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NEWS RELEASE

AMM CITIES CAUCUS CALLS ON PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT TO BECOME 'PARTNERS IN GROWTH'

November 25, 2019 - Leaders from Manitoba's cities met in Brandon today at the AMM's 21st Annual Convention where they discussed a resolution co-sponsored by six municipalities calling on the provincial government to provide long-term, predictable funding that grows with the economy.

"Municipalities are fueling economic growth across Manitoba, but growth costs money. We want to do more, but to do so we need the Province to provide growth-related funding to all municipalities," stated AMM Cities Caucus Chair and Mayor of Selkirk, Larry Johannson.

"During the provincial election, the AMM called on all parties to become 'Partners in Growth' with municipalities. This resolution complements our advocacy efforts to ensure municipalities have the resources they need to keep Manitoba growing," noted AMM President Ralph Groening.

The AMM's 'Partners in Growth' initiative calls on the provincial government to:

- Ensure long-term, stable and predictable funding after a three-year funding freeze;
- Provide funding tied to Manitoba's GDP to support more municipal growth;
- Rebate the PST municipalities pay, consistent with federal rebate of the GST; and
- Move to multi-year budgeting to assist with long-term planning and priority setting.

AMM Resolution #04-2019 will be debated during the Resolutions Session tomorrow, November 26 starting at 2:10 pm.

Members of the AMM Cities Caucus include:

- City of Brandon
- City of Dauphin
- City of Flin Flon
- City of Morden
- City of Portage la Prairie
- City of Selkirk
- City of Steinbach
- City of Thompson
- · City of Winkler
- City of Winnipeg