



# News Release

## **AMM Pleased with Federal Commitment to Municipalities**

### **New Deal money will soon flow to Manitoba Municipalities**

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The Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) was pleased with the Federal Government's announcement yesterday regarding the outline of details of the New Deal funding for municipalities.

"The New Deal is about all levels of government working together to meet the needs of Canadians," said Ron Bell, AMM President. "This money will help bridge the gap between municipal fiscal resources and growing municipal responsibilities, and we are pleased to see the Federal Government reaffirm its commitment to municipalities."

The focus will now be on working with the Provincial Government to get the \$167.3 million out to Manitoba communities in the most efficient manner possible over the next five years.

"We have been in preliminary discussions with the Province on how best to get dollars out to the communities, and now that we know what we are working with, we can move forward," said Bell. "The sooner we are able to get these dollars flowing, the sooner Manitobans can reap the benefits of the New Deal."

The AMM is pleased to see the announcement of the funding formula as this signals the start of a new relationship and a new way of doing business that is needed in order to find a long-term solution to the problems facing Canadian cities and communities.

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