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PROVINCIAL BUDGET BOOSTS COMMUNITIES FUND, KEY ISSUES REMAIN UNRESOLVED

April 13, 2022 – Budget 2022 includes several changes to funding and select programs that are of interest to Manitoba municipalities, including:

- A higher ceiling for the Building Sustainable Communities Fund (from \$10M to \$25M);
- \$9M in dedicated funding for the Green Teams program (from \$5M to \$9M);
- Increased support for the Manitoba Water Services Board (from \$15.8M to \$20M);
- Resolution of a payments-in-lieu of tax issue raised repeatedly by AMM members;
- \$7.2B for health care, the most significant health care investment in the province to date; and
- Over \$2.4B in strategic infrastructure investments between 2022 and 2024.

While the Building Sustainable Communities program is open to other applicants, not just Manitoba municipalities, municipal leaders confirm that the program is popular across Manitoba, and the \$25M fund will help promote sustainability and resilience in local communities.

The Province also announced an agreement with the federal government to address transit operating shortfalls – a commitment that will be critical to several municipalities.

However, the AMM noted that critical issues raised with the Province to help spur a quicker economic recovery from the pandemic remain outstanding, namely the inconsistent treatment of municipalities on provincial sales taxes and ongoing municipal operating funding freeze - which will now be extended into its seventh year.

“Key issues central to the success and sustainability of Manitoba’s municipalities remain unresolved,” stated AMM President Kam Blight. “We are ready for continued dialogue with provincial officials to find solutions to unresolved issues facing our member municipalities.”

Budget 2022 documents are available at www.manitoba.ca/budget2022.