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# *Housing*

- AMM's participation in the Housing Advisory Roundtable
- Solutions are badly needed, particularly for areas that are growing, and especially in rural, remote and northern communities across the province
- Need for more public-private partnerships!



# Provincial Fire Strategy

- In November 2014, the 2015-2018 Provincial Fire Strategy was officially released
- Working Group is actively consulting guide in our ongoing review of challenges facing the Manitoba Fire Service and municipalities
- The AMM continues to emphasize its willingness to facilitate effective communication between the Province, local governments, Manitoba Fire Service, and the general public



# MPI Claim Rates for MVAs

- For this year, the basic rate increased from \$749 to **\$771**, and the complex rate increased from \$999 to **\$1,028** (2.9% ↑)
- We encourage all of you to continue submitting claims to MPI, as municipalities have the ability to submit firefighting/rescue cost reimbursement and funds are available
- Funds are also available under MPI's ***Securing the Site*** program



# Surface Water Management Strategy & Drainage Regulation Submissions

- The AMM appreciated efforts by CWS to ensure thorough consultation was undertaken for both the *New Approach to Drainage Regulation* and Manitoba's *Surface Water Management Strategy*
- We were pleased to provide comments on these consultation documents in December 2014
- Since making our official submissions, a formalized provincial committee/working group with stakeholders has yet to be established, however we are prepared to participate in the near future



# Education Tax on Property

- Education should be funded through provincial revenues
- The process of funding education through property taxes should be reviewed and modernized
- Moreover, as AMM members raised the recent \$5,000 cap on the Farmland School Tax Rebate again at the 2014 Convention, we are urging the Province to lift it entirely



# Oil Production Issues (Western District)

- RM-Oil Industry Working Group
- Given the significant economic benefits for Manitoba, and for southwestern Manitoba in particular, it is imperative the needs of municipalities are effectively addressed and oil revenues are re-invested back into local communities to support growth
- Need for an overall strategy to help guide the industry and affected local communities toward sustainable production

