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Recycling and Waste Reduction: A Discussion Paper
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AMM Submission on *Recycling and Waste Reduction: A Discussion Paper*

On behalf of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM), I am writing to provide some comments about *Recycling and Waste Reduction: A Discussion Paper*, released in December 2014.

The AMM supports recycling in Manitoba and consequently we have participated in many joint recycling initiatives over the years. Additionally, the AMM supports improved recycling of organic waste and construction materials, which have been targeted through Green Manitoba in the past year.

However, the AMM is concerned that the Discussion Paper contains options which could result in higher recycling or waste disposal costs for municipalities. In particular, changes to the Waste Reduction and Recycling Support (WRARS) levy are mentioned in the discussion paper. The AMM urges the government to consider consequences that could result from any changes. As well, it is important to note we have worked with Green Manitoba to ensure fairness and transparency in the WRARS levy.

The AMM requests that our association be consulted regarding any initiatives in the Discussion Paper the government intends to pursue if they affect municipalities. If required, we are prepared to dedicate staff time to find the best options that will have minimal impacts for our members.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,


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Executive Director

Cc: Honourable Gord Mackintosh, Minister of Conservation and Water Stewardship