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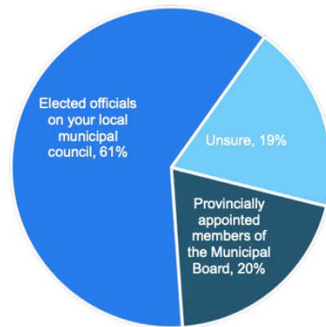
NEWS RELEASE

LOCAL ELECTED LEADERS SHOULD HAVE FINAL SAY OVER DEVELOPMENTS IN LOCAL COMMUNITIES

Preferred Decision-Makers on Approving Housing Development

Six in ten think local elected leaders should be final arbiters of whether subdivisions go ahead

When it comes to approving housing developments in local communities in Manitoba, who do you think should get the final say on whether they go ahead? (Base: All respondents, N=800)



Those most likely to want elected municipal officials to make this decision include:

- Those living in rural and northern Manitoba (70% vs. 55% among those in Winnipeg).
- Homeowners (64% vs. 51% among renters).
- Progressive Conservative party supporters (69% vs. 56% among provincial NDP supporters).

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June 3, 2024 – According to a recently commissioned independent poll conducted by Probe Research, **61%** of Manitobans favour elected municipal officials having the final say on land use planning in their communities, compared to only one in five who prefer to have the provincially appointed Municipal Board make these decisions.

Since amendments to *The Planning Act* and *The City of Winnipeg Charter* were introduced and passed by the previous provincial government, the AMM has repeatedly warned about increased costs as well as the creation of appeals backlogs and we continue to oppose the Municipal Board having the power to override local decisions made by local Councils who know their communities best.

The Association of Manitoba Municipalities supports its member municipalities through advocacy, programs, and services to achieve strong and effective municipal government – the order of government closest to the people.

In response to concerns raised by the AMM during the provincial election campaign, Premier Wab Kinew and Minister Bushie have expedited the statutory review of planning legislation, a positive step welcomed by our association given the importance of respecting municipal authority and autonomy of democratically elected local officials.

Moving forward, the AMM is committed to working collaboratively with the provincial government through constructive dialogue to ensure our members are comprehensively engaged and their voices are heard throughout the review process. The AMM also eagerly awaits the forthcoming reviewer's report and recommendations over the coming months.

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Background Materials

- https://www.amm.mb.ca/download/legislative_comments/2022.05.24-AMM-President-Kam-Blight-%25E2%2580%2593-Speaking-Notes.pdf
- https://www.amm.mb.ca/download/legislative_comments/2022.05.25-AMM-submission-Bill-34.pdf
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- https://www.amm.mb.ca/download/legislative_comments/2021.04.19-AMM-speaking-notes-Bill-37-The-Planning-Amendment-and-City-of-Winnipeg-Charter-Amendment-Act-FINAL.pdf
- https://www.amm.mb.ca/download/news_releases/2020.11.02-AMM-News-Release-Bill-37-Much-Improved-Although-Significant-Risks-Remain.pdf

About the AMM

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