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FIPPA Review
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To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM), which represents all 137 municipalities in Manitoba, I would like to take this opportunity to provide some comments in regards to the provincial government's review of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FIPPA).

As the last review of FIPPA was undertaken in 2004, the AMM welcomes this consultation process as municipalities have responded to a significant increase of FIPPA requests in recent years, which has led to increased staff time, copying, computer charges, and legal costs. In fact, search and preparation fees have remained constant since FIPPA was proclaimed in 1998 despite the considerable human and financial resources required to locate requested records, prepare and redact documents, and make copies.

Given the added administrative and financial burdens faced by municipalities, the AMM urges the Province of Manitoba to examine the current fee structure of providing FIPPA services, particularly since there is no limit to the number of requests an individual or organization may make at one time or during the year. The AMM also believes the Province of Manitoba should examine the possibility of implementing a modest application fee for multiple or concurrent requests. In consultation with the Manitoba Municipal Administrators' Association (MMAA), the AMM would also support the reduction of two hours of search and preparation services at no cost to one hour as information that is readily available can be provided within this timeframe.

For your review, please find the enclosed copy of AMM Resolution #44-2016, which was passed by AMM delegates at our Annual Convention in November 2016.

In closing, thank you again for the opportunity to provide these brief comments and we look forward to being consulted on the review's findings and recommendations.

Sincerely,

Joe Masi
Executive Director





AMM Resolution #44-2016

FIPPA

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WHEREAS *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (CCSM, C.F. 175) Regulation 64/98 was registered on April 17, 1998; and

WHEREAS AMM Resolution #28-2010 requested amendments, including a review of and clarification of fees and chargeable times; and

WHEREAS the response from the former Minister of Culture, Heritage and Tourism in February 2011 indicated a comprehensive review would be undertaken within five years and will involve public representations;

Therefore Be It Resolved That

the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to conduct a comprehensive review of *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* in consultation with the AMM and all municipalities, including a review of and clarification of fees and chargeable times.