



# ASSOCIATION OF MANITOBA MUNICIPALITIES POLICY BRIEF – SEPTEMBER 26, 2022

| Minister of Seniors and Long-Term Care |  
Scott Johnston |

*The AMM appreciates the opportunity to meet with Minister Scott Johnston and representatives of Manitoba Seniors and Long-Term Care. The AMM encourages the Province to consider municipal concerns as well as the effects of funding decisions on local communities throughout the budget process. This document outlines the AMM's position and recommendations on a number of important municipal issues relevant to the Seniors and Long-Term Care portfolio. The AMM looks forward to working with the Province to strengthen provincial-municipal growth and partnership opportunities.*

## TOP POLICY IMPLICATIONS



- While we can understand the significant economic and healthcare challenges due to the pandemic, it is vital that the Province follow through with the commitment to increase care home beds, especially since COVID-19 has had a notable impact on the older population.
- Currently, there is a significant gap between housing options available and housing needs in Manitoba.
- There is an inherent need for assisted and supportive living opportunities as the number of seniors in Canada is expected to double over the next 25 years.
- As municipalities look past the COVID-19 pandemic, it will be critical to explore supportive and affordable options to promote aging in place.
- The AMM welcomes the Province providing \$12 million to 10 municipalities throughout the province to create affordable housing options.
- We urge the provincial government to continue working with municipalities and provide long-term funding to help build sustainable and vibrant communities.
- Moreover, the AMM has repeatedly urged the Province to unveil its overall plan for the healthcare system, particularly for rural Manitoba. Thus, the AMM would appreciate an update on how this portfolio relates to unveiling the rural healthcare plan.

## MUNICIPAL PRIORITIES

### 1. SENIORS HOUSING

*In 2016, the Progressive Conservative government promised to fast-track the construction of 1,200 personal care home beds over eight years during the campaign period.*

### **The AMM recommends the government:**

- ❖ ***Work with municipalities and provide necessary long-term funding to enhance seniors housing options across Manitoba; and***
- ❖ ***Unveil Shared Health's plan for transforming rural healthcare under Manitoba's Clinical Preventive Services Plan.***

**ACTIVE AMM SENIORS AND LONG-TERM CARE RESOLUTIONS**

**AMM Resolution #18-2020: Seniors Housing**