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Bill 12 – The Crown Land Dispositions Act (Various Acts Amended)

Sponsored by the Honourable Mr. Helwer, Minister of Central Services

First Reading: October 14, 2020

Second Reading: March 25, 2021

Committee of Social and Economic Development: April 22, 2021

Royal Assent: May 20, 2021

About the bill

- Bill 12 makes significant changes to the oversight and process for the sale of Crown lands in Manitoba.
- This bill provides the designated minister the sole discretion to decide to whom Crown land will be sold, when, and for what price, with some restrictions.
- In addition to amendments to *The Crown Lands Act*, Bill 12 amends 5 other Acts relating to the disposal of Crown land and assets and creates uniform rules for the disposal of Crown land and assets.

How the bill affects First Nations

- Bill 12 is aimed at increasing the number and efficiency of Crown land sales in Manitoba. but it does not and cannot affect Manitoba's legal obligations under the TLE Framework Agreement or any other TLE Agreement between Manitoba and First Nations.
- There may still be practical effects on entitlement First Nations – a First Nation only has 30 days to respond to a notice of surplus Crown land, and there is also a risk that there will be less available Crown land for entitlement First Nations.

AMC's position on the bill

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AMC activities on the bill

- The AMC supported the Treaty Land Entitlement Committee Inc. in the recent Federal Court of Canada claim. The AMC takes the position that all First Nations in Manitoba must receive their full treaty land entitlement, which was promised over 100 years ago, and this should be a top priority for both the federal and provincial governments.
- On April 30, 2021, the AMC received a legal analysis of Bill 12.

