



ASSOCIATION OF MANITOBA MUNICIPALITIES POLICY BRIEF – APRIL 14, 2022

| Minister of Indigenous Reconciliation and Northern Relations |
| Alan Lagimodiere |

The AMM appreciates the opportunity to meet with Minister Alan Lagimodiere and representatives of Manitoba Indigenous Reconciliation and Northern Relations. 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 Indigenous Reconciliation and Northern Relations portfolio. The AMM looks forward to working with the Province to strengthen provincial-municipal growth and partnership opportunities.

TOP POLICY IMPLICATIONS



- As many municipalities and Indigenous communities are situated in close proximity to one another, fostering reconciliation and respectful partnerships is vital. However, strengthening municipal-Indigenous partnerships requires a sustained effort from all levels of government.
- Municipalities and First Nations across Manitoba continue to work together to create economic opportunities and improve the quality of life in their communities.
- As a lack of communication is often identified as a main barrier to municipal-Indigenous partnerships, additional tools and resources should be developed to create a better understanding among stakeholders regarding differing governance and taxation systems.
- COVID-19 has resulted in significant economic challenges, which is why the AMM believes it is important now more than ever to develop and implement a comprehensive, northern economic development strategy that includes northern perspectives and insights.
- Fostering partnerships with municipalities in northern Manitoba is vital to further unlock the tremendous economic potential that exists in the north.

MUNICIPAL PRIORITIES

1. **FOSTERING MUNICIPAL-INDIGENOUS PARTNERSHIPS AND TLE CONSULTATION AND SUPPORT**
2. **LOOK NORTH**

In 2015, a historical partnership agreement was signed with the Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba (TRCM) and Treaty Land Entitlement Committee of Manitoba (TLEC) to foster dialogue to help establish a more open and effective TLE claim process in Manitoba.

The AMM recommends the government:

- ❖ ***Provide financial and consultative support to assist municipalities in developing service sharing agreements with First Nation communities as well as throughout the TLE process; and***
- ❖ ***Consult with northern communities and the AMM on the Look North initiative and a northern economic development strategy.***

ACTIVE AMM INDIGENOUS RECONCILIATION AND NORTHERN RELATIONS RESOLUTIONS

AMM Resolution #22-2015: Reimbursement for Fire Services

AMM Resolution #35-2015: TLE Consultation and Support