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NEWS RELEASE

AMM REPRESENTATIVES ATTEND NATIONAL MEETING IN OTTAWA TO DISCUSS COMMUNITY POLICING ISSUES

February 12, 2020 - AMM representatives were in Ottawa this week to attend meetings for the Contract Management Committee (CMC) and discuss a range of community safety issues of interest to municipalities, such as rural crime, RCMP labour relations and member pay, and overall RCMP contract costs.

Since the Prairie Provinces are experiencing higher rates of rural crime compared to urban areas according to [Statistics Canada](#), Manitoba municipalities have been ringing the alarm on increasing crime rates in their communities.

Meanwhile, according to a new study by the [Angus Reid Institute](#), half of Canadians (48%) now say that crime has increased in their community over the past five years, up from 42 per cent in 2018 and 30 per cent in 2014. The Crime Severity Index (CSI) has also risen for the fourth straight year.

"As policing and public safety is the fastest-growing cost for municipalities, the AMM supports the concept of a federal government study into crime in rural areas throughout Canada and how funding can be leveraged to support policing services in municipalities," stated Denys Volkov, AMM Executive Director.

The CMC is a forum dedicated to consultation and communication between the Provinces/Territories (PTs) and Public Safety Canada/RCMP with respect to managing the national RCMP contract. Local government representatives from across Canada attended the meeting.

The AMM represents all 137 municipalities in Manitoba.

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Pictured L-R: AMM Executive Director Denys Volkov and Provincial-Municipal Justice Advisory Committee (PMJAC) representative Reeve Loren Schinkel (RM of Lac du Bonnet) in the Nation's Capital

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