# MUNICIPAL GENERAL INSURANCE PROGRAMS REPORT

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### AMM Insurance Program

# Property & Casualty





## Advantages of Protected Self-Insurance Structure

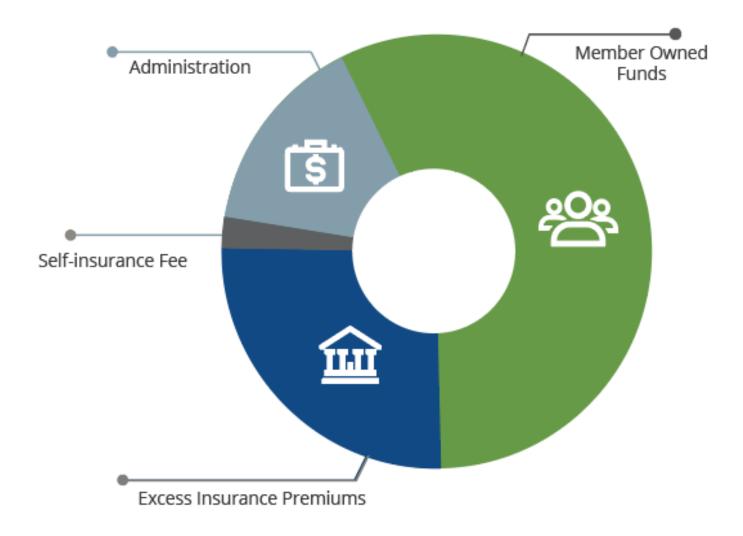
- The AMM Property & Casualty Program has premiums divided into two premium categories:
  - AMM Held Loss Pool
  - Excess Insurers
- The unique structure allows the AMM Insurance Program to adjust during different market cycles of increasing or decreasing insurer rates, with a "best in class Program, as the most efficient structure to purchase insurance" – Harper Report





### AMM Program vs. Traditional Open Market Structure

### AMM GENERAL INSURANCE PROGRAM



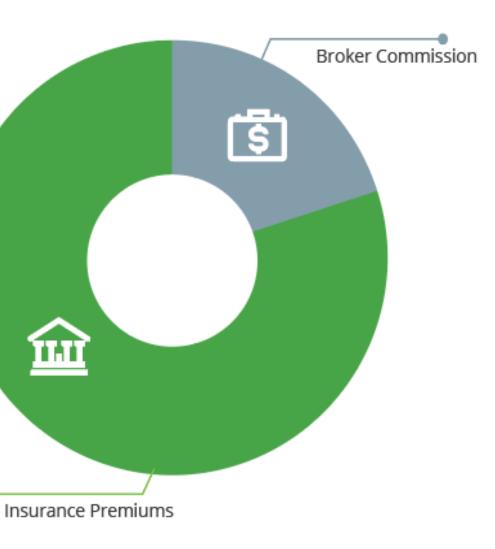
- Long-Term Rate Stability
- Ownership of Premiums
- Potential Return of Premiums
- Tailored Program 40 year history
- Unstable Rates

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- **Companies**



### TRADITIONAL INSURANCE MODEL



# No Potential Return of Premiums • Enhanced Profit for Insurance



## Advantages of Protected Self-Insurance Structure

- When excess insurers require rate increases, we react by shifting more premium into the AMM held loss pool
  - -Dauphin Hail storms (2007)
  - -Hardening of commercial marketplace (2019)
- The AMM held loss pool provides the opportunity for returns of premiums; the larger the loss pool the greater the opportunity for Program returns
- A larger loss pool results in enhanced levels of control and stability for all municipalities, especially during increasing rating pressure from Insurers





### 2020 Commercial Insurance Marketplace

- Property & Casualty losses in Canada have increased significantly in recent years
- Insurer appetite has narrowed and is more selective by industry class
- Hard-market conditions have existed since Summer 2019, now combined with COVID-19 situation, has further reduced appetite for risk
- The very best insurance programs with low loss ratios are now experiencing **30-50%** rate increases
- Insurance companies make profit through investments and/or underwriting gains
- Low interest environment requires insurers to return to underwriting gains









# April 1, 2020 Property / Casualty Renewal

- Total claims in the 2019-20 policy year were \$5,592,667 (as of April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020)
- Reduced frequency and severity of claims from 2019 \$9,857,833 Risk Management
- Insurers requested 20% rate increase based claims history / market conditions
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- Total Insured Values are \$5.430 Billion, up from \$5.247 Billion in 2019
- Self-Insurance loss pool increased from \$11,125,000 to \$11,875,000
- Liability Loss Pool expanded from \$2 million to \$2.25 million
- Equipment Breakdown Loss Pool expanded from \$125,000 to \$625,000



2,667 (as of April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020) 19 - \$9,857,833 – Risk



# April 1, 2020 Property / Casualty Renewal

- 2019 Renewal expansion from \$6.6 million to \$11.125 million was significant to program future prosperity
- \$**3,265,000** return of premium from Self-insured retention pool largest ever return in program history!
- \$800,000 return of premium from Employee Benefits program
- \$498,992 "AMM Rate Stabilization" input
- Result: 8.92% increase in overall cost of insurance
- **\$12,232,573** in returns of premium back to participants since 2008
- Note: These funds would go back to insurers as underwriting profit, without existing loss pool structure, only made possible through AMM **General Insurance Program**







### Program Claims Experience

- 2015-16 \$5,022,147
- 2016-17 \$11,046,860
- 2017-18 \$13,969,097
- 2018-19 \$9,857,833
- 2019-20 \$5,592,667

\*Increase of loss pool = more funds away from insurers, provides more control and opportunity for returns of premium Potential Surplus \$4,748,845



### Loss Pool - \$11,875,000

5 year claim average **\$7,126,154** 



### Risk Management Services

- Complete risk management surveys of municipal buildings and recreational facilities (299 buildings surveyed in past year)
- Assist AMM with COVID-19 communications for both Commercial & EB
- Risk management strategies related to safety plans and assist in COR Certification processes
- Assist municipalities with questions regarding property claims and liability issues
- Prepare loss prevention bulletins and articles for the Municipal Leader
- Present risk management and loss prevention seminars at MOS
- Provide ongoing training for municipal playground inspectors





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### AMM Insurance Program

# Employee Benefits





### AMM Employee Benefits Program

- Specializes in providing employee benefits plans to members of the Association of  $\bullet$ Manitoba Municipalities
- 114 municipalities participate out of 137, plus additional watershed districts, recreation districts, planning districts, weed districts, and retirees
- 1,511 employees/councilors insured; 4,426 total including dependents
- 355 retirees insured; 632 including dependents
- Self-insured since January 2005, with claim payment services provided by Manitoba Blue Cross
- Average annual premium increase 3.0% in last 5 years, much lower than other group benefit plans
- 2020 total annual premium is now \$7,515,113 (10.3% growth from 2019)
- New plan enhancements and options provide members with flexibility







# AMM Employee Benefits Program vs. Open Markets

### **Open Market** -

- Simple formula used at time of renewal, premiums paid x claims paid out
- Target-loss ratio between 73-75%
- Unpredictable and can be very volatile, with no safety net

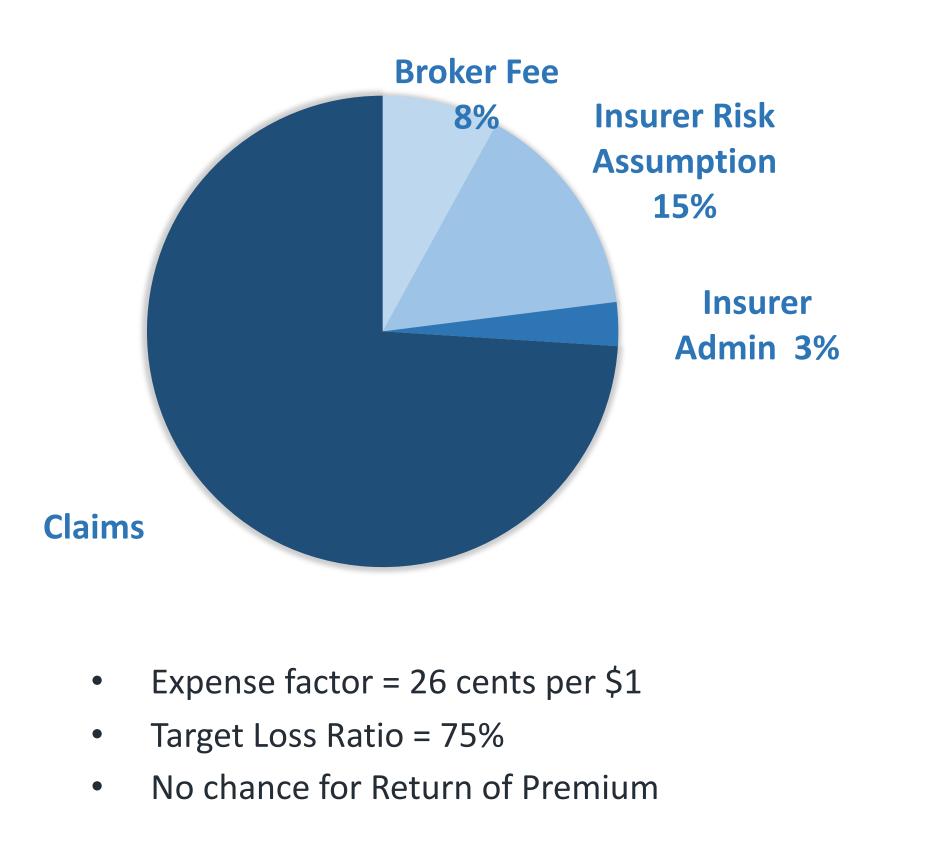
### AMM Employee Benefit Program -

- Focuses on pooling all cities, towns & municipalities together across Manitoba and has been serving AMM members for over 40 years
- Claims of the AMM, consisting of thousands of members and over \$7 million in premium, are far more predictable than the claims of a traditional group setup, where you are responsible for all your claims
- AMM adjudicates renewals by analyzing the claims experience of the entire pool, thus creating a greater level of program stability. In addition, there is substantially more premium to offset larger claims that a group might experience.





## **Traditional Market Model**

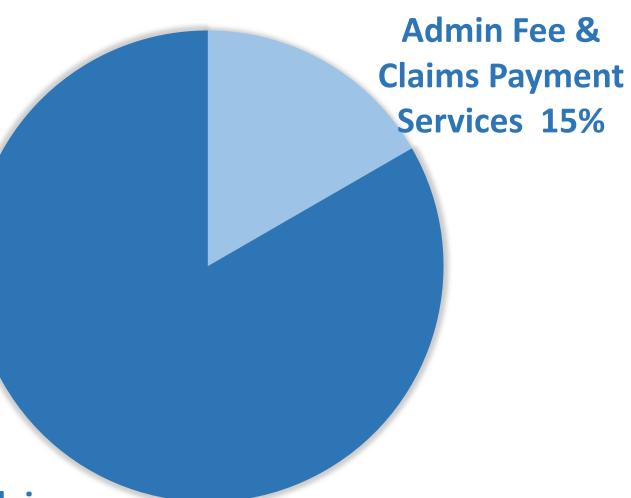




- Expense factor = 15 cents per \$1 lacksquare
- Target Loss Ratio = 85%
- Surplus on Claims Returned to AMM Participants
- Over \$2.4 Million returned over the past 5 years



## AMM Insurance Model



### Claims



### AMM Employee Benefits Return of Premium

- AMM offers members the opportunity to receive a return of premium based on the performance of the program
- Refund is allocated as a weighted average based on the plan members percentage of the total premium
- Members have ownership / stake in the AMM program
- AMM returned \$600,000 to AMM Employee Benefits Program members in 2019
- Over \$2.4 million has been returned to members within the past 5 years
- The accumulated surplus owned by municipalities is \$619,692 as of June 1st, 2020



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# THANK YOU!

























