



MANITOBA'S CITIES UNITED IN CALL FOR FEDERAL ACTION ON FUNDING, HOUSING, AND PUBLIC SAFETY

April 15, 2025 – United in their call for action, Manitoba's cities are echoing the AMM's federal election priorities, urging federal leaders to prioritize reforms aimed at modernized funding models, local development solutions, and stronger public safety measures.

"These priorities reflect what we're hearing from municipalities of all sizes across the province," stated Kathy Valentino, AMM President. "We are calling on all federal parties to recognize the vital role of local governments in building a stronger, more prosperous Canada. Manitoba municipalities are key partners in economic growth, housing, and public safety—and it's time they were treated as such."

Ahead of the Cities Caucus meeting, the AMM hosted a media event alongside the Hon. Matt Wiebe, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, to highlight ongoing advocacy efforts at both the provincial and federal levels, aimed at strengthening bail practices and amending the Canadian Criminal Code to better protect communities. The AMM extends its thanks to Mayor Sharilyn Knox (City of Portage la Prairie), Reeve Loren Schinkel (RM of Lac du Bonnet), and Councillor Bruce Luebke (City of Brandon) for sharing local perspectives on the challenges their communities face under the current bail system.

"Municipalities across Manitoba are increasingly concerned about how current bail policies are impacting community safety," added President Valentino. "We are calling for stronger reforms to ensure repeat prolific offenders are not quickly released back into our communities without appropriate safeguards. These individuals must be held accountable. All Manitobans deserve to feel safe."

The AMM is also emphasizing the importance of flexible funding, reducing red tape, and rewarding municipal innovation in housing development—critical issues for Manitoba's fastest-growing cities and communities.



"Manitoba's cities are proud to stand behind these priorities," said Portage la Prairie's Mayor Sharilyn Knox, Chair of the AMM Cities Caucus. "Our communities are ready to grow and innovate, but we need meaningful support from federal partners. We urge all political parties to commit to modernizing infrastructure funding, supporting local housing solutions, and making our communities safer."

Throughout the election campaign, the AMM will continue to advocate strongly to ensure the voices of Manitoba's municipalities are heard and reflected in national platforms.

For more information about the AMM's federal election priorities, visit <https://amm.mb.ca/federal-priorities/>

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