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## FEDERAL HOUSING POLICY MUST REFLECT LOCAL REALITIES, AMM URGES

**April 4, 2025** – A new member survey conducted by the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) highlights the efficiency, advantages, and key challenges faced by municipalities in the housing development process. The findings emphasize the strengths of Manitoba’s cities and fastest-growing municipalities while also identifying critical areas that need support.

### Key Findings:

- **Collaboration is Key:** 92.3% of respondents noted that open and collaborative relationships with developers give their municipalities a competitive edge. Smaller municipalities, in particular, benefit from reduced bureaucracy, making them attractive to private-sector investment and development opportunities.
- **Fast Approvals:** 69.2% of surveyed municipalities reported that most housing development projects are reviewed and approved within just 1–2 months, showcasing efficient municipal processes.
- **Infrastructure Challenges:** 61.5% of respondents identified water and sewer infrastructure as the most pressing concern, with reliable systems being a critical factor for supporting new housing projects.

The survey findings suggest that the experiences of Manitoba’s municipalities mirror those of other similar-sized municipalities across Canada. Given this, the AMM is urging federal policymakers to recognize the unique needs of these communities when designing and implementing national housing programs.

“A one-size-fits-all approach simply does not work,” said AMM President Kathy Valentino. “The housing and infrastructure challenges faced by municipalities in Manitoba differ significantly from those in major urban centers like Toronto, Montreal, or Vancouver. Federal policies must be adaptable to local realities to ensure that rural, smaller urban, and northern communities are not left behind.”

As national discussions around housing policy continue to evolve, the AMM urges federal policymakers to prioritize flexibility, ensuring that housing and infrastructure initiatives address the distinct challenges faced by municipalities of all sizes.

For more information on the survey report, please [CLICK HERE](#).

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