



## MANITOBA'S CITIES CONVENE IN STEINBACH, URGE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO STRENGTHEN BAIL REFORM

**August 20, 2025** – Delegates from Manitoba's ten cities convened in Steinbach today for a meeting of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) Cities Caucus. The gathering provided an opportunity for municipal officials to deliberate on shared priorities and advance collective advocacy in the lead-up to the AMM Fall Convention in November.

**AMM President Kathy Valentino** stressed the importance of aligning municipal voices ahead of key provincial and federal discussions:

*"Municipalities are at the forefront of shaping solutions to the challenges facing local communities today. From tariffs to wildfires, local governments are experiencing more demands than ever before. That is why all orders of government must come together to redefine the federal-provincial-municipal relationship, supported by a modern fiscal framework that underpins national prosperity and builds a more resilient country."*

Bail reform was also highlighted as a top advocacy priority, with delegates calling for stronger federal action to ensure repeat and prolific offenders are held accountable.

**Cities Caucus Chair, Mayor Sharilyn Knox of Portage la Prairie**, reinforced this message:

*"Public safety is a fundamental concern for all municipalities, and our residents expect meaningful action to address the impacts of repeat offenders. The Cities Caucus urges the federal government to implement stronger bail reform measures when Parliament resumes this fall. These reforms are necessary to hold offenders accountable and to improve community safety in every corner of Manitoba."*

The AMM extends its appreciation to the City of Steinbach for hosting this year's fall meeting of the Cities Caucus as well as congratulates the municipality and broader region on the opening of the new Southeast Event Centre.

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*Cities Caucus delegates in Steinbach, MB at the Southeast Event Centre.  
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- City of Flin Flon
- City of Morden
- City of Portage la Prairie
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- City of Steinbach
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