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To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM), I am writing to provide some comments regarding Bill 43: *The Highway Traffic Amendment and Drivers and Vehicles Amendment Act*.

The AMM recognizes that the Bill establishes a provincial definition of personal electric vehicles and introduces provisions to address regulatory gaps that municipalities have been managing independently. The creation of a clear, province-wide framework is a positive and necessary step forward. We also appreciate the Province's engagement with AMM members, including presenting at the 2025 Fall Convention to gather feedback. This collaborative approach reflects concerns raised by municipalities and demonstrates a commitment to incorporating municipal input into the development of the legislation.

We also support the Bill's enabling approach to sidewalk use, which is prohibited by default but allows municipalities the flexibility to permit it based on local needs. To support effective and consistent implementation, AMM respectfully asks that Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure (MTI) and Manitoba Municipal and Northern Relations coordinate the development of template municipal by-laws (e.g., options regarding sidewalk use or local restrictions) to promote safe and consistent use of personal electric vehicles.

However, the AMM has concerns regarding capacity and role clarity for police and municipal by-law enforcement. As written, it is unclear how enforcement will be implemented, particularly given already stretched policing resources. Municipalities may face challenges ensuring consistent and visible enforcement with limited personnel and resources. Without clear provincial guidance and support, there is a risk that enforcement will become largely complaint-driven, further straining already overstretched police and by-law services. AMM recommends that the Province clarify the enforcement framework and confirm whether by-law and community safety officers can be utilized as additional enforcement capacity.



Finally, as this legislation is implemented, public education will be critical. AMM recommends that the Province develop standardized, province-wide public education materials to support consistent messaging and reduce duplication across municipalities. A coordinated provincial approach would improve consistency and better support implementation, particularly given the financial and operational pressures currently facing Manitoba municipalities.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments. We shall look forward to continued collaboration with the Province to ensure that the implementation of Bill 43 is practical and consistent.

Respectfully and sincerely,

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