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**Clerk of Committees**  
249 Legislative Building  
Winnipeg MB R3C 0V8

**RE: Bill 3 – The City of Winnipeg Charter Amendment and  
Municipal Amendment Act (Derelict Buildings)**

The AMM would like to take this opportunity to offer support for Bill 3 – The City of Winnipeg Charter Amendment and Municipal Amendment Act (Derelict Buildings). Derelict buildings are a real concern in many municipalities and the AMM is supportive of any measure that will increase the authority of municipalities to deal with this community blight.

By granting municipalities the authority to regulate the condition and maintenance of vacant dwellings and non-residential buildings, municipalities can now act proactively to remove these buildings which act as both an eye sore and a safety hazard.

While the process for municipalities to take title of property that is derelict is onerous, we understand that this is a serious issue and steps must be taken to ensure the owner of the property is aware the municipality has initiated this process. Because of the serious nature of this issue, municipalities are prepared to follow this process if in the end they can take action to deal with these buildings in their communities.

The AMM is pleased to see Bill 3 has received second reading and urges the Legislative Assembly to pass this bill quickly to allow municipalities to take action immediately.

Sincerely,

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President