

# 2019 June District Meetings

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| Central    | June 5  |
| Western    | June 6  |
| Parkland   | June 12 |
| Midwestern | June 13 |
| Interlake  | June 18 |
| Eastern    | June 19 |
| Northern   | June 20 |



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**Ralph  
Groening**  
President

# 2019 Federal Budget & ICIP

- 2019 Federal Budget: **\$2.2B** expansion of Gas Tax Fund to support municipal infrastructure
- ICIP investments in Manitoba: **\$1.17B** in federal funding
  - Public Transit: **\$546M**
  - Green: **\$451M (Sept. 12)**
  - Community, Culture, Recreation: **\$61M (Sept. 19)**
  - Rural and Northern Communities: **\$112M (Sept. 26)**
- Municipal percentage contributions range from **26.67%** to as low as **6.67%**
- **June 3, 2019: ICIP2 Intake Announced**

# 2019 Provincial Budget

- 2019 Provincial Budget
  - Operating/public safety grant funding maintained at **2016** levels (three-year freeze)
- PST reduction expected to save municipalities **\$3.1M** annually
- **\$2M** ↑ to Manitoba Water Services Board
- Building Sustainable Communities Program
  - Streamlines Community Places, Hometown Manitoba, Neighbourhoods Alive! and Partner for Growth grant programs
  - AMM will continue to participate in reviewing and providing feedback on project applications
- **\$10M** in flexible funding to enhance support for municipal roads and bridges outside of Winnipeg

# Provincial DFA Review Final Report

- May 6, 2019: DFA Program Review Final Report released
- Recommendations in the final report identify several opportunities to streamline the provincial DFA program and make it more responsive to local needs during times of emergency
  - Additional training and education
  - Clear criteria and eligibility requirements
  - Expedited municipal site inspections
  - Online platform for DFA claims (submitting/tracking status)

# MB K-12 Education Review

- AMM welcomes the establishment of the Manitoba Commission on K-12 Education
  - May 13, 2019: AMM formal presentation to Commission
- Current funding model is both antiquated and inadequate given the ever-increasing demands on municipalities
- AMM has repeatedly urged the Province of Manitoba to provide new, sustainable long-term funding to reduce school division reliance on property taxes



# **Kam Blight**

Vice-President

# MI Service Delivery Model Review

- A new Working Group has been struck between the AMM and MI to renew discussions about possible opportunities between municipalities and the department to deliver roadway maintenance services on provincially owned infrastructure
- May 29, 2019: **MI Service Delivery Survey** sent to all municipal officials
  - Goals: identify possible areas of collaboration, reduce duplication, find inefficiencies
  - Completing the survey does not establish any formal commitment
  - **Deadline to complete survey: July 5, 2019**



# Drainage & Water Management

- Provincial drainage regulations are still underdevelopment
- AMM is committed to identifying red tape barriers and sharing practical ideas to streamline provincial government processes
  - AMM is a member of the Drainage Regulation Steering Committee which is providing input regarding the establishment of an efficient drainage registration and licensing process
- Effective water management and watershed programming demand financial support and incentives from the Province of Manitoba

# PMJAC & Police Services Review

- AMM Resolution #03-2018 urges the provincial government to undertake a comprehensive review of municipal policing costs and structure in Manitoba
- Provincial-Municipal Justice Advisory Committee (PMJAC) continues to meet on a regular basis. PMJAC has identified seven core principles to help guide a provincial review of a new policing structure in Manitoba
- **MHA Patient Transfers: New hub system formally announced on May 30<sup>th</sup>**
  - Deployment of ‘qualified persons’ in healthcare facilities will be done in stages, beginning with Winnipeg (HSC), Selkirk and Brandon

# PUB Working Group

- A new AMM-MMAA-PUB Working Group has been established. Main objectives:
  - To review and streamline PUB application process
  - Reduce processing times and application backlog
  - Improve communication between PUB and municipalities
- Forthcoming report with clear recommendations will be presented along with educational materials for Councils, including webinars for utilities' staff



# **Brad Saluk**

Vice-President

# Bill 2 (Codes of Conduct)

- Bill 2: *The Municipal Amendment Act* (Strengthening Codes of Conduct for Council Members)
  - Aims to standardize Codes of Conduct by defining certain content and minimum standards and values
  - May 8, 2019: AMM made a formal presentation to the Legislative Committee
- Municipalities will be required, by by-law, to establish a Code of Conduct based on the Regulation
- All elected officials will be required to take training with six months of being elected (online format, up to 2 hours to complete)
- Bill 2 passed third reading with one amendment, which changed the coming into force date to November 1, 2020.

# Bill 25 (Taxation Tools)

- Bill 25: *The Municipal Amendment and City of Winnipeg Charter Amendment Act*
- Overall, it is essential that Councils maintain autonomy and authority over local taxation decisions
  - AMM has urged the Province of Manitoba to provide resources, templates and tools to local Councils that explain the various municipal taxation tools
  - AMM supports the proposed elimination of the outdated requirement for municipalities to pay 4.75% interest on excess taxes

# Cannabis Taxation Revenue-Sharing

- AMM continues to advocate for a fair share of cannabis revenues
- 2019 provincial budget contained no commitment to share cannabis taxation revenues with municipalities despite the federal government allocating an additional 25% of cannabis excise tax revenues to the Province of Manitoba specifically for municipalities
- **Track and monitor costs!** AMM Cost-Tracker Tool available on AMM website

# MMSM & Newspaper Recycling

- AMM continues to communicate with MMSM and News Media Canada to resolve the issues stemming from the provincial government's decision to no longer pay newspaper recycling levies
- Consequently, MMSM has been withholding payments to municipalities in light of the funding shortfall (to date, more than \$1.4M has been withheld)
- News Media Canada has indicated that it plans to submit their own program plan to the provincial government



# Connectivity & FleetNet Replacement

- The Municipal Leader (Summer 2019) will feature a Special Report on connectivity issues (cellular coverage and broadband Internet access)
- Decades-old FleetNet system is being replaced with a new, modern Public Safety Communications Service (PSCS)
  - Transition will take up to three years, municipalities will begin transitioning in 2020
  - **Compatible radios will be available for sale at a discount via the AMM Trading Company**



Thank you!