



September 6th, 2011

Hugh McFadyen, Leader, PC Manitoba
Jon Gerrard, Leader, Manitoba Liberal Party
Greg Selinger, Leader, Today's NDP

Dear Leaders;

The provincial election is officially underway and as you are well aware this is an important election for our communities. Manitoba municipalities are finding it harder and harder to cope with their growing mandate. We would like to know what your party is ready to do for communities in the next four years.

I would ask that you answer the following questions. We will be sharing the answers with our members when they are received and also posting them on our website. Responses can be sent to AMM Executive Director Joe Masi (204-856-2360 or jmasi@amm.mb.ca).

1. There is no debating Manitoba municipalities are facing a massive infrastructure deficit. What is your party's plan to help address this deficit?
2. One of the biggest challenges for municipalities is the downloading of responsibilities and the cost of meeting increasing regulation. What will your party do about these escalating costs for municipalities?
3. Recently the AMM undertook a tour of the province to hear first-hand the issues facing our communities. Near the top of the list was the need for affordable entry-level housing in our communities. What will your party do to address the housing shortfall across Manitoba?
4. Overall municipal government revenues have not kept pace with municipal responsibilities. We are expected to take on more and more with access to the same revenue sources. Municipalities need access to new revenue sources. Is your party willing to give municipalities access to new revenue sources?
5. Connectivity is increasingly important to municipalities both in terms of having access to the global marketplace and in growing their communities, yet cellular service and high speed internet continue to be unavailable in many parts of the province. How would your party work to address this?

Thank you in advance for your response. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Doug Dobrowolski", written in a cursive style.

Doug Dobrowolski
President