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# NEWS RELEASE

## MANITOBA'S CITIES CONVENE IN THOMPSON FOR CRITICAL TALKS ON INFRASTRUCTURE, PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTHCARE, AND HOUSING

**September 27, 2024** – Municipal leaders from Manitoba's 10 cities gathered in Thompson yesterday to engage in meaningful discussions on critical topics such as infrastructure, public safety, healthcare, and housing.

AMM President Kam Blight opened the meeting by stressing the importance of collaboration on shared challenges. "Manitoba's cities are facing similar pressures, from the need for more enabling water and wastewater infrastructure to support housing to provincial funding to assist community safety officers to better healthcare access. By coming together and exchanging solutions, we can present a united voice when advocating for stronger provincial support," said President Blight in his welcome remarks.

Thompson Mayor Colleen Smook, who serves as the Cities Caucus Chair, emphasized the significance of hosting the meeting in northern Manitoba. "Bringing the Cities Caucus to Thompson is not only a great honour, but also a vital opportunity to shine a light on the unique challenges facing our northern communities. Whether it's housing or public safety, our discussions here today will help shape the future of all municipalities across Manitoba," said Mayor Smook.

The meeting also served as a platform to share best practices ahead of the upcoming [AMM Fall Convention](#) in November, where a new Cities Caucus Chair will be elected. President Blight emphasized, "The exchange of ideas and experiences today strengthens our collective voice as we advocate for the needs of all Manitoba municipalities at the provincial and federal levels."

The AMM wishes to thank the City of Thompson for hosting the annual fall meeting of the Cities Caucus.

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*Cities Caucus delegates in Thompson, MB at the University College of the North (UCN)  
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Members of the AMM Cities Caucus include:

- City of Brandon
- City of Dauphin
- City of Flin Flon
- City of Morden
- City of Portage la Prairie
- City of Selkirk
- City of Steinbach
- City of Thompson
- City of Winkler
- City of Winnipeg

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