



# ASSOCIATION OF MANITOBA MUNICIPALITIES POLICY BRIEF – MARCH 14, 2022

| Minister of Natural Resources and Northern Development |  
| Scott Fielding |

*The AMM appreciates the opportunity to meet with Minister Scott Fielding and representatives of Manitoba Natural Resources and Northern Development. The AMM encourages the Province to consider municipal concerns as well as the effects of funding decisions on local communities throughout the budget process. This document outlines the AMM's position and recommendations on a number of important municipal issues relevant to the Natural Resources and Northern Development portfolio. The AMM looks forward to working with the Province to strengthen provincial-municipal growth and partnership opportunities.*

## TOP POLICY IMPLICATIONS



- While the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in significant economic challenges, the AMM believes it is important now more than ever to develop and implement a comprehensive, northern economic development strategy.
- The AMM welcomes the Look North Initiative as well as the implementation of the new northern Communities Economic Development Fund (CEDF) office as the lead entity responsible for the initiative.
- Moreover, as mineral development has been identified as a key opportunity for the long-term economic prosperity of Manitoba, we welcome the roll out of funding under the Manitoba Mineral Development Fund (MMDF).
- The Province of Manitoba launched an application-based Quarry Rehabilitation on Private Land Program for 2020 and awarded over \$5 million to 55 projects across Manitoba. Of these projects, only one municipality received funding.
- The current application process is cumbersome, administratively burdensome and lacks transparency. Moving forward, it is imperative that the department work with AMM to raise awareness, reduce red tape and streamline the application process to ensure municipalities are eligible to rehabilitate depleted quarries and pits in an effective manner.

## MUNICIPAL PRIORITIES

1. LOOK NORTH
2. QUARRY REHABILITATION PROGRAM

*The AMM has long advocated for building strong partnerships in the North and strongly believes that northern economic development must be led by northern Manitobans. Fostering partnerships with municipalities in northern Manitoba as well as with the AMM is vital to further unlock the tremendous economic potential that exists in the North.*

## **The AMM recommends the government:**

- ❖ *Consult with northern communities and the AMM on the implementation of the Look North initiative and a northern economic development strategy; and*
- ❖ *Continue to consult with the AMM and municipalities through QRAC to streamline processes and reduce administrative burdens to enhance rehabilitation outcomes in local communities.*

## **ACTIVE AMM NATURAL RESOURCES AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT RESOLUTIONS**

### **AMM Resolution #09-2021: Environmental Reclamation Fee**

WHEREAS certain municipalities have Crown-owned Aggregate Quarries within their municipal boundaries; and

WHEREAS the Government of Manitoba allows for Aggregate Mined in Manitoba to leave the Province; and

WHEREAS aggregate is a non-renewable resource;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to increase the cost per tonne of the Environmental reclamation fee on Aggregate leaving the province and on aggregate mined within and used within the province to \$1.50/tonne.

### **AMM Resolution #11-2021: Transportation of Aggregate**

WHEREAS certain municipalities have contracts with Manitoba Infrastructure to maintain the gravel PR roads; and

WHEREAS the Transportation of Aggregate Levy can be charged by municipalities on their municipal roads but not on the PR roads; and

WHEREAS based on the maintenance contracts PR roads are only assessed based on annual traffic count and do not factor in weight or type of vehicle causing maintenance concerns to the roads;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to allow municipalities to charge and collect a Transportation of Aggregate Levy on PR roads under municipal maintenance contracts; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to further breakdown the method of classifying the type of road traffic on PR roads for ranking purposes such as:

- Heavy Haul
- Commercial / Recreational
- Residential

### **AMM Resolution #06-2020: Quarry Rehabilitation Program**

### **AMM Resolution #07-2020: Crown Land**

### **AMM Resolution #14-2020: Zebra Mussels**

### **AMM Resolution #28-2016: Crown Land**

### **AMM Resolution #37-2016: Mines and Minerals Applications**

### **AMM Resolution #13-2013: Grant-in-Lieu for Crown Land**

### **AMM Resolution #17-2012: Drainage on Crown Lands**

### **AMM Resolution #48-2012: Funding Formula for Oil Related Revenue for Municipalities**