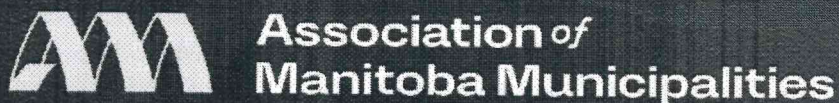

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April 15, 2025 – United in their call for action, Manitoba's cities are echoing the AMM's federal election priorities, urging federal leaders to prioritize reforms aimed at modernized funding models, local development solutions, and stronger public safety measures.

"These priorities reflect what we're hearing from municipalities of all sizes across the province," stated Kathy Valentino, AMM President. "We are calling on all federal parties to recognize the vital role of local governments in building a stronger, more prosperous Canada. Manitoba municipalities are key partners in economic growth, housing, and public safety—and it's time they were treated as such."

Ahead of the Cities Caucus meeting, the AMM hosted a media event alongside the Hon. Matt Wiebe, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, to highlight ongoing advocacy efforts at both the provincial and federal levels, aimed at strengthening bail practices and amending the Canadian Criminal Code to better protect communities. The AMM extends its thanks to Mayor Sharilyn

Knox (City of Portage la Prairie), Reeve Loren Schinkel (RM of Lac du Bonnet), and Councillor Bruce Luebke (City of Brandon) for sharing local perspectives on the challenges their communities face under the current bail system.

"Municipalities across Manitoba are increasingly concerned about how current bail policies are impacting community safety," added President Valentino. "We are calling for stronger reforms to ensure repeat prolific offenders are not quickly released back into our communities without appropriate safeguards. These individuals must be held accountable. All Manitobans deserve to feel safe."

The AMM is also emphasizing the importance of flexible funding, reducing red tape, and rewarding municipal innovation in housing development—critical issues for Manitoba's fastest-growing cities and communities.

"Manitoba's cities are proud to stand behind these priorities," said Portage la Prairie's Mayor Sharilyn Knox, Chair of the AMM Cities Caucus. "Our communities are ready to grow and innovate, but we need meaningful support from federal partners. We urge all political parties to commit to modernizing infrastructure funding, supporting local housing solutions, and making our communities safer."

Throughout the election campaign, the AMM will continue to advocate strongly to ensure the voices of Manitoba's municipalities are heard and reflected in national platforms.

For more information about the AMM's federal election priorities, visit <https://amm.mb.ca/federal-priorities/>

Members of the AMM Cities Caucus include:

- City of Brandon
- City of Dauphin
- City of Flin Flon
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Participate in a study of threats facing municipalities in Manitoba

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As an elected representative or an employee at a Manitoba municipality, we need your voice. Click the following link to access an online survey that will take about 10 minutes of your time.

COMPLETE THE SURVEY USING THIS LINK

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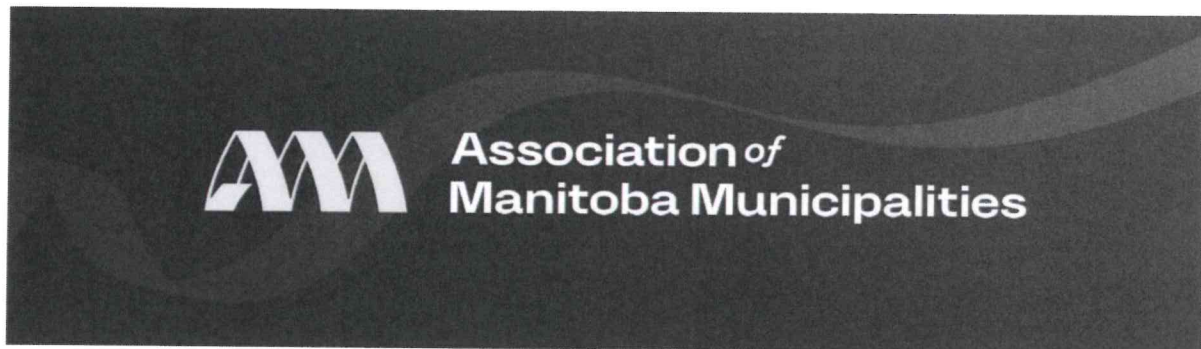
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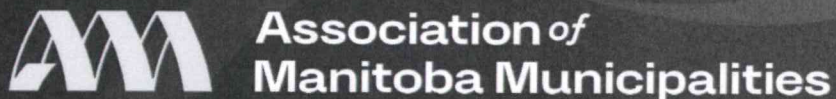
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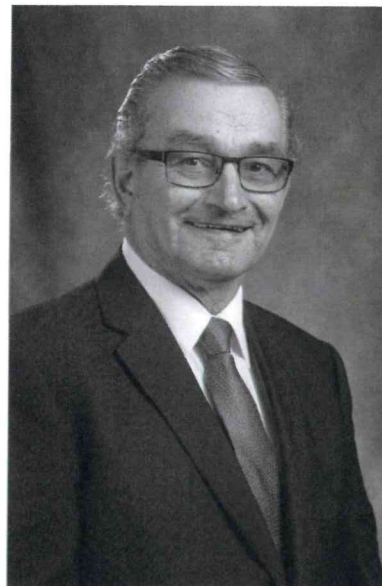
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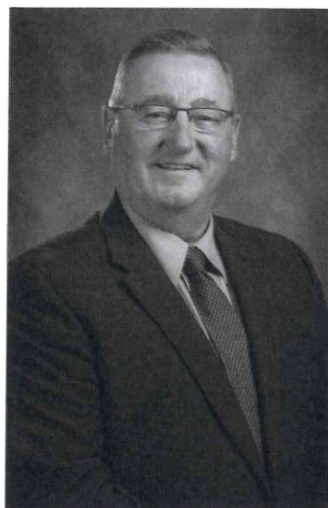
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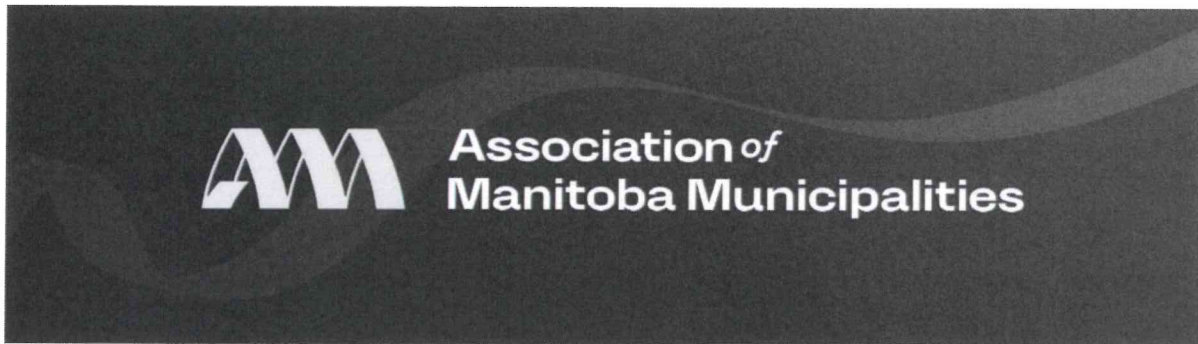
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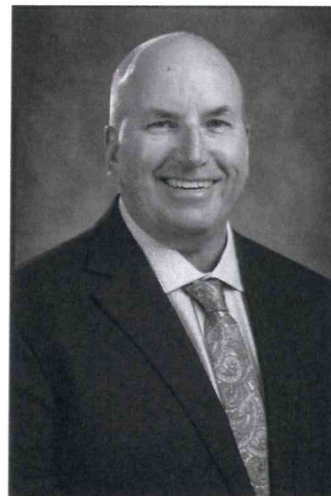
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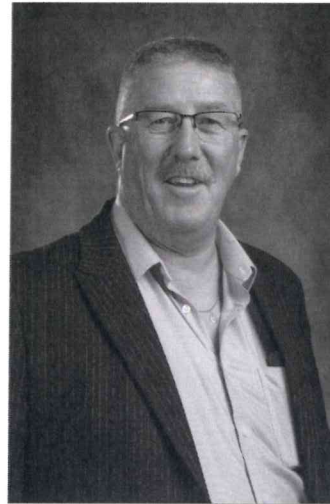
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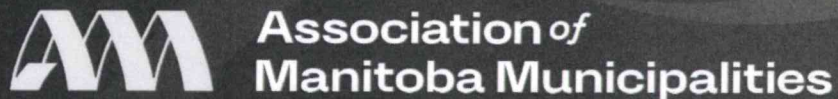
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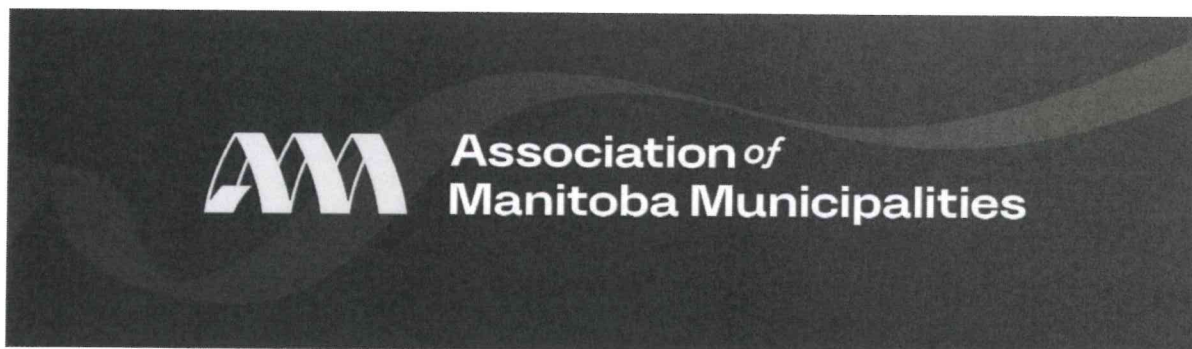
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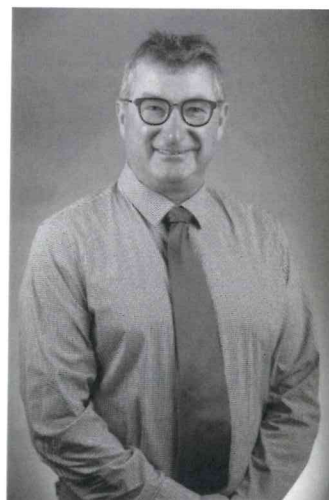
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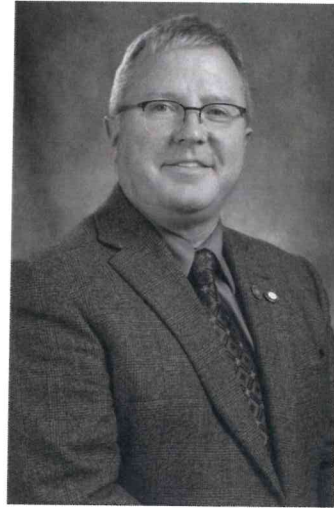
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Member Advisory

REMINDER Share Your Experience with Hate-Based and Violent Threats

Participate in a study of threats facing municipalities in Manitoba

May 1, 2025 – Now more than ever, we need to identify hate-based and violent threats targeting local governments in Manitoba and explore how local governments can prevent and respond to these threats. The Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) is partnering with the Centre for Social Science Research and Policy (CSSRP) at the University of Manitoba and the Strong Cities Network to better understand these threats, and the actions we can take to prevent and respond to them. Together with the AMM and Strong Cities Network, the CSSRP researchers working on this project are Dr. Ardith McGeown Plant (ardith.plant@umanitoba.ca) and Dr. Royce Koop (royce.koop@umanitoba.ca).

As an elected representative or an employee at a Manitoba municipality, we need your voice. Click the following link to access an online survey that will take about 10 minutes of your time.

COMPLETE THE SURVEY USING THIS LINK

The survey asks questions about the experiences of your municipal government in addressing threats, disruptions, and misinformation. We appreciate you contributing your voice and perspectives to this important work. We look forward to sharing the results with you when they are available.

Sincerely,

Denys Volkov
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Greetings Members,

The Province of Manitoba Protocol office has provided one (1) copy of the official portrait of His Majesty King Charles III for distribution to each municipality.

The portraits will be available for pick-up during the June District Meeting. Please ensure that your municipality collects its copy at that time.

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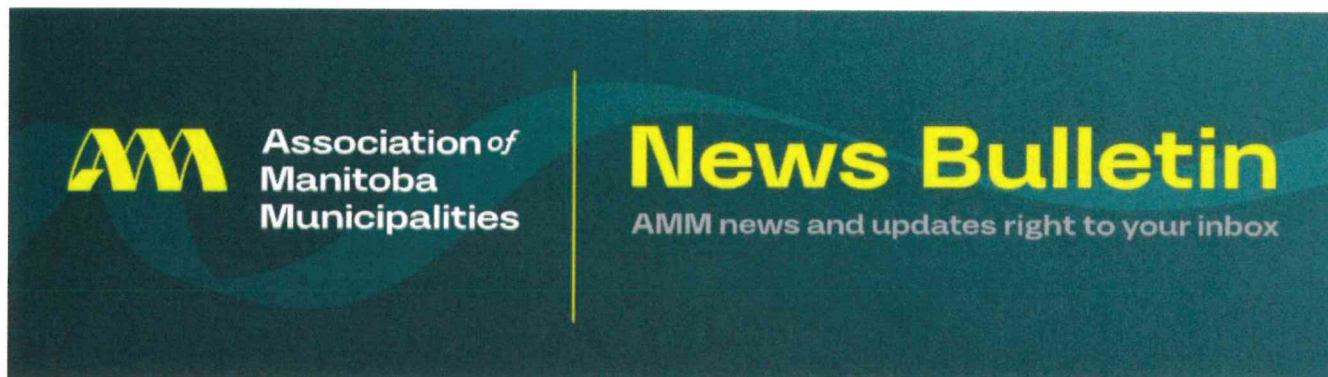


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Latest Updates

Reaching Home - Rural and Remote Funding Stream Call for Proposals NOW OPEN!

Reaching Home Funding Available – Rural & Remote Stream

The Brandon Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation is releasing a Call for Proposals to address homelessness in Manitoba. The Brandon Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation has an Agreement with the Government of Canada to administer the Reaching Home homelessness funding in Manitoba until 2028.

There remains approximately **\$75,000 available in the Rural & Remote Reaching Home stream** to be used by **March 31st 2026**.

****Only organizations located outside of Winnipeg, Brandon & Thompson are eligible for Rural & Remote funding.****

[The full directives of Eligible Activities under the Reaching Home funding can be found here.](#)

It is important that homeless serving organizations applying for this funding work collaboratively within their community to provide a collective response to the homelessness crisis.

Deadline: Friday, May 23rd, 2025 at 12:00pm (noon)

For more information contact:

Laura Wallis, Reaching Home Coordinator – Rural & Remote Funding

ReachingHome@BNRC.ca (204) 729-2490 Ext 106

Accessibility History, A Manitoba Perspective - Past, Present and Future Free Webinar



Date: May 28, 2025

Time: 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Where: Virtual via Zoom

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This webinar will have accessibility measures such as American Sign Language interpretation and live closed captioning.

A recording of each webinar will also be available on [AccessibilityMB.ca](#) to those unable to participate in real-time.

Expanding Household Hazardous Waste Recycling in Manitoba Engagement Opportunity

Which household hazardous products do you want to see recycled and diverted from landfills?

The Manitoba government is exploring opportunities to add more household hazardous wastes to our recycling and safe disposal programs. These programs process waste products into new materials or neutralize them to prevent harm to the environment.

Tell us what household hazardous material categories to add in the [Household Hazardous Material and Prescribed Material Stewardship Regulation](#) in the survey here: <https://engagemb.ca/household-hazardous-waste>. You can also send your comments to stewardship-plans@gov.mb.ca. Please note that comments on other topics like diversion targets, deposit-return systems for containers and environmental handling fee amounts are considered out of scope for this engagement.

The survey will be open until **May 26, 2025**.

First Nation-Municipal Community Economic Development Initiative (CEDI) Phase IV – Accelerated 2-Year Program Call for Applications

Cando and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) are pleased to launch a call for applications for **eight new First Nation – Municipal partnerships** to participate in the First Nation-

Municipal Community Economic Development Initiative (CEDI). This phase of CEDI offers an Accelerated 2-year Program (2025-2027).

Since 2013 and over four cohorts of the program, CEDI has supported a total of 28 First Nation – municipal partnerships to build respectful and sustainable government-to-government partnerships and increase capacity to engage in long-term collaborative planning in community economic development and land-use.

This intake is best suited for partnerships with 1 First Nation and 1 municipality that have a pre-existing relationship and preliminary ideas for collaborative community economic development initiatives.

Learn more about this unique program and about the Call for Applications process [here](#).

Deadline for joint application submission is **Friday, May 30th at 11:59pm MT**

2025 Grasshopper Control Assistance Program

Manitoba Agriculture is once again administering a program to provide assistance to Rural Municipalities that provide grasshopper control on public lands.

Below is the grasshopper control assistance policy and associated information for 2025.

[2025 Municipal Grasshopper Control Assistance Memo](#)

[2025 Municipal Grasshopper Control Assistance Policy](#)

[2025 Guidelines and Insecticides for Grasshoppers Management by Rural Municipalities](#)

Need Insect Info? Insect factsheets and survey results available at:

<http://www.gov.mb.ca/agriculture/crops/insects/index.html>

Supreme Court affirms municipal authority on telecommunications towers



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On Friday, April 25, the Supreme Court of Canada affirmed that municipalities have the authority to regulate telecommunication infrastructure on public land, upholding a Federal Court of Appeal ruling from last year that sided with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

This ruling concludes a prolonged court challenge by telecommunications carriers that centered around access to municipal land for the installation of 5G small cells. The ruling preserves local governments' jurisdiction regarding input and oversight during these installations. FCM's Legal Defense Fund was instrumental in supporting this legal process.

National Slow Down Move Over Day

Every year CAA clubs across Canada mark the second Tuesday of May as **National Slow Down Move Over Day**. The day acts as a reminder for drivers to slow down and move over for emergency vehicles and stopped tow trucks with flashing amber lights on the side of the road. This year, **National Slow Down Move Over Day is on May 13th.**



Everyone deserves a safe place to work including tow truck operators who are working in unsafe conditions.

CAA is proud to have a long history of advocating for road safety across Canada, and on May 13th CAA clubs across the country unite to advocate for safer roads for everyone.

"Through education and awareness of 'Slow Down, Move Over' laws, we wish to support drivers in their crucial role in preventing incidents and fostering a culture of care and safety on Manitoba's

highways," said Ewald Friesen, Manager of Government Relations for CAA Manitoba.

As we approach the summer driving season, it is important for drivers to slow down and move over when approaching a roadside emergency rescue. By doing so, we can help protect the lives of those who work on our roads and highways and make our roads safer for everyone.

Rail Proximity Survey



**Railway Association
of Canada**

The survey seeks to collect feedback to help inform the modernization of the proximity guidelines

[Proximity Guidelines Survey](#)

Learn more about [Proximity Initiative](#)

AMM Events

Donna Belbin - AMM Events Coordinator RETIREMENT



Donna Belbin, AMM Events Coordinator, retired from her position effective May 2, 2025. She has been with the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) for 21 years, serving with professionalism, dedication, and an unwavering commitment to excellence.

Over the course of her career, Donna played a central role in planning and executing a wide range of events that have come to define the high standard associated with AMM.

Her deep knowledge of event management, combined with her meticulous attention to detail, ensured that every occasion was executed flawlessly. Donna consistently went above and beyond to create meaningful experiences for members, stakeholders, and guests alike.

Her impact on the organization is significant and lasting, and her work has helped shape AMM's reputation for excellence in event planning.

We thank Donna for her outstanding service and wish her the very best in this new chapter of her life.

In the interim, all inquiries or matters related to events should be directed to email address: amm@amm.mb.ca

2025 District Meetings

Event Details

- June 9, 2025 - 9:30 am – June 26, 2025 - 3:00 pm

June 9: [Central District](#) – City of Morden

June 10: [Eastern District](#) – Town of Beausejour & RM of Brokenhead

June 11: [Interlake District](#) – RM of St. Laurent

June 17: [Parkland District](#) – Gilbert Plains Municipality

June 18: [Midwestern District](#) – Municipality of Clanwilliam-Erickson

June 19: [Western District](#) – Municipality of North Cypress-Langford

June 25: [Northern District](#) – City of Thompson

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Municipal Leader - Spring 2025



✿ Spring into Action with the Latest Municipal Leader! ✿

This issue has so much to offer, from municipal profiles featuring our AMM Vice-Presidents to key advocacy efforts leading up to the 2025 federal election. Check out our new **Resolutions Spotlight**, which tracks progress on municipal resolutions and highlights advocacy efforts in motion. That's not all—we're also taking advocacy global with insights into our work in Zambia, plus articles on making municipally owned buildings more energy-efficient and building safe, accessible and sustainable communities in Manitoba.

Did you know **2025 marks the 120th anniversary** of the first municipal convention held in Manitoba? This issue includes a special feature on municipal history—flip open to learn more!

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AC2025's rural communities programming

FCM's 2025 Annual Conference and Trade Show, to be held in Ottawa from May 29 to June 1 under the theme *Stronger Together*, will feature dedicated programming focused on the perspectives of rural, northern and remote communities.

This year's program highlights rural realities like never before, with **workshops**, **study tours**, rural-specific case studies and dedicated sessions to engage directly with experts on issues specific to these regions. Furthermore, FCM is happy to announce that during the rural plenary we will be unveiling a new report that charts the future of rural communities across Canada.

Together, let's make the voices of rural, northern and remote municipalities heard and influence the decisions that will shape our future. The early-bird discount ends April 23.

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NEWS

PMI-WILL year 4: celebrating progress and collaboration

As we wrap up the fourth year of the PMI-WILL project, we are excited to share the successes from our Project Advisory Committee meetings held across Benin, Cambodia, Ghana, Sri Lanka and Zambia. These meetings were a testament to the hard work, dedication, and collaboration of local governments, stakeholders, and Canadian municipal partners.

- In **Benin**, local leaders advanced gender-sensitive service delivery through strategic training and community-focused planning.
- In **Cambodia**, partners explored sustainable waste management solutions in support of inclusive, gender-responsive development.
- In **Ghana**, capacity-building strengthened local governments and supported the development of gender and advocacy strategies and recognition of women leaders during IWD.
- In **Sri Lanka**, youth-led outreach helped shift social norms around women's political participation, while training in inclusive budgeting bolstered women's leadership.
- In **Zambia**, local authorities shared how they are applying a Gender Equality and Social Inclusion lens in their work and upgrading municipal skills training centres—improving quality and expanding access for youth.

A heartfelt thank you to our Canadian and local partners. Together, we're building more inclusive and resilient communities.

PMI-WILL is funded by Global Affairs Canada and implemented by FCM.

EVENTS

Get moving with the Allons-y Wellness Challenge at AC2025

Start your conference day on the right foot with a 5km group walk or run at 6:30 a.m. daily throughout the 2025 FCM Annual Conference and Trade Show. Each curated 5km course is designed to inspire! Participants who complete all three legs of the challenge will earn a special finisher pin. Every registrant will also receive a race buff.

Registration is \$37. To participate, you can choose this option when you register for the conference or send an e-mail to register@fcm.ca.

Allons-y is presented by YMCA Canada.

Rethinking encampments through a right to housing lens

The Shift and the Canadian Urban Institute are hosting a webinar, *Beyond Tents: Rethinking Encampments Through a Right to Housing Lens*, on Wednesday, April 30 at 12 p.m. ET with the support of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario. This online webinar brings together experts, advocates and city leaders to explore how a human rights-based approach can move beyond temporary fixes to deliver real, sustainable housing solutions.

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Addressing municipal challenges through sustainability

Municipalities across Canada are facing complex challenges, making it important to consider how sustainability projects can tackle multiple issues at once. Join our free webinar on April 24 to learn how environmental initiatives can create lasting socioeconomic benefits. This knowledge will also help strengthen your Green Municipal Fund funding application.

» [REGISTER TODAY](#)

FCM IN THE NEWS

» FCM Launches "Stronger Together" Campaign, Calls for Federal Investment in Municipalities | The Graphic Leader

FCM has launched a new campaign ahead of the federal election, urging all parties to commit to a National Prosperity Partnership that would strengthen communities through investments in infrastructure, housing, and public safety and bolster Canada's long-term resilience.

» A meeting of the mayors: We want to boost trade | Ottawa Citizen [Op-ed by Ottawa's Mayor Mark Sutcliffe]

The Mayor of the City of Ottawa, Mark Sutcliffe, reiterated how important it was for him to attend a tri-national trade summit of local elected officials in Washington, D.C., on March 28 to voice municipal leaders' opposition to the tariff threats by the U.S. administration. He invited his American counterparts to FCM's Annual Conference and Trade Show from May 29 to June 1, 2025.

» Nobody wins with tariffs, pleads San Antonio mayor | JDM [French only]

The Mayor of San Antonio Ron Nirenberg had a discussion with the *Journal de Montréal* about his meeting with other members of the US Conference of Mayors on March 28, where he promised to carry Quebec City's message, following Mayor Bruno Marchand's visit to San Antonio, Texas. He continues to say that "nobody wins" with U.S. tariffs.

» Green, affordable housing project wins Region of Waterloo sustainability award | CityNews

FCM has awarded the Region of Waterloo, ON, with the Sustainable Communities Award for its efforts in building the first net-zero carbon community housing, which will feature 73 affordable homes.

RESOURCES

Reducing greenhouse gas emissions through climate action

Is your small municipality looking to reduce local greenhouse gas emissions? By developing an innovative climate action plan centering on green building retrofits and a transition to renewable energy, the City of Plessisville, QC, was able to reduce emissions by more than 80 tonnes while saving 30% on annual energy costs.

PCP is managed and delivered by FCM and ICLEI—Local Governments for Sustainability Canada (ICLEI Canada) and receives financial support from the Government of Canada and ICLEI Canada.

» [READ THE CASE STUDY](#)

Unlock municipal power for circular construction

Municipalities play a key role in cutting waste, promoting material reuse and driving sustainability in the construction, renovation and demolition sector. A new municipal circularity factsheet shows how they can use policy tools to implement circular initiatives and reduce landfill waste. With actionable strategies and real-world examples from Quebec communities, this resource helps municipalities lead the way in circularity.

» [READ THE FACTSHEET](#)

Navigating energy-efficient affordable housing projects

Affordable housing providers in Canada face a unique set of challenges: financial constraints, aging infrastructure, and the need to keep rents low. Developed in collaboration with experienced housing providers, GMF's Housing Providers' Toolkit addresses these issues, offering tools for energy benchmarking and project cash flow analysis. Tackle these challenges head-on and pave the way for sustainable, affordable living spaces.

» [EXPLORE THE TOOLKIT](#)

Durham's award-winning approach to flood risk

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Apr 11: RECAP | FCM's overview of the Liberal, Conservative and NDP housing plans as announced to date.

» **READ THE FULL THREAD**

Apr 11: The vast majority of First Nations, Métis and Inuit people live in urban centres, often far from their home Nations. In our communities, Indigenous knowledge and leadership must be centered in everyday decisions—like how land is used and how infrastructure and housing are developed.

» **READ MORE**



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April 16, 2025



The FCM Annual Conference: one week left for early bird pricing!

You still have one week remaining to secure the early bird rate for FCM's 2025 Annual Conference and Trade Show, *Stronger, Together: Local Strength, National Prosperity*, taking place in Ottawa from May 29 to June 1.

Early bird pricing ends on Wednesday, April 23 at 11:59 p.m. (ET).

In the coming weeks, Canada will be faced with big decisions that will influence the future of the country, local governments and, of course, its people. Join more than 1,500 local chief administrative officers and board members in addressing shared challenges and implementing tangible solutions for real and lasting change in our communities.

[Browse our program for a host of workshops](#)

Already registered? Want your colleagues to do the same? Invite them to join you now!

FCM has negotiated **exclusive discounts** to make it easier for you to travel to Ottawa by plane or train. Preferred rates are also available at select hotels if you book your **accommodations** by April 28, 2025.

The **Trade show**, held during the annual conference, provides you with the chance to connect with over 150 municipal partners, experts and suppliers. Exhibitors will be showcasing innovative approaches and new technologies designed to meet the needs of your community, whatever its size.

Take advantage of this unique event to make your voice heard and to network with people who share your goals and ambitions. Together, let's influence the decisions that shape the future of our municipalities.

Register by Wednesday, April 23rd and take advantage of the early bird pricing!

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April 17, 2025



Week 4

WEEKLY RECAP

FCM is monitoring all parties' announcements closely for commitments related to municipal priorities. Here's the most impactful promises for municipalities from this past week:

Fighting crime, protecting Canadians and building safer communities

The Liberal Party of Canada pledged to disrupt and dismantle criminal networks, bolster the justice system and build a stronger and safer Canada. This includes commitments to increase funding to prosecute violent criminal gangs, make bail laws stricter and shield Canadians from gun violence.

Pre-approving land for large-scale construction projects

The Conservative Party of Canada announced shovel-ready zones to expedite projects by pre-approving land, collaborating with other orders of government to lock down zoning and permits in advance of construction, conducting environmental assessments and publishing pre-permitted spaces online.

New anti-crime bills, enforcement tools for organized crime

The Bloc Québécois promised to address crime with a suite of measures. These include preventing the abandonment of trials for serious crimes, creating a registry of criminal organizations to facilitate asset seizure when ordered by a judge and reinstating minimum sentences for gun crimes.

A new approach to handling emergencies and disasters

The Green Party of Canada proposed a disaster preparedness plan, including a new national organization for emergency response, training Canadians in disaster management and reducing risks through improved forest management and infrastructure to withstand floods and protect drinking water.

FCM is monitoring the release of all parties' platforms and analyzing positioning on our priority focus areas, including the need for a true National Prosperity Partnership so all orders of government can come together to build a stronger future for all Canadians.

TAKE ACTION

FCM has a number of tools available to you to help spread municipal priorities and recommendations to your local network, media and candidates.

Visit strongertogether.fcm.ca for more.

Engage with your candidates

FCM has prepared questions which can be used when engaging with your local candidates in the federal election, such as at town hall gatherings or all-candidate meetings. These are meant to support your conversations, but you are encouraged to modify these to fit your local community.

Tip: You can also use these questions as a basis for a one-on-one conversation with local candidates. Use [this letter template](#) to send a meeting invitation.

ASK THE QUESTIONS

MUNICIPAL PRIORITY SPOTLIGHT

Throughout this election campaign, FCM is advocating to all parties on the need for a true National Prosperity Partnership. Find out what that means for local infrastructure renewal.



Stronger infrastructure for a stronger Canada

Every day, Canadians rely on water to run in their homes, roads and transit to get to work safely and community facilities like recreation centres and fire halls to make their neighbourhood whole. A National Prosperity Partnership would enable better investments in our local infrastructure, which is critical to ensuring thriving communities and a strong national economy.

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FCM IN THE NEWS

» Mayors assess federal parties' platforms on housing

Mayors Andy Fillmore of Halifax, Josh Morgan of London, and Cynthia Block of Saskatoon discuss the housing promises of the main federal parties and their approaches to addressing the housing affordability crisis during this federal election.

» Federal candidates urged to make public safety, bail reform priorities after election

Manitoba mayors are urging the next federal government to make it harder for repeat violent offenders to secure bail. Winnipeg Mayor Scott Gillingham wrote to candidates, asking them to prioritize public safety and support justice reforms if elected.



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NEWS

Send a letter to your local federal candidates

With less than one week left before Election Day, your engagement with local candidates is critical. Local leaders see firsthand how municipalities drive economic growth and improve quality of life for Canadians. To truly unlock our nation's potential and move Canada forward, we need a strong partnership with all orders of government that ensures local solutions are the foundation of Canada's long-term economic strength. FCM's customizable letter template and our [set of questions](#) on municipal priorities can help you share these issues with your local candidates or invite them to meet in person.

Be sure to review the full letter and adjust the customizable fields.

» [SEND A LETTER NOW](#)

Only one month left to submit your nominations

With the FCM Board of Directors' election just over a month away, now is your chance to declare your candidacy! Submit your nomination now for a director position due May 18 or a table officer position due May 11. This year, elections for FCM's Board of Directors will take place during our Annual Conference and Trade Show in Ottawa.

More details on the nomination process, [election changes taking effect this year](#) and all required submissions are available online.

» [SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION](#)

Supporting Canadian exporters through U.S. tariff challenges

Does your municipality have businesses that export to the United States?

Canadian goods that are compliant with the Canada-United States-Mexico (CUSMA) rules of origin may be exempt from tariffs imposed on Canada by the U.S. As a result of FCM advocacy, the Trade Commissioner Service has updated their online resources to help businesses navigate the situation with information on:

- CUSMA compliance
- Provincial and territorial export support and responses
- FAQs

» [LEARN MORE](#)

New support for Canadian businesses affected by U.S. tariffs

On April 15, the Government of Canada announced temporary 6-month relief for a variety of goods imported from the U.S. This provides immediate relief to a broad cross-section of Canadian businesses that rely on U.S. inputs to support their competitiveness as well as to entities integral to Canadians' health and safety, such as hospitals, long-term care facilities and fire departments.

This announcement follows FCM's advocacy to Finance Canada on the impact tariffs have on municipalities, including U.S.-made emergency vehicles such as fire trucks.

» [LEARN MORE](#)

EVENTS

This week: Learn how to create lasting value through sustainability

Municipalities are prioritizing projects that solve multiple challenges at once. Join our free webinar on April 24 to learn how sustainability initiatives can address environmental, social and economic issues simultaneously. Our expert panel, including a Managing Director from the Intact Centre on Climate Adaptation and a Program Manager at the City of Richmond, Ontario, will share invaluable insights and real-world examples to help guide your own municipal initiatives.

» **REGISTER TODAY**

Events and training for tackling key municipal challenges

To help local leaders act on the most pressing issues facing Canadian municipalities today, the Green Municipal Fund is offering even more events and training.

Start building your skillset on topics such as energy modelling, planning a Community Efficiency Financing program, building climate resilience with asset management and more!

» **EXPLORE OUR WEBINARS AND ONLINE COURSES**

FCM IN THE NEWS

» Mayors assess federal parties' platforms on housing | CPAC | YouTube

Amid the ongoing federal election campaign, mayors Andy Fillmore (Halifax), Josh Morgan (London) and Cynthia Block (Saskatoon) discussed the impact of the housing crisis on their municipalities and the need for more housing supply. The elected officials also reacted to what the main federal parties are proposing to tackle this issue.

» Climate change: Ottawa wants to avoid bridge collapses | Radio-Canada

Nearly 40 percent of bridges across the country are in very poor, poor or fair condition, according to the latest Canada Infrastructure Report Card, to which several organizations contributed, including FCM. Experts warn that climate change will accelerate the deterioration of bridges in coming years.

» Council approves borrowing \$30M to expand green retrofit loan programs | Calgary Herald

Calgary's city council will keep the Clean Energy Improvement Program for an additional two years, which help residents pay for energy-efficient renovation projects on their residences. The program had a \$15-million initial budget, which included a \$10-million grant from FCM and \$5 million from the city's fiscal sustainability reserve.

RESOURCES

Financing tools for local climate action

Financing municipal sustainability initiatives is a significant challenge for cities and communities of all sizes. FCM and ICLEI Canada's Partners for Climate Protection program created a guide that explains how local governments can develop new types of financing to drive climate action on a large scale, moving from small projects and pilots to implementing system-wide programs, policies and initiatives. Learn about six financial tools that have the potential to fund the climate actions necessary to help your community meet its emission targets.

» **READ THE GUIDE**

Durham's award-winning approach to flood risk

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» **READ MORE**

The HodgePodge Lodge: A model of circular economy

Strathcona County's HodgePodge Lodge is an award-winning community hub that diverts waste from landfills while fostering local connections. Residents donate and take items for free, reducing costs and promoting reuse. The Lodge provides volunteer opportunities, youth work experience and community partnerships, all while supporting sustainability.

» **READ THE CASE STUDY**

LOCAL DATA

Statistics Canada resources for municipalities

Statistics Canada has recently published a series of resources for municipalities focusing on local government statistics. The agency updated the Municipal Financial Data Dashboard by adding eight cities and releasing more detailed estimates of water expenses for 44 municipalities. Additionally, Statistics Canada is releasing experimental drinking water plant capacity utilization estimates, at the provincial level.

» **LEARN MORE**

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Apr 16: Now more than ever, we need infrastructure that enables businesses, unlocks trade, drives local job creation, boosts productivity and lays the groundwork for increased housing supply.

That's why we're calling on all federal parties to commit to a National Prosperity Partnership—a structural conversation about how Canada funds and enables economic growth. That way, all orders of government can work together to ensure stronger local infrastructure, a more resilient national economy and a better future for all Canadians.

Learn more at
<https://t.co/xxNuLEPTnZ>
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Apr 19: FCM is pushing for a National Prosperity Partnership to ensure all orders of government can build a stronger, more resilient Canada – together.

Learn more and take action at <https://t.co/FHqI5BS9V1>.
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April 23, 2025



Save on your registration fees before midnight tonight

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[REGISTER NOW](#)

Don't miss your chance to attend Canada's largest pan-Canadian gathering of elected officials. Under the theme *Stronger Together: Local Strength, National Prosperity*, this year's event will emphasize the critical role municipalities play in Canada's economic growth and provide you the opportunity to connect with representatives from federal parties.

NEW! Discover the GMF Zone at the FCM Annual Conference and Trade Show: Where proven solutions meet local impact!

Is your municipality ready to lead the charge toward a more sustainable, affordable, and resilient future? Whether you're tackling extreme weather, housing challenges, or looking to boost quality of life in your community, the **GMF Zone at FCM's Annual Conference and Trade Show** is your launchpad for action. Dive into hands-on sessions, spark fresh ideas in casual chats with Green Municipal Fund (GMF) experts, and uncover the funding, tools, and strategies that can turn your big plans into real impact. From climate solutions to community success stories, this is where connections happen, and innovation begins. Don't miss your chance to get inspired, get informed — and get moving.

Be sure to check the **Annual Conference and Trade Show program** to stay up to date on the latest information about plenaries, workshops, exhibitors, and new activities.

FCM understands the realities of municipal budgets and has negotiated exclusive discounts to help you **plan your trip** to Ottawa. **Please note that these preferential rates for our hotel blocks end on April 28, 2025.**

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We can't wait to see you there!

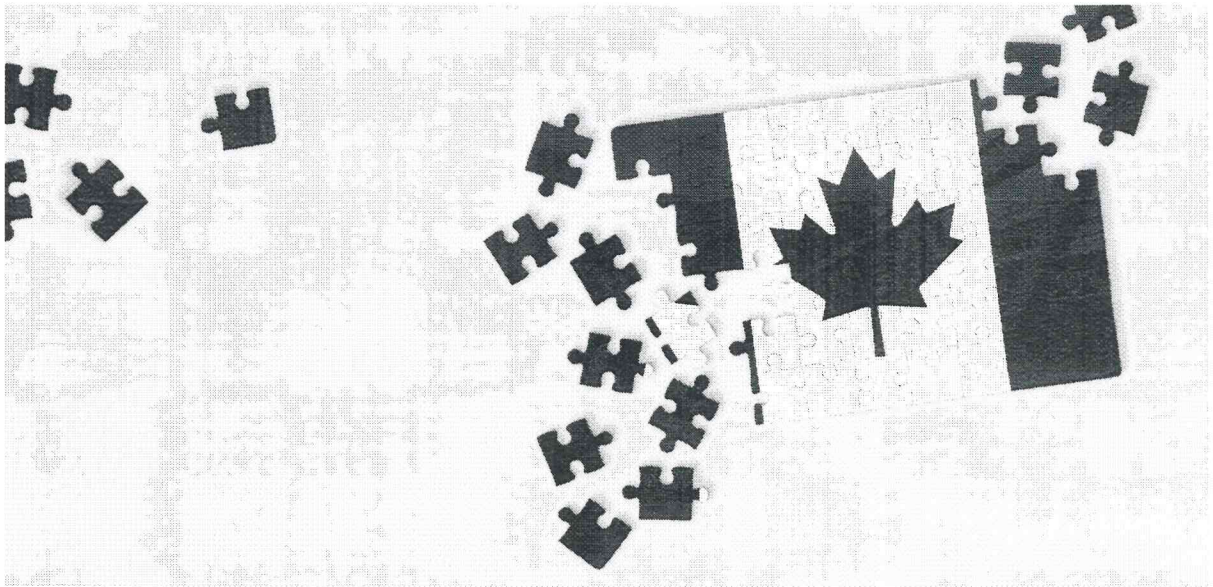
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April 24, 2025



Dear FCM members,

Canadians are heading to the polls in just 5 days for one of the most consequential federal elections to date.

Safeguarding the long-term prosperity of all our communities is paramount. That's why FCM has been calling on all federal parties for a true National Prosperity Partnership—so we can move beyond crisis-reaction mode towards a stronger future for all Canadians.

As local leaders, you know that investing in our local strength is key to creating national prosperity.

In this last stretch of the campaign, we're counting on you to champion our shared priorities to your local federal candidates. We must ensure that whoever forms government has municipal priorities in mind when they take office.

FCM has a number of tools available to you to help spread municipal priorities and recommendations to your local network, media and candidates. Here are two things you can do today:

1. **Send a letter to your local candidates using FCM's letter template.** Be sure to adjust the customizable fields to reflect your local reality and provide concrete examples from your community. **These questions** can help inform conversations that follow.
2. **Publish an op-ed in your local media** using one of our priority-focused templates. Be sure to adjust the piece, while keeping it concise, to reflect your local reality.

[SEND A LETTER](#)

[PUBLISH AN OP-ED](#)

Find more ways to take action and share municipal priorities with your network at strongertogether.fcm.ca/action.

Together, we can move the dial on issues affecting communities large and small, from coast to coast to coast.

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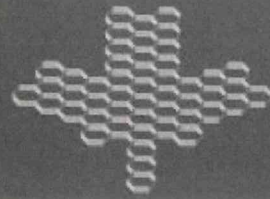


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Get a sneak peek of FCM's 2025 Annual Conference panelists

Each year, FCM's Annual Conference and Trade Show gathers top-calibre speakers who are passionate about the priorities that matter to municipalities.

From May 29 to June 1, 2025, attendees can expect a wide range of engaging workshops and plenary sessions designed to inspire and equip you with practical tools for tackling your municipal challenges.

With one month to go, here's a preview of some of the speakers who will be sharing their insights:

- **Ayo Owodunni**, City Councillor, Kitchener (Ontario)
- **Dr. Andrew Boozary**, UHN Executive Director, Gattuso Centre for Social Medicine at the University Health Network
- **Scott Gillingham**, Mayor, Winnipeg (Manitoba)
- **Amanda Galbraith**, Crisis and Reputation Manager and Co-Founder & Partner at Oyster Group
- **Samantha Mignault Brusewitz**, Manager of Legislative Affairs, CN

Stay tuned as **more names will be added to our website** in the coming weeks.

Covering topics such as infrastructure renewal, sustainable development, public safety, and housing accessibility, our workshops are designed to highlight practical approaches that can be applied to Canadian communities of all sizes.

VIEW THE PROGRAM

It's not too late to register! Join us in Ottawa and connect with colleagues from across the Canada who share your goals and understand your realities. In today's uncertain economic and political climate, this is your chance to take an active role in shaping the future of our municipalities and our country.

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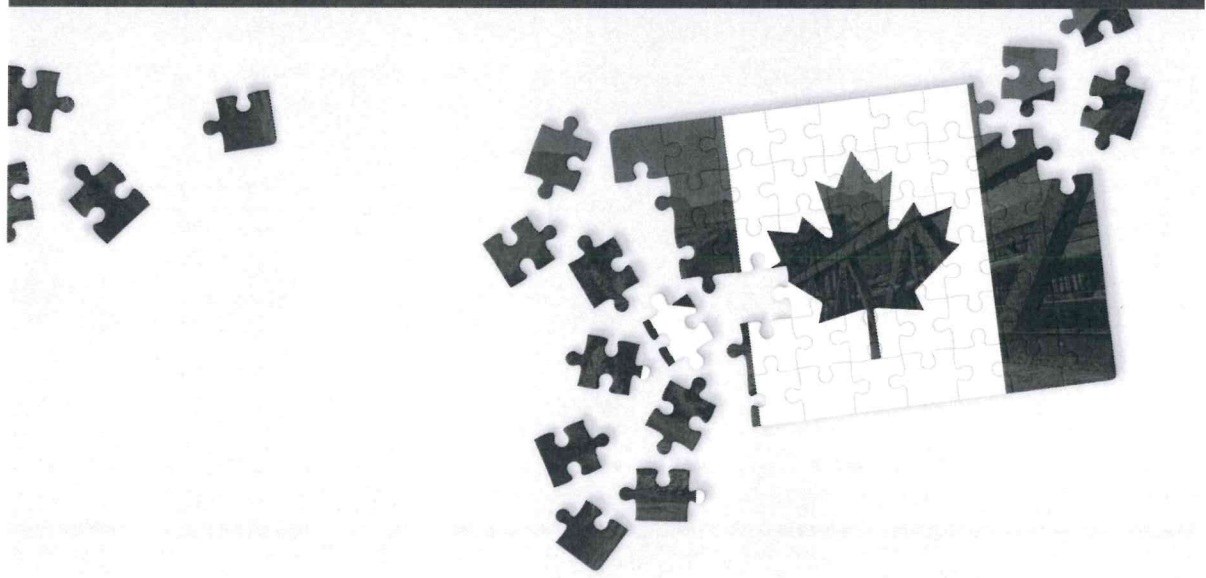
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FCM VOICE

Canada's voice of local government



Federal election: next steps and first 100 days

Throughout the campaign, FCM has consistently advocated for priorities like economic resilience, infrastructure renewal and housing affordability, as well as public safety, climate resilience and rural needs.

Additionally, FCM emphasized the need for a National Prosperity Partnership: a new municipal fiscal arrangement that would improve Canadians' lives and advance our economic prosperity.

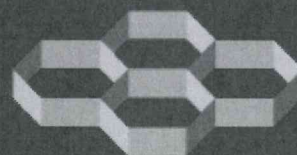
Now that Canadians have voted and elected a new government, FCM will closely monitor its crucial first 100 days. Stay engaged by reading our **response in full to these election results**, and our breakdown of the **incoming minority government's priorities**.

» **Congratulate your newly-elected MP with a direct letter**

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Attend practical sessions on municipal solutions at the GMF Zone

Is your municipality looking for tailored advice on funding applications or climate budgeting? The GMF Zone at FCM's Annual Conference and Trade Show is your place to dive into expert-led sessions on topics that matter to your municipality, such as aligning your municipal budgets with climate goals and launching sustainable affordable housing initiatives. These sessions will provide you solutions, relevant tools and guidance that you can apply when you're back home.

» **CHECK OUT THE SESSION LINE UP**

Deadlines approaching for FCM's Table Officer positions

Have you always been interested in participating in FCM's leadership? If so, you may want to consider submitting your nomination to join! The deadline to submit your nomination as a table officer is approaching fast. Make sure to head over to our website to submit your documents before May 11.

This year, elections for FCM's Board of Directors will take place during our Annual Conference and Trade Show. For all the required documentation and to learn about all the **election changes taking effect this year** please visit our website.

» **SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION TODAY**

NEWS

Applications are now open for the First Nation–Municipal Community Economic Development Initiative

FCM and Cando are pleased to announce the call for the First Nation – Municipal Community Economic Development Initiative (CEDI) Phase IV–Accelerated 2-Year Program from 2025-2027.

CEDI supports First Nations and neighbouring municipalities to build strong, collaborative relationships, leading to joint community economic development initiatives. This call for proposals offers a unique opportunity for communities to access dedicated resources and expertise, fostering mutually beneficial economic partnerships.

Eight partnerships will be selected from all over Canada. They will receive guidance in creating strategic economic initiatives that will boost local economies. Ideal applicants include communities seeking to strengthen existing relationships or communities looking to build new partnerships. Deadline to apply is May 30.

» **SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION**

GMF Council is looking for an elected official from Ontario

FCM is accepting applications for one elected municipal official from Ontario to join the Green Municipal Fund Council. We're seeking a recognized environmental leader with a passion for sustainability, expertise in organizational governance and a deep understanding of Ontario's political, economic, social and cultural landscape.

As a Council member, you'll play a key role in guiding strategic investments in impactful municipal projects that strengthen communities and contribute to a more prosperous, sustainable Canada. Bring your visionary leadership and collaborate with sustainability leaders to drive transformative initiatives and promote environmental stewardship in communities across Canada.

» **APPLY NOW**

RESOURCES

New tariff relief for municipal emergency services

In response to FCM's advocacy to the federal government, remissions are now available for municipal counter-tariff payments on emergency response services. This means the Government of Canada will offer your municipality relief on increased costs due to tariffs under the following conditions.

1. The good is imported into Canada before October 16, 2025;
2. No other claim for relief of the surtax has been granted under the Customs Tariff in respect of the goods; and
3. The importer makes a claim for remission to the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness within two years after the date of importation.

» **LEARN MORE**

Have your say on guidelines for rail adjacent developments

The Railway Association of Canada is working to update the 2013 Proximity Guidelines to enhance safety, sustainability and community well-being in rail adjacent developments. The guidelines serve to maintain safety and provide guidance to developers and communities when considering residential or industrial development in proximity to rail.

The goal of the modernization is to provide a risk-based approach to safely develop near rail operations while enabling communities and railways to grow and thrive. **Modernized guidelines will offer clear and practical guidance** on how and when to consider noise, vibrations and emissions impacts from rail operations.

» **COMPLETE THE SURVEY**

Building for the future with better community housing

Is your municipality looking to build community housing that's affordable and energy-efficient? Watch this webinar recording to:

- Gain valuable insights from a Canadian municipality's award-winning development
- Get ideas on key considerations such as approach, scope and funding model
- Learn how projects like this one can strengthen your community

You'll hear directly from representatives of the Region of Waterloo, winners of a 2024 Sustainable Communities Award.

» **WATCH THE WEBINAR RECORDING**

FCM IN THE NEWS

» Mayor Gondek hopes PM Carney's view of cities is more than just 'lip service' | LiveWire Calgary

Calgary Mayor Jyoti Gondek hopes Canada's new prime minister follows through on a recognition that cities are a vital part of the country's economy. "We need bold, concrete federal action that matches the reality on the ground, real investment in core infrastructure, public transit, as well as the fiscal tools that will allow cities to keep growing in a sustainable way," she said.

» Ottawa mayor hails 'opportunity' as local MP becomes prime minister | Ottawa Citizen

Ottawa Mayor Mark Sutcliffe says he is looking forward to advancing the city's priorities with the new federal government. During the election campaign, Mayor Sutcliffe, along with Gatineau Mayor Maude Marquis-Bissonnette, sent a joint letter to the main federal parties asking for more economic support for the Ottawa-Gatineau region.

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May 1: Learn best practices. Gain new insights. Connect with local leaders and hear about their experiences and challenges.

You'll benefit from these and more at FCM's 2025 Annual Conference and Trade Show.

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#FCM2025AC | Laurent Tétrault, @drewdilkens, Bruno Marchand

May 2: "We need to have a conversation about how do we fund growth. How do we fund the priorities that we need to deliver, so that Canadians can enjoy both a better quality of life but also a strong and stable economy," @carolesaab

<https://t.co/D4hevSTy5u>

@PTP_CPAC's @michaelserapio speaks with @carolesaab, FCM's CEO, and @laingcandace, President and CEO of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, about what the new Canadian government should prioritize. #CDNMuni #cdnpoli

May 2: "A stronger, more resilient Canada starts in our communities — and Northern communities are an essential part of this conversation."

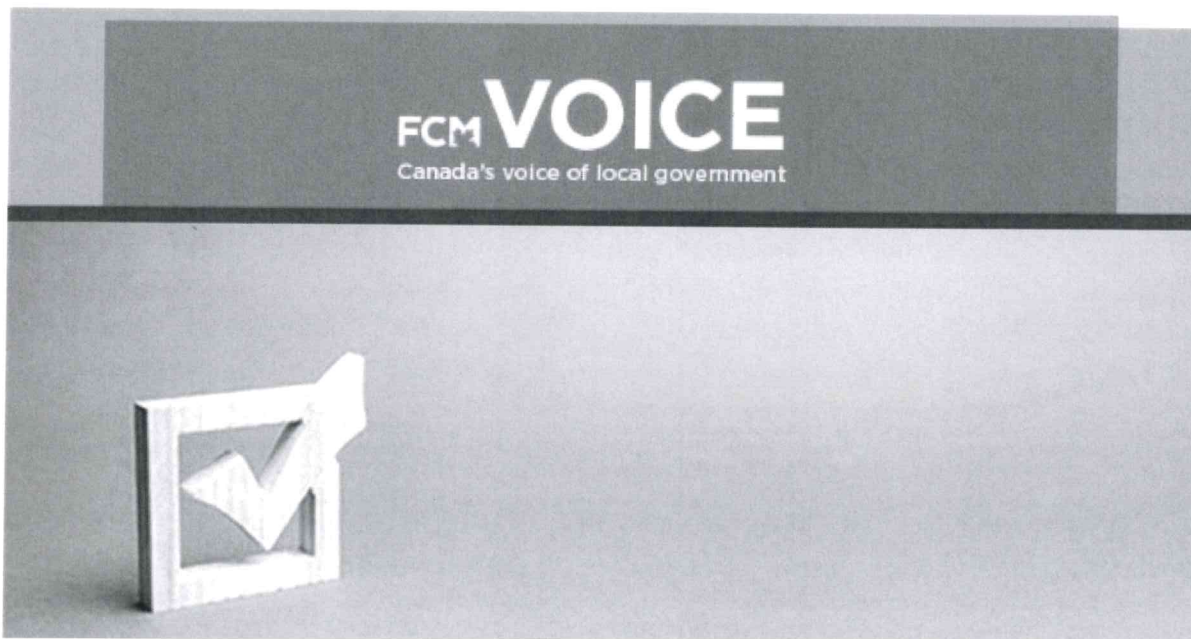
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FCM President @rebeccaleeblich was in Haines Junction, Yukon, for the Association of Yukon Communities AGM and Conference to meet local leaders across the territory. FCM is a strong partner for Northern communities, and we will continue to ensure Northern voices are heard on a national level.

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May 12, 2025

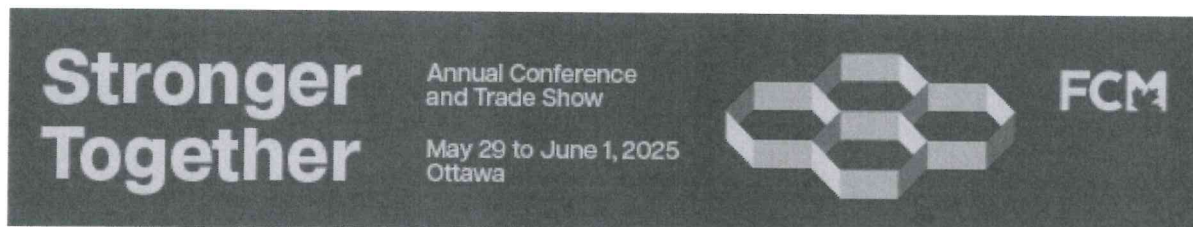


Deadline this week: Submit your nomination for FCM's Board of Directors

Interested in making a difference in your municipality and others across Canada? Consider submitting your nomination to join FCM's Board of Directors! The deadline is approaching—please head over to our website to submit all your documents before May 18.

This year, elections for FCM's Board of Directors will take place during our Annual Conference and Trade Show. For all the required documentation and to learn about all the election changes taking effect this year, please **visit our website**.

» **SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION TODAY**



Coming soon: A vision for the future of rural Canada

A new report on the future of rural Canada will be released at FCM's Annual Conference and Trade Show during the rural plenary on May 31.

Rural communities are at the heart of Canada's prosperity, and this report will highlight their vitality, resilience and essential role in the country's economic development. Canada depends on the farmers who grow our food, the industries that bring our natural resources to market and countless businesses headquartered in small communities in sectors from manufacturing to tourism. While rural municipalities build the infrastructure enabling these many pieces to move, they need a strong federal partner to thrive.

This report offers an in-depth look at the future of rural municipalities, while proposing concrete solutions to address their unique challenges and advance their priorities.

» **REGISTER FOR AC2025**

Make the most of your stay in Ottawa

AC2025 is just around the corner! Take advantage of your visit to tour the nation's capital. Take the time to watch the **official invitation** from Ottawa Mayor Mark Sutcliffe and visit **Ottawa Tourism's website** for a detailed guide to the city's best entertainment, restaurants and attractions.

As the country's capital and decision-making hub, it offers a unique opportunity to engage in dialogue with elected officials and make the voice of your municipality heard. We encourage you to check out our carefully crafted **study tours** and **companion tours**, as well as an exciting list of **local gems** by **Ottawa Tourism**. Don't forget to use their **Flash your Badge** program!

» **EXPLORE OTTAWA**

Explore practical solutions to municipal challenges at GMF Zone

Your municipality faces evolving challenges, including Reconciliation, climate adaptation and delivering for residents while remaining on budget. On May 30, join us at the GMF Zone for three expert-led sessions—*Building relationships with Indigenous communities*, *Introduction to municipal climate Budgeting* and *Developing a roadmap to strengthen adaptation initiatives*—to help you navigate these complex challenges. Whether you're looking to build stronger partnerships or integrate climate action into your planning, the GMF Zone is where you'll find guidance, tools and peers ready to help.

» **PLAN YOUR SESSIONS**

Join us for the Collective Luncheon

There are still a few seats available for the Collective Luncheon, *The Future of Infrastructure Delivery: Solutions for Canada's Municipalities*. Presented by the Association of Consulting Engineering Companies, this event provides an excellent chance to connect with industry leaders shaping Canada's infrastructure development.

Description: The way that infrastructure is planned, designed and constructed is rapidly evolving. Listen to experts discuss how municipalities are under pressure to deliver essential services efficiently, affordably and sustainably. This session will examine emerging delivery models, the opportunities and challenges posed by

artificial intelligence and digital technologies, lifecycle performance requirements and managing risks to maximize value.

Date: May 29

Time: 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

Location: Trillium Ballroom, Rogers Centre Ottawa

Registration Fee: \$63 (Contact register@fcm.ca to add to your registration)

NEWS

GMF Council is seeking an elected municipal official from Ontario

FCM is looking for an elected municipal official from Ontario to join the GMF Council. The ideal candidate will be a recognized environmental champion within their municipality or region, a visionary leader with expertise in organizational governance, and a deep understanding of Ontario's political, social and cultural landscape.

The candidate will bring strong decision-making and management skills, in addition to a passion for sustainability, to guide projects in energy, water, land-use, transportation, circular economy and integrated community planning. This is a unique opportunity to empower local governments to deliver tangible results and build stronger, more sustainable communities across Canada.

» **APPLY NOW**

FCM IN THE NEWS

» **What should be the priorities of the new Carney government? | CPAC**
FCM's CEO, Carole Saab, and the President and CEO of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, Candace Laing, discussed what the newly elected federal government should prioritize.

» **Following Carney's win, FCM looks to strengthen partnerships | Municipal World**

FCM's President, Rebecca Bligh, looks to strengthen partnerships with all orders of government following the federal election. President Bligh also emphasizes the necessity of a National Prosperity Partnership.

» **Interview with Valérie Plante | "My most important legacy is the environment" | La Presse**

With a few months left to her term in office, Montreal Mayor Valérie Plante thinks her most important legacy will be actions regarding the environment. She hopes that her successor will continue to make the fight against climate change a priority.

» **Barrett urges Conception Bay South to finish fifth and final green milestone | The Shoreline News**

One local elected official of the Town of Conception Bay South, NL, calls on the municipality to be the first in the province to reach the top milestone in FCM's effort to address climate change.

RESOURCES

How GMF is helping Quebec cut energy costs in community buildings

Quebec municipalities of all sizes are using GMF funding to transform aging community buildings into more comfortable, cost-efficient and climate-resilient spaces. As first points of contact for GMF's Community Buildings Retrofit initiative in Quebec, our colleagues Pascale Thériault and Athia Kabanguka share emerging trends—such as which buildings are being prioritized, how projects get started with limited resources, and which retrofits are delivering results. Explore expert advice, tips from Karine Lehoux, Director, Department of Ecological Transition and Innovation, City of Candiac, and local success stories.

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Sharing heat to lower energy costs across three facilities

With a pool, an ice rink and a community centre under one roof, the cost to heat and operate the Abbotsford Recreation Centre must be substantial. By connecting the heating across these facilities, the city will boost energy efficiency, lower operational costs, reduce GHG emissions and enhance comfort for users. At the same time, the City is also making the space more accessible by installing wheelchair pool lifts. Discover how this exciting retrofit is projected to save \$75,000 annually in operational costs.

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CUPE invites municipal leaders to an AI Town Hall

Artificial Intelligence can bring efficiencies to municipal governance, but there are serious implications and safeguards to consider before rolling out any municipal AI function. CUPE has assembled a panel of experts in municipal affairs, law, and labour to examine the use of AI in the municipal context. This event will help officials maximize the positives of AI while protecting their residents and growing their staff.

Join CUPE for the AI Town Hall at the FCM conference on Saturday, May 31, 3-4pm. Don't forget to visit CUPE's booth at the FCM Trade Show, May 29-31.

Visit CUPE's [Artificial Intelligence resources](#) to learn more about AI and its impact on work.

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May 6: On behalf of local leaders across the country, FCM extends our congratulations to @DonDavies, new interim leader of the @NDP. We look forward to working together to advance municipal priorities and build a stronger, more resilient Canada for everyone. #cdnpoli #CDNMuni

May 7: Congratulations to @AndrewScheer on being chosen as interim Opposition leader. FCM and our members look forward to working with you, @PierrePoilievre and the whole @CPC_HQ to advance Canadians' priorities in the House of Commons. #cdnpoli #CDNMuni

May 7: "To address long-overdue challenges facing municipalities, FCM is advocating for a structural discussion on how Canada facilitates economic growth. @rebeccaleeblygh emphasizes the necessity of a modern National Prosperity Partnership."

<https://t.co/BF92k00neK>

This partnership would be foundational to ensuring true national and long-term prosperity through local economic strength. By working together, we can build a stronger, more resilient Canada.
#CDNMuni #cdnpoli



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Fw: Ward two representation

From Tara Wilkinson <adminassist1@oakland-wawanesa.ca>

Date Fri 2025-05-02 2:08 PM

To Joni Swidnicki <cao@oakland-wawanesa.ca>

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From: Liane Heinrichs <lianeih@icloud.com>

Sent: Friday, May 2, 2025 1:50 PM

To: Tara Wilkinson <adminassist1@oakland-wawanesa.ca>

Subject: Ward two representation

Hello Joni & council,

It is my understanding that Dennis is no longer a councillor for his ward. I am not getting into politics & procedure, however, I am concerned with the lack of representation his ward enjoys.

Although this is not my ward, it could just as easily be any ward, & I feel it puts ward 2 at a disadvantage, which has gone on for a long time.

It is my hope that this inequity will be rectified as soon as possible.

Thank you for considering my opinion. Liane Heinrichs.

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You're Invited to Attend a FREE WEBINAR: Accessibility History, A Manitoba Perspective - Past, Present and Future Hosted by the Manitoba Accessibility Office

Manitoba Access Awareness Week runs May 25 to 31, 2025. Originally recognized in the 1980s, Manitoba Access Awareness Week is celebrated annually each May. This weeklong awareness celebration promotes accessibility and inclusion. It also acknowledges the people who are working to prevent, identify and remove barriers to accessibility, while also raising awareness about accessibility issues within the province that affect people with disabilities and many others.

Manitoba has a longstanding history of disability leadership and advocacy, working to remove barriers in society to improve accessibility. Join the Manitoba Accessibility Office to learn about this deep-rooted history and hear a round table discussion about the past, present and future of accessibility within the province.

FREE WEBINAR: Accessibility History, A Manitoba Perspective - Past, Present and Future

- **Date:** May 28, 2025
- **Time:** 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- **Where:** Virtual via Zoom

[Register to Attend](#)

If you require additional accommodations or would prefer to register for this event by phone, please call the Manitoba Accessibility Office at 204-945-7613.

This webinar will have accessibility measures such as American Sign Language interpretation and live closed captioning.

A recording of each webinar will also be available on [AccessibilityMB.ca](https://www.accessibilitymb.ca) to those unable to participate in real-time.

Subscribe to [Accessibility News](#) to find out about upcoming webinars.

We look forward to seeing you at the Manitoba Access Awareness Week webinar!

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2025 MGRA Judging Competition - Rural Nomination Forms - DEADLINE JUNE 27, 2025

From dtvan <dtvan@mymts.net>

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Rural nom ltr 2025.doc;

Good morning,

Please find attached the rural nomination letter. The scoresheets are attached to the nomination form. Please review the criteria for each category to make sure you are entering a homeground in the proper category and also review the scoresheets so you know what the judges will be looking for.

You will notice that I have added a line for the email addresses of the nominees. Please make sure to include that when filling out the forms.

****Please be reminded of the Class 7 changes to the entries that were implemented. There were some urban communities that were automatically grandfathered in after the amalgamations and now they will need to be entered under their RM's. This is the case for Towns of Birtle, Crystal City, Deloraine, Ethelbert, Gladstone, Glenboro, Hamiota and Pilot Mound. A list of Class 7 towns in the province that could be entered is included in the nomination letter. Please consider entering a town or LUD in this category!**

Please bring forth this nomination letter to the next council meeting and put it on the agenda so it can be reviewed by all council members in hopes that each municipality can submit an entry in each category to ensure this year's competition is a success!

It was noted that the public works employees are on the roads everyday and that they could be involved in the nomination process. If you think you do not have anyone to nominate, please contact your public works department because they may know of a worthy entry. The more entries we have, the more successful our competition!

Please contact the homeowners prior to sending in your nomination to ensure they wish to be entered. Once you are notified, please contact the homeowners you entered to let them know the judging time frame and that they don't need to be home at the time of judging.

If the deadline is approaching and you haven't submitted an entry but are considering an entry and maybe waiting to hear back from a homeowner, please let me know. Each year I send out reminders close to the deadline because we are either short entries to have a winner or would like more entries to make a competition. If I know that RM's are considering entries but just have not sent in the paperwork, then I do not have to worry that we will have awards go unclaimed.

The MGRA Board and myself thank you in advance for your patience with my frequent emails in the coming months in order to make this competition a continued success!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me!
Terra

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May 2, 2025

Dear Mayor, Reeve, & Councillors:

Re: 2025 Annual Competition – Manitoba Good Roads Association

Please ensure that this nomination letter is put on the agenda at the next council meeting so all of council can review and suggest nominees.

The Manitoba Good Roads Association Annual Competition is fast approaching and as a member of the association, your municipality is automatically entered in the road maintenance competition and the most improved system of roads competition. An entry form is attached for the other categories of road construction, best home grounds, and urban beautification. Please discuss your entries at the next council meeting and return the attached entry form (2 pages) along with the maps as soon as possible. The criteria for the various categories are attached for your information.

Please make every effort to submit an entry in each category. It is the submission of entries by municipalities that make this awards program a success and MGRA greatly appreciates your support! MGRA would like to ensure a winner in each category but if there are no entries then a category goes unclaimed!

It was noted that council may not have the time to look for entries but the grader operators could bring a suggestion to council as they are the ones on the roads every day. Please work with your public works department to find entries in each category which would ensure the competition is a success! You could also have individuals submit their names to the RM office but the nominations have to be submitted by your office and one per category.

The deadline for entries is June 27, 2025. Judging will take place during a two-three week period either in July or August. Within this time frame, the judges will pick 2-3 days that they will go out and judge. Municipalities will be notified of the judging period closer to the date. **Please contact the homeowners prior to sending in your nomination to ensure they wish to be entered. Once you are notified, please contact the homeowners you entered to let them know the judging time frame and that they don't need to be home at the time of judging.**

If you have any questions, please contact me at (204) 239-1035 or email mgra@mts.net. Email is the quickest way to get a response as I am only in the office part time.

Sincerely,

Terra Van Deynze

Terra Van Deynze
Executive Director

Attach.

*Manitoba Good Roads Association
2025 Annual Competition Entry Form*

Name of Municipality:.....

1. Municipal Gravel Road Maintenance Contest.

Your municipality is automatically entered in this class. Please enclose a small outline map, marking those municipal roads which the municipality carries out **100%** of the maintenance (i.e. do not show provincial roads)

2. Municipal Gravel Road Construction Contest – New/Rebuilt Gravel Road

****Please note that this category is now combined and a municipality can only submit ONE ENTRY for this category.****

If the municipality constructed ONE consecutive ½ mile of **new or rebuilt gravel road** to standard specifications in the year 2024, please indicate it on the map. Please note whether it was a new or rebuilt road.

New or Rebuilt..... Location: Sec Twp Rge Road Number

NOTE: If you are submitting a new/rebuilt road entry, the ½ mile of new/rebuilt gravel road submitted for judging in this category must be a public access road, NOT a road that provides access to an industrial site.

3. Urban Beautification Contest

Please name an **unincorporated urban centre** in your municipality that you wish to enter in the Urban Beautification Competition:

..... **POPULATION**_____

4. Best Farm Home Grounds Contest

Please indicate a **farm home ground** in your municipality you wish to enter and **enclose a map** showing the location. **Only one entry per municipality is allowed.** Please notify the owner of the farm home grounds that you enter.

Name of Entrant.....

P.O. Address

.....

Phone number:

EMAIL:.....

Situated on¼ Sec Twp Rge

Civic Address (with road number)

NOTE: A location/site/property that has previously won a provincial title in this category is not eligible to win another district or provincial title.

5. **Best Non-Farm Rural Home Grounds Contest**

Please indicate a **non-farm rural home ground** in your municipality that you wish to enter and **enclose a map** showing the location. Entry locations must not be within the boundaries of any unincorporated urban centre, village, town or city. **One entry per municipality is allowed.** Please notify the owner of the non-farm home grounds that you enter.

Name of Entrant.....

P.O. Address

.....

Phone number:

EMAIL:.....

Situated on¼ Sec Twp Rge

Civic Address (with road number)

NOTE: A location/site/property that has previously won a provincial title in this category is not eligible to win another district or provincial title.

6. **Best Home Grounds in an Unincorporated Urban Centre Contest**

If you have an entry for **best home grounds in an unincorporated urban centre**, please complete the following. **One entry per municipality is allowed.** Please notify the owner of the home grounds that you enter.

Name of Entrant.....

Location.....

P.O. Address

.....

Phone number: Population.....

EMAIL:.....

NOTE: A location/site/property that has previously won a provincial title in this category is not eligible to win another district or provincial title.

The maps should be clearly marked with the locations of:

- 1) One ½ mile of New/Rebuilt road construction
- 2) Farm Home Grounds
- 3) Non-Farm Home Grounds

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 27, 2025

Please email or fax entry forms to: Email to: mgra@mts.net Fax to: 204-239-1054

**Manitoba Good Roads Association
ANNUAL COMPETITION**

Revised May/10

CLASS 1: MUNICIPAL ROAD MAINTENANCE CONTEST

Date _____ Rural Municipality _____

	Total marks	Marks Awarded	Comments
General Conditions Of Road Surface			
A. Comfort and safety at posted speed	15	_____	
B. Uniformity of grade	10	_____	
C. Gravel	10	_____	
D. Minimum width maintained - 20 ft	5	_____	
E. Smooth surface	5	_____	
F. Crown	5	_____	
G. Dust control – populated areas	5	_____	
H. Condition of signage			
Safety	5	_____	
Road Numbers	3	_____	
Civic Addresses	2	_____	
TOTAL	65		
Ditches			
A. Road Slopes 3:1	4	_____	
Back Slopes 1½:1	4	_____	
B. Condition of Ditches (silting, blockages, adequate drainage)	7	_____	
TOTAL	15		
Condition of Bridges, Structures, and Approaches, Culverts	10		
Maintenance of Grass, Weeds, Brush, Removal or Drift Soil, Scrub & Rock at fence line etc.	10		
GRAND TOTAL	100		

Judge _____

**Manitoba Good Roads Association
ANNUAL COMPETITION**

Revised Feb.

CLASS 3: MUNICIPAL ROAD CONSTRUCTION CONTEST

The best constructed one (1) continuous ½ mile of **New or Rebuilt** road built to standard specifications
Must be built one year prior to inspection.

Date _____ Rural Municipality _____

Location: Rd # _____ Sec _____ Twp _____ Rge _____

	Total marks	Marks Awarded	Comments
General Conditions Of Road Surface			
A. Comfort and safety at posted speed	10	_____	
B. Uniformity of grade	10	_____	
C. Minimum average height 3.0' feet above prairie	10	_____	
D. Minimum width 20 ft	10	_____	
E. Crown	10	_____	
F. Sufficient amount of gravel	10	_____	
G. Smooth surface	10	_____	
TOTAL	70		
Road Slopes 3:1	5		
Back Slopes 1½:1	5		
Installation & Approaches, Bridges, Culvert	5		
Condition/Adequacy of Road Signage	5		
Condition of Ditches - Adequacy of Drainage	5		
Removal of Drift Soil, Scrub & Rock at Fence Line	5		
TOTAL	100		

Judge _____

MGRA ANNUAL COMPETITION Revised Apr/22
CLASS 4, 5 & 6 URBAN BEAUTIFICATION CONTEST (population over 1,000)

Urban Centre: _____

Date: _____

	Max	Score	Notes
Approach (8)			
Identification Sign – not highways sign	4		
Landscaping and special features around the sign	4		
Traffic Control (10)			
Traffic Signage	4		
Parking – street & public parking	2		
Lighting – street lighting	4		
Commercial Areas (22)			
Roads – condition of roads	4		
Sidewalks – if sidewalks exist & condition	3		
Streetscaping – flowers/landscaping	4		
Curbing – if curbing exists & condition	2		
Commercial property maintenance – condition of building & property	5		
Waste Control – Garbage, Recycle & Compost	4		
Residential area (15)			
Roads – condition of roads	6		
Residential property maintenance	6		
Waste Control – Garbage, Recycle & Compost	3		
Public Buildings & Facilities (15)			
Town office	4		
Shop & yard	3		
Community hall	2		
Health care facilities	2		
Cemetery – in the area	2		
Seniors facilities	2		
Recreation & Culture (14) – in the area			
Parks & playgrounds	3		
Arenas, rinks, sports grounds	5		
Pools and/or beaches	2		
Museums & monuments	2		
Library	2		
Tourism (10)			
Campgrounds, toilets, picnic site – in the area	4		
Lodging & dining facilities	4		
Golf course –in the area	2		
Discretionary Bonus (6)			Explanation mandatory
Unique or exceptional features	6		
TOTAL	100		

Judge

MGRA ANNUAL COMPETITION Revised Apr/22
CLASS 7 URBAN BEAUTIFICATION CONTEST (population under 1,000)

Urban Centre: _____

Date: _____

	M a x	Score	Notes
Approach (8)			
Identification Sign – not highways signage	4		
Landscaping and special features – around sign	4		
Traffic Control (10)			
Traffic Signage	5		
Lighting – street lighting	5		
Commercial Areas (17)			
Roads – condition of roads	4		
Sidewalks – sidewalk, walkway, path	3		
Streetscaping – flowers/landscaping	3		
Commercial property maintenance – condition of buildings & property	3		
Waste control – Garbage & Recycling	3		
Curbing – if curbing exists	1		
Residential area (24)			
Roads – condition of roads	9		
Residential property maintenance - condition of homes	6		
Sidewalks, walkways, boulevards, ditches, grass cut	6		
Waste Control – Garbage, Recycling & Compost	3		
Public Buildings & Facilities (10)			
Community hall – in the area	4		
Cemetery – in the area	2		
Medical Health Care facilities – in the area	2		
Personal Care homes – in the area	2		
Recreation & Culture (16)			
Parks & playgrounds	4		
Arenas, rinks, sports grounds – in the area	4		
Pools and/or beaches – in the area	3		
Museums & monuments	2		
Library – in the area	3		
Tourism (10)			
Campgrounds, toilets, picnic site – in the area	5		
Lodging & dining facilities – in the area	3		
Golf course – in the area	2		
Discretionary Bonus (5)			Explanation mandatory
Unique or exceptional features	5		
TOTAL	1 0 0		

Notes: _____

Judge _____

CLASS 7		
Name	Type	Population
Waskada	Village	183
Grand Rapids	Town	239
St-Lazare	Village	254
Ethelbert	Village	275
Bowsman	Village	298
Cartwright	Village	308
Garson	Village	324
Benito	Village	377
Oak Lake	Town	383
Crystal City	Village	384
Hartney	Town	415
Rapid City	Town	417
Binscarth	Village	425
Somerset	Village	439
Leaf Rapids	Town	453
Elkhorn	Village	471
McCreary	Village	472
Lynn Lake	Town	482
Erickson	Town	487
Minitonas	Town	522
Riverton	Village	538
Rosburn	Town	552
Gretna	Town	556
Wawanesa	Village	562
St. Claude	Village	590
Treherne	Town	616
Pilot Mound	Town	635
Glenboro	Village	645
Winnipegosis	Village	647
Birtle	Town	664
Emerson	Town	671
Shoal Lake	Town	680
Notre Dame de Lourdes	Village	683
Dunnottar	Village	696
Snow Lake	Town	723
Manitou	Town	808
Gilbert Plains	Town	811
Churchill	Town	813
Plum Coulee	Town	843
Grandview	Town	859
Hamiota	Town	868
Gladstone	Town	879
MacGregor	Village	963
Deloraine	Town	977

Manitoba Good Roads Association
ANNUAL COMPETITION

Revised Nov/21

CLASS 8: FARM HOME GROUNDS CONTEST

Date _____

Entered by R.M. of _____

Name _____

Location: Sec _____ Twp _____ Rge _____ Ph: _____

	Total Marks	Points Awarded	Comments
General Plan or Layout			
A. Overall picture	15	_____	
B. Orderliness	10	_____	
TOTAL	25		
Planting Protective & Ornamentals			
A. Shelter Belts	8	_____	
B. Border	8	_____	
C. Foundations	6	_____	
TOTAL	22		
Utility Plantings (Garden)			
A. Fruits & Vegetables – minimum 5 for full marks	10		
TOTAL	10		
Decorative Plantings			
A. Flowering	10	_____	
B. Non-flowering	8	_____	
TOTAL	18		
Lawns			
a. Living out areas	8	_____	
B. Special Features	8	_____	
C. Creativity/Innovation	9	_____	
TOTAL	25		
GRAND TOTAL	100		

Judge _____

**Manitoba Good Roads Association
ANNUAL COMPETITION**

Revised Apr/22

CLASS 9: NON FARM RURAL HOME GROUNDS CONTEST

Date _____

Entered by R.M. of _____

Name _____

Location: Sec _____ Twp _____ Rge _____ Ph: _____

	Total Marks	Points Awarded	Comments
General Plan or Layout			
A. Overall picture	15	_____	
B. Orderliness	10	_____	
TOTAL	25		
Planting Protective & Ornamentals			
A. Shelter Belts	8	_____	
B. Border	8	_____	
C. Foundations	6	_____	
TOTAL	22		
Utility Plantings (Garden)			
A. Fruits and Vegetables – minimum 5 for full marks	10		
TOTAL	10		
Decorative Plantings			
A. Flowering	10	_____	
B. Non-flowering	8	_____	
TOTAL	18		
Grounds			
a. Living out areas	8	_____	
B. Special Features	8	_____	
C. Creativity/Innovation	9	_____	
TOTAL	25		
GRAND TOTAL	100		

Judge _____

**Manitoba Good Roads Association
ANNUAL COMPETITION**

Revised Nov/21

CLASS 10: URBAN HOME GROUNDS CONTEST

Date _____

Entered by _____

Name _____

Location: _____

Ph: _____

	Total Marks	Points Awarded	Comments
General Plan or Layout			
A. Overall picture	15	_____	
B. Orderliness	10	_____	
TOTAL	25		
Planting Protective & Ornamentals			
A. Border "property line"	10	_____	
B. Foundations "around house"	10	_____	
TOTAL	20		
Decorative Plantings			
A. Flowering plants	15	_____	
B. Non-flowering plants	10	_____	
TOTAL	25		
Grounds			
a. Living out areas	10	_____	
B. Special Features	10	_____	
C. Creativity/Innovation	10	_____	
TOTAL	30		
GRAND TOTAL	100		

Judge _____



Minister for Municipal and Northern Relations

Minister responsible for Francophone Affairs

Minister responsible for the Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries Corporation

Legislative Building, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 0V8 CANADA

May 7, 2025

ATTN: Mayor, Council, and CAO

Recent actions and statements by U.S. President Donald Trump threaten real harm to Canada's economy and have ignited a wave of patriotism across the country.

It is up to governments at all levels to ensure that we are maximizing the economic benefit of every public dollar for our local economy in response to this threat. The Province of Manitoba is already moving forward. Earlier this year we tabled *The Buy Canadian Act (Government Purchases Act Amended)*, mandating the creation of a new procurement policy to prioritize Canadian suppliers. Work to create that policy is already underway.

I know these issues are also on the minds of municipal leaders who want to do their part for Team Canada. Our government would benefit by hearing more from you on how the current trade dispute is affecting your procurement and the opportunities you see for maximizing the local impact of procurement dollars. Although the policy we are developing will apply to provincial government procurement, municipal insight will be vital in shaping a coordinated and effective approach. It may also help identify further opportunities for collaboration, such as expanded public sector buying groups for municipalities.

The Association of Manitoba Municipalities has already engaged with our government on the issue. I am glad to report that they have agreed to work with municipal buying group Canoe and the Province of Manitoba to organize a consultation with municipalities to benefit from your experience with these matters over the last several months.

Thank you for your willingness to engage on this important question. Please stay tuned for more details as we work with AMM to determine a suitable time and location for the meeting.

Sincerely,

Glen Simard

Minister of Municipal and Northern
Relations

MUNICIPAL AND NORTHERN RELATIONS

Financial Plan Deadlines & Tax Statement Production

Financial Plan:

All municipalities are required to submit their 2025 Financial Plan by **Thursday, May 15, 2025**, in accordance with The Municipal Act.

Tax Levy By-law:

All municipalities are required to file their 2025 Tax Levy By-Law by **Monday, June 16, 2025**, in accordance with The Municipal Act.

To file your Financial Plan and Tax levy By-law, please submit one certified and signed copy electronically through the Report Submission option in Manitoba Municipalities Online (MMO) at: <https://web22.gov.mb.ca/mao/subscriber/login.aspx>

Printing Property Tax Statements:

To begin the tax statement production process, municipalities must submit all required documents on Manitoba Municipalities Online (MMO).

1. Municipal Logo (only required if municipal logos are being added/changed)
2. Financial Plan (signed, after 3rd reading)
3. Tax Levy By-law (signed, after 3rd reading)
4. Arrears and Credits using templates provided on MMO
5. By-Law Maintenance – Add, Change or Update using templates provided on MMO
6. Property Tax Request Form (completed fully, including any discount date)

The Property Tax Mill Rates worksheet provides a useful check for levy and assessment information. Municipalities are encouraged to use this worksheet when completing their financial plans.

Timing to Produce Tax Statements:

Once all required documents have been submitted on MMO, the tax statement production process typically takes 4 to 6 weeks. Processing the municipal information typically takes department staff 12-18 business days, with several municipalities active at one time:

- 4-6 days for data entry and generating verification reports.
- 4-6 days for data validation and calculating tax statements.
- 4-6 days for printing and mailing.

This estimated processing timeframe does not include delays when more information or corrections are needed from a municipality. Addressing these matters quickly will accelerate processing time. Municipalities will be notified:

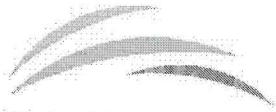
- if there are errors identified in the Financial Plan,
- if there are errors identified in the Arrears and Credits Listing, and
- to review and confirm the office copy of tax statements for accuracy.

Municipalities with earlier tax due dates will be prioritized for statement production.

The *Tax Statement Production Instructions* provides guidance on when and how to complete required reporting templates. This guidebook is available on MMO under "Manitoba Municipalities Online Documents".

If you have any questions about the tax statement production process please contact a Municipal Services Officer, by email at mrmaas@gov.mb.ca, or phone 204-945-2572.

*Department of Municipal and Northern Relations
508 – 800 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg MB R3G 0N4*



PRAIRIE MOUNTAIN HEALTH
SANTÉ PRAIRIE MOUNTAIN

Brian Will
Director-Capital & Infrastructure
150 McTavish Avenue East
Brandon, MB R7A 2B3

bwill@pmh-mb.ca

May 2, 2025

RM of Oakland-Wawanesa
PO Box 278
Wawanesa, MB R0K 2G0

Dear Chief Administrative Officer,

I am writing to inform you that on January 1, 2026, the site(s) listed below will NOT be fully compliant with the Manitoba Fire Code (MFC), specifically regarding the installation of building fire sprinkler systems. Please also note that we are providing the anticipated compliance date.

You are likely aware that in 2016, MFC legislation was enacted requiring all hospitals and personal care homes in Manitoba to have building fire sprinklers by January 1, 2026. Prairie Mountain Health, in collaboration with Shared Health, is actively working to meet the installation requirement, but the completion date will be later than what is stipulated in the MFC.

While the stated deficiency is temporary, it is important to note that PMH has a robust life safety plan to protect patients, clients, and staff within our facilities. Some elements of this plan include fully operational fire alarm systems, an industry-leading emergency preparedness plan, and, most importantly, trained staff providing 24/7 facility coverage.

We also welcome and rely on the annual fire inspector reports from the authority having jurisdiction to advise us on potential aspects we can improve upon.

Should you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

- Wawanesa Health Centre (Target date for sprinkler installation: September 2026)
- Wawanesa PCH (Target date for sprinkler installation: September 2026)

Respectfully,

Brian Will,
Director-Capital & Infrastructure
Prairie Mountain Health-Brandon

cc Chris Couling, Area Maintenance Manager

SmartSence Fully Funded Energy Solution-up to 200k

From Dennis Costantini <dconstantini.sustainergy.ca@viazohocrm.com>

Date Fri 2025-05-09 1:32 PM

To Joni Swidnicki <cao@oakland-wawanesa.ca>

 1 attachment (297 KB)

Council Overview.pdf;

Dear Joni,

I'm reaching out to introduce the SmartSence Program—a fully funded energy intelligence system designed specifically for small to mid-sized municipalities like yours.

With clip-on sensors, SmartSence tracks real-time energy use across lighting, pumps, HVAC, and more. It uncovers hidden energy losses, predicts equipment failures, and streamlines operations—all through an easy-to-use dashboard. Municipalities are already leveraging this to simplify facility management and cut costs.

Here are some key benefits:

- **100% ROI:** Fully funded with no upfront costs.
- **Prevents costly repairs/replacements:** Identifies issues before they escalate.
- **Monitors and recommends high R.O.I. upgrades:** Provides data for future funding applications.
- **Informed decision-making:** Enables facility upgrades based on factual data.

Here's a quick video overview: <https://www.sustainergy.ca/smartsence>

The best part? It's 100% funded (up to \$200K), and we manage the pre-application process to secure your funding.

I will follow up to address any questions you may have, or you may contact me at the email or phone number provided.

I've also provided a document highlighting some FAQ's.

Sincerely,

Dennis

Dennis Costantini

Business Development Manager

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SmartSense Program

Council Overview



Program Overview



✓ SmartSense Program Overview for Council

What is SmartSense?

SmartSense is a 100% grant-funded energy intelligence program that gives your municipality a clear, real-time picture of how energy is used — and lost — across your entire facility. It's more than monitoring — it's a strategic planning tool that helps you access funding for upgrades and reduce energy costs immediately.

🔍 Quick FAQ for Council

1. How does SmartSense work?

We install non-invasive, clip-on sensors inside your facility's electrical panels. These sensors track energy use in real time, right down to each circuit — lighting, HVAC, plug loads, and more.

2. What does SmartSense include?

- ✓ A full walkthrough of your facility
- ✓ Sensors and dashboard setup
- ✓ Analysis of your building envelope, mechanical, and electrical systems
- ✓ A custom roadmap to reduce energy consumption by 50% or more over the next 10 years
- ✓ A grant-matching engine that shows which equipment qualifies for which funding
- ✓ Regular reports, alerts, and savings suggestions
- ✓ No staff time needed for paperwork — we handle the grant applications on your behalf



Program Overview



3. Is there any cost to the municipality?

No. There are no upfront costs, no ongoing fees, and no strings attached. Everything is funded through external grants.







4. Who installs the system?

We complete the installation 100% — no need for municipal staff. There is no downtime, and no intrusion into your electrical systems. It's a fast, safe, and clean process.

5. Do we need extra resources for the grant process?

Not at all. We do all the work — from setup to grant applications and reporting. You simply review and approve.

Why Council Should Support This

-  Fully funded — no cost to the municipality
-  Full-facility scan: electrical, mechanical, building envelope
-  Data-rich insights and dashboards - easy to read and understand
-  Real savings — with up to 50% energy reduction
-  No disruption, no staff time, no risk
-  Grants matched automatically — and we apply for you



Grant Allocation

From Dustin Ehr <dustin.ehr@sportmanitoba.ca>

Date Wed 2025-04-30 9:08 AM

To Norma Will <adminassist@oakland-wawanesa.ca>

Dear Joni,

On behalf of KidSport, I would like to extend our sincere thanks for your generous grant allocation. We are pleased to share that these funds will be used to support a child within the Oakland–Wawanesa region, helping to remove the financial barriers to sport participation.

If there are any reporting requirements regarding the disbursement of these grant funds, please don't hesitate to let me know. I'd be happy to provide a report once the grant dollars have been allocated to the family.

Once again, thank you for your support and generous contribution. Your commitment helps ensure that all kids can play.

Warm regards,



Dustin Ehr (he/him)

KidSport Manitoba Coordinator

145 Pacific Ave, Winnipeg MB R3B 2Z6

P: 204-925-5922

C: 204-481-0974

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Manitoba and NW Ontario Comm The Royal Canadian Legion Military Service Recognition Book

"Honouring Our Veterans."

MUNICIPALITY OF OAKLAND-WAWANESA
BOX 278
WAWANESA, MB R0K 2G0
Attn: JONI SWIDNICKI

Your Reply Today Will Help Our Veterans Tomorrow!

Thank you for your participation. Your support enables us to publish our Annual **Military Service Recognition Book**, to help recognize and honour many of Manitoba and NW Ontario's brave **Veterans** who have served their country so well during times of major world conflict. (**WW1, WW2 and the Korean War**) and recent conflicts such as Afghanistan, as well as Peacekeeping Missions.

This annual publication goes a long way to help the Legion in their job as the "**Keepers of Remembrance**", so that none of us forget the selfless contributions made by our **Veterans**.

Equally important, is that the proceeds raised are also used by the Legion to improve services to **Veterans** and the more than 120 communities served by the Legion throughout Manitoba and NW Ontario.

The Legion is recognized as one of Canada's largest community service organizations, as they are an integral part of the communities in which they reside. This project ensures the Legion's continued success in providing these very essential services.

Please Note: The Royal Canadian Legion Manitoba and NW Ontario Command is a non-profit association, but not a registered charitable organization; therefore a tax receipt will not be issued.

Thank You for Your Support!



GST# 108097239



Date: Apr/16/2025

Ad Size: 1/10 Page

Ad Cost: \$ 214.29

Sponsor: \$ 0.00

GST: \$ 10.71

TOTAL: \$ 225.00

Authorized By: JONI SWIDNICKI

PO #:

To pay on-line, via your personal internet just key in the word "LEGION", then "COMMAND LEGION", add them as a your personalized account number be

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To The Council of the Municipality
of Oakland Waverly ?

Thank you for the financial
grant and additional help with
the Mesbit Soccer Field and grounds.
It adds to the look and appeal of the
Community Hall on Mesbit.

Regards,
The Mesbit Community Club.



April 16, 2025

Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa
ATTN: Joni Swidnicki
Box 278
Wawanesa MB R0K 2G0

Dear Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Brandon Regional Health Centre Foundation, I would like to thank you very much for your generous donation of a Grant Allocation in the amount of \$1,000.00. Your donation has been placed in our BRHC Expansion Fund where it will accumulate with other donations for the purchase of equipment.

Your generosity is a gift that is very much appreciated by the Foundation and helps us to achieve our mission, "To raise funds to support healthcare needs in the regional community".

*We are honoured that you have chosen to support
healthcare in this community.
Thank you for making a difference!*

Sincerely,

Jo-Anne Lewis
Executive Director

JL

*The Royal Canadian Artillery
Museum (RCA Museum)
Building N118, CFB Shilo
P.O. Box 5000 Stn Main
Shilo, MB R0K 2A0*



*Musée de l'Artillerie royale
canadienne (Musée de l' ARC)
Bâtiment N-118, BFC Shilo
C.P. 5000, succursale Main
Shilo (Manitoba) R0K 2A0*

14 April 2025

Ms. Joni Swidnicki, CFO
RM of Oakland-Wawanesa
Pobox 278
Wawanesa, Man
R0K 2G0

Dear Ms. Swidnicki,

Thank you for your purchase of a corporate membership for 2025 Your support is greatly appreciated, and your contribution will significantly enhance our museum's vision.

We are grateful for your willingness to assist and support the RCA Museum. Your membership helps us continue our mission of preserving and showcasing important pieces of history. Additionally, your contribution will help us to achieve our mission to inform and educate the public about the military technology, culture and heritage of Canada with an emphasis on The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery and the Province of Manitoba.

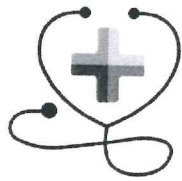
Again, thank you for your cheque to our museum.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "A. Oakden", is placed above the typed name.

Andrew Oakden
Museum Director
RCA Museum





spirit sands MEDICAL CLINIC

Box 129, Glenboro, MB R0K 0X0

MEDICAL CLINIC DONATION FUND

Thank you

The Medical Clinic Committee would like to thank you for your generous donation to the Glenboro Medical Clinic donation fund. Your support towards this community and area medical clinic project is greatly appreciated.

*We really appreciate your
generous donation & support!*

Thank you for your generosity,
Brenda Todd for Medical Clinic Committee

Apr 21
Council of
Oakland Wawonese

Thank you for
your recent Grant
to St Pauls Church
funds will be used
for building restoration
projects.

Shirley



April 25, 2025

Ms. Joni Swidnicki
Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa
PO Box 28
Nesbitt, MB R0K 1P0

Dear Ms. Swidnicki,

I want to express my sincere gratitude for your donation to STARS. Because of your support, STARS saved my life.

As a general contractor, I work around heavy equipment every day. And the day STARS came into my life was no different. My workmate and I were hurrying to backfill a countryside dugout with a backhoe and semi-truck when, in an instant, everything changed. A sudden miscue wedged me between the two massive machines – 18 tons of truck and 20 tons of excavator. The semi-trailer only stopped when it struck the backhoe's bucket, but by then, the damage was done. My body was crushed, my ribs shattered, my lungs collapsed – I was broken within a millimetre of my life. Thankfully, STARS answered the call. Against a strong headwind, and with extra blood on board, their crew flew 280 km to reach me.

Most patients will never need STARS. Your support ensures they can be ready for the ones who do. People like me – facing the most urgent, life-threatening injuries or illnesses. Because of your \$500.00 donation, I was able to receive the life-saving care I needed right away. STARS was there for me that day because of allies like you. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Sean Rickards
STARS Very Important Patient



403-295-1811 | 1-855-516-4848



1441 Aviation Park NE, Box 570
Calgary, AB T2E 8M7



donations@stars.ca | stars.ca



PLEASE CUT HERE



Shock Trauma Air Rescue Service Foundation

1441 Aviation Park NE, Box 570
Calgary, AB T2E 8M7
stars.ca

Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa
PO Box 28
Nesbitt, MB R0K 1P0

Receipt Number: 65438
Date Issued: April 25, 2025
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Receipt Amount: \$500.00

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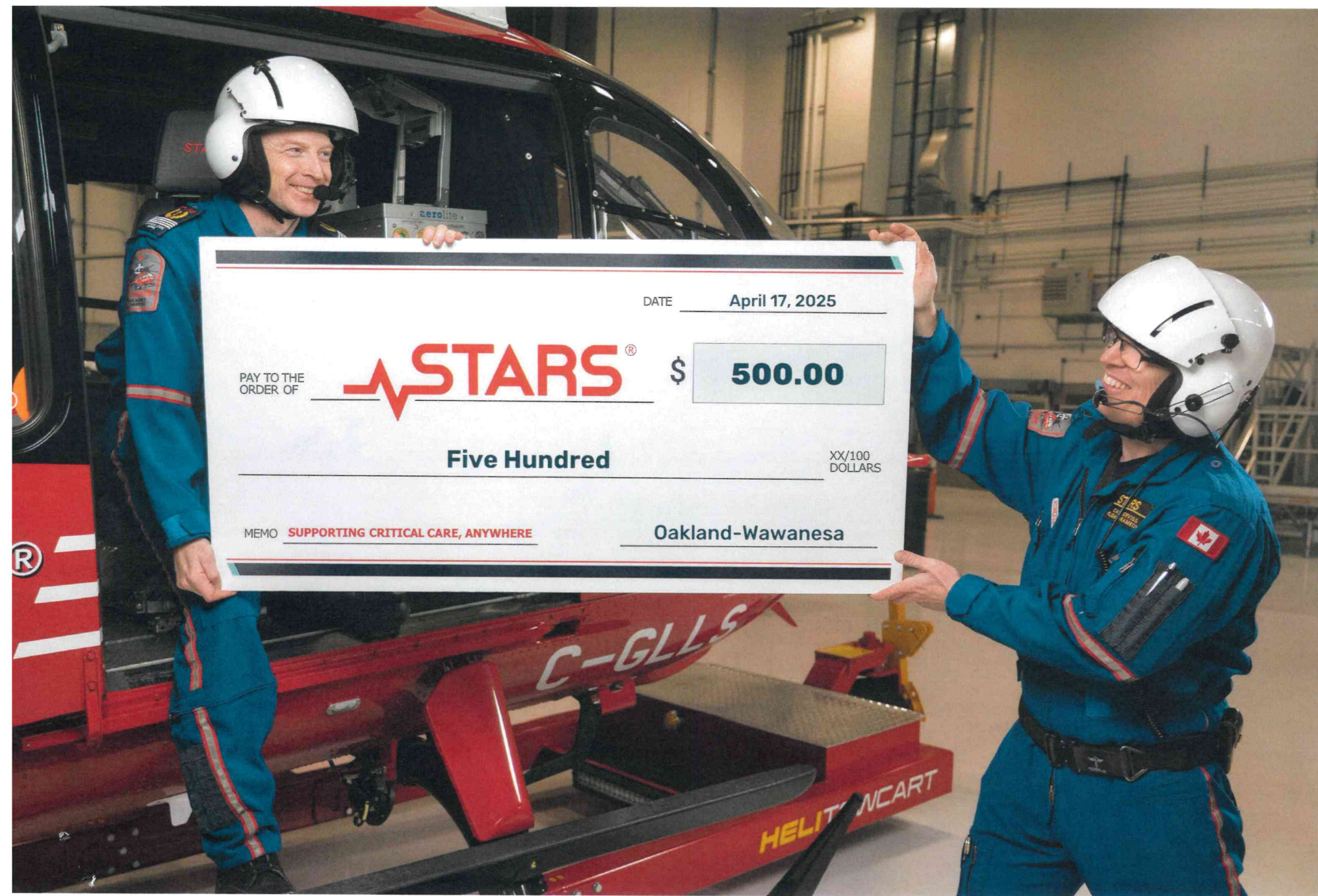
Per:

DATE April 17, 2025

PAY TO THE ORDER OF **STARS[®]** \$ **500.00**

Five Hundred XX/100 DOLLARS

MEMO SUPPORTING CRITICAL CARE, ANYWHERE Oakland-Wawanesa



Thank you from STARS

From Madeline Wieler <mwieler@stars.ca>

Date Fri 2025-05-09 11:53 AM

To Norma Will <adminassist@oakland-wawanesa.ca>

 1 attachment (474 KB)

Oakland Wawanesa.pdf;

Good afternoon,

STARS Air Ambulance would like to thank you for your generosity to keep critical care in the air. Attached is a virtual cheque to share with your team.

Warm regards,
Madeline

Madeline Wieler

Donor Relations & Development Officer

STARS Foundation, Manitoba



mwieler@stars.ca

t: 204-833-4637 | **c:** 204-392-6644

MADELINE WIELER

Donor Relations & Development Officer

e: mwieler@stars.ca



STARS operates in the spirit of truth and reconciliation, acknowledging our Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba bases are located on traditional territory of First Nations and Metis People, including those in Treaties 1, 4, 6, 7, and 8. We honour the deep connection Indigenous communities have to the land and waters where we serve, always guided by our belief that everyone deserves equitable access to lifesaving care no matter who or where they are.



Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa
Box 278
WAWANESA, MB
R0K 2G0

RE: GRANT ALLOCATION 2025

Thank you to our Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa for your generous grant funds of \$4431.90. We appreciate the support we receive from you.

Sincerely,

Sandra Reimer
Treasurer

Thank You

From Wawanesa Express <wawanesaexpressnews@outlook.com>

Date Sat 2025-04-26 9:29 AM

To Norma Will <adminassist@oakland-wawanesa.ca>

To the Council,

Thank you for the grant we received. We appreciate your support of our local newspaper so that we can continue to provide a community newspaper.

Sincerely

Susan Hore

Wawanesa Express Newspaper

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FW: Transport Canada Letter of Non-Compliance - 136.31 CPKC Glenboro Sub - Crossing ID 22433 - Road 113 West/1st Street near Carroll, MB

From Evan Holden <Evan.Holden@cpkcr.com>

Date Mon 2025-05-12 4:02 PM

To Chelsea Long <pw@oakland-wawanesa.ca>; Joni Swidnicki <cao@oakland-wawanesa.ca>

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Carroll.pdf;

Afternoon Chelsea

As per our conversation this morning here is the forwarded email from Manitoba Transportation.

With you're ok I will have a crew install a stop sign on the North railroad crossing post for South Bound traffic to stop which will reduce the sightline need and correct the Transport Canada non-compliance issue.

If have any other questions, concerns, or issues, please call or email.

Thanks

Evan Holden
Roadmaster Manitoba South Branches
204-729-5008



From: Spencer, Melanie <Melanie.Spencer@gov.mb.ca>

Sent: Monday, May 12, 2025 10:24 AM

To: Pylypchuk, Bradley (TC/TC) <bradley.pylypchuk@tc.gc.ca>

Cc: Evan Holden <Evan.Holden@cpkcr.com>

Subject: RE: Transport Canada Letter of Non-Compliance - 136.31 CPKC Glenboro Sub - Crossing ID 22433 - Road 113 West/1st Street near Carroll, MB

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This email did not originate from CPKC. Please exercise caution with any links or attachments.

Hi Brad,

I just spoke with the Evan from CPKC regarding the issue. He was in discussion with the RM about possibly putting up a stop sign to reduce sightlines. I've attached a map of our road authority limitations showing the crossing just out of our jurisdiction. I believe Evan is going to continue with the RM on having a stop sign installed.

Kind regards,

Melanie Spencer
Railway Crossing Safety Technologist
Traffic Engineering | Technical Services and Operations
Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure
Cell: 204-794-2030

From: Pylypchuk, Bradley (TC/TC) <bradley.pylypchuk@tc.gc.ca>

Sent: April 30, 2025 9:41 AM

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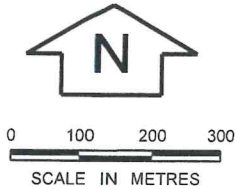
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MAP REVISED:- JANUARY 1, 2015

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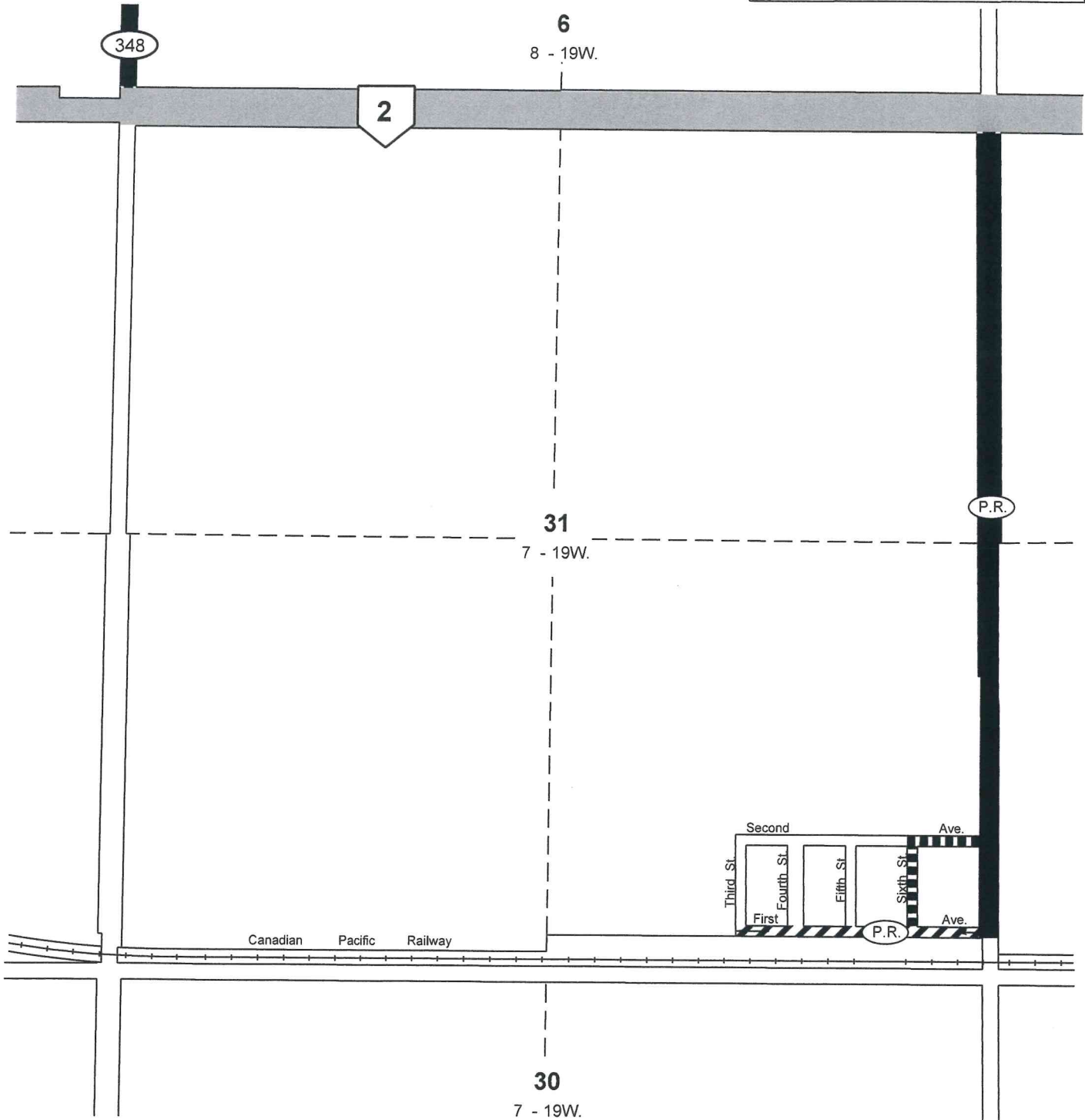
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R. M. OF OAKLAND - WAWANESA



PROVINCE OF MANITOBA
INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORTATION
HIGHWAY PLANNING AND DESIGN BRANCH
GEOGRAPHIC & RECORDS MANAGEMENT SECTION
WINNIPEG
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To: Spencer, Melanie <Melanie.Spencer@gov.mb.ca>

Subject: FW: Transport Canada Letter of Non-Compliance - 136.31 CPKC Glenboro Sub - Crossing ID 22433 - Road 113 West/1st Street near Carroll, MB

Good morning Melanie.

I had sent a letter of non-compliance to the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa, regarding a sightline that was insufficient near Carroll, MB. The Municipality got back to and mentioned that the road in question is actually managed by the province.

Looking to confirm if that is correct, and if so, then the attached letter should be addressed to the province instead of the municipality. GPS coordinates for the crossing are: 49.6064, -100.03, also snapshot of the location is below.

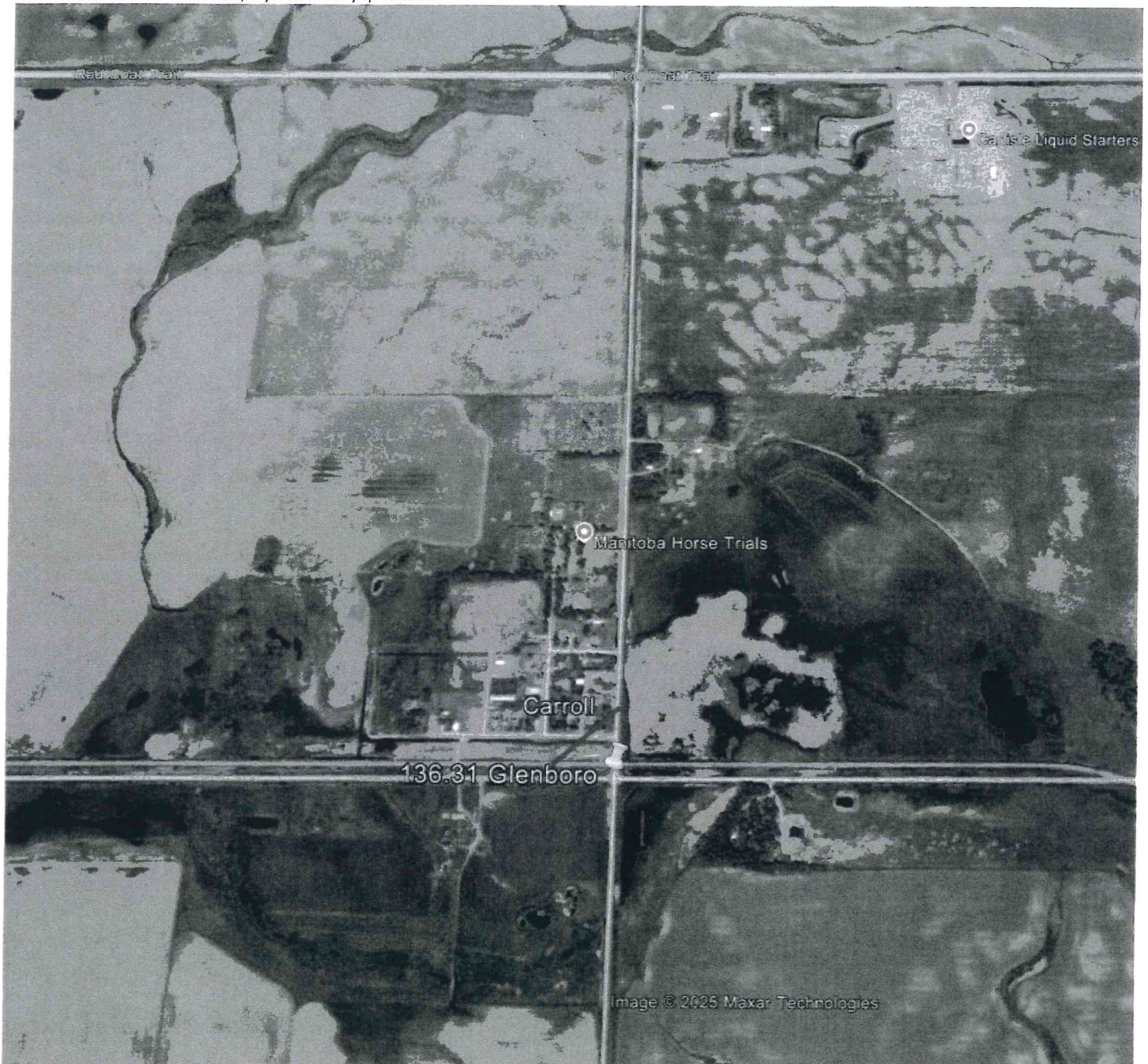
The issue with the sightline is that there are trees on private land (screenshot below with a red line to show the approximate sightline) that obstruct the sightline based on the road approach speed.

There are speed limit signs of 70 kph for the north approach, which would put the SSD at ~110m on the north side road approach. From that position looking west towards the rail line, the sightline intersects with trees location on private land, limiting the available sightline of an approaching train.

Please let me know if the Province is the correct party to direct this letter.

I have also sent the same letter to the railway.

I'm available to discuss further, if you have any questions.



Thanks,
Brad

From: Pylypchuk, Bradley (TC/TC)
Sent: Tuesday, April 29, 2025 9:34 AM
To: 'adminassist@oakland-wawanesa.ca' <adminassist@oakland-wawanesa.ca>
Subject: Transport Canada Letter of Non-Compliance - 136.31 CPKC Glenboro Sub - Crossing ID 22433 - Road 113 West/1st Street near Carroll, MB

Joni Swidnicki:

Please find attached letter of non-compliance.

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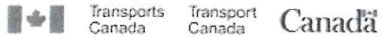
If the Municipality has any questions about this inspection, or the findings, please don't hesitate to reach out to discuss.

Regards,

Brad Pylypchuk, P.Eng.

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LETTER OF NON-COMPLIANCE

April 29, 2025

Joni Swidnicki
CAO
Oakland-Wawanesa, Municipality of
Box 28
27 Hampton St.
Nesbitt, MB R0K 1P0

Dear Joni Swidnicki,

I am a Railway Safety Inspector designated by the Minister of Transport under subsection 27(1) of the *Railway Safety Act* (RSA).

On April 16, 2025, I performed a crossing inspection of Canadian Pacific Railway Company and identified a non-compliance for which our records indicate that the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa is the responsible road authority. Further details are outlined in the attached inspection report.

Please advise this office in writing **no later than May 14, 2025**, on how you intend to address this non-compliance.

Please be aware that enforcement actions under the RSA could be taken with respect to any non-compliances listed in the attached inspection report.

Should you require additional information on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me, at (204) 914-5681 or by e-mail at bradley.pylypchuk@tc.gc.ca.

Yours sincerely,

Bradley Pylypchuk
Railway Works Engineer
Rail Safety

Transport Canada Rail Safety - Crossings Inspection Report

Road Authority	Oakland-Wawanesa, Municipality of	Summary	2025-04-16, Prairie Northern Region, Reference #: 14062764	TC Inspector	Bradley Pylypchuk
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Inspection Visits		
Inspection Date	Visit Location	Visit Status
April 16, 2025	Crossing (Passive): Mile 130.78, Glenboro Subdivision (Canadian Pacific), Road 108 West, (Y), CrossingID: 22426	No Non-Compliance Noted, with Comments
April 16, 2025	Crossing (Passive): Mile 136.31, Glenboro Subdivision (Canadian Pacific), Road 113 West, (Y), CrossingID: 22433	Non-Compliance

Non Compliances				
Location	Responsible Authority	Description	Corrective Action	Ref. #
Crossing (Passive): Mile 136.31, Glenboro Subdivision (Canadian Pacific), Road 113 West, (Y), CrossingID: 22433	Canadian Pacific Railway Company	<u>Crossings - Sightlines</u> Details: Issue with: Sightlines from SSD - Private Property (Railway responsibility) - (1) of Grade Crossings Regulations: 21 NW Dssd sightline quadrant is obstructed by vegetation on private land.	Railway is responsible, no Road Authority Corrective Action expected	14062860
Crossing (Passive): Mile 136.31, Glenboro Subdivision (Canadian Pacific), Road 113 West, (Y), CrossingID: 22433	Oakland-Wawanesa (MB)	<u>Crossings - Sightlines</u> Details: Issue with: Sightlines from SSD - Private Property (Road Authority responsibility) - (1) of Grade Crossings Regulations: 21 NW Dssd sightline quadrant is obstructed by vegetation on private land.	Response to Transport Canada: - Enter corrective action here - Effective As Of: - If not immediate, enter implementation date here -	14062864

Transport Canada Rail Safety - Crossings Inspection Report

Concerns

Location	Responsible Authority	Description	Corrective Action	Ref. #
Crossing (Passive): Mile 130.78, Glenboro Subdivision (Canadian Pacific), Road 108 West, (Y), CrossingID: 22426	Canadian Pacific Railway Company	<u>Crossings - Surface</u> Details: 2a - Surface - Crossing Surface Condition - (1) of Grade Crossings Regulations: 60 Crossing surface (planks) are worn, surface condition is at the borderline of "smooth and continuous".	Developing issue for Railway.- Enter Optional Response Comment Here -	14062816