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Committees Branch
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To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM), I am writing to provide some brief comments regarding Bill 4: *The Planning Amendment Act*.

Since democratically elected municipal Councils know their communities best, the AMM welcomes the provincial government proposing legislative changes to enable a municipality to withdraw from the Capital Planning Region, if desired, following a clear and transparent process. For municipalities that may choose to opt-out, we would welcome further consultations regarding timing parameters to ensure participating municipalities can plan accordingly. We also understand that related amendments will apply to other planning regions that may be established in the future.

The AMM fully supports the autonomy of each municipality to make decisions that best serve their communities. At the same time, we recognize that regional collaboration plays a major role in attracting business investment and fostering sustainable economic growth. By enabling municipalities to make decisions tailored to their unique contexts, this legislation enhances their ability to serve residents effectively and contributes to building a stronger, more resilient Manitoba.

In closing, the AMM appreciates the Government of Manitoba's commitment to strengthening municipal autonomy while promoting collaborative growth opportunities across the province. We encourage the passage of Bill 4 and look forward to continued partnership in support of Manitoba's municipalities.

Respectfully and sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark teal ink that reads "Katherine Valentino".

Kathy Valentino
President

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