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Statement from the AMM

AMM supports “true 1%” pledge

October 14, 2014 – The Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) supports this morning’s announcement by Liberal Leader Rana Bokhari that the Manitoba Liberal Party would dedicate a “true 1%” of the PST revenue to municipalities, over and above what they currently receive, to address their infrastructure deficit.

The AMM has long called on the provincial government to provide alternate sources of revenue to be used for municipal infrastructure. The 2013 poll “Everything is Local”, commissioned jointly by the AMM, the City of Winnipeg, and the Manitoba Heavy Construction Association, showed that 56% of Manitobans believe that local governments should spend more money addressing core infrastructure.

The poll also showed the majority of Manitobans – 69% - support having revenues from the 2013 PST increase put in the hands of municipalities, rather than the provincial government.

Ms. Bokhari pledged to create a dedicated municipal infrastructure fund that would see the entire 1% PST increase used exclusively for the infrastructure needs of municipalities. This money would be allocated on a per capita basis and municipalities would have the ability to determine their local infrastructure priorities.

The AMM encourages other parties to join Bakhari in working with Manitoba’s municipalities to dedicate additional funds towards infrastructure, over and above what is currently received.

Municipalities can’t fix Manitoba’s multi-billion dollar infrastructure deficit alone.

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