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NEWS RELEASE

AMM CONCLUDES SUCCESSFUL TRIP TO UKRAINE

February 3, 2020 - AMM President Ralph Groening and Executive Director Denys Volkov recently traveled to Ukraine last week to support the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) International's Partnership for Local Economic Development and Democratic Governance (PLEDDG) Project.

The AMM was invited to deliver three separate presentations in the cities of Kharkiv and Zaporizhzhia on the importance of gender equality and women in municipal government as well as municipal advocacy and financial independence of municipal associations.

"It was a great pleasure to not only meet our Ukrainian partners but also have the opportunity to share a Canadian perspective to municipal governance. We delivered three successful presentations that fostered fruitful discussion as well as participated in several one-on-one meetings with senior officials who see interest in building relationships with Manitoba municipalities. Building these partnerships present opportunities to share best practices that help strengthen municipal governance in both countries," stated AMM President Ralph Groening.

The AMM would like to thank FCM and PLEDDG for the opportunity to share our experience with our Ukrainian partners. We also would like to acknowledge the Town of Virden and cities of Steinbach, Winkler and Winnipeg that have been involved in supporting municipal governance and capacity building in Ukraine over the years.

Following the conclusion of this successful Ukraine trip, the AMM will continue to support the PLEDDG Project by helping to identify economic development opportunities and other potential areas of mutual cooperation between Canadian and Ukrainian municipalities.

PLEDDG is a six-year technical assistance project implemented by FCM and financed by Global Affairs Canada. Canadian municipal partners are mobilized to work with Ukrainian colleagues to devise solutions to various municipal challenges. Out of 12 Canadian municipal partners, the AMM is one of two municipal associations to participate in FCM's PLEDDG Project.

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Pictured L-R:

AMM President Ralph Groening and Executive Director Denys Volkov in Kharkiv, Ukraine.

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