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NEWS RELEASE

AMM WELCOMES FLEXIBILITY TO USE FEDERALLY APPROVED WEED CONTROL PRODUCTS

March 15, 2022 – The Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) commends the Province of Manitoba for introducing amendments to the *Environment Act* to give Manitobans, including municipalities, greater flexibility to use federally approved weed control products.

Since 2015, the AMM has called on the Province of Manitoba to reverse the ban on federally approved weed control products. The *Non-Essential Pesticide Use Regulation* increased costs tenfold for some municipalities that were forced to use alternative products which proved ineffective.

“The Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) supports the decision to align with federal regulations and rigorous Health Canada review processes. Aligning with federal regulations will allow municipalities to effectively manage weed control programs while mitigating financial pressures on municipal budgets,” stated AMM President Kam Blight.

As municipalities are experiencing significant financial pressures due to the pandemic, the changes announced yesterday will help provide relief to local communities. We look forward to working with the provincial government to facilitate a webinar to help communicate and inform our members of these positive changes.

The AMM is registered to make an oral presentation before the Legislative Standing Committee. If municipalities wish to register and speak about *Bill 22: The Environment Act (Pesticide Restrictions)*, please call the Office of the Clerk at 204-945-3636.

The full text of the provincial government news release can be found at the following link:
<https://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?item=53797&posted=2022-03-14>