

## AMM Resolution #1 - 2011

### Two Year Term for AMM Executive

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WHEREAS the By-Laws of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (herein called the "Association") currently provide that the term of office for the President and Vice-Presidents shall be for one year;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable to amend the By-Laws of the Association by extending the term of office for the President and Vice-Presidents to two years effective at the 2012 election of officers and clarifying that there is no limit on the number of terms that the President and the Vice-Presidents may hold office;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the By-Laws of the Association be and are hereby amended as follows:

1. Article 5, section 5 be deleted and replaced with the following:

#### Term of Office

The term of office for the President and Vice-Presidents shall be for two years. There shall be no limit on the number of terms that a President or Vice-President can hold office.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the above amendment takes effect at the next Annual General Meeting of the Association.

#### EXPLANATORY NOTE:

The purpose of this resolution is to amend the By-Laws of the Association to change the term of office for the President and Vice-Presidents to two years.



## AMM Resolution #2-2011

### Shortening AMM Convention

**Sponsor(s)**

Blanshard, RM (Midwestern)

Dauphin, RM (Parkland)

**Department(s)**

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WHEREAS the annual Association of Manitoba Municipalities convention currently starts on a Monday and concludes on a Thursday;

AND WHEREAS it is believed that it would be expedient and more cost effective to reduce the length of the convention;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Association of Manitoba Municipalities reduce the length of the annual convention by one day.

## AMM Resolution #3-2011

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Sponsor(s)

Rockwood, RM (Interlake)

Department(s)

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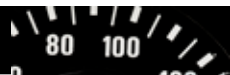
WHEREAS the Association of Manitoba Municipalities holds the Municipal Officials Seminar annually;

AND WHEREAS this event has been held in mid-April for the past few years;

AND WHEREAS this event was previously held at the end of February in each year;

AND WHEREAS mid-April is not convenient for many municipalities because of potential flooding and/or spring agricultural activities;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Association of Manitoba Municipalities reschedule the Municipal Officials Seminar to take place at the end of February in each year, as previously held.



## AMM Resolution #4-2011

### Urban Sessions at Convention

Sponsor(s)

Selkirk, City (Interlake)

Department(s)

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WHEREAS the Association of Manitoba Municipalities was created in January 1999 as a result of a merger between the Union of Manitoba Municipalities and the Manitoba Association of Urban Municipalities;

AND WHEREAS all incorporated municipalities in Manitoba are members of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Manitoba Municipalities identifies and addresses the needs and concerns of its members in order to achieve strong and effective municipal government;

AND WHEREAS one of the main functions of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities is to lobby on issues that affect Manitoba municipalities;

AND WHEREAS many of the issues are raised by members through resolutions or correspondence;

AND WHEREAS each year the Association of Manitoba Municipalities hosts an annual convention for its membership;

AND WHEREAS the content of the convention is for professional development and to address the needs and concerns relevant to all member municipalities, both urban and rural;

AND WHEREAS it is recognized that urban municipalities, being cities, towns and villages, have municipal issues which differ from rural municipalities;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Association of Manitoba Municipalities, beginning with the 2012 annual convention, provide comprehensive sessions which are specifically relevant to urban settings;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the convention content provide for a two track format to include a focus on the issues, needs and concerns of urban communities and their applicable professional development.

## AMM Resolution #5-2011

### Funding for Federation of Canadian Municipalities Representatives

Sponsor(s)

St. Andrews, RM (Interlake)

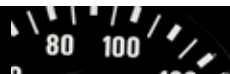
Department(s)

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WHEREAS the expense of the three elected representatives to the Board of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities is currently borne by the representative's municipality;

AND WHEREAS the cost can be a burden to the municipality;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Association of Manitoba Municipalities allocate funding, based on per capita, in an amount sufficient to cover the expense of the three elected representatives to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Board of Directors.



## AMM Resolution #6-2011

### Bulk Purchase of FleetNet Radios

Sponsor(s)

The Pas, Town (Northern)

Department(s)

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WHEREAS Manitoba Telecom Services is planning to upgrade its FleetNet system to solely digital in the upcoming years;

AND WHEREAS all municipal fire departments use FleetNet to communicate with 911 for emergency situations;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Manitoba Municipalities, through the Municipal Trading Company of Manitoba Ltd. (MTCML), has the power to negotiate discounted rates as a bulk buyer;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Association of Manitoba Municipalities carry out an inventory of the number of FleetNet radios that will be required by municipalities;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** once this inventory is established, the Association of Manitoba Municipalities put out a tender for the bulk purchase of FleetNet radios in order to reduce the cost to municipalities and also to ensure consistency with the equipment purchases made by municipalities.

## AMM Resolution #7 - 2011

### Joint Service Delivery

**Sponsor(s)**

Leaf Rapids, Town (Northern)

**Department(s)**

Province of Manitoba  
Government of Canada

WHEREAS program delivery by the Province of Manitoba and the Government of Canada often discourages the collaborative implementation of cost effective measures in the areas of health, education and public safety;

AND WHEREAS current communities under the jurisdiction of the Province of Manitoba and the Government of Canada will benefit from the joint delivery of essential programs and services such as health, education and public safety;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Association of Manitoba Municipalities lobby the Province of Manitoba and Government of Canada to collaborate on program delivery specific to health, education and public safety.



## AMM Resolution #8-2011

### Paid Leave for Emergency Responders

**Sponsor(s)**

St. Andrews, RM (Interlake)

**Department(s)**

Province of Manitoba  
Government of Canada

WHEREAS during a state of emergency due to flooding all municipal resources are needed to protect residents;

AND WHEREAS firefighters are needed to perform safety and rescue duties during this time;

AND WHEREAS there have been instances when firefighters have been refused paid leave to respond to a state of emergency;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Association of Manitoba Municipalities lobby the Province of Manitoba, Government of Canada, local governments and Crown Corporations to provide paid leave for their employees, who are emergency responders, when called to respond to a state of emergency.

## **AMM Resolution #9-2011**

### **Rural Veterinary Board Funding**

**Sponsor(s)**

Coldwell, RM (Interlake)

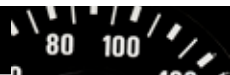
**Department(s)**

Manitoba Agriculture, Food  
and Rural Initiatives

WHEREAS funding from the Province of Manitoba for rural veterinary boards has remained the same since at least 1989;

AND WHEREAS the cost of living and the cost of providing these services has increased substantially;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Association of Manitoba Municipalities lobby the Province of Manitoba to re-evaluate the funding formula for rural veterinary boards annually or bi-annually to better reflect the actual cost of delivering service.



## AMM Resolution #10-2011

### Dutch Elm Disease Control Funding

**Sponsor(s)**

Riverton, Village (Interlake)  
Arborg, Town (Interlake)

**Department(s)**

Manitoba Conservation

WHEREAS the Forestry Branch in June 2010 stated that all Dutch Elm Disease control activities by Manitoba Conservation including surveys and removals of diseased elms would be cancelled within some communities;

AND WHEREAS Manitoba Conservation advised it intends to focus its operations on those towns and cities with more extensive elm stands;

AND WHEREAS the program has been successful in preventing a drastic reduction in the elm tree population;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Association of Manitoba Municipalities lobby the Province of Manitoba to re-instate funding for the Dutch Elm Disease control for all municipalities that have participated and wish to continue to participate in the control of the disease in Manitoba.

## AMM Resolution #11-2011

### Funding Formula for Recycling

**Sponsor(s)**

Armstrong, RM (Interlake)

**Department(s)**

Manitoba Conservation

WHEREAS Multi-Material Stewardship Manitoba Inc. (MMSM) was established as a result of the Packing and Printed Paper Stewardship Regulation #195/2008;

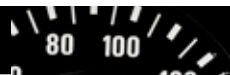
AND WHEREAS all municipal recycling claims are now submitted to MMSM for payment;

AND WHEREAS MMSM has included in the new contract with municipalities dated January 1, 2011, that the methodology for funding payments is based on the median three year rolling average net cost for each population group;

AND WHEREAS the payment methodology includes all municipalities within a population group and each municipality is paid for the operation of a recycling program regardless of how much they recycle;

AND WHEREAS the methodology does encourage municipalities to have a recycling program, it does not encourage a successful recycling program;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Association of Manitoba Municipalities lobby the Province of Manitoba to re-evaluate the funding formula to reflect the amount of recycling a municipality's program produces.



## AMM Resolution #12-2011

### Establish Guidelines for Household Hazardous Waste

Sponsor(s)

Altona, Town (Central)

Department(s)

Manitoba Conservation

WHEREAS Manitoba municipalities are encouraged to recycle products to prevent the unnecessary filling of landfills and also because it benefits the environment;

AND WHEREAS Manitoba municipalities have many households that have 'household hazardous waste' as outlined by government, including such items as pesticides; insecticides; acids; propane; mercury thermometers; toilet & drain cleaners; furniture polishes; household cleaners; degreasers; old paint; antifreeze; aerosol cans; solvents and lighting ballasts;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba only participates with a minimal number of hazardous waste days around the Province;

AND WHEREAS residents of municipalities are storing household hazardous waste in their homes and on their property or are simply placing them in the normal household garbage;

AND WHEREAS municipalities would like to encourage their residents to dispose of household hazardous waste in an environmentally safe and friendly manner;

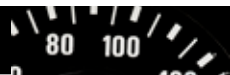
AND WHEREAS it is cost prohibitive for municipalities to run such hazardous waste days in their municipalities;

AND WHEREAS a number of municipalities already have some facilities established to collect items such as used oil and anti-freeze;

AND WHEREAS it would be convenient for residents of municipalities to be able to dispose of their household hazardous waste on an ongoing basis as opposed to waiting for the occasional hazardous waste days;

AND WHEREAS any costs associated with such a program should be borne primarily by the Province of Manitoba;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Association of Manitoba Municipalities lobby the Province of Manitoba to establish appropriate guidelines that would allow municipalities the option to set up depots for the collection of ongoing household hazardous waste so that these products can be disposed of in an appropriate manner.



## AMM Resolution #13-2011

### Cosmetic Pesticide Use Ban

**Sponsor(s)**

Macdonald, RM (Central)  
Hamiota, RM (Midwestern)

**Department(s)**

Manitoba Conservation  
Manitoba Agriculture, Food and  
Rural Initiatives

WHEREAS the Manitoba Round Table for Sustainable Development recommends that the Province of Manitoba establish a full ban on the sale and use of pesticides for cosmetic purposes to include non-essential, cosmetic use of chemical insecticides, herbicides and fungicides for residential, institutional, and recreational facilities, near water and all urban and rural areas;

AND WHEREAS the regulatory body for pesticides (chemical and non-chemical) in Canada is Health Canada's Pesticide Management Regulatory Agency which puts all pesticides through a rigorous scientific assessment process to ensure their safety for Canadians of all ages;

AND WHEREAS a pesticide can only be registered or remain registered in Canada if there is a reasonable certainty that the associated risks pose no harm to human health, future generations or the environment when used as directed;

AND WHEREAS the study most often quoted with regards to human health and cancer is the Ontario College of Family Physicians report of April 23, 2004 which has been debated by some in the scientific community;

AND WHEREAS a cosmetic pesticide ban would adversely affect municipalities in Manitoba by increasing the cost of noxious weed control required under The Noxious Weeds Act since weeds in urban areas act as a wealthy seed bank for surrounding agricultural and other natural areas and sports fields and parks;

AND WHEREAS municipal nuisance mosquito control programs using chemical pesticides could be affected which would result in the loss of nuisance mosquito programs in some communities and affect the enjoyment of residents during the summer;

AND WHEREAS a cosmetic pesticide ban would also adversely affect producers as their costs would increase from additional weed infestations from these urban areas;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Association of Manitoba Municipalities lobby the Province of Manitoba to not implement a ban of cosmetic use pesticides in Manitoba.



## **AMM Resolution #14-2011**

### **Nutrient Testing for Municipal Sewage Lagoons**

**Sponsor(s)**

Dunnottar, Village (Interlake)

**Department(s)**

Manitoba Conservation

Manitoba Water Stewardship

WHEREAS there is concern about the effect of nutrient levels in municipal sewage lagoon discharge on the health of Lake Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS current regulations in Manitoba do not require uniform nutrient testing of all municipal sewage lagoons;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Association of Manitoba Municipalities lobby the Province of Manitoba to draft a new regulation requiring uniform nutrient testing of municipal sewage lagoons prior to each discharge of a municipal sewage lagoon.

## AMM Resolution #15-2011

### Increase Per Capita Base Rate for Library Funding

**Sponsor(s)**

North Cypress, RM (Western)  
Carberry, Town (Western)

**Department(s)**

Manitoba Culture, Heritage  
and Tourism

WHEREAS the current provincial maximum per capita levy amount for library funding is \$8.50 and was last raised in 2003;

AND WHEREAS funding for many libraries has been at this maximum rate for years;

AND WHEREAS the provincial funding falls short of the current financial requirements to operate libraries and increases to municipal levies are required annually just to sustain existing services;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Association of Manitoba Municipalities lobby the Province of Manitoba to increase the per capita base rate funding for library boards to \$10.00.



## AMM Resolution #16-2011

### Removal of School Tax Assessments from Properties

**Sponsor(s)**

Alexander, RM (Eastern)  
Coldwell, RM (Interlake)

**Department(s)**

Manitoba Education

WHEREAS municipalities are concerned the current taxation model regarding the levying and collection of taxes for educational purposes on properties in Manitoba is no longer viable, fair or a realistic method to fund education;

AND WHEREAS a new model where education tax is removed from all properties would address the current inequities and create a fair taxation system;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Association of Manitoba Municipalities lobby the Province of Manitoba to develop a taxation model that removes school tax levies from all properties in Manitoba.

## AMM Resolution #17-2011

### Flood Compensation

**Sponsor(s)**

Coldwell, RM (Interlake)  
Woodlands, RM (Interlake)

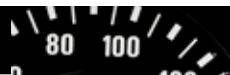
**Department(s)**

Manitoba Emergency Measures

WHEREAS cities and municipalities along the Assiniboine River are saving billions of dollars in potential damage by sacrificing the properties along Lake Manitoba through the man-made flood created by the volume of water coming through the Portage Diversion;

AND WHEREAS the property owners, farmers, businessmen, seasonal property owners, who are not eligible for Disaster Financial Assistance, are incurring great costs and hardship;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Association of Manitoba Municipalities lobby the Province of Manitoba to create funding so that these property owners and municipalities may be compensated for the cost incurred due to this unnecessary flooding.



## AMM Resolution #18-2011

### Disaster Financial Assistance Arrangements for Seasonal Residents

**Sponsor(s)**

St. Laurent, RM (Interlake)

**Department(s)**

Manitoba Emergency Measures  
Emergency Preparedness  
Canada

WHEREAS seasonal, non-permanent residents have had repeated loss and damage due to extreme amounts of rain and wind;

AND WHEREAS these residents are not eligible for disaster financial assistance arrangements;

AND WHEREAS these non-permanent residents already are burdened with paying school taxes with no eligible rebate;

AND WHEREAS these seasonal non-permanent residents contribute substantial amounts of taxes to the municipality.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Association of Manitoba Municipalities lobby the Province of Manitoba and Government of Canada to accept seasonal, non-permanent residents for disaster financial assistance arrangements, or provide another avenue for financial aid.

## AMM Resolution #19-2011

### Permanent Flood Solutions

**Sponsor(s)**

St. Andrews, RM (Interlake)  
Westbourne, RM (Midwestern)

**Department(s)**

Manitoba Emergency Measures  
Emergency Preparedness  
Canada

WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba has suffered considerable flood damage;

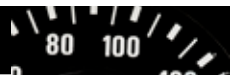
AND WHEREAS several communities throughout the Province have experienced frequent high water events;

AND WHEREAS the intervals of the flooding events are accelerated and becoming the new norm;

AND WHEREAS municipalities and residents of Manitoba are experiencing large financial burdens, using large amounts of resources and putting lives at risk;

AND WHEREAS there is precedent for such a program including the Canada-Manitoba Flood Protection Agreement of 1997 which upgraded flood protection infrastructure in the Red River Valley;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Association of Manitoba Municipalities lobby the Province of Manitoba and Government of Canada to implement a flood protection program across Manitoba to minimize potential damages from future flood events and to implement a permanent flood solution which would include such measures as dyking, removal of affected homes, raising of property levels and shoreline protection.



## AMM Resolution #20-2011

# Comprehensive Disaster Financial Assistance Program

Sponsor(s)

Dufferin, RM (Central)

Department(s)

Manitoba Emergency Measures

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Association of Manitoba Municipalities lobby the Province of Manitoba to incorporate a comprehensive disaster financial assistance program to address the infrastructure issues from overland flooding, high water table and increasing rainfall.

## **AMM Resolution #21-2011**

### **Municipal Emergency Coordinators and Response Team Funding**

**Sponsor(s)**

St. Laurent, RM (No District)

**Department(s)**

Manitoba Emergency Measures

WHEREAS municipalities have struggled to find trained personnel for the emergency coordinator position;

AND WHEREAS access to trained personnel is critical when a municipality is faced with an emergency;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Association of Manitoba Municipalities lobby the Province of Manitoba to fund training for municipal emergency coordinators and response teams;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Province of Manitoba provide funding to allow smaller municipalities to increase wages for municipal emergency coordinator positions.



## AMM Resolution #22-2011

### Information for Recovery of Survey Monument Restoration Costs

**Sponsor(s)**

Winchester, RM (Western)

**Department(s)**

Manitoba Family Services and  
Consumer Affairs

WHEREAS municipalities are responsible for survey monuments and costs of replacement, restoration and additional legal markers;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba has established a monument restoration program subsidizing up to 50 percent of the cost which results in a considerable burden upon ratepayers;

AND WHEREAS these costs should be borne by the parties requesting legal surveying;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Association of Manitoba Municipalities lobby the Province of Manitoba to amend the legislation to provide affected municipalities with clients' names and information to enable the municipality to recover the portion of the cost not covered by the Survey Monument Restoration Program.

## AMM Resolution #23-2011

### Liquor Licenses

**Sponsor(s)**

Dauphin, City (Parkland)

**Department(s)**

Minister responsible for the  
Liquor Control Act

WHEREAS communities with municipally owned and operated sports, convention, arts and wellness facilities are experiencing difficulty in obtaining a liquor license for their premises given the current framework;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Association of Manitoba Municipalities lobby the Province of Manitoba to create a new category of liquor license that would allow municipally owned and operated sports, convention, entertainment, arts and wellness facilities operated under one roof to be licensed under one encompassing permit.



## AMM Resolution #24-2011

### Per Capita Basis Funding

Sponsor(s)

Hanover, RM (Eastern)

Department(s)

Manitoba Finance

WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba recently announced an additional \$33 million in funding for municipalities;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Association of Manitoba Municipalities lobby the Province of Manitoba to distribute new 2011 grant funding to municipalities on a per capita basis.

## AMM Resolution #25-2011

# Implement Infrastructure Funding Council Report

**Sponsor(s)**

Alexander, RM (Eastern)

**Department(s)**

Manitoba Finance

Finance Canada

Manitoba Local Government

WHEREAS Manitoba has configured its funding formula for municipalities by combining a number of municipal support programs to create a municipal funding initiative equal to 1 percentage point of the existing provincial sales tax;

AND WHEREAS the Manitoba municipal infrastructure deficit is a significant challenge faced by every municipal corporation in the Province of Manitoba;

AND WHEREAS the Infrastructure Funding Council has released its final report regarding the development of an overall funding strategy to address the municipal infrastructure deficit;

AND WHEREAS the report makes a number of specific recommendations including the allocation of 1 percentage point of the existing provincial sales tax dedicated to municipal infrastructure improvements; a provincial sales tax rebate program for municipalities; and permanent and indexed transfers to municipalities of the Federal Gas Tax Fund;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Association of Manitoba Municipalities lobby the Province of Manitoba and Government of Canada to implement the recommendations of the Infrastructure Funding Council report.



## AMM Resolution #26-2011

### Bipole III Location

**Sponsor(s)**

Alexander, RM (Eastern)

**Department(s)**

Manitoba Finance

WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba has made a commitment to construct a road access on the east side of Lake Winnipeg in order to provide permanent access for northern communities;

AND WHEREAS it is the expressed intent of the Province of Manitoba to have the Bipole III lines reconstructed on the western side of Lake Winnipeg at an extremely high cost to Manitobans, through taxation on utility rate increases in order to preserve the boreal forest in hopes of having it designated a World Heritage Site;

AND WHEREAS building the Bipole III line in conjunction with the existing road access plan on the east side of Lake Winnipeg may provide financial benefits to all Manitobans and Manitoba Hydro utility customers;

AND WHEREAS a combined road access and Bipole III project may address the concern;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Association of Manitoba Municipalities lobby the Province of Manitoba to consider the construction of the Bipole III line in conjunction with the east side road.

## AMM Resolution #27-2011

### Funding for Health Care Professional Recruitment and Retention

**Sponsor(s)**

Swan River, RM (Parkland)  
Grandview, Town (Parkland)  
Grandview, RM (Parkland)

**Department(s)**

Manitoba Health

WHEREAS it has become necessary for municipalities to provide funding for the purpose of retaining existing health care professionals and recruiting new health care professionals;

AND WHEREAS it is the responsibility of the Province of Manitoba to provide quality health care to provincial residents;

AND WHEREAS it is not currently the mandate of the local health authorities to provide funding for the retention and recruitment of health care professionals;

AND WHEREAS some municipalities are finding it more difficult to receive proper health care due to lack of sufficient health care professionals, especially when services are suspended or unavailable due to health care professional shortages;

AND WHEREAS there are many municipalities in Manitoba providing funding for recruitment and retention of health care professionals;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Association of Manitoba Municipalities lobby the Province of Manitoba to provide funding equal to or greater than the funding provided by Manitoba's municipalities to local regional health authorities or local health facilities for the purpose of funding the retention and recruitment of health care professionals.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this funding promote fairness amongst all municipalities regardless of size or location.



## AMM Resolution #28-2011

### Crown Lands and Property Agency Applications

**Sponsor(s)**

Alexander, RM (Eastern)

**Department(s)**

Manitoba Infrastructure and  
Transportation  
Manitoba Conservation

WHEREAS municipalities receive requests from the Crown Lands and Property Agency to provide comments on the use of Crown Lands;

AND WHEREAS the Crown Lands and Property Agency submits applications for permit, lease, purchase, easement, exchange, license of occupation but blanks out the name of the applicant in its application form;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Association of Manitoba Municipalities lobby the Province of Manitoba to include the name of the applicant in Crown Lands Property Agency applications.

## AMM Resolution #29-2011

### Driveway Access

**Sponsor(s)**

Gimli, RM (Interlake)

**Department(s)**

Manitoba Infrastructure and  
Transportation  
Manitoba Family Services and  
Consumer Affairs

WHEREAS in rural Manitoba there are many properties that are suitable for development of rural residential housing;

AND WHEREAS many of these properties are located along provincial trunk highways and provincial roads;

AND WHEREAS the current policies of the Province of Manitoba limit the number of driveway accesses allowed along the provincial trunk highways and provincial roads which in turn restrict the development of much needed rural residential development in rural Manitoba;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Association of Manitoba Municipalities lobby the Province of Manitoba to review and revise the current policies for driveway access along provincial trunk highways and provincial roads to allow for ongoing development of rural residential housing.



## AMM Resolution #30-2011

### Bridge Funding

**Sponsor(s)**

Rosser, RM (Interlake)

**Department(s)**

Manitoba Infrastructure and  
Transportation

WHEREAS due to the deterioration of bridges over provincial waterways, the Province of Manitoba is required to proceed with bridge closures until repairs or replacements can be completed, often taking several years;

AND WHEREAS the closure is disruptive to community life, local traffic, businesses and farming operations;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Association of Manitoba Municipalities lobby the Province of Manitoba to allocate funding to repair or replace bridges prior to the permanent or temporary closure.

## AMM Resolution #31-2011

### Bridge Replacement Timeline

**Sponsor(s)**

Rhineland, RM (Central)

**Department(s)**

Manitoba Infrastructure and  
Transportation  
Manitoba Local Government

WHEREAS many bridges in rural Manitoba have been closed due to their poor condition or have been destroyed by fire;

AND WHEREAS these bridges provide a vital link for rural residents to access their properties, communities and schools;

AND WHEREAS the private expense and time for detouring around these closed bridges can be significant;

AND WHEREAS these detours have caused traffic to be re-routed onto roads not designed to accommodate heavy traffic flows;

AND WHEREAS it is unacceptable for the Province of Manitoba and Government of Canada to take three to five years to design and build a replacement bridge;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Association of Manitoba Municipalities lobby the Province of Manitoba to commit the resources to replace destroyed or impassable bridges within one year of their closure.



## AMM Resolution #32-2011

### Low Level Crossings

Sponsor(s)

Rhineland, RM (Central)

Department(s)

Manitoba Infrastructure and  
Transportation

WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba has a policy not to construct any new low level crossings through provincial drains;

AND WHEREAS many provincial bridges are approaching the end of their life cycle;

AND WHEREAS new low level crossings are needed to provide access to residents where provincial bridges will not be replaced for many years;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Association of Manitoba Municipalities lobby the Province of Manitoba to amend the policy to allow new low level crossings to be constructed through provincial drains.

## AMM Resolution #33-2011

### Funding for Airports with Paved Runways

**Sponsor(s)**

Morden, Town (Central)

**Department(s)**

Manitoba Infrastructure and  
Transportation

WHEREAS the amount of funding provided by the Province of Manitoba to airports with paved runways is \$2,400 and has been this amount for many, many years;

AND WHEREAS many of the paved runways in Manitoba provide critical services such as a landing place for air ambulance aircraft;

AND WHEREAS the cost to operate and maintain paved runways has increased substantially over these same years;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Association of Manitoba Municipalities lobby the Province of Manitoba to significantly increase funding to airports with paved runways.



## AMM Resolution #34-2011

### Small Rural Airport Funding Program

**Sponsor(s)**

Shoal Lake, Municipality  
(Midwestern)

**Department(s)**

Manitoba Infrastructure and  
Transportation

WHEREAS Manitoba has small rural airports in need of repair;

AND WHEREAS these airports provide needed services to rural communities;

AND WHEREAS Saskatchewan has implemented a capital program for small rural airports;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Association of Manitoba Municipalities lobby the Province of Manitoba to implement a capital program by Spring 2012 similar to Saskatchewan's small rural airport capital.

## AMM Resolution #35-2011

### Rural and Northern Greyhound Canada Service

**Sponsor(s)**

Leaf Rapids, Town (Northern)

**Department(s)**

Manitoba Infrastructure  
and Transportation

WHEREAS in September 2009, Greyhound Canada announced it would cease passenger service in Manitoba;

AND WHEREAS since January 2010, Manitoba has been investing in maintaining the service while a long-term solution is developed;

AND WHEREAS on March 31, 2011, the Province of Manitoba announced Greyhound Canada would get \$3.9 million to continue their service until March 31, 2012;

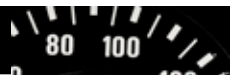
AND WHEREAS this affordable service is important to all Manitobans by providing an essential delivery service to government, business, and the public, particularly in rural and northern Manitoba;

AND WHEREAS in some rural and northern Manitoba communities Greyhound Canada is the only mode of public transportation for travel to urban centres for medical, recreational and personal appointments;

AND WHEREAS in some communities Greyhound Canada is the only affordable freighting service available;

AND WHEREAS Greyhound Canada is the only delivery service for medical supplies and prescriptions into some rural and northern Manitoba communities;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Association of Manitoba Municipalities lobby the Province of Manitoba to secure intercity bus service to rural and northern Manitoba without interruption.



## **AMM Resolution #36-2011 Withdraw Aggregate Restrictions**

**Sponsor(s)**

Lac du Bonnet, RM (Eastern)

**Department(s)**

Manitoba Infrastructure and  
Transportation

WHEREAS some municipalities require aggregate on a regular basis;

AND WHEREAS aggregate is utilized for municipal road systems;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba has withheld sources of aggregate within some municipalities;

AND WHEREAS this has impacted the ability of municipalities to make needed repairs;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Association of Manitoba Municipalities lobby the Province of Manitoba to withdraw aggregate restrictions currently in place.

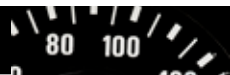
## AMM Resolution #37-2011

### Amendments to the Highway Traffic Act

Sponsor(s)  
Ritchot, RM (Eastern)

Department(s)  
Manitoba Justice  
Manitoba Infrastructure and  
Transportation

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Association of Manitoba Municipalities lobby the Province of Manitoba to pass enabling legislation allowing special agencies working for municipalities to issue tickets under The Highway Traffic Act.



## **AMM Resolution #38-2011 By-Law Enforcement Program**

**Sponsor(s)**  
Thompson, City (Northern)

**Department(s)**  
Manitoba Justice

WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba is currently reviewing the creation of peace officer positions within the Province;

AND WHEREAS municipal governments are unable to appoint new peace officers until the review is completed, which impacts a municipality's ability to enforce legislation and ensure public compliance within its jurisdiction;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Association of Manitoba Municipalities lobby the Province of Manitoba to enact a by-law enforcement program that will provide municipalities with the ability to enforce provincial legislation within their jurisdiction.

## AMM Resolution #39-2011 Carbon Monoxide Alarm Calls

Sponsor(s)  
Winkler, City (Central)

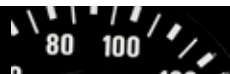
Department(s)  
Manitoba Labour and  
Immigration  
Manitoba Hydro

WHEREAS fire departments throughout Manitoba are frequently responding to carbon monoxide calls which increases costs for municipalities unnecessarily;

AND WHEREAS the required service responder for carbon monoxide alarm calls is actually Manitoba Hydro if it supplies gas to the home;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Association of Manitoba Municipalities lobby the Province of Manitoba to implement a public education strategy on the proper steps to take in the event of a carbon monoxide alarm and who to call;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Association of Manitoba Municipalities lobby the Province of Manitoba to work with 911 emergency communications services to develop an appropriate strategy to handle carbon monoxide alarm calls.



## **AMM Resolution #40-2011**

### **Amend The Building and Mobile Homes Act**

**Sponsor(s)**  
Woodworth, RM (Western)

**Department(s)**  
Manitoba Labour and  
Immigration

WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba has enacted The Buildings and Mobile Homes Act and the Manitoba Farm Building Code Regulation intended to regulate all “farm buildings” over a specific size in the Province of Manitoba;

AND WHEREAS Manitoba farmers construct a wide variety of farm buildings to be utilized in their farming operations;

AND WHEREAS this regulation applies to farm buildings with an area of more than 600 square meters (6458 square feet);

AND WHEREAS using size as the only criteria will include some types of buildings and building uses which should not be subject to the application of this regulation;

AND WHEREAS having to meet the current regulation will place an unnecessary financial burden on all Manitoba farmers who construct buildings subject to this regulation;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Association of Manitoba Municipalities lobby the Province of Manitoba to amend the regulation under The Buildings and Mobile Homes Act to include a more comprehensive definition of a farm building beyond just size and provide details of what types of buildings or building configurations will be exempt from the regulation.

## AMM Resolution #41-2011

### Municipal Council Immunities and Privileges Protection

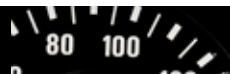
Sponsor(s)  
Gimli, RM (Interlake)

Department(s)  
Manitoba Local Government

WHEREAS Members of Parliament and Members of the Legislative Assembly are provided certain immunities and protection from civil action and liability for any act done under the authority of Parliament or the Legislative Assembly;

AND WHEREAS these same immunities and privileges should be provided to all levels of elected government including members of municipal councils;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Association of Manitoba Municipalities lobby the Province of Manitoba to give immunity and protection to municipal council members from civil action and liability for any act done under the authority of Provincial legislation.



## **AMM Resolution #42-2011 Amend The Municipal Act**

**Sponsor(s)**  
Morden, Town (Central)

**Department(s)**  
Manitoba Local Government

WHEREAS The Municipal Act provides authority for the creation of a special services tax to pay for certain services;

AND WHEREAS the implementation of a special services tax requires a hearing where property owners would have the opportunity to speak to the proposed service, and once in place the service shown separately on the tax notice in order for property owners to see what the service cost is to them;

AND WHEREAS Section 312 of The Municipal Act outlines the specific special services that may be undertaken;

AND WHEREAS this list is too restrictive;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Association of Manitoba Municipalities lobby the Province of Manitoba to amend Section 312 of The Municipal Act to allow municipalities to determine which services they may wish to implement as a special services tax.

## AMM Resolution #43-2011

### Resources for Planning Districts

**Sponsor(s)**

North Cypress, RM (Western)  
Carberry, Town (Western)

**Department(s)**

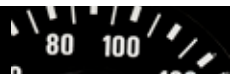
Manitoba Local Government

WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba has stated that planning districts must conduct regular reviews of development plans and that municipalities must revise their zoning by-laws accordingly;

AND WHEREAS district offices of Manitoba Local Government are advising planning districts that they may not have the resources to provide assistance in guiding planning districts and municipalities through the process of reviewing and rewriting these documents;

AND WHEREAS municipalities may be required to contract out this work to consultants at considerable expense;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Association of Manitoba Municipalities lobby the Province of Manitoba to ensure that appropriate resources are available from the Province of Manitoba to support the work of the planning districts and municipalities.



## **AMM Resolution #44-2011 Control of Aggressive Domestic Animals**

**Sponsor(s)**

Roblin, Town (Parkland)

**Department(s)**

Manitoba Local Government

WHEREAS there is growing concern in Manitoba about the safety of our citizens due to aggressive domestic animals;

AND WHEREAS The Animal Liability Act makes the owner of livestock liable for damages or harm that the animal causes to a person or to property;

AND WHEREAS other provincial jurisdictions have legislation in place to deal with aggressive or dangerous animals, such as Alberta's 'The Dangerous Dog Act' or Ontario's 'The Dog Owners' Liability Act'.

AND WHEREAS The Animal Liability Act does not apply to a domestic animal biting or threatening a person or another domestic animal;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Association of Manitoba Municipalities lobby the Province of Manitoba to impose more effective control measures to deal with aggressive or dangerous domestic animals along with enforceable penalties for offences.

## AMM Resolution #45-2011 High Speed Internet

Sponsor(s)  
Dauphin, RM (Parkland)

Department(s)  
Manitoba Local Government

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Association of Manitoba Municipalities lobby the Province of Manitoba to provide high speed internet service to all rural residents in Manitoba.



## AMM Resolution #46-2011

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Sponsor(s)

Dauphin, RM (Parkland)

Department(s)

Manitoba Local Government

WHEREAS the assessment branch is unable to maintain a re-inspection program given current staffing levels;

AND WHEREAS the assessment branch is unable to keep up with new construction and in some cases does not look at new construction for two years;

AND WHEREAS the staffing levels have not significantly increased yet the volume of work has greatly increased due to new construction, taxing of farm buildings and assessments done on the basis of income analysis;

AND WHEREAS the extra cost of increasing staff would be more than offset by tax dollars generated by a re-inspection program;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Association of Manitoba Municipalities lobby the Province of Manitoba to increase staffing levels of field assessment officers by at least 15 per cent.

## AMM Resolution #47-2011 Municipal Census

Sponsor(s)  
Dauphin, City (Parkland)

Department(s)  
Manitoba Local Government

WHEREAS Section 57 of The Municipal Government Act of Alberta provides the authority for municipalities at their discretion to conduct a census;

AND WHEREAS the census is important for Manitoba municipalities due to the significant number of per capita grants;

AND WHEREAS there are some concerns with the accuracy of the census count as determined by the Government of Canada;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Association of Manitoba Municipalities lobby the Province of Manitoba to allow municipalities the option of conducting their own census.



## **AMM Resolution #48-2011 VLT Revenue Distribution**

**Sponsor(s)**  
Thompson, City (Northern)

**Department(s)**  
Manitoba Local Government

WHEREAS in 2009 the Association of Manitoba Municipalities Convention adopted Resolution #33 requesting that the Province of Manitoba annually report VLT revenues collected in each municipality in Manitoba;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba should provide full disclosure of the revenue and expenses to every municipality in Manitoba;

AND WHEREAS it is expected the full disclosure of information will illustrate that the existing distribution model is not fair and equitable;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Association of Manitoba Municipalities lobby the Province of Manitoba to develop a new model for VLT distribution based on a percentage of VLT revenue by municipality in order to assist municipalities in addressing and mitigating the social problems created as a result of the VLTs in their community.

## AMM Resolution #49-2011

### Review Manitoba Municipal Board Actions

**Sponsor(s)**

Beausejour, Town (Eastern)

Whitemouth, RM (Eastern)

**Department(s)**

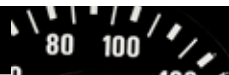
Manitoba Local Government

WHEREAS The Municipal Board Act states the authority and legal mandate of the Municipal Board;

AND WHEREAS this authority is intentionally limited under the Act;

AND WHEREAS it is the opinion of some municipalities that the Municipal Board is making decisions that are beyond its authority set out in the Act;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Association of Manitoba Municipalities lobby the Province of Manitoba to review the actions of the Manitoba Municipal Board to ensure it is acting within its legal mandate.



## **AMM Resolution #50-2011 Need for a Water Management Strategy**

**Sponsor(s)**

Souris, Town (Western)

Sifton, RM (Western)

**Department(s)**

Manitoba Water Stewardship

WHEREAS the flooding this spring and summer has caused considerable damage to provincial, municipal and private property;

AND WHEREAS a better system is required to help minimize the impact of flooding in our province;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Association of Manitoba Municipalities lobby the Province of Manitoba to develop a comprehensive provincial watershed management strategy.

## AMM Resolution #51-2011 Conservation District Funding Formula

Sponsor(s)  
Macdonald, RM (Central)

Department(s)  
Manitoba Water Stewardship

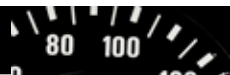
WHEREAS conservation district funding is provided by the Province of Manitoba on the basis of a 75/25 funding formula where the Province of Manitoba provides \$3.00 of funding for every \$1.00 provided by participating municipalities subject to an annual maximum level of funding;

AND WHEREAS the municipal funding is apportioned on the basis of the total assessment of the participating members of the conservation district;

AND WHEREAS the assessment growth in the participating municipalities will vary from one area to the other resulting in a disproportionate increase in the funding level from one municipality to the other;

AND WHEREAS the delivery of conservation district programs and services has no relation to the assessment of the participating municipalities;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Association of Manitoba Municipalities lobby the Province of Manitoba to review the assessment based formula for distribution of conservation district funding by participating municipalities.



## **AMM Resolution #52-2011 Financial Support for Drainage and Related Applications**

**Sponsor(s)**  
Hamiota, RM (Midwestern)

**Department(s)**  
Manitoba Water Stewardship  
Emergency Preparedness  
Canada

WHEREAS overland flooding in Manitoba has become a serious problem for many Manitobans due to the millions of dollars lost each year because of damage to personal and business property and agricultural lands;

AND WHEREAS municipalities are faced with the task of working with local landowners to come up with solutions to this problem while at the same time complying with legislation and regulations from the Province of Manitoba and Government of Canada;

AND WHEREAS municipalities are finding that the more technical information they provide with a license application the faster the approval process;

AND WHEREAS providing this technical information is costly for municipalities;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Association of Manitoba Municipalities lobby the Province of Manitoba and Government of Canada to create a fund available to municipalities to offset the cost of providing technical information for drainage related applications;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the proposed funding be made available on a cost-sharing basis.

## AMM Resolution #53-2011 Bipole I, II and III Compensation

Sponsor(s)  
St. Laurent, RM (Interlake)

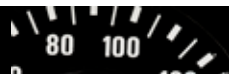
Department(s)  
Manitoba Hydro

WHEREAS numerous municipalities receive revenue from pipelines;

AND WHEREAS these revenues play a significant role in allowing municipalities to upgrade infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS municipalities do not receive comparable revenue from Bipole I and Bipole II;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Association of Manitoba Municipalities lobby the Province of Manitoba to negotiate with Manitoba Hydro to fairly compensate all municipalities affected by Bipole I and Bipole II right of ways.



## **AMM Resolution #54-2011 Recreation Buildings Subsidy Through Manitoba Hydro**

**Sponsor(s)**  
Edward, RM (Western)

**Department(s)**  
Manitoba Hydro  
Manitoba Healthy Living,  
Youth and Seniors

WHEREAS hydro costs for recreational buildings, such as arenas, pools, curling rinks are often at least one-third of all operating costs;

AND WHEREAS communities struggle to afford the ever increasing operational cost for their recreational buildings;

AND WHEREAS municipal recreation centres are an integral part of communities offering healthy living, social interaction and quality of life to all in the community;

AND WHEREAS the Province encourages municipalities to offer recreational programs to increase healthy living in our communities;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Association of Manitoba Municipalities lobby the Province of Manitoba to initiate a program through Manitoba Hydro to subsidize hydro costs for recreational buildings in Manitoba.

## AMM Resolution #55-2011 Final Licensing Consultations

Sponsor(s)  
Leaf Rapids, Town (Northern)

Department(s)  
Manitoba Hydro

WHEREAS Manitoba Hydro has been operating the Churchill River Diversion project on interim licenses and is now applying for a 50 year final license agreement;

AND WHEREAS Manitoba Hydro has been operating the Lake Winnipeg Diversion project on interim licenses and will apply for a final license agreement;

AND WHEREAS municipalities within and bordering the current interim license project areas are or will be impacted by the existing interim and potential final license;

AND WHEREAS development either directly or indirectly affecting municipal lands requires public consultations;

AND WHEREAS Manitoba Hydro's current ongoing open houses are not considered consultations;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Association of Manitoba Municipalities lobby the Province of Manitoba to have Manitoba Hydro commence meaningful consultations with any municipalities affected by final licensing.



## **AMM Resolution #56-2011 Rescue Services for Uninsured Vehicles**

**Sponsor(s)**  
Ochre River, RM (Parkland)

**Department(s)**  
Manitoba Public Insurance

WHEREAS Manitoba Public Insurance requires that motor vehicles be insured throughout its program;

AND WHEREAS Manitoba Public Insurance deems any vehicle uninsured if the driver is under the influence of alcohol or drugs;

AND WHEREAS Manitoba Public Insurance will not provide payment to municipal fire departments for uninsured vehicles involved in an accident requiring emergency services;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Association of Manitoba Municipalities lobby the Province of Manitoba to levy a fee on behalf of municipal fire departments to uninsured drivers to cover the full cost of rescue services.

## AMM Resolution #57-2011 Compensation for Responding to Motor Vehicle Accidents

Sponsor(s)  
Winkler, City (Central)

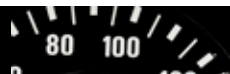
Department(s)  
Manitoba Public Insurance

WHEREAS municipal fire departments are not receiving adequate funding from Manitoba Public Insurance to cover costs for responding to motor vehicle accidents;

AND WHEREAS inadequate funding from Manitoba Public Insurance for services rendered by a municipality responding to motor vehicle accidents results in an off-loading of financial responsibility to municipal taxpayers;

AND WHEREAS Manitoba Public Insurance has been found to have over-charged motorists \$320 million in fees;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Association of Manitoba Municipalities lobby the Province of Manitoba to properly reimburse municipalities for services rendered for motor vehicle accidents.



## **AMM Resolution #58-2011 Reinstate National Water Supply Expansion Program**

**Sponsor(s)**  
Elton, RM (Western)

**Department(s)**  
Agriculture and Agri-Food  
Canada

WHEREAS it is in the best interest of rural residents of Manitoba and Canada to have access to quality water to enhance the quality of life and reduce hardships encountered in drought years;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Canada supported rural low density water line initiatives by providing for one-third funding under the National Water Supply Expansion Program administered by Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Canada discontinued the National Water Supply Expansion Program on March 31, 2009;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Association of Manitoba Municipalities lobby the Government of Canada to reinstate the National Water Supply Program and provide one-third funding for water supply initiatives for rural Manitoba and Canada.

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## AMM Resolution #59-2011 Rural Library Per Capita Funding

Sponsor(s)  
Dauphin, City (Parkland)

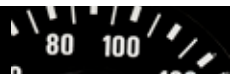
Department(s)  
Manitoba Culture, Heritage and  
Tourism

WHEREAS Manitoba has witnessed a general population migration from smaller to larger communities over the past decade;

AND WHEREAS this migration has resulted in many library systems in Manitoba experiencing a declining population, which adversely impacts their funding;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Association of Manitoba Municipalities lobby the Province of Manitoba to establish a funding mechanism to address the current trend that is seeing population decline in small communities, resulting in reduced per capita revenues to rural libraries.

\*Standing Policy



## **AMM Resolution #60-2011 Increase Per Capita Funding for Libraries**

**Sponsor(s)**  
Brandon, City (Western)

**Department(s)**  
Manitoba Culture, Heritage  
and Tourism

WHEREAS meeting daily operating costs has become a major financial concern for libraries throughout Manitoba;

AND WHEREAS these libraries are dependent upon per capita grants by the Province of Manitoba to sustain their operations and provide their needed and appreciated services to their communities;

AND WHEREAS operating costs such as salaries, building rent and maintenance, books and electronic resources continue to escalate;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Association of Manitoba Municipalities lobby the Province of Manitoba to increase its per capita grant to libraries in Manitoba to support their continued viability and service to their communities.

\*Standing Policy

## AMM Resolution #61-2011 Safety Upgrades to Highway 6

Sponsor(s)  
Grahamdale, RM (Interlake)  
Rosser, RM (Interlake)

Department(s)  
Manitoba Infrastructure  
and Transportation

WHEREAS there has been a number of fatalities and serious accidents on Highway 6;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba has committed and undertaken improvements to PTH 6;

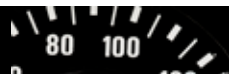
AND WHEREAS PTH 6 is a direct link to the Port of Churchill;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba has committed to the development of CentrePort Canada as a transportation hub for railway, airport, seaport and highway freight;

AND WHEREAS PTH 6 is in need of twinning in certain spots, paving shoulders, straightening curves and improved access roads;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Association of Manitoba Municipalities lobby the Province of Manitoba to improve the safety of Highway 6.

\*Standing Policy



## **AMM Resolution #62-2011 Speed Zones Adjacent or Near Schools**

**Sponsor(s)**  
Portage la Prairie, City (Central)  
Ritchot, RM (Eastern)

**Department(s)**  
Manitoba Infrastructure and  
Transportation

WHEREAS statistics and studies indicate the hazards associated with vehicles speeding in school zones;

AND WHEREAS current Provincial legislation does not permit municipalities to establish speed zones adjacent to or near schools;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Association of Manitoba Municipalities lobby the Province of Manitoba to permit municipalities to establish speed zones adjacent to or near schools.

\*Standing Policy

**AMM Resolution #63-2011****HfU W7cbhfc`7ca dYbgUjcb****Sponsor(s)**

Viriden, Town (Western)

**Department(s)**Manitoba Labour and  
Immigration

Minister responsible for MPIC

WHEREAS traffic control at a motor vehicle accident is the responsibility of the police department, which in many communities is the RCMP;

AND WHEREAS the RCMP has a very large area to cover and sometimes are not the first responders to a motor vehicle accident or have to leave the scene after their investigation but prior to the area being opened for traffic;

AND WHEREAS traffic control is often left to municipal firefighters that are paid by the municipality;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Association of Manitoba Municipalities lobby the Province of Manitoba to compensate municipally funded fire departments for doing traffic control at motor vehicle accidents when directed by the local RCMP or when the RCMP is not in attendance.

\*Standing Policy



## AMM Resolution #64-2011

### SOCAN Tariffs

**Sponsor(s)**

Russell, Town (Midwestern)

**Department(s)**

Industry Canada

Manitoba Culture, Heritage and Tourism

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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 #66-2011

### Health Ombudsman Position

**Sponsor(s)**

Sifton, RM (Western)

**Department(s)**

Manitoba Health

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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.



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## AMM Resolution #67-2011

### Public Intoxication

**Sponsor(s)**

Thompson, City (Northern)

**Department(s)**

Minister responsible for the Liquor Control Act

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WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba, through the Manitoba Liquor Control Commission and the Liquor Control Act, is responsible for the sale of alcohol in Manitoba and for the enforcement of the regulations that have been created to control the misuse of alcohol in communities;

**Therefore Be It Resolved That**

the Association of Manitoba Municipalities lobby the Province of Manitoba to be held accountable for the level of public intoxication in communities with public quarterly reporting on both community sales and the level of public intoxication in each municipality;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Province of Manitoba adhere to the Manitoba Liquor Control Commission's framework of social responsibility by providing the needed resources and programs to address public intoxication in municipalities across Manitoba.





## 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.