



CITY COUNCIL REPORT

TITLE:

AMM JUNE DISTRICT MEETING RESOLUTIONS

PRESENTER:

Renee Sigurdson

DEPARTMENT:

Legislative Services

ATTACHMENTS:

DATE:

5/7/2026

CLEARANCE / APPROVALS:

Dave Wardrop General Manager

Dave Wardrop City Manager

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That City Council approve and submit the following resolutions for consideration by the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) at the 2026 Annual Convention in November:

- Reestablish Assiniboine River Basin Initiative
- The Bail Navigator Program

BACKGROUND:

The Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) permits municipal councils each year to submit resolutions for consideration at the June District meeting held every June. Approved resolutions will then be considered and votes on by delegates at the 2026 Annual Convention in November.

The resolutions identify priority issues for municipalities and provide direction for AMM's lobbying activities and policies. They also provide an opportunity for municipal councils to voice issues to their membership and association through sponsorship and co-sponsored resolutions for shared interests to establish AMM lobbying priorities.

ANALYSIS:

Resolutions are categorized into three categories:

- Category 1: Municipal Issues
- Category 2: Local or Regional Municipal Issues
- Category 3: Non-Municipal Issues

All Resolutions will be reviewed by AMM staff and be presented at the June District meeting for initial consideration of Category 1 & 2 resolutions. Only Category 1 Resolutions proceed directly to the annual Fall Convention in November.

As well, if any new resolutions are similar to existing ones, the Committee can designate them as Standing Policy. Resolutions must be passed by City Council and provided to AMM by June 1, 2026.

The resolution titled The Bail Navigator Program has been submitted by Councillor Luebke.

The resolution titled Restablish Assiniboine River Basin Initiative was submitted by the RM of Sifton for Brandon City Council to consider co-sponsoring.

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS:

Resolutions must be passed by City Council prior to the June 1 deadline to be considered at the AMM June District meetings.

Process for June District Meeting Resolutions

1. *All resolutions must first be passed by your local Council and an official/certified copy must be submitted to the AMM office prior to June 1 for consideration at that year's June District meeting.*
2. All resolutions will be categorized prior to the June District meetings by an elected district representative and the corresponding District Directors. The elected district representative will also sit on the AMM Convention Resolutions Committee, which meets in September and at the Annual Convention.
3. Resolutions categorized as 1 or 2 are presented for debate by delegates.
4. Category 3 resolutions are not put forward for debate, however the AMM Board of Directors will later review the resolution's categorization.
5. The City of Winnipeg will submit resolutions directly to the AMM prior to June 30. These resolutions will be forwarded to the AMM Convention Resolutions Committee for categorization.

Category 1 (carried at JDM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed by AMM to determine what immediate action should be taken. • Reviewed by the Convention Resolutions Committee in September. • Those categorized as 1 are debated at the AMM Annual Convention in November. • Those changed to a 2 or 3 will be reviewed by the AMM Board of Directors.
Category 2 (carried at JDM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Categorization is reviewed by the AMM Board of Directors. • If maintained as a 2, the Board will decide what action should be taken.
Category 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Categorization is reviewed by the AMM Board of Directors. • If changed to a 1 or 2, it will follow the appropriate process outlined above. • If maintained as 3, no further action will be taken.

Resolution Categories

The following categories shall apply to all resolutions submitted for consideration by the Association of Manitoba Municipalities at the June District meetings and Annual Convention.

Category 1: Municipal Issues

Category 1 resolutions are those that have 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 Category 1 resolutions may include direct changes to legislation that govern municipalities, such as *The Municipal Act*, changes to direct funding to municipalities, such as the Provincial-Municipal Tax Sharing Agreement, or more indirect changes that might impact municipalities, such as changes to provincial drainage regulations.

Category 2: Local or Regional Municipal Issues

Category 2 resolutions are those that affect one region or only a small number of municipal governments. Category 2 resolutions will be presented at the June District meetings; however, they will not be presented at the Annual Convention. Carried Category 2 resolutions at the June District meetings will subsequently be dealt with by the AMM Board of Directors as they see fit.

Category 3: Non-Municipal Issues

Category 3 resolutions are those that do not affect municipal governments. Resolutions in this grouping will not be presented at the June District meetings or the Annual Convention; instead, they will be dealt with by the AMM Board of Directors as they see fit.

***** Consideration should be given to whether other organizations are better equipped to deal with the issue(s) raised in Category 3 resolutions.

If there are any further questions please ask a AMM Staff person

REESTABLISH ASSINIBOINE RIVER BASIN INITIATIVE

Sponsor(s)

RM of Sifton

WHEREAS The former board known as Assiniboine River Basin Initiative (ARBI) was instrumental in working collaboratively and addressing major flooding issues with Saskatchewan and North Dakota on shared waterways, primarily the Assiniboine, Souris and Qu'Appelle rivers.

AND WHEREAS The board known as ARBI was established where stakeholders work together to achieve basin wide comprehensive integrated watershed actions that will benefit current and future generations.

AND WHEREAS ARBI mission was to create a resilient Assiniboine River Basin where all residents can adapt to change and achieve environmental, social and economic sustainability for all residents through collaborative actions across the basin.

AND WHEREAS Post historic floods of 2011 and 2014 this board was created with a 51 member board that advised on 162,000 sq miles and a population of over 1.5 million covering flood forecasting, water storage, drainage practices, and upgrading mitigation infrastructure.

AND WHEREAS Funding (\$50,000) from Manitoba was cancelled and this led to the demise of the board, despite several positives, and progressive steps **WHEREAS:** The landscape has changed and smaller tributaries are now flowing faster creating artificial and natural flooding where as the new norm is unpredictable.

AND WHEREAS The Board can focus on replanting of trees and natural habitats, the need for water retention for human consumption, agricultural and industrial needs, aquatic life, recreation and sustainability.

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Provincial government to reestablish ARBI for the 2027 year, with unpredictable storms, excessive drainage (illegal and legal) and before mentioned areas of concern, the need for those closest to the affected areas need to be engaged and have a voice.