

January 25, 2021

The Honourable Mr Derek Johnson
Minister of Municipal Relations
Room 317 Legislative Building
450 Broadway
Winnipeg, MB R3C 0V8

Dear Minister Johnson,

RE: The Buildings and Electrical Permitting Improvement Act - Bill 38

One of the objectives of Sustainable Building Manitoba Inc. is to support and promote the acceptance of progressive building codes that strive for Net Zero energy performance. Manitoba adopted the 2011 National Energy Code for Buildings in 2013 and it came into effect in 2014. Section 3.2 of the proposed Bill 38 outlines a requirement for subsequent National Energy Code's to be adopted in Manitoba within an 18 or 24 month period after being published.

The purpose of this letter is to indicate Sustainable Building Manitoba's support of Section 3.2 of the proposed Bill 38.

Of note is that NECB 2017 was published prior to January 1, 2020. Even though this would not be included in Bill 38, Sustainable Building Manitoba would encourage Manitoba to move forward on the adoption of NECB 2017 as soon as possible.

For your information, Sustainable Building Manitoba is a not-for-profit member-based organization with a Vision of "A sustainable built environment in Manitoba". Our reach of over 1,200 people and numerous corporate supporters all work towards our Mission "To be a leader, showcase local innovation, and inspire our stakeholders to create life-enhancing environments". Now in our fourteenth year, we actively carry out this mission by offering networking and education opportunities, by promoting collaboration in the local industry and advocating for sustainable building in Manitoba. We are the most recognized sustainable building knowledge hub for governments, media and industry.

The case for sustainable building has never been stronger - not only are the environmental benefits well defined, the additional benefits of keeping investment capital in Manitoba and stimulating new innovation in clean energy, business and jobs will truly lead to a better Manitoba for all.

If you or your staff have any questions or comments about our support for Section 3.2 of Bill 38, please contact Ms. Laura Tyler, our Executive Director, at info@sustainablebuildingmanitoba.ca or 204-995-5255.

Yours truly,



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cc The Honourable Sarah Guillemard, Minister of Conservation and Climate Change