



WELCOME TO THE

# Mayors, Reeves and CAOs Meeting



# Executive Director Report



Virtual Spring Event

**Re-branded** to AMM Spring Convention



JDM Elections

Every two years, elections for all 7 districts.

The deadline for nominations is **June 2 at 3:00pm.**



Virtual June District Meetings

Deadline to submit resolutions: **August 1, 2021**



Trading Company

Since 2010, almost **\$16.2 million** in returns of premium have been given back to municipalities directly!

# AMM President Report

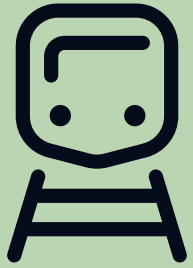


Thank You - It has been a long year for all of us and for that I am proud of each one of you for your dedication and commitment to your communities

We are ALL in this together - the AMM is here to help.

Despite a global pandemic, we were able to see some positive developments this last year

# AMM Successes



## Federal Grade Crossings Regulations

The AMM welcomed the proposed tiered, risk-based approach to changing the Regulations and Standards as well as November 2021 **deadline extension.**



## Bill C-21

AMM endorsed a motion calling for further study of this legislation at the national Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) meeting.

**Unanimously carried.**



## Municipal Service Delivery Improvement Program

The provincial government committed up to **\$5 million over the next 4 years** to provide third party reviews to improve municipal services without raising taxes.



## Municipal Operating Grants

Due to our advocacy efforts, the Province has committed to flowing 75% now and 25% in fall for the **SECOND year in a row.**



# COVID-19 **Successes**



**\$500M** to help restart Manitoba's economy, with **\$50M** dedicated to water and wastewater projects.



**\$106M** was provided to municipalities as part of the Federal Safe Restart Agreement



Gas Tax Fund transfer was provided up-front to help ease municipal operating finances



**Doubling** of the Gas Tax Fund in 2021/22.



Universal Broadband Fund **\$1.75B** investment officially launched.

# AMM COVID-19 Survey



- **85%** indicated that code-red restrictions have financially impacted their municipalities
- **71%** noted the single largest financial hit has been due to the closure of community recreation centres
- Majority noted more than **2 years**, with some noting as long as **5 to 8 years** to recover



# Vice President Report – Budget 2021

- 1 Maintains municipal operating & public safety grant funding at **2016 levels**
- 2 **\$5.6M** in funding for the Building Sustainable Communities Program – includes a one time top up of **\$3M** & expands applications for large projects up to **\$300,000**
- 3 For the second year in a row, the Green Teams Program will be **doubled**
- 4 Nearly **\$6M** to mitigate against flood and droughts and protect water quality under the watershed districts program
- 5 Up to **\$700,000** of new funding allocated for library services
- 6 **\$10,000** per each community that participates in the Mobility Disadvantaged Transportation Program

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# Education Property Tax

*Provincial commitment to phase out Education Property Taxes, to begin effective immediately.*

The AMM welcomed this announcement since a new sustainable long-term funding model to reduce school division reliance on property taxes is long overdue.

- Reduce property taxes by 50% to residential and farm property owners over the next two years – **25% this year and 25% next year**
- Province has committed to providing an explanatory insert in all tax bills mailed out to ratepayers
- Concerns with mail-out cheques vs. adjusting tax bills
- We hear concerns - will continue to advocate for streamlined approach
- Continue to appeal for **\$5,000 cap** on the Farmland School Tax rebate to be removed

LARGEST HIGHLIGHT OF BUDGET 2021





# Vice President Report – Bill 37

*The AMM understands that private sector development plays a significant role in job creation and building sustainable local communities here in Manitoba.*

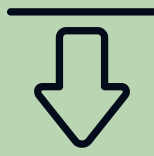
- First changes that the government made to turn Bill 48 into Bill 37 were made in September & October of 2020
- Engagement with our association has increased.
- Appreciate the opportunity to participate in the multi-stakeholder Bill 37 Working Group
- Due to our advocacy efforts:
- Appeals from 90 days to 30 days;
- Includes a mandatory 3 year review;
- Gives the right to be consulted if new regional planning districts are created.

**BILL 37 RECEIVED SECOND READING ON MARCH 25, 2021.**

# Amendments **We** Want to See



Anyone filing an appeal state their reason for appealing in the filing.



Limit permissible grounds and the scope for appeals



Reduce appeals timelines to align with other provincial standards



Impose accountability measures on the Manitoba Municipal Board





THANK YOU.