

Review and Revision of the Municipal Board Mandate, Role, Function, and Practices

WHEREAS the *Municipal Board Act*, the *Municipal Act*, the *Planning Act*, and other legislation sets out the mandate, role, function, and general practices of the Municipal Board; and

WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba recognizes municipalities as a mature order of government; and

WHEREAS Municipalities are experiencing significant and costly delays as a result of outdated, bureaucratic, paternalistic, and wasteful processes in their interactions with the Municipal Board as prescribed in legislation and regulation; and

WHEREAS these delays and processes generate valueless workloads for municipal administration and wasted tax dollars due to redundant work, higher interest rates on borrowing, unnecessary legal fees, and delayed procurement; and

WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba has demonstrated its interest in reducing red tape and improving the efficiency and effectiveness of municipalities by creating the *Municipal Service Delivery Improvement Program* which provides financial support to complete value-for-money service delivery reviews of programs and services to improve service delivery, streamline functions, and find cost efficiencies;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to undertake a comprehensive review of the mandate, role, and function of the Municipal Board to evaluate its relevance and actual value in today's municipal sector; and

FURTHER THAT the Province of Manitoba complete a third-party value-for-money service delivery review of the Municipal Board processes and undertake process improvements to streamline functions, reduce red tape, and reduce municipal costs; and

FURTHER THAT the Province of Manitoba engage AMM and MMA to participate as key stakeholders in the preparation of terms of reference for these efforts and any steering or oversight body for this work.