHEREAS** you can link information (attributes) to location data, such as people to addresses, buildings to parcels, or streets within a network with GIS;

**AND WHEREAS** use of both GPS and GIS are essential to better serve the needs of Manitobans for emergency responsiveness (i.e. ambulance, fire, etc.), utilities, school bus routes, infrastructure requests, etc.;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to provide coordination and financing to municipalities, school divisions, public utilities and regional health authorities to obtain compatible GPS and GIS to service the needs of all Manitobans.

**AMM RESOLUTION #21-2007****FUNDING FOR MUNICIPALITIES WITH BOIL WATER ADVISORIES****SPONSOR(S)***Whitmouth, RM (Eastern)***DEPARTMENT(S)***Manitoba Infrastructure  
and Transportation  
Infrastructure Canada  
Manitoba Health and Healthy Living  
Health Canada*

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba and Government of Canada to provide targeted funding to municipalities that have boil water advisories to construct water treatment facilities.

**AMM RESOLUTION #22-2007****HIGHWAY 6 UPGRADES****SPONSOR(S)***Thompson, City (Northern)***DEPARTMENT(S)***Manitoba Infrastructure  
and Transportation  
Manitoba Justice*

**WHEREAS** Highway 6 is the major north/south land connector for northern Manitoba and of considerable economic value;

**AND WHEREAS** the increased volume of heavy traffic and changing types of equipment require increased safety measures, particularly for automobiles;

**AND WHEREAS** Highway 6 has proven to be a tragic one for many families who have experienced the loss of loved ones;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba for improved safety measures on Highway 6, such as frequent passing lanes throughout the highway, the provision for more rest areas, the provision of paved shoulders of sufficient width to enable safe parking, and prohibiting the practice of trucks traveling in convoys.

**AMM RESOLUTION #23-2007****ASSISTANCE FOR DAMAGES CAUSED BY PROVINCIAL  
WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS****SPONSOR(S)***Tache, RM (Eastern)***DEPARTMENT(S)***Manitoba Infrastructure  
and Transportation*

**WHEREAS** weight restrictions placed on Provincial roads redirect traffic onto municipal roads causing substantial damages;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba for assistance with rebuilding municipal roads damaged as a result of traffic diverted from provincial roads because of Provincial weight restrictions.

**AMM RESOLUTION #24-2007****ENFORCEMENT OF WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS****SPONSOR(S)***Tache, RM (Eastern)***DEPARTMENT(S)***Manitoba Infrastructure  
and Transportation*

**WHEREAS** municipalities do not have the resources to enforce weight restrictions on municipal roads;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba for assistance for weight restriction enforcement.

**AMM RESOLUTION #25-2007****ROAD RESTRICTIONS****SPONSOR(S)**

*Rivers, Town (Western)*  
*Daly, RM (Western)*  
*Blanshard, RM (Western)*

**DEPARTMENT(S)**

*Manitoba Infrastructure  
and Transportation*

**WHEREAS** the Province of Manitoba imposes annual spring road restrictions as required to protect our highway infrastructure;

**AND WHEREAS** the increased demand for movement of necessary supplies in and out of our rural communities has primarily been shouldered by large trucks;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to exempt empty truck traffic from Level 2 road restrictions on the steering axles, thus significantly reducing heavy truck traffic on municipal roads and also shortening many return trips;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** essential commodities be allowed simpler guidelines to be transported at Level 1 weights on Level 2 restrictions when servicing local customers.

**AMM RESOLUTION #26-2007****COMPENSATION FOR MUNICIPAL ROADS IMPACTED BY  
NATURAL RESOURCE EXTRACTION****SPONSOR(S)**

*Reynolds, RM (Eastern)  
Lac du Bonnet, RM (Eastern)*

**DEPARTMENT(S)**

*Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs  
Manitoba Infrastructure  
and Transportation  
Infrastructure Canada*

**WHEREAS** municipal roads are used to extract and market natural resources of timber and peat moss from crown lands;

**AND WHEREAS** the impact on municipal roads from trucking these resources requires extensive repairs and maintenance of municipal roads;

**AND WHEREAS** the cost associated with repairing and maintaining municipal roads continues to rise dramatically far beyond the municipal budget;

**AND WHEREAS** the municipality receives no tax revenue from this resource extraction that fairly and adequately matches the required road repair and maintenance expenses;

**AND WHEREAS** municipalities are forced to expend property tax dollars repairing and maintaining these municipal roads;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba and Government of Canada to provide adequate compensation to municipalities that fairly reflects the costs incurred to maintain and repair municipal roads impacted by the extraction of natural resources.

**AMM RESOLUTION #27-2007****VLT REVENUE FOR MUNICIPALITIES****SPONSOR(S)***Gimli, RM (Interlake)***DEPARTMENT(S)***Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs  
Manitoba Finance*

**WHEREAS** not for profit organizations and service organizations in communities are integral to quality of life in communities;

**AND WHEREAS** not for profit organizations raise funds to sustain quality of life activities in our communities;

**AND WHEREAS** community organizations capacity to raise funds has been negatively impacted by the addition of VLT machines;

**AND WHEREAS** since the inception of VLTs in 1993, municipalities have been receiving a base grant and per capita percentage of VLT funds;

**AND WHEREAS** the VLT base grant funding to municipalities has not increased since 1993;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to increase allotments to municipalities from revenues from VLTs.

**AMM RESOLUTION #28-2007****COST OF REVIEWS****SPONSOR(S)***Argyle, RM (Western)***DEPARTMENT(S)***Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs  
Manitoba Water Stewardship*

**WHEREAS** The Planning Act states in part that "A board or council must complete a detailed review of its development plan (b)...Within five years after the development plan bylaw is adopted";

**AND WHEREAS** The Drinking Water Safety Act states in part that "Within five years after the coming into force of this section, and at least once in every five year period afterwards, every public water supplier and semi-public water supplier must (a) conduct, or cause to be conducted, an assessment of the water system's infrastructure and its water supply course, in accordance with the regulations";

**AND WHEREAS** these are only two examples of recent legislation passed by the Province of Manitoba that imposes significant costs to be borne by municipalities;

**AND WHEREAS** it appears there is little or no consideration given to the fact that these requirements force municipalities to raise taxes or reduce services in order to satisfy the requirements;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to cover the costs of conducting periodic reviews required by various Provincial acts and regulations.

# AMM Resolution #29-2007

## DARE Program in Schools

### Sponsors

Thompson, City (Northern)

### Department

Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth  
Manitoba Justice

WHEREAS the selling, distribution, variety and use of drugs is increasing in Manitoba;

AND WHEREAS exposure to drugs of youth and children is becoming increasingly more common;

AND WHEREAS there is an urgent need to address these issues prior to them getting out of hand;

### **Therefore Be It Resolved That**

the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to consider the DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Program as a curriculum course in schools;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to provide funding and support for the DARE Program, Lions Quest Program, and alike programs.

# AMM Resolution #30-2007

## Increased RCMP Personnel

### Sponsors

Glenwood, RM (Western)

### Department

Manitoba Justice  
Justice Canada  
RCMP

WHEREAS crime in Manitoba has escalated;

AND WHEREAS there is a huge shortage of law enforcement officers and travel time is critical when a call is received to apprehend the criminals in the act;

### **Therefore Be It Resolved That**

the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba and the Government of Canada to increase RCMP personnel, and also provide the funding required to meet this increased cost.

**AMM RESOLUTION #31-2007****INCREASED PUNISHMENT FOR CRIME****SPONSOR(S)***Glenwood, RM (Western)***DEPARTMENT(S)***Manitoba Justice  
Justice Canada*

**WHEREAS** crime in Manitoba has escalated;

**AND WHEREAS** if the offenders are apprehended the sentencing is not considered any deterrent;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba and the Government of Canada to increase the punishment for crime for all offenders, including youth offenders.

**AMM RESOLUTION #32-200****RECYCLING OF AIR HOSES****SPONSOR(S)**

*Glenwood, RM (Western)*

**DEPARTMENT(S)**

*Manitoba Science, Technology,  
Energy and Mines  
Manitoba Agriculture, Food  
and Rural Initiatives  
Manitoba Conservation*

**WHEREAS** air hoses for seeder and fertilizer applicators wear out and must be disposed of;

**AND WHEREAS** currently there is not an environmentally friendly disposal option;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to allow this type of air hose to be accepted at chemical container depots and be recycled accordingly.

**AMM RESOLUTION #33-2007****HYDRO IN RECREATION FACILITIES****SPONSOR(S)***Gimli, RM (Interlake)***DEPARTMENT(S)***Manitoba Hydro*

**WHEREAS** municipal recreation facilities, such as arenas, pools, curling rinks and recreation centres in communities are integral to the health, social connectedness and quality of life in communities;

**AND WHEREAS** affordable programs are crucial to ensure that no barriers exist for participation to sustain quality of life for citizens in our communities;

**AND WHEREAS** Manitoba Hydro has introduced many programs to assist owners of recreation facilities to potentially reduce their hydro costs and conserve energy;

**AND WHEREAS** many communities have implemented some or all of the actions to save hydro;

**AND WHEREAS** the operators of these facilities have very little in capital reserve and operation and the pay back on the hydro assisted energy saving upgrades may be too far in the future;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the AMM request Manitoba Hydro implement a program that rewards recreation facility owners that complete all the necessary upgrades to save energy, by providing an incentive bonus that would accelerate the pay back time to the owners.

**AMM RESOLUTION #34-2007****CHANGES TO BY-ELECTION REQUIREMENTS**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
*Ritchot, RM*

**DEPARTMENT(S)**  
*Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs*

**WHEREAS** Subsection 40(2) of The Municipal Councils and School Board Elections Act states that: "A person who holds office on an elected authority may not be nominated in a by-election to which this Act applies unless the member resigns his or her office at least 42 days before the election day for that by-election.";

**AND WHEREAS** this requirement may cause undue hardship in a municipality where there is no longer a quorum of council due to current councillors being required to resign before they file nomination papers for an office on council during a by-election;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to remove this requirement for any current councillor(s) wishing to run in a by-election in Manitoba.

**AMM RESOLUTION #35-2007****LIVESTOCK EMERGENCY PLAN****Sponsor(s)***Dufferin, RM***Department(s)***Manitoba Agriculture, Food  
and Rural Initiatives  
Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada*

**WHEREAS** the Association of Manitoba Municipalities has been working together with municipalities, Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency to develop a contingency plan to use in the event of a major livestock emergency;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba and Government of Canada to identify burial sites and fund an incinerator for use in the event of a livestock emergency.

# AMM Resolution #36-2007

## Public Schools Amendment Act

### Sponsors

Morden, Town (Central)

### Department

Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth

WHEREAS the Municipal Act requires municipalities to hold a public hearing in respect of any plan or proposal requiring long term borrowing prior to the plan or proposal being initiated, in order to provide tax payers the opportunity to present their views on having to pay for the plan or proposal, following which public hearing the plan or proposal must be approved by The Municipal Board;

AND WHEREAS school division taxes make up approximately fifty per cent of property taxes;

AND WHEREAS the impact of long term borrowing by school divisions can have the same impact on taxpayers as long term borrowing by municipalities;

### **Therefore Be It Resolved That**

the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to amend the Public Schools Act to require school divisions to submit to a similar approval process as municipalities, including holding a public hearing, in respect of any plan or proposal requiring long term borrowing prior to the plan or proposal being initiated.