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City and AMM provide real solution to infrastructure deficit

A true share of the PST would see substantial infrastructure investment

Winnipeg, April 19 –Winnipeg Mayor Sam Katz and AMM President Doug Dobrowolski today again called on the Province of Manitoba to provide one point of the existing provincial sales tax (PST) over and above funds that are already received, to be dedicated annually as a stable, reliable source of funding for municipal infrastructure.

Last week, the Province of Manitoba’s budget stated that a share of the PST would be provided to municipalities to address their infrastructure challenges. In reality, provincial funding from general revenue would now come from the PST, effectively repackaging money under a new name but from the same pot of money.

“If you actually want to do something positive and constructive to improve infrastructure for the citizens of Winnipeg, then step up and do what’s right and provide municipalities with a real funding source to address the priorities of the people who’ve elected you,” said Mayor Sam Katz. “We can’t repair roads, rebuild our bridges and keep our communities safe and competitive without real money. We need real leadership to slay the infrastructure dragon.”

“Every citizen in every community in Manitoba is affected by our crumbling infrastructure on a daily basis,” said President Doug Dobrowolski. “The infrastructure deficit in this province is in the billions of dollars and municipalities just can’t handle it on their own. We need a new source of growth revenue dedicated to fixing the problem.”

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