



# News Release

## **AMM supports new livestock planning changes**

### **Land use planning will remain at the local level**

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The Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) was pleased with the Provincial Government's announcement yesterday regarding the proposed amendments to the Planning Act, and specifically with the livestock-related changes.

"Having been involved with the livestock-related amendments to the Planning Act from the beginning, the AMM is very pleased with the cooperation between our organization and the Department of Intergovernmental Affairs and Trade on this issue," said Stuart Briese, AMM President. "The final legislation is reflective of our organization's position regarding land-use planning."

*Bill 40: The Planning Amendment Act* ensures that decision-making will remain at the local level while placing the monitoring and enforcement of environmental issues with the Province.

"These proposed changes pertain directly to several AMM resolutions dealing with the Intensive Livestock Issue," said Briese. "Now municipalities can build their livestock operations policy into their development plans providing clarity for the municipality, their rate payers as well as the Provincial government."

Other highlights from The Planning Amendment Act include: mandatory planning, a required livestock operations policy for municipalities, enhanced notice provisions for intensive livestock operations, and an amendment to existing provincial land use policies.

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