

CD Framework Document

- As you know, the AMM has had some concerns with the direction taken by Manitoba Water Stewardship on this document.
- In December 2007, the Province released their vision for the CD movement in Manitoba.
- We were very concerned with the direction the Province proposed.
- In fact, we raised our concerns with every provincial minister we met with last year.
- We pushed the Province to have meetings with municipalities to hear municipal concerns first hand.
- We were pleased that the Province came back to the table to work jointly with the AMM and the CD association to revise the framework.
- This summer and fall we worked together to revise the document and arrived at a version all three parties can support.
- The CD Commission has also reviewed the revised document and is fine with it.
- Although the document is set to be released to the public, the major issue yet to be resolved is the funding.

- Funding remains the AMM's number one concern in this process and we will tackle this piece of the puzzle by building on the cooperative approach established through the joint re-drafting of the framework document.
- We know that this is critical in the process and we will be making it clear to the Province that municipalities cannot be expected to absorb the costs associated with these additional responsibilities. Provincial funding must accompany Provincial requirements.