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Clerk of Committees  
Legislative Assembly of Manitoba  
251-450 Broadway Avenue  
Winnipeg, MB R3C 3H8

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM), I am writing to provide some comments regarding *The Registered Professional Planners Act*.

As good planning is essential for sustainable community development and growth throughout Manitoba, the AMM supports the proposed legislation (Bill 31) to establish the Manitoba Professional Planners Institute (MPPI) as the profession's regulatory body as well as the use of the title Registered Professional Planner (RPP) by qualified professional planners. Planners are critical to a number of municipal activities, and the AMM welcomes the RPP designation in order to protect the public interest.

The AMM represents Manitoba's 137 municipalities, including the City of Winnipeg, and wishes to express its concern about potential higher financial costs involved for hiring RPPs while underscoring the importance of allowing municipalities to make the decision of whether to hire a RPP.

The AMM appreciates this opportunity to provide these comments.

Sincerely,

Joe Masi  
Executive Director

cc: Honourable Drew Caldwell, Minister of Municipal Government