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AMM MEETS VIRTUALLY WITH NORTHERN DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES

September 30, 2020 - The AMM concluded its 2020 municipal visits this week by meeting virtually with local Councils in the Northern District. The AMM makes it a priority to meet one-on-one with each of its member municipalities at least once during each four-year election cycle.

“The potential of Manitoba’s North is limitless,” stated AMM President Ralph Groening. “Listening and learning from municipal leaders across the North is vital to ensuring our provincial economy can safely restart and growth can benefit all Manitobans.”

“COVID-19 is adversely affecting northern Manitoba, given the re-imposition of travel restrictions and impacts on tourism and economic development. Municipalities are counting on the timely flow of federal-provincial Safe Restart funds so that they can cover their operating expenses and continue to deliver essential services,” noted Karen MacKinnon, Councillor from the City of Flin Flon and AMM Northern District Director.

“It is clear local Councils know their communities best and they stand ready to deliver shovel-ready projects under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) to grow our region and province. Our discussions also focused on pushing for amendments to Bill 48 to protect local decision-making and prevent the creation of additional red tape to not hamper growth opportunities,” added Kathy Valentino, Councillor from the City of Thompson and AMM Northern District Director.

The AMM delegation met with the Town of Lynn Lake, City of Thompson, and Town of Grand Rapids.

Members of the AMM delegation included President Ralph Groening, Vice-Presidents Kam Blight and Brad Saluk, Northern District Directors Karen MacKinnon and Kathy Valentino, and Executive Director Denys Volkov.

The AMM represents all 137 municipalities in Manitoba.

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