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To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM), which represents Manitoba's 137 municipalities, I am writing to provide some comments regarding Bill 27: *The Highway Traffic Amendment Act (Control of Traffic by Flag Persons)*.

While film production in Manitoba has grown into a \$270 million industry, filming took place in 29 communities across Manitoba in 2019 and this number continues to grow annually. Given this industry growth, greater demands have been put on law enforcement to provide traffic control thereby reducing focus on core policing duties. Therefore, the AMM welcomes amendments to the *Highway Traffic Act* to enable traffic authorities (i.e., municipalities) to authorize a flag person to temporarily control traffic to ease the demand on law enforcement for traffic control services.

As the AMM understands that flag people used to control traffic would need a valid flag person certificate from an accredited training provider, it is essential that the Province of Manitoba compile and provide a list of approved trainers to municipalities as well as ensure any training-related costs are not cost-prohibitive for local communities. In addition, the AMM also encourages the Province to clarify the process in which a municipality may authorize or direct a flag person to temporarily control traffic by providing any necessary by-law or resolution templates to ensure consistency across Manitoba.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these brief comments.

Sincerely,

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cc: Minister Schuler, Manitoba Infrastructure

