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AMM WRAPS-UP MIDWESTERN DISTRICT VISITS

January 20, 2021 - The Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) met virtually this week with a number of municipalities in the Midwestern District. The AMM makes it a priority to meet one-on-one with each of its member municipalities at least once during each four-year election cycle.

"Municipalities have remained on the front lines of the pandemic since its onset while delivering essential services Manitobans rely on," stated AMM President Kam Blight. "These meetings are invaluable as we continue to advocate for greater financial assistance for our members in 2021."

"Potential provincial changes to service delivery, particularly around road maintenance, are clearly impacting our members. Many Councils stressed the need for enhanced communication and adequate compensation for a more collaborative relationship during these challenging times," noted Merv Starzyk, Mayor of the RM of Yellowhead and AMM Midwestern District Director.

"Several Councils also highlighted the importance of economic development and inquired about the status of the provincial EDO dedicated to rural Manitoba. Given COVID-19, this new office will play a vital role in our province's recovery as our members are counting on single-window services to help grow their communities." added Murray Parrott, Councillor from the Town of Neepawa and AMM Midwestern District Director.

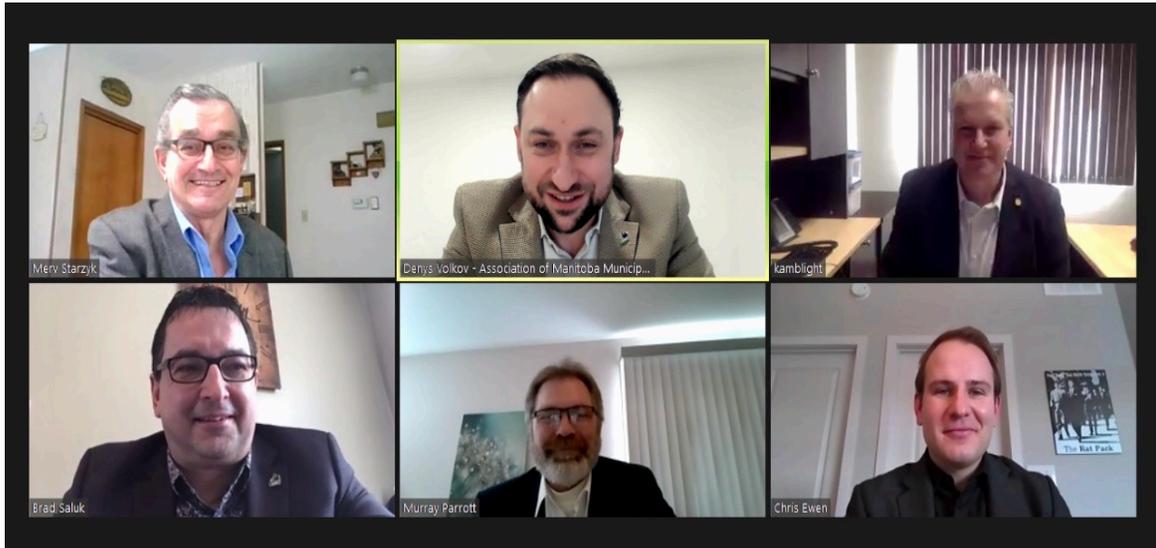
The AMM delegation met with the Municipality of Harrison Park, Town of Minnedosa, RM of Riding Mountain West, Municipality of Clanwilliam-Erickson, Rossburn Municipality, RM of Yellowhead, Municipality of WestLake-Gladstone, and Town of Neepawa.

Members of the AMM delegation included President Kam Blight, Vice-Presidents Brad Saluk and Chris Ewen, Midwestern District Directors Merv Starzyk and Murray Parrott, and Executive Director Denys Volkov.

The AMM represents all 137 municipalities in Manitoba.

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*Top row: Midwestern District Director Merv Starzyk, Executive Director Denys Volkov, President Kam Blight
Bottom row: Vice-President Brad Saluk, Midwestern District Director Murray Parrott, Vice-President Chris Ewen
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