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## AMM members call for reinstatement of Municipal Road and Bridge Program

**November 27, 2018** - In June 2018, the Province of Manitoba announced that it is proceeding with plans to terminate the Municipal Road and Bridge Program.

A total of \$2.25 million was made available to municipalities in 2018 for the final year of the Municipal Road and Bridge Program. In 2017, \$14 million was available to municipalities through this essential program.

"Municipal road and bridge infrastructure is essential for a better Manitoba" stated Chris Goertzen, AMM President. "This program has very little red tape, which makes it an efficient way for municipalities to partner with the provincial government to build much-needed infrastructure in local communities across our province."

Municipalities from around Manitoba have joined together to voice their concerns regarding the provincial government's decision. In fact, a record number of municipalities - 102 - have co-sponsored a [resolution](#) calling on the provincial government to not proceed with plans to transition the Municipal Road and Bridge Program into the *Investing in Canada* Infrastructure Program and fully reinstate the former funding levels for this essential municipal program.

"The City of Selkirk is looking forward to speaking in favour of this timely resolution later today" noted Selkirk Mayor Larry Johannson. "The program was very dependable while the application process was simple and streamlined."

"Roads carry the lifeblood of municipalities across Manitoba, and as a northern hub for transportation and heavy industry, Thompson's businesses depend on them to thrive. The Municipal Road and Bridge Program is critical, and it should be re-instated immediately." Mayor Colleen Smook, City of Thompson.

AMM delegates will debate the resolution later this afternoon starting at 1:30pm.

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