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NEWS RELEASE

85% OF MUNICIPALITIES FINANCIALLY IMPACTED BY CODE RED RESTRICTIONS, MORE SUPPORT NEEDED

January 22, 2021 - The Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) today announced the results of a survey focusing on COVID-19's fiscal impacts on Manitoba municipalities. 85% of survey respondents indicated Code Red restrictions have financially impacted their municipalities while 71% noted the single largest financial hit has been due to the closure of community recreation centres.

"During these challenging times, municipalities have remained on the front lines delivering essential services Manitobans rely on," said AMM President Kam Blight. "While the Safe Restart Agreement was designed to support local governments in 2020, the data from the survey strongly suggests municipalities are facing further revenue losses throughout 2021 and beyond."

The survey was administered between December 2020 and January 2021 as the AMM was particularly interested in the impacts of the Safe Restart Agreement, Code Red restrictions, and other financial pressures experienced by municipalities.

"It is vital all orders of government continue to work together to ensure municipalities receive all necessary supports, including increased funding to offset operating losses in 2021 and expedited approvals for shovel-worthy infrastructure projects," added President Blight.

The goal of the survey is to provide guidance to the provincial and federal governments as they contemplate additional financial assistance to municipalities.

A presentation summarizing the survey's responses can be found at the following link:

- <http://www.amm.mb.ca/download/presentations/2021.01.21-AMM-presentation-Summary-of-COVID-19-Member-Survey-2021-Fiscal-Impacts.pdf>

Learn more about COVID-19's impact on municipalities:

- <http://www.amm.mb.ca/issues/covid-19/>
- <https://covid.fcm.ca/home>

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**note: AMM members were surveyed in a non-scientific manner*