



MEMBER ADVISORY

FLOOD 2011 BUILDING AND RECOVERY ACTION PLAN

May 27, 2011 – As you know, Premier Greg Selinger announced the creation of the Flood 2011 Building and Recovery Action Plan earlier this week. The plan is quite comprehensive, encompassing assistance for families, businesses and communities who are dealing with the flood.

Key points for municipalities

- **NEW:** Advances of up to 60 per cent or \$100,000, whichever is greater, of repair costs for municipalities against disaster financial assistance claims.
- **NEW:** A \$1 million fund to provide economic recovery grants of up to \$100,000 for municipalities affected by Assiniboine River flooding to restore economic activity to pre-flood levels. This funding is available to industry and cultural associations, chambers of commerce, tourism associations, commodity groups, non-profit organizations and other community-based organizations. Hiring local workers and using local suppliers is encouraged to qualify for this fund, which will be delivered by Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives.
- These measures, added to the improvement of a \$5 per-capita cap on municipal cost-sharing introduced in 2009, for which the AMM lobbied, will enable municipalities to more quickly restore roads and other infrastructure.

Important reminders for making DFA claims

AMM members are reminded track all activities and expenses in order to verify claims for disaster financial assistance. Wherever possible, photographs or videos of the event and resulting damages should be taken and made available to the Manitoba Emergency Measures Organization (EMO). In addition, a community impact assessment should be completed and a council resolution submitted requesting disaster financial assistance.

Emergency repairs

EMO acknowledges that temporary and emergency repairs to maintain a safe community are required in the immediate aftermath of an event. It is the local authority's responsibility to determine what repairs should be done to ensure safe use prior to an inspection. Again, damage must be photographed prior to making any emergency repairs.

Manitoba EMO has advised the AMM inspections will begin next week for those municipalities who have indicated they are ready for inspections. Be available to answer questions, provide maps, identify sites where pre-emptive action was taken and/or damage occurred, keep accurate records, and prepare site damage reports and estimates.

Remember, you may request an advance on your claim, but appropriate accounting records must be provided.

Complete Disaster Financial Assistance guidelines for municipalities are available at:

<http://www.gov.mb.ca/emo/community/dfa/index.html>