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ADDITIONAL
RESOLUTIONS



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AMM Resolution #64-2011

SOCAN Tariffs

Sponsor(s)

Russell, Town (Midwestern)

Department(s)

Industry Canada
Manitoba Culture, Heritage and Tourism

WHEREAS any use of music or person who authorizes the use of music in a public setting is responsible for compensating the composers, authors and music publishers associated with such music as per the Copyright Act of Canada;

AND WHEREAS the Society of Composers, Authors and Music Publishers of Canada (SOCAN) has been delegated the authority to administer and enforce the payment of compensation to the composers, authors and music publishers through a series of tariffs;

AND WHEREAS the imposition of SOCAN tariffs has the potential to affect all community owned and operated facilities and events that use music as part of their operation;

AND WHEREAS the current ad hoc method of imposition of tariffs by SOCAN results in inequities between communities;

AND WHEREAS SOCAN has admitted to having insufficient resources to effectively and equitably impose the tariffs they have been charged to administer;

AND WHEREAS the current method of administration by SOCAN has the potential to place a single facility or a single community at a huge financial disadvantage compared to its neighbours through no fault of its own;

Therefore Be It Resolved That

the Association of Manitoba Municipalities lobby the Government of Canada and the Province of Manitoba to work with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and Society of Composers, Authors and Music Publishers of Canada to develop a solution to the current inequities regarding the imposition of SOCAN tariffs on community facilities.



AMM Resolution #65-2011

Increase Shelter Allowance Rate

Sponsor(s)

Brandon, City (Western)

Department(s)

Manitoba Family Services and Consumer Affairs
Manitoba Housing and Community Development

WHEREAS many unfortunate Manitobans, including entire families must rely on support from the Province of Manitoba under its Employment and Income Assistance Program and specifically, the shelter allowance to secure accommodations;

AND WHEREAS these Manitobans are encountering a serious and long-standing problem in that increases in shelter allowances and other components of social assistance payments have not kept pace with inflation since 1996, which is aggravated by historically low vacancy rates for private rental housing for both individuals and families in all cities and most towns in Manitoba;

AND WHEREAS failure by the Province of Manitoba to adjust shelter allowances to keep pace with rent inflation has forced social assistance recipients to draw on other components of their basic living allowances to make up the difference between their shelter allowance and their rent payments, therefore depriving themselves and their families of basic daily needs to supplement their rent;

Therefore Be It Resolved That

the Association of Manitoba Municipalities lobby the Province of Manitoba to increase the shelter allowance rate under its Employment and Income Assistance Program to ensure adequate and affordable accommodations to those in need;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the increase in the shelter allowance for Manitoba be adjusted annually to reflect the changing costs of accommodation as reported by Statistics Canada.



AMM Resolution #66-2011

Health Ombudsman Position

Sponsor(s)

Sifton, FM (Western)

Department(s)

Manitoba Health

WHEREAS Manitoba lacks a dedicated Health Ombudsman office to deal with health complaints and the resolution of health disputes and that conducts systemic reviews relating to principles of administrative equitability and fairness related to the application of laws, policies, procedures and practices of governing bodies;

AND WHEREAS this Health Ombudsman would be appointed by an all party committee as an independent and non-partisan Officer of the Legislative Assembly and would have broad powers to investigate, recommend and report publicly on complaints and dispute resolution;

AND WHEREAS there is a strong belief that if there were a dedicated Health Ombudsman that all citizens, medical staff (including physicians), employees of medical facilities and anyone that does not feel safe or comfortable in reporting incidents locally would feel that there was an avenue in place to promote fairness, equity and administrative accountability through investigation of complaints and disputes;

Therefore Be It Resolved That

the Association of Manitoba Municipalities lobby the Province of Manitoba for the creation and operation of a dedicated Health Ombudsman for Manitoba.