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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 33: *The Planning Amendment and City of Winnipeg Charter Amendment Act*.

Firstly, we appreciate the continued engagement and consultation undertaken by Manitoba Municipal and Northern Relations throughout the development of Bill 33 prior to its formal introduction in the Legislature, including through the multi-stakeholder Planning and Development Working Group. This collaborative approach has been valuable in ensuring municipal perspectives are meaningfully considered.

Bill 33 represents the second stage of legislative amendments following Bills 3 and 4, both of which were enacted in 2025 and supported by the AMM. These earlier changes marked important progress in modernizing Manitoba's planning framework, and Bill 33 builds on that foundation.

The AMM also supported the statutory review of planning legislation, commonly referred to as the "Braid Report" or "Bill 37 Review", and welcomed the Province's Land Use Planning Action Plan in response, which adopted all 19 recommendations of the review.

Bill 33 includes several proposed provisions that aim to restore, respect, and increase the autonomy of local governments. These measures are important in reaffirming the role of municipalities as primary decision-makers in local planning matters.

In addition, the AMM notes that Bill 33 proposes to refine the scope of the Municipal Board's workload, particularly through changes to the public objection referral process. These changes have strong potential to reduce administrative burdens and associated costs for municipalities.



Overall, the AMM supports the intent of Bill 33 and remains committed to working collaboratively with the provincial government on its implementation. At the same time, we encourage the Province to continue pursuing opportunities to further streamline Municipal Board processes, particularly with respect to municipal borrowing by-law approvals to further improve efficiency and reduce delays for municipalities.

Respectfully and sincerely,

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