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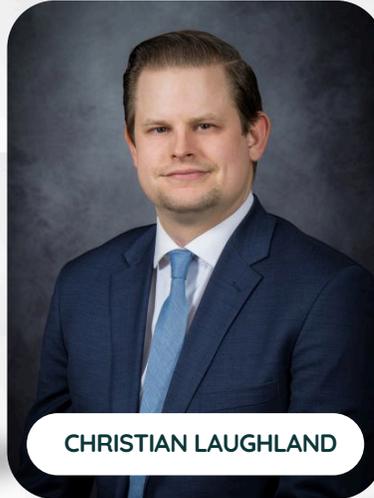
**RESOLUTIONS
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RULES FOR RESOLUTIONS SESSIONS

1. On Convention Day, members of the Resolutions Committee will read out the operative clause(s) of a given resolution - i.e., the resolved portion.
2. The Chair will move the resolution.
3. The Chair will call for a seconder who will second the resolution by providing their name and municipality.
4. The seconder will open debate on the resolution. Then any municipal official is welcome to speak in favour or opposition to the resolution at hand; microphones will be labelled specifically for those “in favour” and “opposed”.
5. Anyone speaking to a resolution will have a maximum of **two minutes**. The time remaining for speakers will be displayed, counting from two minutes to zero, at which time microphones will be turned off.
6. As provided for in Robert’s Rules of Order, the Chair will call for speakers alternately from each microphone position. If no speakers with an alternate position request the floor, the Chair may, after entertaining three or more speakers to the one position, end debate even if further speakers to the position have already requested the floor.
7. No one may speak twice per resolution unless for clarification.
8. The seconder will be invited to close debate.

AMENDMENTS

NEW: The wording of any proposed amendment must be provided in writing to the Convention Resolutions Session Chair before debating the resolution. Please complete and submit the amendment form (located at the end of the booklet) to AMM staff before the debate of the resolution. Proposed amendments during the debate of the resolution will not be accepted.

9. Any registered voting delegate may introduce an amendment to a motion, **provided the written wording of the proposed amendment has been submitted in advance** to the Convention Resolutions Chair.
10. Once the motion to amend has been introduced, the Chair will decide whether the proposed amendment is accepted or not (proposed amendments deemed to change the intent of the original resolution will **not** be accepted).
11. If the Chair decides the motion is in order, they will call for a seconder.
12. Once the amendment has been moved and seconded, the motion to amend will be dealt with in the same way as all motions as outlined in the Standing Orders and Rules of Order.
13. Unlike main motions, however, amendments to the amendment will not be accepted.
14. Discussion on an amendment must address the amendment only and not the merits of the main motion.
15. The Chair will entertain only two amendments per resolution.
16. Should more than two amendments come forward, the Chair may send the resolution to the Resolutions Committee and the Parliamentarian for consideration.
17. The decision of the Chair is final.

DEBATING STANDING POLICY RESOLUTIONS

18. A delegate wishing to debate a ‘Standing Policy’ resolution must move a motion asking the Chair to “suspend the rules”.
19. If there is a seconder, the Chair will ask for the vote on the motion. The motion passes if 2/3 of delegates vote in favour of it.
20. If the motion is passed, the remainder of the debate follows the normal resolution process.

RESOLUTION CATEGORIES

The following categories shall apply to all resolutions submitted for consideration by the Association of Manitoba Municipalities at either the annual Fall Convention or District Meetings.

CATEGORY 1: MUNICIPAL ISSUES

Category 1 resolutions are resolutions whose outcome has the potential to impact a majority of municipalities.

It is possible that the outcome of a Category 1 resolution might not immediately impact all municipalities, but the outcome has the potential to impact a majority of municipalities. This impact may be direct or indirect.

Examples of areas of influence of Category 1 resolutions include direct changes to legislation that govern municipalities, such as *The Municipal Act*, or more indirect changes to government programs that might impact municipalities, like a change in the provincial drainage program.

Category 1 resolutions, if passed at the District Meetings, will be brought forward to the main Resolutions Committee for consideration at the Annual Convention.

CATEGORY 2: LOCAL OR REGIONAL MUNICIPAL ISSUES

Category 2 resolutions deal with local or regional issues that affect one region or only a small number of municipal governments.

An example of a Category 2 resolution would be a resolution dealing with the necessary improvement to a specific local road.

Resolutions in this grouping will be presented at the District Meetings; however, they will not be submitted for consideration at the annual Fall Convention. A resolution in this category, if passed at the District Meeting, will be dealt with by the Board of Directors as they see fit.

CATEGORY 3: NON-MUNICIPAL ISSUES

Category 3 resolutions focus on issues beyond municipal jurisdiction and lack a clear connection to municipal finances, operations, governance, or administration.

Resolutions in this grouping will not be presented at the District Meetings or the annual Fall Convention; instead, they will be dealt with by the Board of Directors as they see fit.

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NOTE: *Resolutions categorized as ‘Standing Policy’ will not be brought to the Convention floor for debate unless requested by delegates in accordance with the resolutions session’s rules.*

AMM Resolution #01-2025**Municipal Canada Community-Building Fund – Annual Indexing Rate of Construction Inflation****Sponsor(s)**

Winnipeg, City

Department(s)

AMM

Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada

WHEREAS the Municipal Canada Community-Building Fund (formerly known as the Gas Tax Fund), in real dollars, has been dropping in value due to construction inflation that is above, typically, the 2% for inflation, now budgeted for in the existing program; and

WHEREAS construction inflation has consistently exceeded the inflation rate commonly referred to at 2%; and

WHEREAS the Municipal Canada Community-Building Fund is used to fund infrastructure projects that have experienced inflation cost pressures annually that have been consistently above 2% inflation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the federal government for the purpose of negotiating an annual indexing rate that reflects the actual national average, of any given year, of the construction inflation increase in construction infrastructure projects, for any renewed Municipal Canada Community-Building Fund, and that indexing shall be directly linked to the national average construction inflation increase.

AMM Resolution #02-2025**Proof of Municipal Permits****Sponsor(s)**

Lorne, Municipality (Central)

Department(s)

Manitoba Municipal and Northern Relations
AMM

WHEREAS the issuance of building and development permits ensures that construction projects comply with municipal by-laws, provincial building codes, and safety standards; and

WHEREAS some property owners proceed with construction or renovations without obtaining the necessary permits, potentially compromising public safety, property values, and municipal liability; and

WHEREAS unpermitted construction may result in increased risk for insurers and complications during insurance claims, inspections, or property sales; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT that the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to enact legislation or regulations requiring proof of valid municipal building and/or development permits as a condition for obtaining or renewing residential property insurance; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM encourage collaboration between municipalities, the provincial government, and the insurance industry to develop a standardized process for verifying permit compliance during the insurance application process.

AMM Resolution #03-2025**Municipal Board Processes****Sponsor(s)**

Macdonald, RM (Central)
Stonewall, Town (Interlake)

Department(s)

Manitoba Municipal and Northern Relations

WHEREAS Section 176 of *The Municipal Act* indicates “A municipality may not make a borrowing unless the council obtains the approval of The Municipal Board before third reading of the borrowing by-law”; and

WHEREAS Section 320(4)(b) of *The Municipal Act* indicates “Before giving third reading to a proposed by-law to approve a local improvement plan or special services proposal, a council must submit the by-law to The Municipal Board for its review and approval”; and

WHEREAS the Municipal Board has had significant additional responsibilities placed on the Board without additional resources being provided by the Province; and

WHEREAS the Municipal Board is under resourced which has resulted in significant delays in obtaining approval from the Municipal Board; and

WHEREAS the delays in borrowing approval can have a financial impact on the municipality related to capital projects; and

WHEREAS delays in special service proposals require a municipality to request an extension to adopt their annual financial plan; and

WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba has implemented several initiatives to reduce red tape; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to provide additional resources to the Municipal Board to ensure legislative approvals are dealt with in a reasonable timeframe; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to review and amend *The Municipal Act* and to remove the requirement for certain borrowings if there was not a specific threshold of objectors or the borrowing does not exceed 20% of the allowable debt limit; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to review and amend *The Municipal Act* and to remove the requirement to obtain Board approval if the special service levy is being renewed.

AMM Resolution #04-2025

Development Plan Planning Act Amendment

Sponsor(s)

Virden, Town (Western)

Department(s)

Manitoba Municipal and Northern Relations

WHEREAS Section 59(1)(b) of *The Planning Act* (C.C.S.M. c. P80) requires that a planning district or municipality review its development plan at least once every five (5) years if the plan does not establish a different review deadline; and

WHEREAS the five (5) year default review period can create an undue burden on municipalities and planning districts that have consistent long-term plans and operate with limited resources; and

WHEREAS many municipalities may not require significant updates to their development plans within a five (5) year window, particularly when growth and land use conditions remain consistent; and

WHEREAS extending the default review period to eight (8) years, where no other deadline is specified in the development plan would provide more flexibility while still ensuring regular, periodic reviews;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to amend Section 59(1)(b) of *The Planning Act* to extend the default review period from five (5) to eight (8) years for development plans that do not contain a specified deadline for review.

AMM Resolution #05-2025

Modernize Notification Requirements in The Planning Act

Sponsor(s)

Hanover, RM (Eastern)

Department(s)

Manitoba Municipal and Northern Relations

WHEREAS publication errors in the local news paper have resulted in requiring the municipality to re-hold a public hearing; and

WHEREAS it is the opinion of the Planning and Land Use Committee that modern communication methods render the need for newspaper publications obsolete; and

WHEREAS the cost for newspaper publications is exorbitant;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to modernize the notification requirements in *The Planning Act and Municipal Act*, including but not limited to removing the requirement for newspaper publication.

AMM Resolution #06-2025

Trailer License Fees

Sponsor(s)

Riding Mountain West, RM (Midwestern)

Department(s)

Manitoba Municipal and Northern Relations

WHEREAS Section 232(2) of *The Municipal Act* provides for a municipality to establish a license fee and terms for payment of fees for licenses; and

WHEREAS many municipalities have established a Trailer License fee for camping trailers that are not assessable or then taxable, yet should be paying some fees towards the additional costs for seasonal residential use, municipal services provided by the municipality; and

WHEREAS these Trailer License Fees are charged to the registered landowner that the trailer is set upon; and

WHEREAS it is more desirable to be able to add unpaid Trailer License Fees to the tax roll of the land that the trailer is set upon, rather than to proceed through bylaw enforcement or collection agency actions;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to amend *The Municipal Act* to provide for the collection of trailer license fees by the municipality in the same manner as a tax may be collected or enforced under *The Municipal Act*.

AMM Resolution #07-2025**Better Provincial Monitoring****Sponsor(s)**

Armstrong, RM (Interlake)

Department(s)

Manitoba Municipal and Northern Relations

WHEREAS municipalities are the creation of the provincial government under *the Municipal Act* and are responsible for the creation, power and oversight of those local governments; and

WHEREAS the provincial government has authority over local governments and a duty to oversee all activities that pertain to establishing a legislative, financial, planning and policy framework that supports democratic, accountable, effective and financially efficient local government, and the sustainable development of communities; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to strengthen their monitoring of policies and procedures, as to their responsibility to local governments, when Councils are not functioning as per *The Municipal Act* legislatively and financially and offer more supports to assist them.

AMM Resolution #08-2025**Derelict Buildings****Sponsor(s)**

Brandon, City (Western)
Thompson, City (Northern)
Riding Mountain West, RM (Midwestern)

Department(s)

Manitoba Municipal and Northern Relations

WHEREAS vacant and derelict buildings negatively impact surrounding properties and pose serious public risks to the well-being of citizens, including fire hazards, structural instability, increased criminal activity, and health concerns; and

WHEREAS owners of these properties are often non-compliant with municipal by-laws pertaining to property standards and public safety; and

WHEREAS section 247.1 of *The Municipal Act* provides municipalities direction for enforcement of vacant dwellings or non-residential buildings, including authority to enact Derelict Building By-laws; and

WHEREAS the enforcement processes required under *The Municipal Act* are time-consuming and costly to municipalities, resulting in the excessive use of staff time, enforcement, fire and emergency services, policing resources, and legal fees, with proceedings often lasting multiple years while the public safety hazard remains; and

WHEREAS property owners will keep the vacant and derelict property rather than demolish or remove due to high costs or abandon a property containing a brownfield site, such as former gas stations, where contamination posing potential risks to public health and safety must be remediated at a substantial cost; and

WHEREAS municipalities are often forced to take title of such properties through the tax enforcement process, thereby inheriting all outstanding fees, fines, property taxes, remediation and environmental costs, and safety liabilities; and

WHEREAS this creates a significant financial burden on municipalities, as the costs associated with remediation, removal, and enforcement often far exceed the value of the acquired property; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to work collaboratively with Manitoba municipalities to:

1. Streamline and expedite the process for addressing derelict buildings under *The Municipal Act* to ensure public safety and efficient enforcement; and
2. Provide financial assistance to municipalities to offset the costs of remediation and removal of derelict or contaminated properties; and
3. Establish legislative penalties for property owners who abandon or neglect properties to avoid financial responsibilities and liabilities.

AMM Resolution #09-2025

Tax Sale

Sponsor(s)

Thompson, City (Northern)

Department(s)

Manitoba Municipal and Northern Relations

WHEREAS municipalities are seeing property owners that are allowing deterioration of their properties to the point that they are no longer suitable for habitation; and

WHEREAS these owners also fall into arrears on their tax accounts, utility billings and enforcement costs which result in the property falling into the tax sale process; and

WHEREAS these properties are not bid on in tax sale primarily due to their condition, and then become the ownership of the municipality which causes considerable time for staff plus costs to demolish and remedy hazards with no recourse to recover costs except through the budgetary process; and

WHEREAS these owners can continue to own other properties in the municipality and face no consequences for their allowing deterioration of much needed housing;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to empower municipalities to hold negligent owners and corporations responsible for unpaid taxes and costs beyond the normal tax sale process.

AMM Resolution #10-2025

Golf Carts on Municipal Roads

Sponsor(s)

Carman, Town (Central)

Department(s)

Manitoba Municipal and Northern Relations
Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure

WHEREAS municipalities see a need for the use of golf carts on municipal roads; and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario, Province of Saskatchewan, and several US States have legislation permitting golf carts to use municipal roadways when properly registered and equipped with the required signal lights and horn; and

WHEREAS the use of golf cart's on maintained municipal roads will provide an increased level of safety for users;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to amend legislation to allow municipalities to determine by by-law if golf cart use should be permitted on their own municipal roads similar to provincial legislation in the Provinces of Ontario and Saskatchewan, and several US States.

AMM Resolution #11-2025**Cemetery Maintenance****Sponsor(s)**

Yellowhead, Municipality (Midwestern)

Department(s)

Manitoba Municipal and Northern Relations

WHEREAS the maintenance of cemeteries is a critical responsibility that ensures respect for the deceased and preserves the heritage and history of our community; and

WHEREAS many small organizations are unable to continue the maintenance of cemeteries due to financial and operational constraints, resulting in the transfer of these responsibilities to the municipalities; and

WHEREAS the cost of maintaining these cemeteries is placing a significant burden on the municipal taxpayers;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba for assistance to support the ongoing maintenance of cemeteries.

AMM Resolution #12-2025

Forest Fire Mitigation

Sponsor(s)

Thompson, City (Northern)

Department(s)

Manitoba Municipal and Northern Relations
Manitoba Business, Mining, Trade and Job Creation
Manitoba Natural Resources and Indigenous
Futures

WHEREAS forest fires present a real and growing danger to the lives and livelihoods of all Manitobans; and

WHEREAS the changing climate is resulting in a massive increase in forest fires across Canada; and

WHEREAS these fires have resulted in billions of dollars of losses to residents, businesses, municipalities, and First Nations across the country; and

WHEREAS these fires often occur in unorganized territories in the province which do not fall within municipal boundaries; and

WHEREAS community Fire Smart programs, building fire breaks and deploying dedicated, locally based, value protection assets to protect communities and critical assets have proven effective in preparing and protecting municipalities from encroachment of forest fires;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to develop and fund a new program to support forest fire mitigation and protection efforts across the province; including the purchase of equipment and training on value protection assets, public Fire Smart education, as well as the design and construction of fire breaks; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to make the necessary legislative changes to allow municipalities to apply to perform fire protection activities on Crown lands and within unorganized territories at no cost to the municipalities.

AMM Resolution #13-2025

Funding Support for Recruitment and Retention of Healthcare Professionals

Sponsor(s)

Lac du Bonnet, RM (Eastern)

Department(s)

Manitoba Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care

WHEREAS equitable healthcare access is a fundamental right for all Manitobans, including residents in rural and underserved areas; and

WHEREAS rural areas face persistent shortages of family physicians and specialists, leading to limited access to timely medical care for residents; and

WHEREAS municipalities experience increasing costs associated with recruitment campaigns, relocation incentives, retention programs, and other initiatives to attract healthcare professionals, while struggling to compete with urban centers for talent; and

WHEREAS there is heavy reliance on agency medical staff to fill gaps in care, resulting in excessive costs to the Province of Manitoba; and

WHEREAS rural residents bear economic and social challenges, including traveling outside their communities for healthcare services, further exacerbating inequities; and

WHEREAS some municipalities have implemented collaborative recruitment initiatives with private clinics and regional health authorities, utilizing municipal funds for Return of Service Agreements, recruitment fairs, marketing materials, and relocation packages;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to develop a financial framework that ensures more efficient resource allocation while prioritizing effective strategies for supporting municipal costs related to medical recruitment and retention.

AMM Resolution #14-2025**Expand Primary Care Paramedic Training and Resources****Sponsor(s)**

Deloraine-Winchester, Municipality (Western)

Department(s)

Manitoba Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care

WHEREAS rural and northern communities in Manitoba, continue to face a critical shortage of health care professionals, particularly in emergency medical services such as Primary Care Paramedics (PCPs); and

WHEREAS this shortage has led to delayed emergency response times, increased pressure on existing health care providers, and reduced access to urgent care in rural areas; and

WHEREAS while the provinces Emergency Medical Responder training program is appreciated, EMR positions are not financially viable as full-time careers, make it difficult to recruit and retain individuals in this role; and

WHEREAS Primary Care Paramedic positions offer a more sustainable and long-term solution for rural emergency medical services, yet current training opportunities are limited, particularly for individuals in rural areas who face significant financial and geographic barriers to enrollment; and

WHEREAS the Municipality of Deloraine-Winchester has proposed a practical solution to address these challenges by recommending that for every vacant PCP position in the province, an individual be hired immediately to begin PCP training, with support through mentorship, part-time work during training, and a return-of-service agreement upon graduation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to:

1. Expand PCP training capacity across Manitoba, with specific attention to the needs of rural and northern students; and
2. Implement a new training and employment model whereby each vacant PCP position in the Province results in the immediate hiring of a trainee who will begin formal PCP education, be supported through mentorship and part-time work opportunities, and commit to a return-of-service agreement to ensure long-term staffing stability in rural communities.

AMM Resolution #15-2025**Updating and Modernizing The Mental Health Act****Sponsor(s)**

Dauphin, City (Parkland)
Elton, RM (Western)
Thompson, City (Northern)

Department(s)

Manitoba Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care

WHEREAS Manitoba's *Mental Health Act* has not been significantly updated in many years and no longer reflects best practices in mental health care, crisis intervention, or public safety coordination; and

WHEREAS the *Act* places a disproportionate burden on the RCMP and municipal police services, requiring officers to apprehend, transport, and remain with individuals in mental health crises, often for extended periods in emergency departments or psychiatric facilities; and

WHEREAS the rising number of mental health calls is straining police resources across Manitoba, limiting capacity to respond to other public safety issues, and placing police in roles more appropriately filled by health care or crisis response professionals; and

WHEREAS other provinces have implemented more modern and flexible approaches that include mobile crisis teams, mental health transportation alternatives, and co-responder models that relieve pressure on law enforcement while improving outcomes for individuals in crisis; and

WHEREAS recent amendments to *The Mental Health Act* and *The Police Services Act* have introduced Institutional Safety Officers (ISOs), who may provide support in mental health response within designated facilities, but their deployment remains limited, and further integration is needed to maximize their effectiveness in reducing strain on police resources;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to undertake a comprehensive review and modernization of *The Mental Health Act*, in consultation with municipalities, law enforcement agencies, health authorities, and Indigenous leadership; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba for the following legislative and operational improvements:

1. Establish and fund Mobile Crisis Response Teams across Manitoba, staffed by trained mental health professionals and/or paramedics to respond to non-violent mental health emergencies, reducing the need for police intervention.
2. Develop a province-wide mental health patient transportation service that can be deployed in place of police officers for non-criminal, health-based apprehensions and transfers.

3. Limit the requirement for police officers to remain at health facilities with individuals in custody, once the facility has assumed care and no public safety risk exists.
4. Enable the use of virtual psychiatric assessments (telepsychiatry) as a mandatory step prior to transporting individuals – particularly youth – from rural and northern communities to urban psychiatric facilities, to ensure that hospitalization is clinically necessary and to reduce avoidable transfers.
5. Create and/or expand regional Crisis Stabilization Units (CSUs) where individuals can be taken for assessment and care outside of emergency departments, helping to divert non-emergent cases from hospitals.
6. Expand mental health support programs in rural and northern communities, ensuring access to timely assessment and care without overreliance on RCMP transport.
7. Invest in community-based supports and preventive mental health services to reduce the number of crisis interventions required; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province works with all partners to ensure legislative changes are accompanied by appropriate funding, training, and infrastructure development, so municipalities are not left to shoulder additional costs or responsibilities alone.

AMM Resolution #16-2025**X-Ray and Lab Technicians****Sponsor(s)**

Wallace-Woodworth, RM (Western)
Melita, Town (Western)
Two Borders, RM (Western)
Souris-Glenwood, Municipality (Western)
Brenda-Waskada, Municipality (Western)
Deloraine-Winchester, Municipality (Western)
Elton, RM (Western)
Carberry, Town (Western)

Department(s)

Manitoba Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care

WHEREAS rural and northern Manitoba communities continue to face a critical shortage of healthcare professionals, particularly in diagnostic services such as laboratory and x-ray technology; and

WHEREAS this staggering crisis has led to emergency department closures and reduced access to timely healthcare for rural residents; and

WHEREAS 2019 was the last cohort for the cross-training program allowing healthcare workers to receive dual certification in x-ray and laboratory technology to address staggering limitations in rural healthcare facilities; and

WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba announced in its 2025 Budget the creation of 20 new seats for a combined laboratory and x-ray technology program at Assiniboine College in Brandon, with implementation beginning in 2027; and

WHEREAS existing similar programs are already in place in other provinces, including Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Ontario, which provide short-term solutions through subsidized enrolment or interprovincial seat-sharing;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to:

1. Expedite the launch of the combined laboratory and x-ray technology program at Assiniboine College to begin prior to 2027; and
2. Expand the number of seats in existing diagnostic training programs across Manitoba; and
3. Develop partnerships with out-of-province institutions to allow rural students access to immediate training opportunities; and
4. Create rural focused training and retention strategies to ensure these investments directly support staffing in rural and northern communities.

AMM Resolution #17-2025**Fines and Consequences for Offenders****Sponsor(s)**

Harrison Park, Municipality (Midwestern)
Cartier, RM (Central)

Department(s)

Manitoba Justice

WHEREAS we have experienced the negative effects and lack of confidence in the current justice system that is practicing a catch and release program allowing criminals back out on the street committing crimes within a day or two from being arrested; and

WHEREAS the fines/consequences for all first-time offenders need to be harsher and stiffer to deter these criminal actions from taking place repeatedly; and

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to enact harsher consequences, stiffer fines and longer jail time for crimes being committed by first-time and repeat offenders.

AMM Resolution #18-2025

Amendments to the Criminal Code

Sponsor(s)

Winnipeg, City

Department(s)

Public Safety Canada
Justice Canada

WHEREAS paramedics and firefighters are essential frontline health-care providers who are increasingly exposed to violence, intimidation, and harassment while performing their duties;

WHEREAS incidents of violence and harassment toward first responders in Winnipeg have been rising in recent years, including 58 instances to date in 2025 of paramedics or firefighters being physically assaulted or threatened;

WHEREAS violent acts impact not only the safety and well-being of these professionals but also the effectiveness and timeliness of emergency care;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Government of Canada to:

- A. Reintroduce and adopt legislation amending the Criminal Code to ensure firefighters and paramedics are given personal safety protections equal to those granted to peace officers; and
- B. Increase penalties and maximum terms of imprisonment for aggravated assault against paramedics, firefighters, and other first responders to align with those for peace officers.

AMM Resolution #19-2025

Class 6 and 7 Soils

Sponsor(s)

Lac du Bonnet, RM (Eastern)
Stuartburn, RM (Eastern)
Reynolds, RM (Eastern)
Whitemouth, RM (Eastern)
Springfield, RM (Eastern)
Piney, RM (Eastern)
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Rockwood, RM (Interlake)
Armstrong, RM (Interlake)
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Ellice Archie, RM (Midwestern)
Prairie View, Municipality (Midwestern)
Yellowhead, Municipality (Midwestern)
Dauphin, RM (Parkland)
Mossey River, Municipality (Parkland)
Swan Valley West, Municipality (Parkland)
North Cypress-Langford, Municipality (Western)
Glenboro-South Cypress, Municipality (Western)
Whitehead, RM (Western)
Oakland-Wawanesa, Municipality (Western)
Souris-Glenwood, Municipality (Western)
Sifton, RM (Western)
Kelsey, RM (Northern)

Department(s)

Manitoba Environment and Climate Change

WHEREAS in the Province of Manitoba, reconnaissance soil surveys were completed between 1926 and 1996 and detailed soil surveys were completed between 1972 and 2022, classifying surface soils by their agricultural capability in accordance with the Canada Land Inventory; and

WHEREAS the soil classification from the Canada Land Inventory referenced in the *Planning Regulation*, the *Water Rights Regulation*, and the *Nutrient Management Regulation* are defined as: the mineral soils are grouped into seven classes according to their potentialities and limitations for agricultural use. Where Class 6 soils are capable only of producing perennial forage crops, and improvement practices are not feasible and Class 7 soils have no capability for arable culture or permanent pasture; and

WHEREAS Manitoba Environment and Climate Change through the Drainage and Water Rights Licensing Branch regulate drainage within the Province of Manitoba through the *Water Rights Act*; and

WHEREAS all persons including municipalities must obtain a valid and subsisting license as per the *Water Rights Act*; and

WHEREAS development of land cannot take place without obtaining a valid drainage license to construct pertinent development features such as roads and ditches; and

WHEREAS the Drainage and Water Rights Licensing Branch, as of 2019, has implemented an internal policy in which drainage licenses on Class 6 and 7 soils cannot be approved, for registrable or licensable projects; and

WHEREAS the term “registerable project” is defined, separately from other licensable projects for drainage works, in the *Water Rights Act*. These are typically minor or less impactful drainage projects, often involving surface or subsurface drains. Registration allows for a streamlined process compared to full licensing, but still ensures compliance with regulations; and

WHEREAS licensable applications for water control works are not restricted on Class 6 and 7 soils, only “registerable projects” are restricted per the *Water Rights Regulation*; and

WHEREAS municipalities recognize the need to restrict development in environmentally sensitive areas and critical/significant wildlife habitats such as wetlands and habitats for migratory species; and

WHEREAS *The Planning Act, The Planning Regulation, The Environmental Act, The Water Protection Act, The Water Rights Act, The Water Rights Regulation, and The Nutrient Management Regulation* do not restrict the issuance of Water Control Works Licenses on Class 6 and 7 soils; and

WHEREAS the municipalities recognize that some subclasses of Class 6 and 7 soils are strongly associated with presence of wetlands, however development of wetlands is already limited per the *Water Rights Regulation*; and

WHEREAS many subclasses of Class 6 and 7 soils are often viewed as desirable for rural subdivisions, lakeside cottage developments, and campgrounds due to their lack of agricultural capability, including soils which:

- Have a restricted rooting zone depth for crops,
- Contain poisonous plants to farm animals,
- Are heavily forested,
- Are affected by drouthiness (sandy and gravelly soils),
- Have high salinity,
- Have high groundwater table,

- Are too stony to permit cultivation, and
- Have a topographic slope of greater than 31%; and

WHEREAS the Canada Land Inventory soil classification system used in the reconnaissance and detailed soil surveys was published in 1965, this classification speaks only to agricultural uses, and predates current drainage practices and drainage regulations by 60 years; and

WHEREAS the Drainage and Water Rights Licensing Branch is applying this internal policy to all undeveloped lands on Class 6 and 7 soils, regardless of current zoning designations; and

WHEREAS many municipalities are experiencing significant loss of developable land, portions of which have already been designated/zoned for development, from the implementation of this internal policy; and

WHEREAS this internal policy is unnecessarily restricting development and the potential for increased tax-base of municipalities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to only enforce current limitations published in the *Acts* and *Regulations*, and remove the internal policy denying Water Control Works Licenses on Class 6 and 7 soils; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of Manitoba engage AMM to participate as stakeholders in the preparations of future internal policies within the Drainage and Water Rights Licensing Branch to adequately evaluate the impact of these internal policies on growth and future development.

AMM Resolution #20-2025

30 X 30 Initiative

Sponsor(s)

Springfield, RM (Eastern)
Rockwood, RM (Interlake)
Harrison Park, Municipality (Midwestern)
Grandview, Municipality (Parkland)
Lac du Bonnet, RM (Eastern)

Department(s)

Manitoba Environment and Climate Change

WHEREAS at COP 15 (Conference of the Parties), the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity, 190 countries approved the United Nation's Agreement to protect 30 percent of the planet's land and oceans by 2030 (30 x 30 Initiative), including the Government of Canada; and

WHEREAS the 30 x 30 Initiative may include additional Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas, an Ecological Corridor Program (Parks Canada), and might include the transfer of Crown Lands to Federal Government to create national parks; and

WHEREAS as the Province of Manitoba signed a memorandum of Understanding with the Government of Canada to commit to spending \$2.1 Million toward this initiative; and

WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba and the Government of Canada have not openly engaged Municipalities or the Association of Manitoba Municipalities prior to committing to the 30 x 30 Initiative; and

WHEREAS the policies within the 30 x 30 Initiative have potential to impact municipalities, property owners, and stakeholders; and

WHEREAS these policies may impact local economies with the changes in land use;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to consult with local governments, property owners and impacted stakeholders prior to moving forward with the 30 x 30 Initiative, to allow for better understanding of its policies and the platform to address concerns.

AMM Resolution #21-2025

Exemption to Conduct Surveys on Ditches

Sponsor(s)

Riding Mountain West, RM (Midwestern)

Department(s)

Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure
Manitoba Environment and Climate Change

WHEREAS municipal ditches are essential infrastructure that often become filled with silt and other debris, requiring regular cleaning to ensure proper functionality; and

WHEREAS municipalities are currently required to conduct surveys before restoring ditches to their original depth, adding significant delays and financial burdens; and

WHEREAS these additional costs and time delays hinder municipalities from maintaining their drainage systems effectively;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to exempt municipalities from the requirement to conduct surveys when clearing and restoring ditches to their original state and depth, thereby streamlining the maintenance process and reducing financial strain.

AMM Resolution #22-2025**Drainage Permit Amendments****Sponsor(s)**

Elton, RM (Western)
Wallace-Woodworth, RM (Western)
McCreary, Municipality (Parkland)
Riverdale, Municipality (Western)
North Cypress-Langford, Municipality (Western)

Department(s)

Manitoba Environment and Climate Change

WHEREAS Manitoba Environment and Climate Change under Drainage & Water Control regulate drainage within the Province of Manitoba through *The Water Rights Act*; and

WHEREAS Section 7(5)(a) of *The Water Rights Act* states: Application for permit 7(5) An application for a permit required under subsection (2) shall be submitted to the minister and shall contain or have enclosed therewith (a) such information, particulars and plans relating to the proposed use, diversion or control of water or the proposed construction or establishment of works or water control works as the minister may require; and

WHEREAS when a permit for a registration certificate is issued, there is no mention of the type of works approved as described in the application; and

WHEREAS a permit for registration certificate states "The term of this Registration Certificate shall be in perpetuity and shall become effective only on the date of registration"; and

WHEREAS municipalities use the registration certificate to provide to contractors performing the authorized works; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to amend their permit for a registration certificate to include a description of the approved works requested on the application.

AMM Resolution #23-2025**MPI Compensation****Sponsor(s)**

Prairie View, Municipality (Midwestern)

Department(s)

Manitoba Public Insurance

WHEREAS municipalities are responsible for mowing and maintain its own roadside ditches; and

WHEREAS this helps improve safety and visibility reducing accidents and insurance claims; and

WHEREAS Manitoba Public Insurance currently does not offer financial support to municipalities that take on this work;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby MPI to offer compensation to municipalities who maintain their own ditches.

AMM Resolution #24-2025

RCMP Staffing Shortages - Standing Policy

Sponsor(s)

Harrison Park, Municipality (Midwestern)

Department(s)

Manitoba Justice
Public Safety Canada

WHEREAS public safety and crime prevention have become almost impossible in rural Manitoba due to the increase in the number of break-ins and thefts taking place and lack of policing power due to vacancies; and

WHEREAS municipalities are aware that the Minister of Justice announced safer Manitobans across the Province in November 2024, however, there has been no visible progress or improvement with the law enforcement in rural areas; and

WHEREAS municipalities are aware that the RCMP are doing the best they can however a vast amount of their time is spent on repeat offenders thus creating longer response times, long callback times from reporting the crime and unavailability to attend less severe crimes as they are hindered by these vacancies; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Provincial and Federal governments to fill the RCMP vacancies immediately to fully staff every detachment, including the positions vacant from retirements.

*** Standing Policy Note: This resolution is consistent with AMM policy and will not be brought forward to the Convention floor unless requested by delegates.**

- *Resolution #23-2023: THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM work with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to lobby the federal and provincial governments to increase the number of RCMP members in the force to fully staff each department, through various ways like increasing capacity at the RCMP Depot in Regina to train more new members.*

AMM Resolution #25-2025

Amendment to The Municipal Assessment Act - **Standing Policy**

Sponsor(s)

Lac du Bonnet, Town (Eastern)
Lac du Bonnet, RM (Eastern)

Department(s)

Manitoba Municipal and Northern Relations

WHEREAS Section 22(1)(a)(i) of *The Municipal Assessment Act* states, in part: “Subject to sections 25 and 26, real property is exempt from taxation levied by a municipality, other than for local improvements, where the real property (a) is owned by, or is held in trust for, (i) the municipality that levies the taxation”; and

WHEREAS on occasion, municipal entities jointly own or jointly operate facilities in an adjacent municipality for municipal purposes; and

WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba encourages municipalities to collaborate with their municipal neighbours on joint projects for the benefit of all;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to amend *The Municipal Assessment Act* to provide a tax exemption for real property owned or jointly owned by a municipality, even when that property is located in another municipality, provided it is used for municipal purposes.

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- Resolution #10-2023: *THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT* the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to revise *The Municipal Act* to exempt property jointly owned by municipalities from taxation regardless of what municipality the facility is located in.

AMM Resolution #26-2025

Remove Requirement for Audited Financial Statements - **Standing Policy**

Sponsor(s)

Brenda-Waskada, Municipality (Western)

Department(s)

Manitoba Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care
Manitoba Housing, Addictions, and Homelessness

WHEREAS there are many non-profit corporations in Manitoba operating seniors housing units under *the Elderly and Infirm Persons Housing Act*; and

WHEREAS an independent third-party review of the financial records has been an acceptable practice in lieu of an audit for many years which is far less expensive than an annual audit; and

WHEREAS these non-profit corporations maintain very affordable senior housing without outside funding or Provincial grants and with annual rent increases limited to the prescribed maximums during a time of rapid inflation;

WHEREAS any new costs to the non-profit organization affect their ability to remain viable and maintain a modest reserve fund for repairs and maintenance;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to amend Section 13 of *The Elderly and Infirm Persons' Housing Act* to eliminate the need for annual audited financial statements and allow non-profit corporations to continue to submit an independent third-party review of their financial statements as has been accepted in the past; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT if the *Act* is not amended, the Province of Manitoba provide a grant for 100% of the audit costs for all non-profit corporations operating under *The Elderly and Infirm Persons' Housing Act* as required by Section 13.

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- Resolution #32-2024: **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to amend Section 13 of *The Elderly and Infirm Persons' Housing Act* to eliminate the need for annual audited financial statements and allow non-profit corporations to continue to submit an independent third-party review of their financial statements as has been accepted in the past; and
- **FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT** if the *Act* is not amended, the Province of Manitoba provide a grant for 100% of the audit costs for all non-profit corporations operating under *The Elderly and Infirm Persons' Housing Act* as required by Section 13.

AMM Resolution #27-2025

Equal Access to Healthcare - Standing Policy

Sponsor(s)

Stuartburn, RM (Eastern)

Department(s)

Manitoba Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care
FCM

WHEREAS the *Canadian and Manitoba Health Act* states all Canadians have the right to basic and equal health care; and

WHEREAS rural Manitobans in many areas throughout the province have had their health care services cut dramatically and are now forced to drive farther to access emergency care and basic health care due to these health cuts;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM to lobby the Province of Manitoba and FCM to lobby the federal government in restoring equal access to healthcare in all rural municipalities working in partnership with Council and local communities.

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- Resolution #13-2024: *THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM to lobby the Province of Manitoba and FCM to lobby the federal government in restoring equal access to healthcare in all rural municipalities working in partnership with Councils and local communities.*

AMM Resolution #28-2025**Endangered Species - Standing Policy****Sponsor(s)**

Stuartburn, RM (Eastern)

Department(s)Manitoba Business, Mining, Trade and Job Creation
Manitoba Agriculture

WHEREAS rural municipalities have endangered species and noxious weeds within their boundary lines; and

WHEREAS both *The Endangered Species and Ecosystems Act (ESEA)* and *The Noxious Weed Act (NWA)* control the municipalities on actions such as mowing/cleaning ditches and roadways, improvement to drainage, farming/use of land within the municipality; and

WHEREAS the restrictions and rules of the Acts cause major concerns and dangers within the municipalities; and

WHEREAS wildlife is endangered due to the restrictions and rules; and

WHEREAS the results of the restrictions and rules have great cost to both municipalities and the Province of Manitoba and MPI;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to cause a review of both Acts and implement amendments for a more harmonious relationship for all affected; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM be included in that review and amendments; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Head of Council of any Municipality directly affected or that has ratepayers directly affected be included in the review and amendments.

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- Resolution #46-2023: THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to review both Acts and implement amendments for a more harmonious relationship for all affected; and
- FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM be included in that review and amendments; and
- FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT that once a review and recommendations has been completed that it goes back to all municipalities for consideration.

Proposed Resolution Amendment

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Resolution #: _____

Resolution Title: _____

Current Wording (particular section):

Proposed Amended Wording (particular section):

Moved by:

Name/Title: _____

Municipality: _____

