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Re: Association of Manitoba Land Surveyor's Annual Register 2025

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the Association of Manitoba Land Surveyors' Annual Register for 2025.

This Annual Register of members of the Association of Manitoba Land Surveyors is published in accordance with the provisions of "The Land Surveyors Act", C.C.S.M. Cap. L60. It is distributed for the convenience of the citizens of Manitoba to ensure access to the profession when seeking advice or surveys with respect to land within this Province. Only those individuals listed as Practising Members are entitled to engage in the practise of land surveying within Manitoba.

Please post a copy of the register in your office(s).

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Lee Hurton
Executive Officer

Enclosure



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News Bulletin

AMM news and updates right to your inbox

JANUARY 24, 2025

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Latest Updates

The AMM Executive continues its tour across Manitoba



January 13, 2025 - The AMM Executive continue with their annual round of municipal visits by meeting with several municipalities in the Interlake District.

The AMM Executive was joined by Interlake District Director Kelly Cook when meeting with the following municipalities: RM of Grahamdale, RM of West Interlake, RM of St Laurent, RM of Armstrong, The Town of Stonewall, and RM of Rockwood.

Key themes discussed included public safety, the need for increased funding to support municipal economic growth, and positive developments in healthcare collaboration with the Interlake Regional Health Authority.

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1. Find the AMM socks in action!
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Let's spread the word—and the socks—far and wide! Whether you're sporting them yourself or spotting them out and about, we want to see those AMM socks in action!

Manitoba Government Reopening Two MASC Offices

"The Manitoba government is responding to requests from Manitoba's agricultural sector and opening two new Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation (MASC) Service Centres in western Manitoba to better meet the needs of Manitoba farmers.

Where the previous government ended services, we're bringing them back. We heard from producers loud and clear that they wanted the in-person service they used to enjoy. These new service centres will also help MASC staff to further build relationships with producers, allowing them to better anticipate and respond to their individual needs." - Agriculture Minister Ron Kostyshyn announced.

Click [HERE](#) for the full provincial News Release

Manitoba Government Announces Intake for two Community Development Grant Program

"Municipalities and organizations across Manitoba can apply for funding through **From the Ground Up** and the **Urban/Hometown Green Team** program, two community development grant programs that support youth employment, local capacity-building and economic development. Municipalities, community organizations and dedicated volunteers are at the forefront of building stronger communities and From the Ground Up grants will energize their efforts, Green teams grants are also an important tool that supports our communities, inspiring the next generation of local leaders and providing local jobs for young Manitobans". - Municipal and Northern Relations Minister Glen Simard

The deadline for applications for both programs is **Tuesday, Feb. 18**. For more information and applications, visit <https://gov.mb.ca/grants>

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Small Communities and Municipalities Infrastructure Program Support



Climate Ready Infrastructure Service

Le Service pour des infrastructures adaptées au climat

The [*Climate Ready Infrastructure Service \(CRIS\)*](#) is a national initiative connecting local governments with climate experts to enhance their infrastructure projects' low-carbon resilience. It's part of the Climate Toolkit for Housing & Infrastructure, a suite of resources supporting local governments in achieving Canada's National Adaptation Strategy and 2030 Emissions Reduction Plan goals.

[CHRIS Outline](#)

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41st Annual Volunteer Awards Nomination Deadline Extended



The 41st Annual Volunteer Awards is an opportunity to celebrate the incredible individuals and groups who have devoted their time to building extraordinary communities.

Now it's your turn to spotlight these incredible people.
Nominate an exceptional volunteer today!
New deadline for nomination is January 30, 2025.

All the information about the Annual Volunteer Awards, including the nomination form, can be found on our website: <https://www.volunteermanitoba.ca/awards.php>

Manitoba Association of Senior Communities

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HEALTHY AGING IN CENTRAL MANITOBA

Join us at the Morden Friendship Centre
Thursday, March 5, 2025, 10 am - 2 pm
Lunch will be provided!



More information to follow!

Stronger Together: Building a Healthier Future Through Community, Care & Connection!

This gathering will bring together stakeholders from Manitoba's central region to discuss and collaborate on strategies for developing age-friendly communities. Your experience and perspective are vital in addressing the challenges faced by older adults. Together we can create communities where everyone, regardless of age, has the opportunity to thrive.

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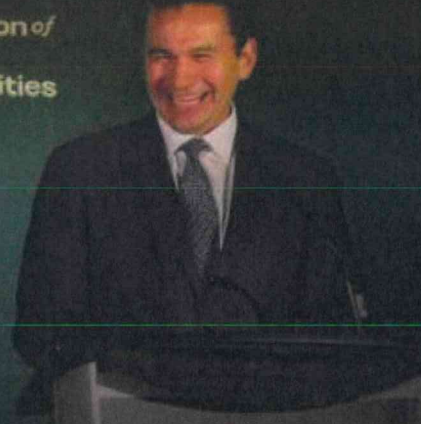
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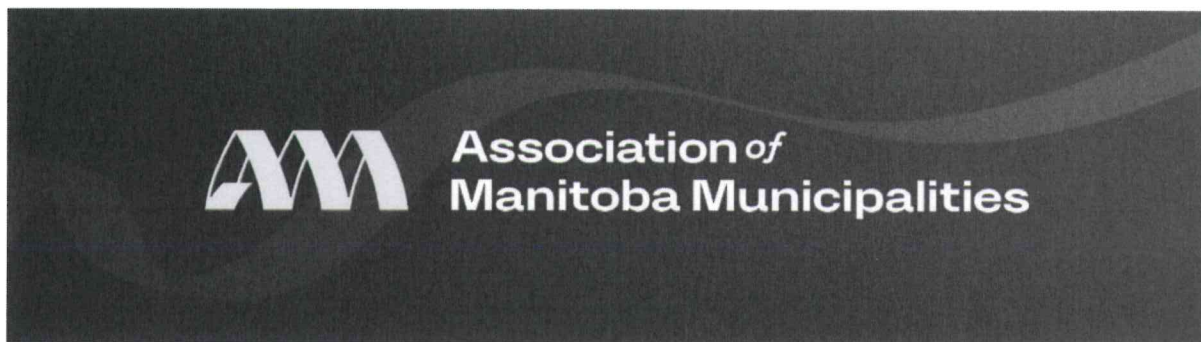
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AMM Western Director Update

Councillor Rhonda Coupland

**Second Director Position
VACANT**

As your AMM Board Director, I am pleased to provide an update on the issues discussed at the last Board meeting that was held on **January 29, 2025**.

While the AMM Board maintains the policy of confidentiality regarding ongoing discussions with the provincial government and stakeholders, I am pleased to share some of the topics with you.

If you should have any questions about any of the following items, please



contact Nick Krawetz, AMM Director of Policy and Communications.

Provincial Government Updates

Due to our advocacy efforts, the Manitoba government opened the 2025 intake for both the *From the Ground Up and Urban/Hometown Green Team programs* earlier than last year. We appreciate the Manitoba government's responsiveness to municipal concerns regarding last year's delays in the intake process for these vital programs. The deadline for applications for both programs is **Tuesday, February 18**. For more information, please click [HERE](#).

Additionally, the Manitoba government opened the intake for accessibility project funding, offering grants of up to \$50,000 through the **Manitoba Accessibility Fund**. Projects must target accessibility standards under the *Accessibility for Manitobans Act* to improve customer service, employment or information and communication, and must also fulfil one of three objectives including:

- raising awareness about the prevention and removal of barriers;
- developing tools, resources and training to support compliance with legislated standards; or
- removing barriers to information and communications electronically, in print and in person.

The deadline to apply for the MAF is **February 14**. For more information, please [click HERE](#).

Residential Cannabis Cultivation Update

As part of the public consultation on the proposed Cannabis Regulation under **Bill 34: The Liquor, Gaming, and Cannabis Control Act**, the AMM provided a written submission outlining the potential risks and impacts this legislation could have on municipalities and law enforcement, particularly after its enactment.

The public consultation document points to the likelihood of increased calls to law enforcement and other agencies due to public inquiries and complaints. This is especially troubling given that municipalities currently lack the necessary enforcement tools to monitor residential cannabis cultivation effectively.

Meanwhile, Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries continues to report strong cannabis revenues, with a net income of \$40 million in 2024. Given this, we continue to urge the Province to engage municipalities as key partners in revenue-sharing discussions.

As the proposed regulation progresses, ensuring municipalities receive a share of cannabis revenue will be critical to addressing the growing demands on local law enforcement and strain on municipal resources, as residents turn to their local officials with cannabis-related concerns. The AMM will also address this issue during our annual pre-budget meeting with the Hon. Adrien Sala, Minister of Finance. We will continue to keep you informed as this regulation progresses.

Railway Duty to Consult and Transparency

At the 2024 AMM November Convention, members passed [Resolution #35-2024](#), calling on the AMM to submit a resolution to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) urging the federal government to change the cost formula for railway crossing repairs, establishing rates that are more reflective of local contractor service rates and a duty to consult requirement.

In response, the AMM drafted a resolution, which was endorsed by the AMM Board of Directors and submitted to FCM for consideration in the Fall 2025 resolutions process. The AMM will continue to keep members informed as this resolution progresses through FCM.

This initiative complements the AMM Board of Director's 2024 resolution advocating for significantly increased funding to the Rail Safety Improvement Program (RSIP) or for the federal government to fully absorb compliance costs associated with *Grade Crossing Regulations*. More details on this resolution can be viewed [HERE](#).

Railway Pipeline and Gas Distribution Rates

Due to our advocacy efforts and consultations with municipalities, we are pleased that rates for railway roadways, pipelines, and gas distribution systems will remain unchanged. The *Railway Roadway Property, Pipeline Property, and Gas Distribution Systems Regulations* under *The Municipal Assessment Act* were updated on January 1, 2025, to reflect these changes.

The new regulation prescribes assessment rates for railway roadways, pipelines and gas distribution systems. It can be viewed [HERE](#).

Spring Convention Update

Registration for the AMM 2025 [Spring Convention](#) in Winnipeg opens on **February 18**.

The 2025 AMM Spring Convention will be held at the RBC Convention Centre in Winnipeg and will include meetings for Mayors, Reeves and CAOs on the first day with all member sessions and the Trade Show commencing on the second and third day. The event will run from April 14 to April 16, 2025.

For more information, visit the [AMM Website](#).

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AMM and MMA members are encouraged to contact AMM staff if they have questions or concerns regarding any municipal policy issue. Please contact Nick Krawetz, AMM Director of Policy and Communications, at **204-856-2371** or nkrawetz@amm.mb.ca.

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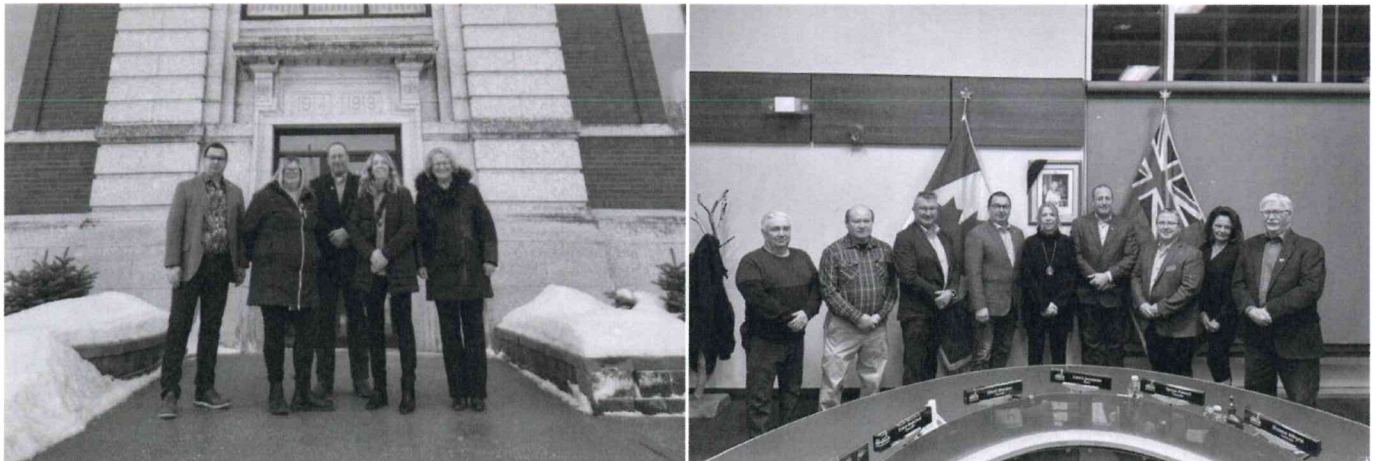
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Latest Updates

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The AMM Executive continue with their annual round of municipal visits by meeting with several municipalities in the Central District (January 27-28, 2025) and Parkland District (February 4-5, 2025).

The AMM Executive was joined by Central District Directors Nancy Penner and Christa Vann Mitchell when meeting with the following municipalities: RM of Grey, RM of Dufferin, RM of Thompson City of Winkler, Municipality of Pembina and Municipality of Louis.

Parkland District Directors Jim Manchur and Lance Jacobson joined the AMM Executive meeting with the following municipalities: Mossey River Municipality, Municipality of Minitonas-Bowsman, Town of Swan River, and Municipality of Swan Valley West.

Key themes for Central District visits included downloading of responsibilities, insufficient provincial maintenance of drains and road networks, and the need for a modernized funding model that better aligns with municipal priorities. For Parkland District visits, key themes are sharps disposal, increasing crime rates and public safety challenges, and the lack of maintenance of provincial drains and road infrastructure.

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The Accessibility for Manitobans Act and Accessibility Standards: Free Webinars Series

The Accessibility for Manitobans Act consists of five standard building blocks for making real, measurable, and effective changes to accessibility. Each standard outlines specific requirements and timelines for organizations that have a responsibility to comply with the act.

Manitoba Accessibility Office



Your Organization's Role in Removing Barriers

Learn how your organization can improve accessibility by attending one or more of the Manitoba Accessibility Office's online webinars. These webinars serve as a valuable tool to educate businesses, non-profits, and public sector organizations about accessibility legislation in Manitoba. Attend virtually from

anywhere and gain valuable insight into best practices and learn about strategies for improving accessibility policies and procedures. Each session focuses on a different area of the legislation and will include a presentation outlining requirements, tools, resources, and strategies for making your organization compliant and more accessible for all Manitobans.

Upcoming Webinar Sessions:

- **February 19:** Embracing an Accessible Manitoba, It Starts with Your Organization – An Overview of the Accessibility for Manitobans Act
 - **[Register to Attend this Session](#)**
- **April 16:** Providing Accessible Information and Communication as a Small Business – Developing Strategies that Work
 - **[Register to Attend this Session](#)**
- **May 21:** Navigating Accessibility Accommodations in the Workplace – Understanding Your Role as an Employer
 - **[Register to Attend this Session](#)**

Each presentation takes place from 1 to 2 p.m. and will be hosted virtually on Zoom.

All webinars will have accessibility measures such as American Sign Language interpretation (ASL) and live closed captioning.

Visit [AccessibilityMB.ca](https://www.accessibilitymb.ca) to learn more about these webinars.

Manitoba Water and Wastewater Annual Conference and Tradeshow



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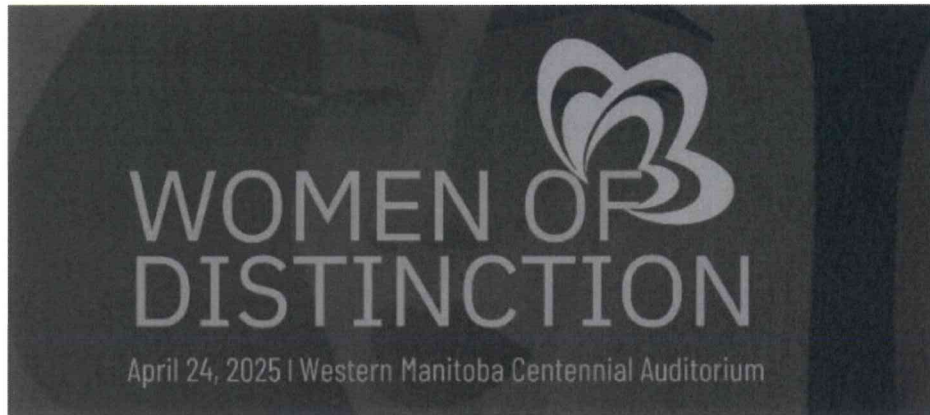


When: February 25 - 26, 2025

Where: Holiday Inn Express Polo Park

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2025 Women of Distinction Awards Nomination Now Open



The 2025 Women of Distinction Awards are officially open for nominations! Do you know an inspiring woman making a difference in Westman community? Recognize her impact by submitting a nomination today!

Nominations close: March 8 (International Women's Day)

Event Date: April 24, 2025 - 6:00 PM

Location: WMCA - Brandon, MB

Let's celebrate the incredible women shaping our community!

For more information, tickets and nomination form, click [HERE](#).

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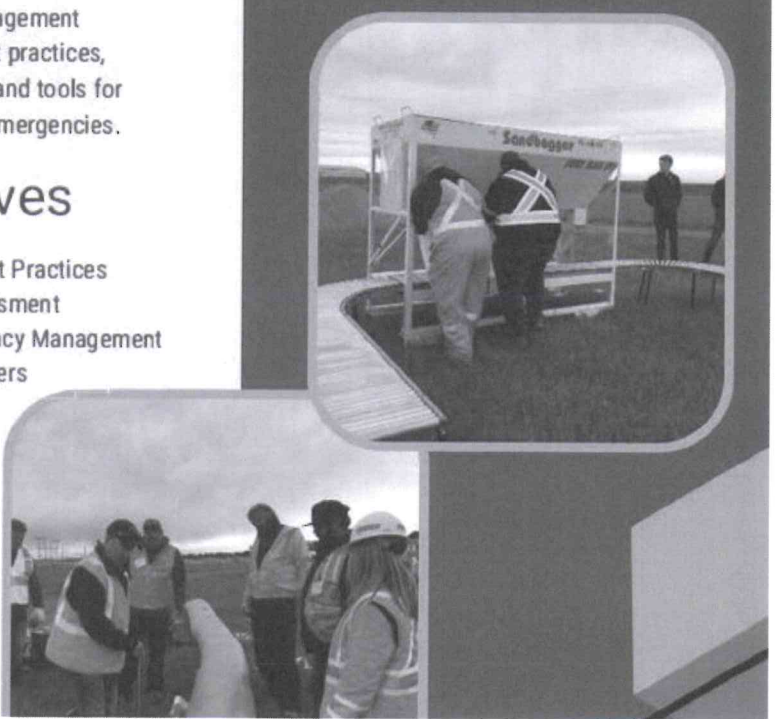
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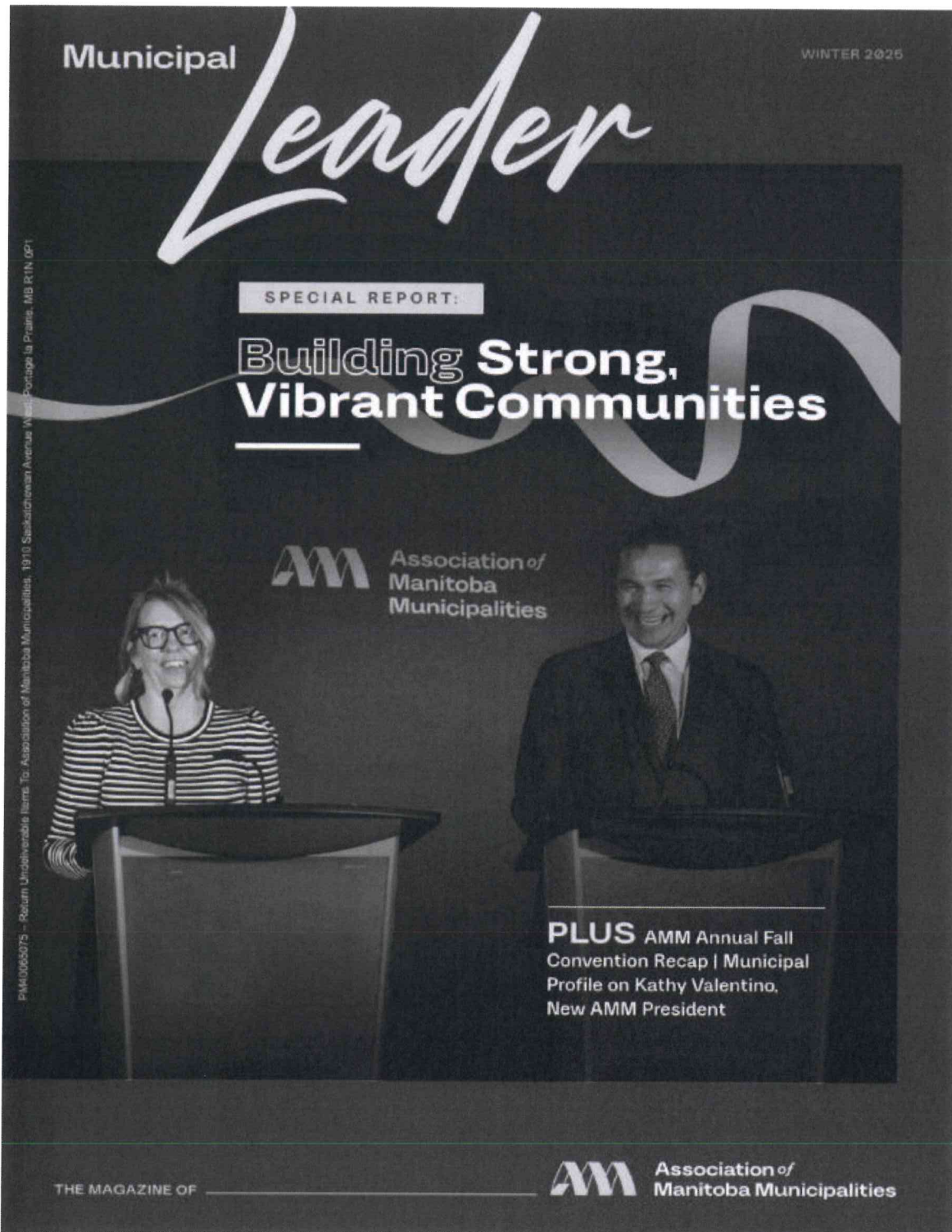
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January 2025

Welcome to the Q4 edition of the Manitoba Public Safety Communications Service (PSCS) Quarterly Update. In this edition, we introduce Public Safety Entities (PSEs) to a useful APX accessory, highlight Bell's enhanced sales and support tools, and feature a new section on the history of two-way radio and the PSCS network. Thank you for your continued partnership and support.

Your Feedback Matters: 2024 PSCS Survey Results

We appreciate your participation in the 2024 PSCS survey. Your feedback is invaluable in helping us improve our services. We are pleased to share a summary of the key findings:

Most respondents scored Bell's Network availability, service and subscriber gear performance very well. We are working to enhance our ticketing process and response times based on your suggestions of areas we can improve your PSCS user experience.

Note that all comments were reviewed and addressed with the PSE if contact information was provided to us.

Congratulations to Chief Kinghorn, Bird River FD, and Kevin Zacharkiw, East Selkirk Fire as the winners of our 2024 Survey participation contest! Each winner received a Google Nest Audio Smart Speaker via a random draw.

Your continuous input is essential as we continue to enhance our PSCS processes and user experience. Look for new dates and questions in the 2025 edition later this year.



Two-way radio – Did you know?

Handie Talkie Radio

Motorola traces its origins of portable two-way radio technology to the World War II Handie-Talkie military radio. Prior to the U.S. entering the war, Galvin Manufacturing Corporation anticipated the need for a handheld portable two-way radio that would "follow man in combat."

The most famous radio of the World War II era, the Handie-Talkie SCR536 handheld two-way radio, almost never came to be. Former Motorola President Elmer H. Wavering recalled that engineer Donald Mitchell recognized the strategic value of portable communications after he observed a National Guard training exercise and saw how radios installed in vehicles were abandoned in the mud and confusion of battle. He returned to the company convinced that military communications had to follow man to the greatest degree possible and immediately began to engineer a radio that could be carried in the hand.

The U.S. Army Signal Corps was not interested and considered it a stopgap radio because of its short range of about one mile (1.6 km). But Mitchell continued to improve the design.

He and his team developed a two-way AM radio that a single person could carry and operate with one hand. Tuned using sets of crystals for transmitting and receiving, it was battery-powered and weighed just 5 pounds (2.2 kg). The Signal Corps soon realized that the light weight was ideal for a new type of soldier--the paratrooper--and by early 1941 awarded Galvin Manufacturing Corporation a contract for an experimental quantity.

When the United States entered the war in December 1941, the company stepped up production to ship thousands of radio units to the front lines. Handie-Talkie radiotelephones became standard equipment for infantrymen as well as for paratroopers. By the time World War II ended, Motorola's handheld SCR536 Handie-Talkie two-way radio was an icon.



Motorola wartime Handie-Talkie radio advertisement, circa 1945.



Galvin Manufacturing Corporation (later Motorola) Handie-Talkie SCR536 portable two-way radio, circa 1940.

Source: www.motorolasolutions.com

APX Accessory Corner

We understand the need for reliable carry cases for your APX portables. In the 2024 PSCS Survey, some PSEs were inquiring about different carry case options. Included below are a few options for your users. Please email bmr_sales@bell.ca for pricing and product availability.



Leather Carry Case with 2.5' Swivel Belt Loop

PMLN6085



Leather Carry Case with 3' Fixed Belt Loop

PMLN7903



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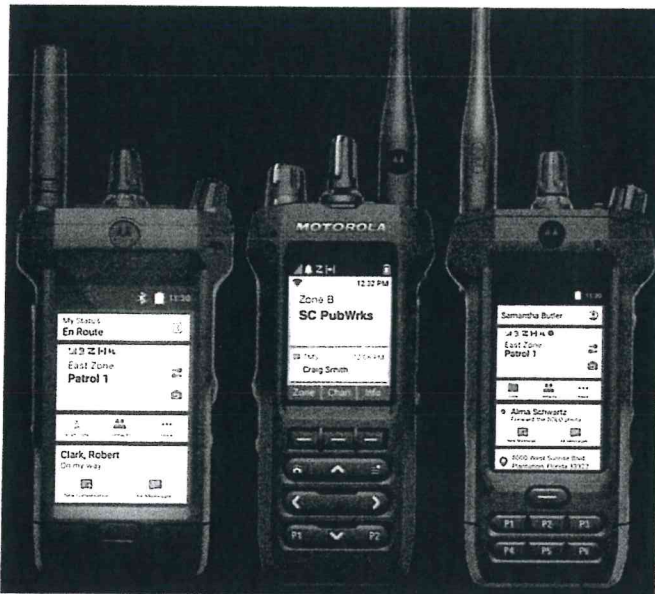
Molded Nylon Carry Case with Quick Disconnect Swivel and Adjustable Lanyard

PMLN6802

The NEXT Evolution of Motorola APX radios has arrived!

Bell, Motorola and the PSCS team is excited to announce training for the new APX N Series radio in early 2025. We hope you can join us either in person or virtually. If you are interested in the training, please inquire with PSCSsupport@gov.mb.ca.

Features, accessories and overall functionality of the N Line of APX radios will be covered.



Safety Officer Program

The Provincial Police Act Review (2020) recommended creation of a layered policing model to support community safety. The Safety Officer Program (SOP) allows communities to take ownership of their own safety plans by providing resources to address less serious criminal issues stemming from social issues such as homelessness, addiction and mental health. The SOP was introduced in the Q2 Quarterly Communication. (Source: [Province of Manitoba | justice – Safety Officer Program \(gov.mb.ca\)](https://www.gov.mb.ca/justice))

For specific information about the PSCS Radio approval process for your community, please contact pscscsupport@gov.mb.ca. Once approved, Bell is committed to working with the Community Safety Officer Program as well as the PSCS team on this important initiative. While many details are still being finalized regarding collaborative talkgroups and codeplugs,

feel free to ask BMR_sales@bell.ca for a budgetary quote on Motorola APX Series Portable or Mobile radios to secure funding in your communities.

Radio Purchases

We want to share a friendly reminder about requests for standard equipment (Radios and Accessories). Please ensure you are contacting Bell Mobility Radio Sales at BMR_sales@bell.ca or your Bell Service Partner to receive a quote and place an order.

When requesting product, please always provide the following:

- PSCS account number
- Contact name and number
- Package name for radios / Bell SKU for accessories
- Quantity
- Shipping address (if not the same as billing)
- Programming requirement: existing radio profile (if known) or request creation of new master code plug template
- If an installation is required

Helpful tips:

- If you are unsure of the existing radio profile, please provide the serial/tag number of another radio which is programmed the same
- A new master code plug template is required whenever the talk groups, channels or features in the radio are being changed or if you are buying a new model radio.
- Radios ordered from any of our MSCs or directly from Bell are identical and the prices are all the same. Please refrain from reaching out to multiple sources for pricing.

Please note without this information, the processing of your request may be delayed.

Service Desk Support

In order to ensure specific inquiries and/or requests get to the best team for support, we wanted to clarify why you would engage our Bell Mobility Radio Service Desk (bmradiocc@bell.ca):

- Move, add, or change equipment
- Inhibit/un-inhibit
- Equipment removal
- Equipment decommission (deactivation)
- Restoration
- Repair
- Re-programming
- Serialized code plug creation
- Template provisioning

- Re-keying of existing radios
- Restructuring of Manitoba PSCS accounts
- Network incident
- Billing/invoicing

Note: All service-related issues mentioned above should come to the Service Desk.

- Important information: We would like to remind everyone about the process for logging tickets with Bell Mobility Radio. You can access the Network Trouble Report Form via https://www.gov.mb.ca/central/psc/pscscs/pubs/network_trouble_report_form.pdf, which should be submitted to bmradiocc@bell.ca once filled out.

Bell Mobility Radio Service Desk

Please contact Bell National Service Desk if you experience any issues with your radios or the PSCS Radio Network.

Toll Free: 1-833-551-3925

Email: bmradiocc@bell.ca

Service Partners

Alcom Electronic
Communications
Unit 12-846 Marion Street
Winnipeg, Manitoba
204-237-9099
<https://www.alcom.ca/>

Prairie Mobile
Communications
1305 King Edward Street
Winnipeg, Manitoba
204-632-7800
<https://www.prairiemobile.com/>

We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincerest appreciation to all PSEs for your continued engagement and support in using the services and processes of the PSCS network. We look forward to continuing our work together to support your emergency communication services across Manitoba.

Have a wonderful New Year,



Jeff Penner

Strategic Sales Planner | Public Safety & IC | Bell Business Markets



BY EMAIL AND MAIL

January 16, 2025

Dave Kreklewich, Mayor
Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa
Box 278 106 Fourth St
Wawanesa, MB R0K 1P0

Dear Dave Kreklewich:

RE: Industrial Inquiry Commission Reviewing Canada Post

As you may know, the Canada Industrial Relations Board, as instructed by the Minister of Labour, Steven MacKinnon, ordered the resumption of mail service at Canada Post on December 17, 2024, under Section 107 of the *Canada Labour Code*. What many do not know is that under Section 108, he also created an Industrial Inquiry Commission led by William Kaplan that will work with CUPW and Canada Post to examine the future of the public post office with a very broad scope.

The Commission has been tasked with reviewing the obstacles to negotiated collective agreements, as well as making recommendations about the future structure of Canada Post. The Commission has until May 15, 2025, to submit its final report to the government.

While time is extremely short, the good news is that there is an opportunity for you to make a submission as part of the Commission's public review. CUPW would like to ensure that the views of municipalities are considered. Therefore, if at all possible, we would like you to provide input to the Commission.

During the last public review on the mandate of Canada Post in 2016, the active engagement of municipalities was critical in the decision to maintain door-to-door delivery and immediately stop the further rollout of community mailboxes. However, there is nothing to stop the Commission from making recommendations to bring that back or to suggest other cutbacks.

We have enclosed a sample resolution that your municipality can adopt about making a submission to the Commission, expanding services at the public post office, and the need for more robust public stakeholder consultation. We have also included a document with some suggested themes to consider for your written submission. If you can, please let us know if you plan to participate, pass a resolution, and can send us copies of the materials you submit.

Upcoming Federal Election

We also find ourselves in a period of federal political uncertainty, with the possibility of a federal election only months away. This will raise public discussion and debates on many issues affecting the public and all municipalities.

In all likelihood, it will be the next federal government that will determine what will be done with the Commission's report.



In the run-up to the federal election, we urge you to question the political parties on their intentions for Canada Post, and insist they make clear their public commitments regarding the following issues:

- Preserving our universal and public postal service;
- Maintaining the moratorium on post office closures;
- Maintaining door-to-door mail delivery; and,
- Establishing postal banking to offset the loss of financial services in many communities.

Thank you very much for considering our request. There's a lot at stake and we appreciate anything you can do to help. CUPW is confident that we can build on our past success and convince the Commission to recommend against service cuts, to maintain good jobs in our communities, expand services that generate additional revenues to keep Canada Post self-sustaining and allow us to build a universal, affordable and green public postal system for future generations.

For more information, please visit deliveringcommunitypower.ca or contact Brigitte Klassen at bklassen@cupw-sttp.org.

Sincerely,



Jan Simpson
National President

Encl.

c.c. National Executive Committee, Regional Executive Committees, Regional and National Union Representatives, CUPW Locals, Specialists





Canada Post is Under Review through Section 108 of the *Canada Labour Code*

As you may know, the Minister of Labour, Steven MacKinnon, ordered the resumption of mail service at Canada Post just before the holiday break, ordering CUPW members to return to work under Section 107 of the *Canada Labour Code*. What many do not know is that under Section 108, he also created an Industrial Inquiry Commission lead by William Kaplan that will work with CUPW and Canada Post to examine the future of the public post office with a very broad scope.

It will review Canada Post's financial situation, the possible diversification or alteration of delivery models, Canada Post's viability as it is currently configured, as well as bargaining issues, including full-time employment, health and safety and job security and produce a report not later than May 15, 2025. Accordingly, Kaplan's "recommendations may include amendments to the collective agreement, and any other changes to be implemented, including the structures, rights and responsibilities of the parties in the collective bargaining process."

The Commission is Seeking Input

We have an incredibly short timeline to follow. Hearings will begin January 27 with statements from both CUPW and Canada Post. The good news is that there is an opportunity for third parties to send in a written submission to the Commission as part of its public review. CUPW and Canada Post must have their bilingual submissions in to the commission by end of day Monday, January 20. We do not have a date or mechanism yet for third-party submissions, but it could be very soon. CUPW would like to ensure that the views of community groups, municipalities, allied organizations and labour are also considered. Therefore, if at all possible, we would like you to provide input to the Commission.

Please let us know if you will be making a submission. Please contact Brigitte Klassen at bklassen@cupw-sttp.org, so we can provide you with more details on how to send it to the Commission as soon as we have more information.

As time is of the essence and to help get you started on your submission, here are some suggested themes to consider that are important supplements to CUPW's bargaining demands.

- Keep Canada Post a Public Service
- Maintain universal service at a uniform price
- Expanded services to diversify and generate new revenue streams, no service cuts
 - add financial services
 - maintain the moratorium on post office closures to enable community hubs (meeting spaces, sales of local crafts, community gardens, government services for all levels of government)
 - maintain door-to-door delivery and increase where financially viable
- Major changes to Canada Post should not be made without full public consultation conducted through a mandate review involving all stakeholders

Keep Canada Post a Public Service

The Commission will examine the financial situation at Canada Post. Currently, the Crown Corporation is required only to be self-sufficient. It is completely user-funded and does not rely on taxpayer dollars. Canada Post still tends to prioritize major, high-profit customers over the public and providing a public service. Canada Post must not lose sight of its public interest objectives.

Major changes to Canada Post and the *Canadian Postal Service Charter* should not be made without full public consultation and hearings conducted through a mandate review involving all stakeholders. There is simply not enough time to do this under the Labour Minister's *Canada Labour Code* Section 108 order.

Maintain universal service at a uniform price

There have also been calls in the media and by various think tanks to privatize or deregulate Canada Post with little regard for the impact on public service or working conditions. Though transaction mail has been in decline, there are still over 2 billion letters delivered every year to an increasing number of addresses. Canada Post has an exclusive privilege (a monopoly) to handle letters so that it is able to generate enough money to provide affordable postal service to everyone, no matter where they live, be it a large urban centre or a rural or isolated community. There is no comparison in the world of a deregulated or privatized post office that serves anything near Canada's vast size and geography.

It will become increasingly difficult for our public post office to provide universal postal service if the exclusive privilege is eroded or eliminated. The exclusive privilege funds its universality. If parts of the service are deregulated or privatized, competitors will leave it to Canada Post alone to provide increasingly expensive delivery service to rural and remote communities, while they compete in profitable urban areas.

Providing Canada Post with an exclusive privilege to handle addressed letters is a form of regulation. Reducing or eliminating this privilege is deregulation. We have this regulation for a reason.

Expanded services to diversify and generate new revenue streams, no service cuts

For years, CUPW has been advocating for new and expanded services to help diversify and create new revenue streams as a direct means to handling decline in letter volumes. Many of these services, such as postal banking, already exist in many other post offices around the world and they generate significant revenue. Around the world, more than 1.2 billion people hold postal bank accounts.

Providing new services through the existing corporate retail network ensures that good jobs remain for workers and their families in the communities in which they live.

Financial Services

Given Canada Post's vast retail network, postal banking would offer in-community service for those who are underbanked or who have had their financial institutions close and leave town. Today, there are many rural communities with post offices, but no banks or credit unions. Very few Indigenous communities are served by local bank branches. Hundreds of thousands of low-income Canadians don't have bank

accounts at all, and almost 2 million Canadians rely on predatory payday lenders for basic financial services.

Postal banking is relatively straightforward. Like commercial banks, post offices would provide everyday financial services like chequing and savings accounts, loans and insurance. Postal banking could also be used to deliver government loans, grants and subsidies to boost renewable energy projects and energy-saving retrofits.

In many countries, postal banking is also mandated to provide financial access for all citizens and to play a role in addressing social inequalities. Postal banking could provide reliable financial services that everyone needs at affordable rates.

Community Hubs and Moratorium on Post Office Closures

We have also advocated community hubs (provide government services for all levels of government, meeting space, sales of local crafts, community gardens) and EV charging stations.

One of Canada Post's demands during Negotiations was to have the *flexibility* to close more than 130 of the 493 corporate Retail Post Offices that are protected under the current CUPW-Canada Post Urban Postal Operations collective agreement. These are post offices that are run by Canada Post and are not franchises located inside another host business.

While about three-quarters of these are also covered by an additional 1994 moratorium on closures, for those that are not, they could end up being privatized or disappear altogether if we lose this contract language. Residents may then have to travel further for their postal needs. No franchise host business is going to give up retail space for community hubs, nor parking space for charging stations that generate revenue for Canada Post. Longstanding, good-paying, full-time jobs in our communities could be replaced with low-wage, part-time work.

You can find a list of the post offices under the moratorium and how they are protected here:

<https://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/examendepostescanada-canadapostreview/rapport-report/bureaux-outlets-eng.html>

Senior Check-Ins

We have proposed creating a senior check-in service as well. Senior check-ins could bring peace of mind to loved ones and relatives who don't live nearby. Japan, France and Jersey in the British Isles currently offer effective and successful senior check-in services through their national postal services. Door-to-door postal workers are already watchful for signs that something isn't quite right. They could be allotted extra time on their routes to simply check in on seniors or people with mobility issues who sign up for the service to make sure everything is okay and deliver peace of mind.

Find out more about our service expansion proposals at <https://www.deliveringcommunitypower.ca>

Canada Post and the Industrial Inquiry Commission

Whereas the Canada Industrial Relations Board, as instructed by the Federal Minister of Labour, Steven MacKinnon, ordered the end to the postal strike and the resumption of mail service at Canada Post on December 17, 2024, under Section 107 of the *Canada Labour Code*.

Whereas the Federal Minister of Labour, Steven MacKinnon, created an *Industrial Inquiry Commission* under Section 108 of *Canada Labour Code*, led by William Kaplan, that will work with the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) and Canada Post to examine the future of the public post office, including possible changes to the *Canadian Postal Service Charter*.

Whereas Canada Post is, first and foremost, a public service.

Whereas the *Commission* has been tasked with reviewing the obstacles to negotiated collective agreements between CUPW and Canada Post, the financial situation of Canada Post, Canada Post's expressed need to diversify and/or alter its delivery models in the face of current business demands, the viability of the business as it is currently configured, CUPW's negotiated commitments to job security, full-time employment, and the need to protect the health and safety of workers.

Whereas the *Commission* only has until May 15, 2025, to submit its final report to the government and make recommendations about the future structure of Canada Post.

Whereas while there is room for written input, the *Commission* process is not widely publicized, nor equivalent to a full and thorough public service review of Canada Post's mandate allowing for all stakeholder input, as has been undertaken by previous governments.

Whereas it will be crucial for the *Commission* to hear our views on key issues, including maintaining Canada Post as a public service, the importance of maintaining the moratorium on post office closures, improving the *Canadian Postal Service Charter*, home mail delivery, parcel delivery, keeping daily delivery, adding postal banking, greening Canada Post, EV charging stations, food delivery, improving delivery to rural, remote and Indigenous communities, and developing services to assist people with disabilities and help older Canadians to remain in their homes for as long as possible – and at the same time, helping to ensure Canada Post's financial self-sustainability.

Therefore, be it resolved that (name of municipality) provide input to the *Commission* in the form of a written submission.

Therefore, be it resolved that (name of municipality) will write the Federal Minister of Labour, Steven MacKinnon, and the Federal Minister of Public Services and Procurement of Canada, Jean-Yves Duclos, who is responsible for Canada Post, to demand that no changes be made to the *Canada Post Corporation Act*, Canada Post's mandate or the *Canadian Postal Service Charter* without a full, thorough, public review of Canada Post, including public hearings, with all key stakeholders, in every region of Canada.

PLEASE SEE THE MAILING INFORMATION FOR RESOLUTIONS ON REVERSE SIDE

MAILING INFORMATION

1) Please send your resolution to the Commission:

- We do not have a mailing address at this time. As we understand it, this is the email address that will collect the documents on behalf of the Commission:
edsc.cdi-iic.esdc@labour-travail.gc.ca

2) Please send your resolution to the Ministers responsible for Labour and Canada Post, and your Member of Parliament:

- Steven MacKinnon, Federal Minister of Labour, House of Commons, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0A6
- Jean-Yves Duclos, Federal Minister of Public Services and Procurement of Canada, House of Commons, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0A6
- Your Member of Parliament

Note: Mail may be sent postage-free to any member of Parliament. You can get your MP's name, phone number and address by going to the Parliament of Canada website at <https://www.ourcommons.ca/Members/en>

3) Please send copies of your resolution to:

- Jan Simpson, President, Canadian Union of Postal Workers, 377 Bank Street, Ottawa, Ontario, K2P 1Y3
- Rebecca Bligh, President, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, 24 Clarence St, Ottawa, Ontario K1N 5P3

Community Spaces Funding from Federated Co-op

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Community Spaces was developed to support projects in the communities across Western Canada in which we live, work and operate. Projects can apply for between \$25,000 and \$150,000 in capital funding in three categories: recreation, environmental conservation and urban agriculture.

Applications are accepted till March 3, 2025. To apply click on the link.

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- Non-profit organizations registered under their provincial government with proof of registration (e.g. letters of incorporation)
- Non-profit organizations working with their municipal government who will accept funding and issue receipts on their behalf
- Community service co-operatives



What criteria must projects meet?

- Be available and accessible for community use
- Align with one of the three funding categories (recreation, environmental conservation or urban agriculture)
- Be completed within two years
- Be a capital project
- Be located in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan or Manitoba
- Provide the opportunity for permanent signage

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What projects are ineligible for funding?

- Politically affiliated organizations
- Faith-based projects that are not available to the community
- Those that will have adverse environmental impacts
- Those that are third-party fundraising campaigns



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Cindy Verbeek

Houston Nature Centre, A Rocha Canada,
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The 2025 Community Spaces Application period is now open.

The application period will run from February 1, 2025 to March 3, 2025.

Quick Links

Learn more about Community Spaces and the application process here:

- [Program Guide](#)
- [Sample Application](#)

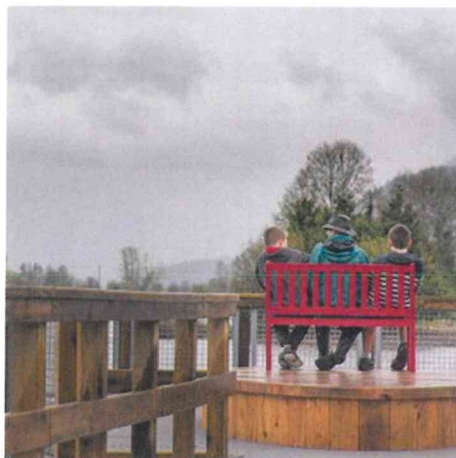
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Next week: Collective webinar on district heating and cooling solutions for small communities

Small communities face unique challenges when planning for new sustainable, energy-efficient infrastructure. Join us on January 29 for a free webinar, in partnership with CIMCO Toromont, that explores innovative approaches, such as leveraging wastewater for energy recovery, to enhance efficiency, lower utility costs and reduce your community's carbon footprint in the long term. The session will explore the potential of community ice rinks, a common feature in many small communities, to serve as a thermal energy source for broader community use.

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NEWS

Calling all candidates: Board vacancies in Nova Scotia and Saskatchewan

Have you ever considered serving on FCM's Board of Directors? If so, there are currently vacancies for representatives from Nova Scotia and Saskatchewan. This member-elected body sets the organization's policy priorities, ensuring that municipalities have the tools they need to do what's best for Canadians. Nominations are open until February 17.

» [SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION TODAY](#)

Deadline extended: Inclusive Climate Action for Tunisian Municipalities

FCM's international project, Inclusive Climate Action for Tunisian Municipalities (ICATM), is looking for FCM members' participation. ICATM aims to strengthen climate adaptation and resilience in municipalities in Tunisia, while promoting equity and inclusion for women, young people and vulnerable groups. The Call for Expressions of Interest is open to all FCM members until February 11 by 11:59 p.m. ET.

» [LEARN MORE](#)

EVENTS

Webinar on planning energy upgrades for community buildings in small municipalities

Small municipalities don't always have the resources to plan energy upgrades for their community buildings, such as swimming pools, indoor ice rinks, libraries and community centres. Want to learn about the real cost of buildings, ways to lower your energy costs and strategies to maximize your savings through energy-efficiency upgrades for your community buildings? Join our webinar, *Energy upgrades for community buildings in small municipalities*, on January 28. This webinar will be held in French.

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How housing providers can engage with residents on energy retrofits

When a housing provider undertakes a deep energy retrofit of one of its buildings, it can be disruptive to residents. That's why engaging with them is an important part of the process. Watch this webinar recording to:

- Learn how to effectively set residents' expectations during, before and after a deep energy retrofit
- Begin developing your own engagement strategies based on best practices
- Hear testimonials about previous projects that can be adapted and applied to your own project

» [WATCH THE WEBINAR RECORDING](#)

RESOURCES

Assess your municipality's climate readiness

Lead your community towards stronger climate resilience. The Climate-Ready Communities Assessment Tool is a free, practical resource designed to help municipalities assess climate risks, identify gaps and pinpoint key priorities for adaptation.

By working through its framework step-by-step, municipal leaders can make informed decisions that optimize resources, reduce immediate vulnerabilities and support long-term resilience. The tool empowers communities of all sizes to address today's challenges while preparing for a more secure future.

» **EXPLORE THE TOOL TODAY**

Nature-based solutions: Building healthier communities

Did you know that nature can improve infrastructure project outcomes? By integrating nature-based solutions in infrastructure planning, communities can:

- Enhance flood and heatwave resilience.
- Protect and support local biodiversity.
- Capture carbon and reduce climate impacts.

Innovative projects like Fairwinds Park in Mississauga showcase how green infrastructure can boost climate resilience. Let's build sustainable, thriving communities together.

» **DOWNLOAD THE FACTSHEET**

Affordable housing providers can lead the way with innovative GMF-funded pilot projects

GMF's Sustainable Affordable Housing initiative funds pilot projects to test innovative and ambitious energy-efficiency solutions that aim to improve environmental outcomes. With available grants of up to \$500,000 to cover up to 80 percent of eligible expenses, this fund targets leading-edge pilot projects that generate significant GHG reductions for affordable housing providers and their communities.

» **APPLY FOR FUNDING TODAY**

LOCAL DATA

Municipal data training program

Statistics Canada is offering an executive training program on disaggregated data for policy and program executives in provinces, territories and municipalities. The program features:

- **Panel Discussion** (February 12, 1–2:30 p.m.): Insights from experts like Dr. Wendy Cukier, Aklilu Tefera, Dr. Kwame McKenzie and Gayatri Jayaraman on leveraging disaggregated data in policy.
- **Workshops:**
 - *Challenging the Data* (February 21, 1–2:15 p.m.)
 - *Data Ethics* (February 28, 1–2:15 p.m.)

To join, email maha.sadakaarchibald@statcan.gc.ca by February 10, using your work email and include your position. Sessions are in English.

SOCIAL MEDIA

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Jan 15: "As the population grows, we think that our financing should grow with it." - @rorynisan, Deputy Mayor of @cityburlington on @TheAgenda

Local leaders are calling for a new Municipal Growth Framework that empowers #CDNMuni with a fairer share of tax dollars to support their communities.

Watch the full conversation: <https://t.co/h4RZqnuHeD>

Jan 16: Canada's strength is in the unity of our people and our communities.

In the face of possible US tariffs, it is imperative that we stay united to protect Canadians while continuing to invest in key infrastructure projects to encourage economic growth.

Local leaders are important players on Team Canada, and #CDNMuni stand ready to work together across orders of government in a national response, including the design and implementation of retaliatory measures as needed.

Jan 17: Today, local government representatives from across Canada came together to reflect on Year 4 of the Partnerships for Municipal Innovation – Women in Local Leadership (PMI-WILL) project implemented by the @FCM_online and funded by @GAC_Corporate

Speakers emphasized the importance of fostering meaningful exchanges, strengthening partnerships and supporting women in leadership. The mutual learning between all participants helps everyone progress together, build resilience, and foster inclusive governance. Thank you to everyone working collectively toward a more inclusive and equitable future!



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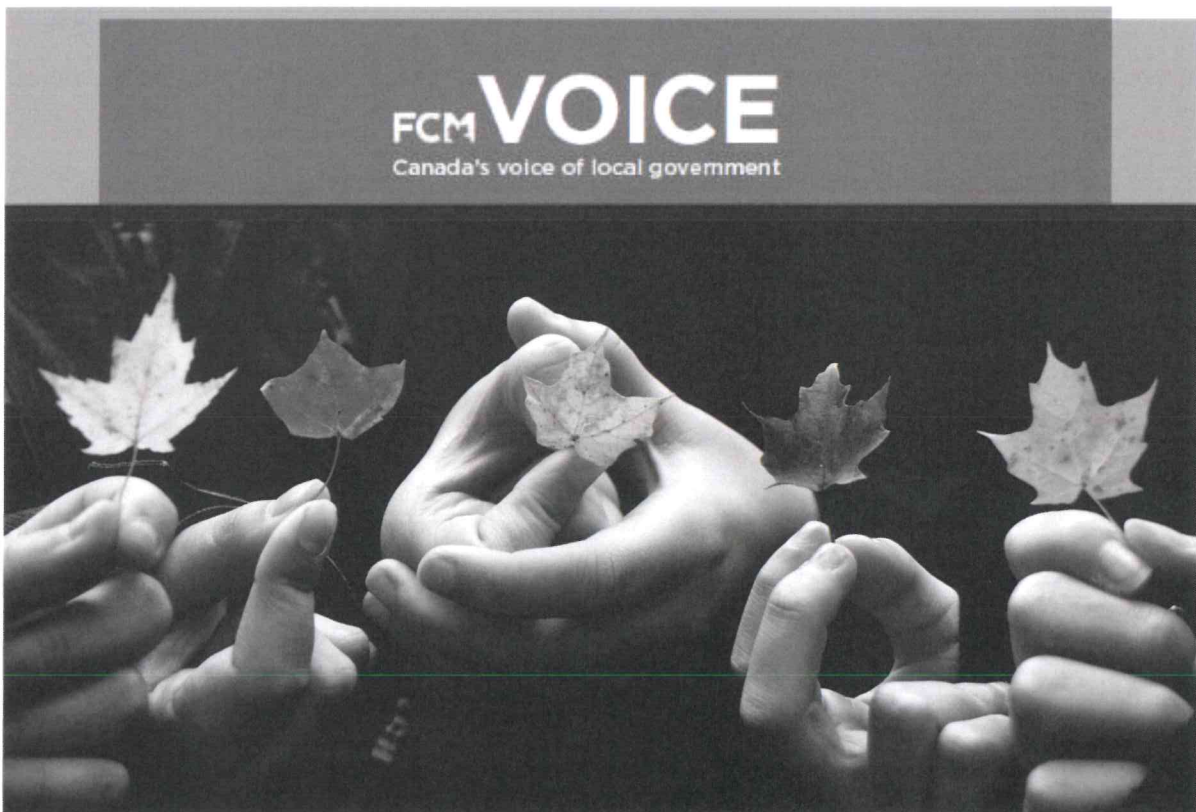
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January 27, 2025



Celebrating innovation: Winners of FCM's 2024 Sustainable Communities Award

FCM announced the winners of the 2024 Sustainable Communities Awards, celebrating nine innovative sustainability projects from communities across Canada.

Congratulations to the winners:

Town of Bridgewater, Nova Scotia
Climate change mitigation
Energize Bridgewater: Energy poverty reduction program

Region of Waterloo, Ontario
Sustainable buildings
Redevelopment of Waterloo Region housing (420 Kingscourt Dr.)

Metro Vancouver, British Columbia
Community energy
Energy recovery policy and district energy projects

Durham Region, Ontario
Reconciliation and anti-racism, equity and inclusion (AREI)
Moving towards a flood resilient transportation system

District of Saanich, British Columbia
Transportation
Community e-bike incentive pilot program

Comox Valley Regional District, British Columbia
Climate adaptation
Dyke Road Park Green Shores demonstration site

Strathcona County, Alberta
Waste
HodgePodge Lodge

Ville de Longueuil, Quebec
Natural assets
Plan for the protection and conservation of Longueuil's natural environment

City of Surrey, British Columbia
Natural assets
Pilot testing living dykes in Mud Bay

The projects will be recognized at the Sustainable Communities Conference in Fredericton, NB, on February 11, 2025.

» [LEARN MORE ABOUT THE WINNING PROJECTS](#)

NEWS

Submit your candidacy now—FCM's Board of Directors' vacancies

Do you have a passion for driving change on a national scale? If you answered yes, we encourage you to stand for FCM's board! This elected body helps shape a unified municipal voice to address challenges and enable local leaders to provide their communities with reliable, daily services. Currently, there are vacancies for representatives from Nova Scotia and Saskatchewan. Nominations for these positions are open until February 17.

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EVENTS

Last chance to register for our Collective webinar

Our latest Collective webinar is fast-approaching, but there is still time to register. Join us on January 29 for a free webinar, in partnership with CIMCO Toromont, that explores innovative approaches, such as leveraging wastewater for energy recovery, to enhance efficiency, lower utility costs and reduce your community's carbon footprint in the long term. The session will explore the potential of community ice rinks, a common feature in many small communities, to serve as a thermal energy source for broader community use.

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RESOURCES

Final call: Accelerating community energy systems funded learning opportunity

Don't miss your chance to apply for the Accelerating community energy systems funded learning program. With up to \$200K in funding and a two-year peer learning program, this program offers a unique opportunity to advance your municipality's energy initiatives. Take action now to drive local climate solutions and create a more sustainable future. Applications are open until February 21!

» **APPLY NOW**

Active Transportation Fund: Portal Walkthrough Video

The Active Transportation Fund (ATF) team at Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada (HICC) has created a video walkthrough of the HICC Funding Portal. The walkthrough provides potential applicants with instructions on how to:

- Create an account on HICC's Funding Portal
- Create an organization profile
- Manage authorizations within an organization's profile
- Navigate the Portal
- Access the ATF application form

» **WATCH THE VIDEO**

Resource: Build a strong business case for planting trees

A strong business case for your urban forest can help secure support and funding for tree initiatives in your community. Read our factsheet to discover a structured approach to make a strong business case for planting and protecting trees in your community. Trees are essential assets that provide environmental, social and economic returns. This resource will help you engage stakeholders and analyze the benefits of urban forestry.

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FCM IN THE NEWS

» **'Hub of the community:' New Ituna arena shines as pride and joy of the town | 650 CKOM**

On January 12, the Town of Ituna, SK, opened its new hockey arena after years of hard work. The arena co-op association was able to build the arena in part because of grants from the federal Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Program and FCM's Green Municipal Fund.

» **City Councillor Attends FCM Advocacy Days, Urges Federal Action on Key Municipal Issues | The Graphic Leader**

Joe Masi, Portage la Prairie city councillor and FCM board member, participated in our annual Advocacy Days on Parliament Hill in Ottawa, where he and other municipal representatives met with MPs to push for critical issues affecting municipalities across the country, including policing costs and housing needs.

» **Beckwith Township Reeve shares 2024 milestones, bright future outlook - Hometown News**

Beckwith Township's Reeve Richard Kidd sat down with *Hometown News* to discuss the milestones achieved in 2024 and what to look ahead to in 2025, including the completion and official opening of their new Net-Zero Energy and Post-Disaster Municipal Office and Community Hall, supported by FCM's Green Municipal Fund.

» **Toronto-area councillors to launch anti-tariff ads during Trump's presidential inauguration – Atin Ito**

During the U.S. presidential inauguration, Brampton city councillor Rowena Santos and Whitby regional councillor Chris Leahy launched an online ad campaign against American President Donald Trump's 25 percent tariff threat on Canadian goods.

LOCAL DATA

Data Literacy for the Public Sector

Statistics Canada is offering Canadian public servants free seats on the course "Data Literacy for the Public Sector", developed with Apolitical. This course introduces the basic skills needed to use data to thrive in the Canadian government. Until March 31st, 2025, you can take the course for free in English and in French — please use this code **DATALIT2024** to gain access.

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Jan 21: great recap from @CityofPortage councillor and FCM board member Joe Masi's perspective on FCM's Advocacy Days in December

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Ahead of a federal election this year, local leaders from across the country are united in advocating for municipal priorities – from public safety, housing affordability, homelessness, infrastructure and more. #CDNMuni

Jan 22: With temperatures plunging dangerously low across Canada this week, how are you staying warm? For some of the country's most vulnerable, there is no escape from the extreme cold.

Despite the federal government reaching deals with most provinces and territories – and with some #CDNMuni directly where needed – to tackle the issue of homelessness and encampments, battling chronic homelessness still requires an additional \$3.5 billion per year.

The urgency to act has never been greater. Let's act now.

Jan 23: "If we don't act soon – if we don't put a plan in place – the numbers will just continue to double or quadruple." – Robin Jones, @AMOPolicy President

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In Ontario and across the country, municipalities are on the front lines of tackling homelessness, but with limited resources. We must work together with urgency to address this national crisis. #CDNMuni



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COMMUNIQUÉ



FCM responds to new U.S. tariffs on Canadian products

Earlier today, the U.S. administration announced new tariffs on Canadian products—a damaging move that will have far-reaching impacts on communities across the country. The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) is standing up for municipalities, strongly condemning this decision in our latest press release.

[Read FCM's press release](#)

Municipalities on the front lines

Municipalities are the foundation of Canada's economy, driving local growth, supporting businesses and managing the infrastructure that enables trade. These tariffs will disrupt supply chains, increase costs and create economic uncertainty in communities of all sizes. Their impact will vary across the country, affecting key sectors such as manufacturing, agriculture, forestry, energy and natural resources. Whether it's pressure on auto supply chains in Ontario, risks to energy and resource industries in the West, added costs for forestry operations from British Columbia to Atlantic Canada, or new challenges for aluminum producers in Quebec, no region will be unaffected. Rural and urban communities alike will face new pressures on local economies and jobs.

FCM is committed to ensuring that Canada's response reflects these diverse realities.

Mobilizing a strong and united response

Municipalities are already taking action. FCM is working with federal and provincial partners and engaging U.S. counterparts—including the U.S. Conference of Mayors and the National League of Cities—to defend local economies on both sides of the border.

- On **February 6**, FCM President Rebecca Bligh and the Big City Mayors' Caucus will meet with key federal ministers to ensure Canada's response protects local economies.
- From **February 11–12**, FCM representatives will be joining Ontario Premier Doug Ford in Washington, D.C. February 11-12 alongside the Council of the Federation

... in Washington, D.C., February 11-12, alongside the Council on the Environment
delegation.

To ensure local perspectives shape Canada's response, **FCM will launch a Canada-wide virtual listening tour**. Regional meetings will provide space for municipal leaders to share insights, ensuring our message reflects the realities on the ground. More details will be shared soon.

How you can engage

- Share your concerns, questions, or ideas.
- Let us know about local initiatives that FCM can support and amplify within our network.

Together, we must stand up for our communities and protect our economy.



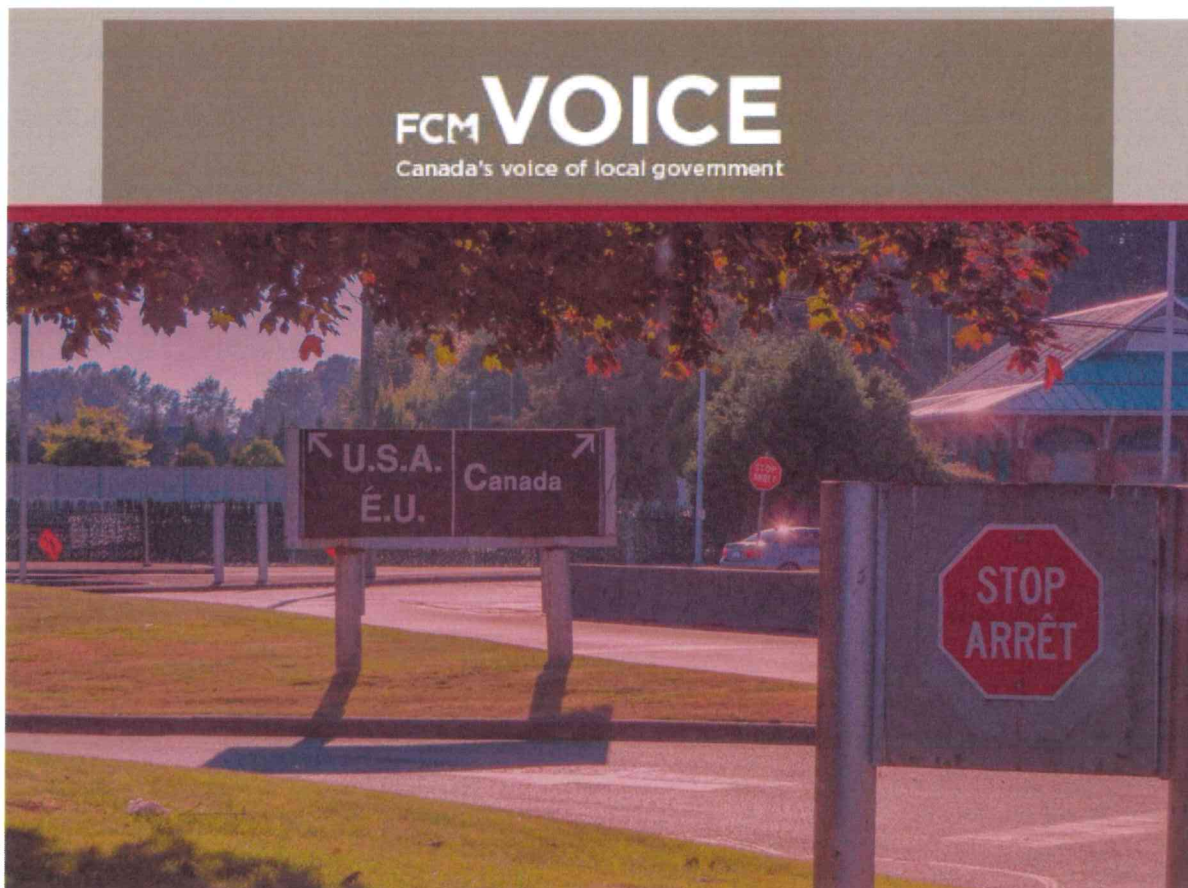
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Municipalities' concerted response to U.S. Tariffs

Municipalities are the engines of Canada's economic strength and will be amongst the first to feel the impacts of a tariff war with the United States. Across the country, municipal leaders are already leading the charge to protect Canadian businesses and communities, playing a critical role in a Team Canada approach to this economic challenge.

As part of the Big City Mayors' Caucus meeting in Ottawa later this week, FCM will be hosting a press conference to highlight FCM's upcoming trip to Washington with Doug Ford alongside the Council of the Federation delegation in response to the tariff's imposition, showcase municipal leadership and emphasize the importance of municipal perspectives in any national discussion on tariffs, retaliatory measures or direct support from other orders of government.

As we continue to champion municipal voices and initiatives in this political context, FCM will be facilitating a **Canada-wide virtual listening tour** to ensure members' concerns are heard in the municipal sector's response. Please share your questions, concerns and local initiatives with us at canada-usa@fcm.ca.

Follow us on our social media channels for the latest updates and live coverage of our press conference this Thursday at 12 p.m. ET.

» [READ MORE](#)

NEWS

NEW: FCM on Bluesky

FCM is now on Bluesky! Be sure to follow us and engage with our content at [@fcm.ca](#) and keep your eyes out for FCM-curated lists and other exciting elements on this new platform.

2025 will be an important year for municipalities in Canada. Ahead of the upcoming federal election, and in the current context of a potential U.S. tariff war with the United States, make sure the latest municipal news, resources and all things #CDNMuni are a part of your daily scroll by following FCM on your preferred social media platforms.



The nomination deadline for FCM's Board vacancies is fast approaching

The deadline to submit your nomination for FCM's Board of Director's is just around the corner. There are currently vacancies for representatives from Nova Scotia and Saskatchewan. If you have ever considered serving on FCM's Board of Directors, we encourage you to stand for election! As a member of the board, you will have the opportunity to shape the organization's policies and ensure that municipalities have the resources they need to do what's best for Canadians. Nominations for these positions are open until February 17.

» [SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION TODAY](#)

GMF Council is looking for an elected official from Atlantic Canada

FCM is seeking nominations for one elected municipal official from Atlantic Canada to join the Green Municipal Fund (GMF) Council. As a Council member, you'll play a critical role in shaping Canada's sustainable future by overseeing strategic investments in impactful municipal projects.

We're looking for a visionary leader who is a recognized champion of environmental issues within their municipality or region, with expertise in organizational governance and a deep understanding of Atlantic Canada's political, economic, social and cultural landscape.

» [LEARN MORE](#)

RESOURCES

Discover additional funding sources to support your next affordable housing project

Building sustainable and affordable housing can be complex, particularly when it comes to financing. Many projects rely on external funding sources to implement energy-efficient retrofits or new builds. The Green Municipal Fund's Sustainable Affordable Housing initiative offers a funder list that's designed to streamline your search for financial sources at both provincial and national levels, and to serve as a strategic tool to simplify the decision-making process.

» [EXPLORE OUR LIST OF FUNDERS](#)

Resource: Advancing tree diversity for a resilient community

Did you know forests with low tree species diversity are more vulnerable to extreme weather and other challenges? From supporting biodiversity to building climate resilience, tree diversity brings several benefits to an urban forest. This factsheet explains how tree diversity strengthens urban forests and provides steps to help you promote tree diversity in your community. With real-world examples and strategies, this resource will also help you learn how different communities are integrating tree species diversity in their urban forestry plan.

» [READ OUR FACTSHEET TODAY](#)

Battle of the Buildings: The race to maximize energy savings

The City of Markham, ON, held an exciting competition to motivate community building staff to reduce electricity use. By focusing on practical, low-cost operational changes and simple behavioral shifts, the initiative sparked collaboration and learning across teams. And of course, nothing drives results like a little friendly competition—and prizes! Discover how they approached the challenge, the lessons they learned and some key outcomes, including \$100,000 in electricity cost savings in 2018.

» [READ THE CASE STUDY](#)

FCM IN THE NEWS

» **B.C. business groups, politicians react to tariff announcement**

Following the tariffs announcement, business groups, politicians and organizations voiced great concern, including FCM. "Local governments have already been mobilizing," said FCM president Rebecca Bligh. "FCM, as the national voice of municipalities, has been working closely with federal and provincial partners and engaging with U.S. counterparts, including the U.S. Conference of Mayors and the National League of Cities, to defend local economies on both sides of the border."

» **Federation of Canadian Municipalities - FCM announces winners of the 2024 Sustainable Communities Awards**

On January 27, FCM announced the nine winners of the 2024 Sustainable Communities Awards, celebrating the most innovative sustainable initiatives across the country. The award ceremony will be held on February 11 at the Sustainable Communities Conference 2025 in Fredericton, New Brunswick.

» **Manitoba city launches on-demand transit pilot - Municipal World**

In November, the City of Winkler, Manitoba, launched a new on-demand transit pilot to improve the way residents can get around town. The municipality received a \$500,000 investment through FCM's Green Municipal Fund.

» **North Cowichan to borrow final \$11M for new RCMP detachment - Lake Cowichan Gazette**

The municipality of North Cowichan in B.C. is moving closer to the complete funding of its new \$45.5 million RCMP detachment. In 2025, North Cowichan will get a \$1.5 million grant for the project from the FCM.

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Jan 31: Potential tariffs on Canada-U.S. trade could have significant impacts on Canadian municipalities, such as [@CityofVancouver](#). In neighbouring Surrey, BC, over 20% of businesses have direct trade ties with the U.S., as pointed out this week by [@CityofSurrey](#) Mayor Brenda Locke, alongside [@CityWindsorON](#) Mayor [@drewdilkens](#).

Local governments are the ones citizens turn to when they are facing hardship. [#CDNMuni](#) are actively taking part in a Team Canada response and have a crucial role to play in concrete actions to protect our economy.

Feb 3: FCM is committed to fighting anti-Black racism within our organization and in communities large and small across the country.

As this [#BlackHistoryMonth](#) kicks off, we will reflect on the many contributions that Black Canadians have made to their country and communities, celebrating the history of Black legacy and leadership in Canadian history. [#BHM2025](#)

Feb 3: Quebec's exports to its American neighbour support nearly 500,000 jobs across the country. [#CDNMuni](#), like [@MTL_Ville](#), are on the frontline of the impacts of the tariffs, which will have severe consequences on local economies across the country.

This week, FCM's President [@rebeccaleeblich](#) and FCM's Big City Mayors' Caucus will meet with key federal ministers to ensure that Canada's response protects local economies.



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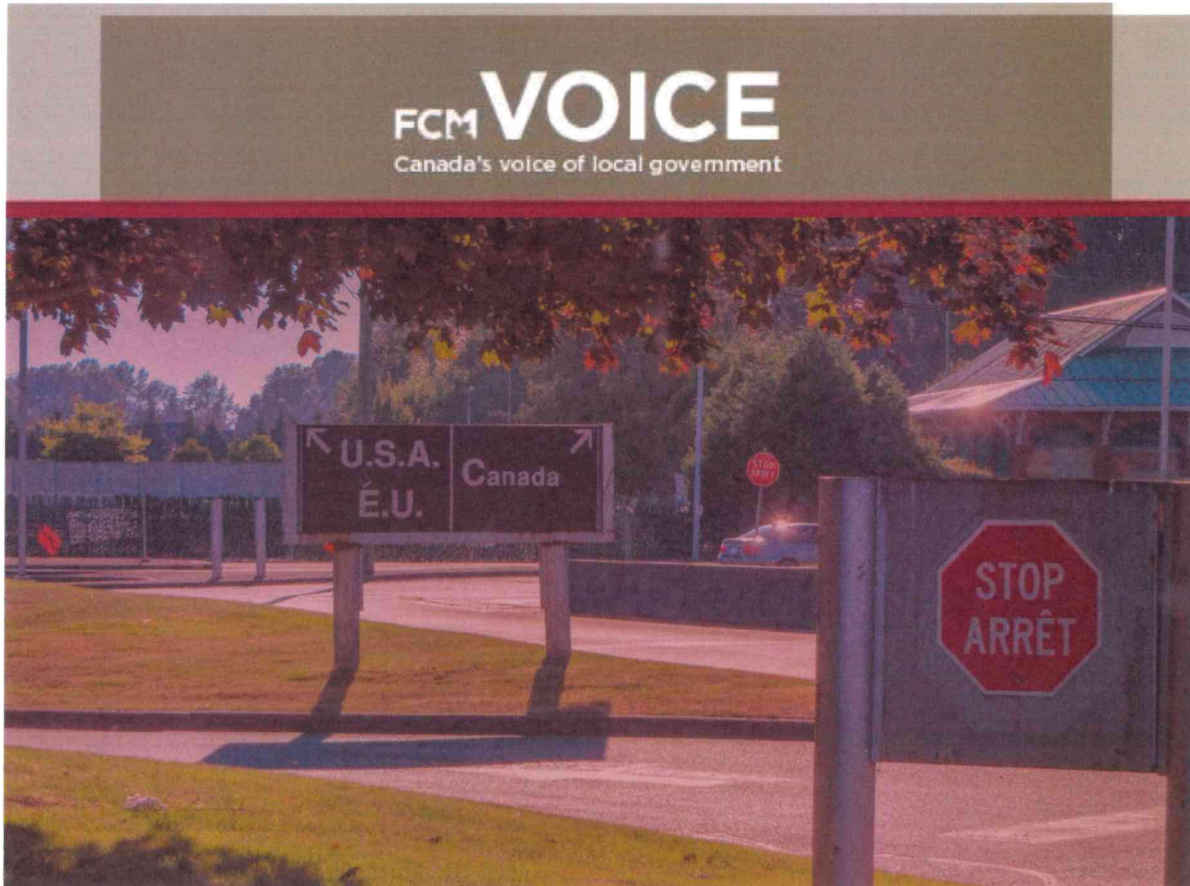
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A unified municipal response to U.S. tariffs

Last Thursday, FCM's Big City Mayors' Caucus gathered in Ottawa to meet with federal decision makers and consult on a united municipal response to a potential U.S. tariff war.

Speaking to media, FCM President Rebecca Bligh and members of the Big City Mayors' Caucus highlighted the municipal response to U.S. tariff threats and the devastating impacts that a Canada-U.S. trade war could have on all cities and communities, large and small.

Municipalities across the country stand united. In an email sent to members on Thursday, you will find key messages and sample social media posts to share in your networks. Use and adapt them to reflect your local realities. Let's keep working together to protect Canadian communities, businesses and families – and harness the power of strong municipal action to this economic challenge.

» [SHARE THE BCMC RECAP](#)

NEWS

We want your input on Canada-U.S. relations

FCM is committed to championing municipal voices and initiatives to advance a unified Team Canada approach in the face of a potential trade war with the U.S. Later this week, we will share details on our upcoming Canada-wide virtual listening tour. Regional meetings will provide space for municipal leaders to share insights on Canada-U.S. relations, ensuring our message and federal advocacy reflect your realities on the ground.

Stay tuned for registration information and alternative ways for you to engage in the conversation. In the meantime, please share your questions, concerns and local initiatives with us at canada-usa@fcm.ca.

Join FCM at the virtual Scotiabank Affordable Housing Summit

On Wednesday, February 19, from 12:50 – 1:35p.m. ET, FCM will take part in a timely virtual panel session entitled '*Is it Time for a New Municipal Funding Model?*', as part of the 2025 Scotiabank Affordable Housing Summit.

This summit takes place as Canada faces an ongoing housing crisis, with supply and affordability challenges continuing to pose major challenges and fuel uncertainty.

In this important national context, this panel discussion will seek to provide useful perspectives and engage with the vitally important question of municipal funding, with guests from FCM, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), as well the Special Advisor to Ontario NDP on Municipal Funding.

» [SIGN UP FOR THE SUMMIT](#)

FCM's Board vacancies in Nova Scotia and Saskatchewan: Nominations closing soon

Have you ever thought of serving on the Board of Directors? Are you passionate about driving change on a national scale? If so, consider standing for FCM's Board! This member-elected body sets the organization's policy priorities, ensuring that municipalities have the tools they need to do what's best for Canadians. There are currently vacancies for representatives from Nova Scotia and Saskatchewan. Nominations for these positions are open until February 17.

» [SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION TODAY](#)

Make an impact beyond borders!

We're inviting FCM member municipalities to express their interest in joining the Inclusive Climate Action for Tunisian Municipalities project.

This is a great opportunity to connect with international peers, exchange expertise, and contribute to strengthening climate resilience in Tunisia, while advancing equity and inclusion for women, youth, and vulnerable groups. Take the chance to be part of this initiative and submit your Expression of Interest today.

» [LEARN MORE](#)

Final call: Accelerating community energy systems funded learning opportunity

Don't miss your chance to apply for the Accelerating community energy systems funded learning program. With up to \$200K in funding and a two-year peer learning program, this program offers a unique opportunity to advance your municipality's energy initiatives. Take action now to drive local climate solutions and create a more sustainable future. Submit an expression of interest by February 21.

» APPLY NOW

FCM IN THE NEWS

» Municipal leaders to join Canadian delegation in Washington D.C., amidst tariff threat | iPolitics

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities announced that local officials will be joining a pan-Canadian delegation headed to Washington, D.C., next week amid the threat of a tariff war.

» Windsor Mayor: Trump's tariffs would result in "catastrophic pain" – February 6, 2025 - YouTube

The Mayor of Windsor and Chair of the Border Mayors Alliance, Drew Dilkens, had an interview with Michael Serapio from CPAC about FCM's Big City Mayors' Caucus meeting in Ottawa, the realities facing the City of Windsor and the Team Canada approach to counter the tariff threats from U.S. President Donald Trump.

» Amid tariff threats, local governments should prioritize buying local, London mayor says | CBC News

London's Mayor and Chair of FCM's Big City Mayors' Caucus, Josh Morgan, said there are things municipalities can do to shore up their own economies better, amid a trade war with the U.S. Mayor Morgan will travel with FCM representatives and Progressive Conservative Leader Doug Ford to Washington, D.C., on February 11 and 12 to meet with U.S. senators, mayors, and business leaders about the threatened tariffs.

» Big City Mayors meet in Ottawa | CTV News

Mayors from 23 of Canada's largest cities met in Ottawa to present a united front against U.S. President Donald Trump's threat to impose steep tariffs on Canadian goods. The Big City Mayors' Caucus met with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Foreign Affairs Minister Mélanie Joly to discuss the evolving trade landscape and ensure municipalities inform the federal response. The mayors emphasized that any counter-tariffs or other responses by Canada must be developed in consultation with FCM.

RESOURCES

Climate action in small and rural communities

Ready to take action on climate change and reduce greenhouse gas emissions in your small or rural community? Check out the *Small and Rural Communities Climate Action Guidebook*, produced by the Partners for Climate Protection program, delivered by FCM and ICLEI Canada. Developed specifically with the needs of small and rural communities in mind, this guidebook can help your community overcome challenges related to finances or staffing, reduce emissions and improve resident health.

» [READ THE GUIDE](#)

Kickstart your sustainable affordable housing project with early support from GMF

GMF's Sustainable Affordable Housing initiative provides planning grants of up to \$30,000 to assist housing providers in the early stages of sustainable affordable housing development. This funding is open to municipal governments, municipally owned corporations, or non-profit, mission-driven affordable housing providers. The grant will help get you on the right track as you progress through the next stages of energy-efficient affordable housing projects.

» [APPLY FOR FUNDING](#)

LOCAL DATA

New snapshot of Canada's infrastructure across various sectors

Statistics Canada, in partnership with **Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada**, has released 2022 data that provide a snapshot of solid waste, culture, recreation and sports facilities infrastructure across the country through **Canada's Core Public Infrastructure Survey**. This includes the stock, condition, performance, replacement value, and asset management strategies of core public infrastructure.

These data help all levels of government to develop more evidence and results-based policies to improve Canada's core public infrastructure, and to monitor and report on the progress of these investments.

For more information, please refer to the **Infrastructure Statistics Hub**. If you have questions or would like to speak to an analyst, please contact infostats@statcan.gc.ca.

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Feb 6: U.S. tariffs on Canadian goods may have been delayed, but the threat remains real and continues to harm our economy.

Today in Ottawa, members of FCM's Big City Mayors' Caucus highlighted some critical actions [#CDNMuni](#) are taking to help protect their communities.

[>> Read the full thread](#)

Feb 7: Today in Toronto, FCM CEO [@carolesaab](#) joined Prime Minister [@JustinTrudeau](#) and leaders from across sectors at the Canada-U.S. Economic Summit.

Canada's communities power the economy and municipal realities must remain central to a Team Canada approach to the economic challenges we will face together. [#CDNMuni](#) [#cdnpoli](#)

Feb 10: Canada's municipalities power the economy, driving jobs, trade and growth.

<https://t.co/9Q2pWgtwSI>

Local leaders across the country are leading the charge to protect their local economies, communities and residents. This week, FCM representatives including Big City Mayors' Caucus Chair and London Mayor [@MayorMorgan](#) will be travelling to Washington to meet with U.S. senators, mayors and business leaders, underscoring the devastating impact a tariff war could have on communities on both sides of the border.

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Improved Accessible Information and Communication

The Accessible Information and Communication Standard Regulation removes and prevents barriers that exist digitally, in print or through interaction with technology or people. As of May 1, 2025, all Manitoba qualifying organizations will be required to comply with the standard.

[Learn about qualifying organizations](#)

The Accessible Information and Communication Standard improves accessibility by:

- building on existing requirements of [The Human Rights Code](#)
- requiring websites and web content to follow globally recognized Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1 standard to a minimum level AA

- requiring organizations to provide information in an accessible format or through a communication support, if requested
- requiring organizations to develop a feedback process, implement policies and practices to enhance accessibility and provide training to relevant staff
- setting specific requirements for supporting the purchase of accessible library resources within public libraries and supporting accessible material for students at educational institutions

Training on the requirements of the Accessible Information and Communication Standard is available through the [AMA Learning Portal](#). Presented in plain language, the training includes examples of how to comply, which organizations must comply, tips for best practices and other useful resources.

The [Accessible Information and Communication Standard Regulation](#) is the third standard under [The Accessibility for Manitobans Act](#) working to remove barriers for Manitobans. For more information on the standard or to learn about your organization's compliance requirements, visit [AccessibilityMB.ca](#).

Manitoba Government Continues to Reduce Barriers Through Manitoba Accessibility Fund



Manitoba Accessibility Fund logo

Eligible Manitoba organizations can now apply for accessibility project funding of up to \$50,000 through the Manitoba Accessibility Fund grant program, Families Minister Nahanni Fontaine, minister responsible for accessibility, announced on January 10, 2025.

“Our government is committed to making our province more accessible for every Manitoban,” said Fontaine. “The Manitoba Accessibility Fund supports

organizations who share this commitment by supporting projects that help reduce barriers and make communities better for everyone.”

The minister noted eligible organizations, including registered charities, non-profit organizations, local businesses, on-reserve entities and municipalities based in Manitoba, can apply to receive up to 100 per cent of project costs, with a maximum of \$50,000 per application.

Projects must target accessibility standards under The Accessibility for Manitobans Act to improve customer service, employment or information and communication, and must also fulfil one of three objectives including:

- raising awareness about the prevention and removal of barriers
- developing tools, resources and training to support compliance with legislated standards
- removing barriers to information and communications electronically, in print and in person

To date, the Manitoba Accessibility Fund has awarded more than \$2.4 million in funding to support 109 accessibility projects across Manitoba.

The deadline to apply is February 14. For more information on eligibility and the application process, visit [AccessibilityMB.ca](https://www.accessibilitymb.ca)

Spotlight on a Manitoba Accessibility Fund Project

This month, the Manitoba Accessibility Fund is proud to highlight previous grant recipient River East Transcona School Division.

River East Transcona School Division Enhances Digital Accessibility

River East Transcona School Division is committed to providing high-quality education and fostering an inclusive environment for the over 18,000 students—and their families—within its 42 schools. The division is dedicated to ensuring all students, regardless of ability, have access to an equitable and supportive learning experience.

In recent years, River East Transcona School Division has undertaken several initiatives to enhance accessibility, aligning with its mission to promote inclusion for students with disabilities. This commitment extends beyond physical environments to include the digital realm.

In 2023, the school division launched a transformative project funded by the Manitoba Accessibility Fund to raise awareness of accessibility regulations and remove barriers to accessing digital and print communications. By employing a comprehensive approach—including audits, staff training, assistive technology installations, and digital platform enhancements—this project has ensured the division meets and exceeds the requirements of The Accessibility for Manitobans Act and the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG).

Looking ahead, River East Transcona School Division remains dedicated to fostering an inclusive and accessible learning environment for all. The impact of this project will continue to influence the division's accessibility initiatives well into the future.

~ Article submitted by River East Transcona School Division



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Service Animals: Did you know?

Did you know Manitoba's [Accessible Customer Service Standard Regulation](#) requires organizations in the province to allow service animals to accompany their handler?

This means service animals must be allowed to accompany their handler when shopping at a store, eating at a restaurant, staying at a hotel, attending a medical appointment, taking a cab, or renting an apartment. There are some restrictions like operating rooms or the kitchen of a food service establishment.

Did you know that there is no standardized certification, training program or registry for service animals in Manitoba?

This means any animal that has been trained, including self-trained, to provide disability-related tasks for a person with a disability may be considered a service animal under [The Accessibility for Manitobans Act](#) and [The Manitoba Human Rights Code](#).

Did you know as an organization offering goods or customer service, staff can ask: “Has this animal been trained to help with a disability-related need?”

Some handlers carry documentation, such as a letter, note or form from a regulated health professional that states that they require the animal because of a disability-related need. An organization may consider asking for documentation only when the service the animal is providing is not obvious.

No one, however, should ask for or require the handler to identify their diagnosis or demonstrate the animal's ability to perform the task for which it is trained.

This also means service animals must always be under the control of their handler. If the animal is barking, misbehaving or demonstrating aggressive behaviour, an organization may ask the handler to remove the animal from the premise.

Want more information?

See [the Manitoba Accessibility Office's FAQs: Service Animals.](#)

In the News

[“Formerly homeless man leads other Deaf and hard-of-hearing Winnipeggers in helping others”](#) featured on [CBC News](#)

When Dustin Thompson noticed a lack of support for people who don't have homes, he helped the only way he knew how: Once a month he leads a group of Deaf and hard of hearing volunteers to help people without housing.

[Read the full article](#)

[“Something Beautiful: Supporting adults with disabilities in Stonewall”](#) featured on [Global News](#)

It's a busy lunch hour at Something Beautiful, a cafe and gift shop in Stonewall. Gary Lawson makes a fresh pot of coffee. Kyle Soroka washes dishes in the kitchen. Darrell Dempster helps set a table set aside for a reservation. They're all clients of Community Living Interlake (CLI), an organization that supports adults living with disabilities. They're also staff at Something Beautiful, a social enterprise CLI opened in 2016.

Read the full article

Funding Opportunity

Applications Now Open for Municipal and Northern Relations Program, From the Ground Up

The From the Ground Up grant program supports community capacity building in three categories:

- community economic development
- well-being and recreation
- housing and safety co-ordination supports

Eligible applicants include non-profit organizations, municipal governments (other than the City of Winnipeg) and Northern Affairs Community Councils.

The deadline for applications is February 18. For more information about the grant program, eligible projects or to apply, visit gov.mb.ca/grants.

Upcoming Learning Opportunities

The Manitoba Accessibility Office is planning a series of webinar learning opportunities. Attend and learn more about a wide variety of topics relating to accessibility, The Accessibility for Manitobans Act and standards.

Upcoming Webinars:

- **February 19:** [Embracing an Accessible Manitoba, It Starts with Your Organization – An Overview of The Accessibility for Manitobans Act](#)
- **April 16:** [Providing Accessible Information and Communication as a Small Business – Developing Strategies that Work](#)
- **June 18:** [Navigating Accessibility Accommodations in the Workplace – Understanding Your Role as an Employer](#)

Webinars will be hosted virtually on Zoom from 1 to 2 p.m. and will feature accessibility measures such as American Sign Language interpretation (ASL) and live closed captioning.

Visit AccessibilityMB.ca to learn more about these webinars or to register to attend.

Upcoming Awareness Celebrations

- First week of February: [White Cane Week](#)

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Climate Adaptation Planning for Manitoba Communities: From Impacts to Actions Guidebook

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Hello,

The Climate Action and Energy Innovation Division (CAEID) of Manitoba Environment and Climate Change is excited to announce the completion of *Climate Adaptation Planning for Manitoba Communities: From Impacts to Actions Guidebook* which can now be accessed on the ClimateWest MCRT (Manitoba Climate Resilience Training) web page (see link below):

<https://climatewest.ca/climate-adaptation-planning-for-manitoba-communities/>

This comprehensive collection of three guides supplements the suite of resources that Manitoba has developed under the MCRT program.

Please feel free to share it with your networks. If you have any questions or need further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you.

Regards,

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Dear Mayor, Council and Administrative Officer

Climate Preparedness and Communications Branch, Manitoba Environment and Climate Change is pleased to share with you the Prairie Climate Forecast Card tailored specifically for your municipality.

This document was developed with Prairie Climate Centre as part of the Climate Atlas. It provides useful information for Vulnerability and Risk Assessments and Adaptation Preparedness Planning. We encourage you to review the document carefully and utilize it in your planning, budgeting and funding applications. As the data is refreshed on an ongoing basis to keep your profile accurate, we encourage you to access your profile at <https://climateatlas.ca/climate-cards-manitoba-rms>

Additionally, one of our partners, *ClimateWest*, a regional hub for climate services in Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba provides access to regionally relevant climate information. This includes information and guides on Climate Adaptation Planning, Climate Vulnerability and Risk Assessment (CVRA) and other useful training information. [Manitoba | ClimateWest](#)

To build safe and resilient communities we encourage all municipalities to plan for a changing climate. We have highlighted below some funding opportunities to support your climate and adaptation initiatives in your municipality.

- Climate Action Fund [Province of Manitoba | Grants by Name](#)
- Green Municipal Fund [The Federation of Canadian Municipalities Fund \(FCM\) Funding opportunities | Green Municipal Fund](#)

Should you have any questions, please contact us at CCinfo@gov.mb.ca

Respectfully,

Elaine Fox
Manager, Climate Preparedness
and Communications

Oakland-Wawane

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Oakland-Wawanesa and Climate Change

The climate determines almost everything about how we design, build, and live in our communities. As the climate continues to change, the safety and prosperity of our communities are put at risk. Climate change is a challenge that requires us to work together, locally, nationally, and globally. With technical know-how, political will, targeted investments, and collective commitment, we can mitigate the severity of climate change and build resilience to its hazards and impacts.

Climate Change and Health

High temperatures can be hazardous, especially for the elderly, the chronically ill, and those without air conditioning. High and prolonged heat can also impact air quality, facilitate the spread of harmful diseases, inhibit outdoor activities, and cause stress and anxiety. We can adapt with measures such as shaded areas, green roofs, and supports for those who need help during heat waves.








Climate Change and Extreme Weather

A warmer climate increases the chance and severity of more extreme weather, including high winds, flash floods, hail, lightning, tornadoes, drought, and wildfires. Communities must improve their planning and engineering, emergency preparedness, and water management to build resilience.


Climate Change and Infrastructure


Climate change threatens the integrity of infrastructure such as roads, bridges, water supply, and telecommunications, most of which has not been built to withstand current and future extremes. Emergency preparedness, planning, and construction practices for retrofits and new development that take the new climate reality into account can increase our adaptive capacity. Acting now will reduce economic risk and save on the rapidly increasing long-term damages and costs associated with climate change.


High-Carbon Climate Change Projections*






Change	Recent Past	2051-2080			Direction of change
		10th percentile Low	Mean	90th percentile High	
 Typical hottest summer day	34.7 °C	35.9 °C	39.9 °C	43.6 °C	↑
 Typical coldest winter day	-36.7 °C	-34.2 °C	-28.8 °C	-23.4 °C	↑
 Number of +30 °C days per year	16	27	54	79	↑
 Spring precipitation	110 mm	68 mm	131 mm	211 mm	↑
 Summer precipitation	206 mm	106 mm	197 mm	307 mm	↓
 Number of below-zero days per year	193	132	155	176	↓
 Number of +20 °C nights per year	1	2	15	31	↑

*See back page for details and source of climate model data


Wetter springs,
drier late summers


Much warmer
winters


Many more hot
days

Summer Change	Recent Past	2021-2050			2051-2080			Importance
		10th percentile	Mean	90th percentile	10th percentile	Mean	90th percentile	
 Typical hottest summer day	34.7 °C	33.8 °C	37.2 °C	40.4 °C	35.9 °C	39.9 °C	43.6 °C	Measure of extreme heat that affects social and ecological systems
 Number of +30 °C days per year	16	13	32	53	27	54	79	Indicator of summer severity that affects human health, recreation, ecosystems, impacts on machinery operations and equipment failure
 Number of +20 °C nights per year	1	0	4	10	2	15	31	Impacts on human health including psychological stress and heat stroke, increased A/C and energy usage
 Number of heatwaves*	2	1	4	7	3	6	9	Causes heat-related illnesses, and strain on social services such as emergency rooms, shelters, community structures
 Summer precipitation	206 mm	116 mm	207 mm	310 mm	106 mm	197 mm	307 mm	Affects water availability, risk of drought, stormwater issues

Longer, more persistent drought

Long periods (six months or longer) of below-normal precipitation can reduce plant growth and crop yields. Persistent periods of low ground moisture content can lead to ground heaving, which can damage critical pieces of infrastructure. Droughts threaten water reservoir levels and intakes.

Heavier rainfall events

The risk of very intense rainfall events is projected to increase because of hotter summer temperatures. Intense rainfalls can lead to overland flooding and storm-sewer backups. Low lying areas may become temporarily inaccessible due to standing water. These intense rainfall events can be accompanied by other thunderstorm hazards, including high winds, hail, lightning, and tornadoes. These events can cause damage to infrastructure and residential homes.

More frequent, intense heat and heatwaves

Presently, heat wave events are rare, which may mean that communities are not prepared for the heat. Since human health risks increase drastically in extreme heat, the demand for health services may be large if a heat wave occurs. Communities need to be prepared to provide places of refuge from the heat for the public in such scenarios.

Wild animal activity

As summer days and nights get warmer, wild animals will become more active and may become more commonly encountered. This proximity could increase safety concerns within communities and when traveling on highways.

Longer, more intense allergy season

Warmer summer months and higher levels of carbon dioxide (CO₂) in the atmosphere may cause some species of trees to release more pollen into the air. People who suffer from seasonal allergies could see more intense symptoms for longer periods of the summer, and more people in general may begin to experience allergies.

More frequent and more intense wildfires

Hotter temperatures and drier summers greatly increase the risk of wild forest, bush, and grass fires. Poor air quality and breathing related issues will occur more often with increased instances of forest fires, even if the fires are far away.

New infectious diseases

Warmer summers could allow different insects to move north into areas where they were not previously found. Certain species of ticks, mosquitos, and other insect vectors can carry diseases that are harmful to humans, such as West Nile Virus and Lyme disease.

Extended severe storm and wildfire season

The summer season is expected to expand into the spring and fall months, increasing the risk of summer-like thunderstorm development and extending the wildfire season. Thunderstorms bring several hazards with them, including heavy rainfalls, damaging hail, and high winds, as well as lightning, a cause of wildfire ignition. During the spring, overland flooding could arise from fast melting snow while the ground is still frozen.

Shifting seasons

Spring is expected to start earlier and fall to end later, creating a longer period of time when the ground is not frozen, resulting in a longer growing season. This shift will likely affect the timing of seasonal activities and operations, and agricultural activities. Unseasonably hot temperatures during the spring can be very harmful to saplings, seedlings, and crops.

Jet stream changes

There is growing concern in the scientific community that climate change is having an impact on the jet stream, specifically leading to a 'more wavy' pattern that can elevate the risk of abnormal weather conditions. In particular, there is concern that 'polar vortex' events will become more frequent. These can produce unusually severe and long outbreaks of cold and stormy weather, especially in the fall, winter, and spring. These outbreaks can also be associated with intense temperature swings and weather transitions. Large swings in temperature and extreme weather can cause several issues, including challenges to the heating of buildings, increased stress on roadways and walkways caused by freeze-thaw cycles, and damages to power lines and trees. Early cold snaps and snowfalls can also affect agriculture, especially when they occur before crops have been harvested.

Spring and Fall Seasons

	Recent Past	2021-2050			2051-2080			Importance
		10th percentile	Mean	90th percentile	10th percentile	Mean	90th percentile	
 <i>Date of last spring frost</i>	May 16	April 20	May 8	May 22	April 9	April 29	May 15	<i>Defines the start of growing season, and the return of summer</i>
 <i>Date of first fall frost</i>	Sept. 23	Sept. 15	Oct. 3	Oct. 21	Sept. 24	Oct. 13	Nov. 1	<i>Affects plants, animals, and experience of seasons</i>
 <i>Spring precipitation</i>	110 mm	63 mm	124 mm	203 mm	68 mm	131 mm	211 mm	<i>Affects seeding and planting of crops, spring flood risk</i>
 <i>Fall precipitation</i>	96 mm	49 mm	103 mm	170 mm	52 mm	103 mm	169 mm	<i>Impacts surface and soil moisture</i>
 <i>Length of frost-free season (days)</i>	127	121	145	170	137	163	192	<i>Indicator of the length of the growing season.</i>

Oakland-Wawanesa, Manitoba

Winter Change	Recent Past	2021-2050			2051-2080			Importance
		10th percentile	Mean	90th percentile	10th percentile	Mean	90th percentile	
Typical coldest winter day	-36.7 °C	-38.1 °C	-33.0 °C	-28.4 °C	-34.2 °C	-28.8 °C	-23.4 °C	Affects safety, recreation, buildings, transportation use, energy use, etc.
Number of -15 °C days per year	79	39	61	83	21	43	66	An indication of how much heating will be required in a given year
Winter precipitation	65 mm	41 mm	73 mm	111 mm	43 mm	77 mm	117 mm	Affects snowpack, spring flooding, and ground insulation
Number of -30 °C days per year	13	0	6	14	0	2	6	Affects survival and overwintering of pest and pathogens, indication of cold and
Number of below-zero days per year	193	156	174	191	132	155	176	Measure of cold affecting snow/ice accumulation and energy use

Heavier, wet snowfalls

Removing heavy and wet snow can be very challenging and sometimes dangerous, as workers are exposed to increased health risks due to difficult shoveling. Snow removal equipment must work harder, leading to higher operating costs and increased maintenance issues.

Freezing rain and rain-on-snow events

When surface temperatures hover near 0° C, the risk of freezing rain increases. Freezing rain can result in ice accumulation on power lines, increasing the risk of power interruptions. Since freezing rain is also a major roadway and sidewalk hazard, sanding and salting needs may increase. Additionally, freezing rain can damage trees and powerlines, and impact ice surfaces and snowpack quality. This can affect wildlife and disrupt services and winter recreational activities.

Loss of insulating snowpack

A melted or partially melted snowpack does a poor job of insulating the ground from frost, creating an increased risk of deep frosts which can damage underground water and sewer lines. Less snow on rivers and lakes can also increase the depth of the freeze, leading to dangerous transportation conditions, spring ice breakup challenges, and potentially an increase in ice jamming.

Winter thaw events

Extended periods of above-freezing mid-winter temperatures have a major impact on snow cover and can lead to several ice-related issues. Melted snow often pools in half-frozen culverts and sewers, and when temperatures later fall below freezing, this water can partially or fully block these important drainage systems. This leaves property vulnerable to flooding during the spring thaw or during a winter rain event. Temperatures closer to freezing will also likely lead to more freeze-thaw cycles, causing increased risk of frost heave and other kinds of physical and thermal stress on the built environment.

Shorter winter seasons

Warmer temperatures will lead to shorter, less severe winters. This may lead to less snow and ice accumulation. Many cold-temperature dependent activities, such as flood protection systems, access to remote communities and recreation activities such as skating, skiing, and snowmobiling will be impacted by these changes.

Overwintering pests and pathogens

Warmer winters increase the ability of invasive species, pests, and pathogens to overwinter. The number of extremely cold winter days acts as a control for insect pests such as the emerald ash borer. As those days become less frequent, this can lead to increased populations and associated ecological damage.

Preparing today to foster tomorrow

As the climate continues to change, temperature conditions south of us are projected to shift northward. In other words, climates that we generally know to be quite different are 'heading our way'. A **climate analogue map** is a useful tool to visualize this thermal climate shift.

Answering the question "What places currently have the climate that my community is projected to have in the future?" can help us understand what climate to expect and, by looking to those places for examples, how to prepare for it.

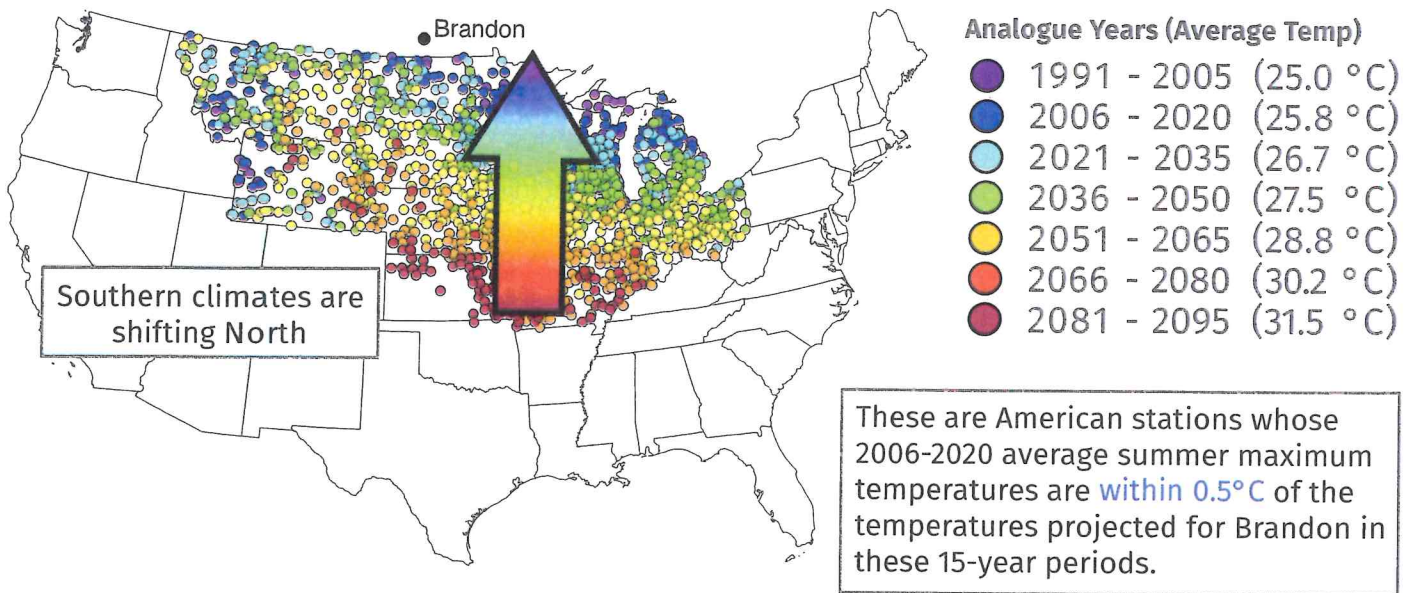
The analogue map below shows the places that currently have the same summer average maximum temperatures that Brandon is projected to have for several future time periods. As the time periods reach later into the century, the places with matching temperatures are located further and further south.

"What places currently have the climate that my community is projected to have in the future?"

Taking immediate action to prepare for climate change will have long-term benefits. For every dollar that is spent on climate change adaptation measures, it is estimated that \$13-\$15 will be saved in the long-run through preventing or reducing the direct and indirect impacts caused by climate change¹. Building a resilient community starts by taking action today to prepare for tomorrow.

For additional maps and variables, as well as information on how the maps are made, visit the *Climate Analogues* page on the Climate Atlas of Canada. www.climateatlas.ca/analogues

Summer Average Maximum Temperature



*Brandon is presented here as it is the closest location to the RM of Oakland-Wawanesa with available analogue data.

Oakland-Wawanesa, Manitoba

About the climate data

The climate model data presented in this report is sourced from The Climate Atlas of Canada, which includes climate change indices derived from 24 downscaled climate models obtained from the Pacific Climate Impacts Consortium (PCIC; pacificclimate.org), using the BCCAQv2 downscaling methodology. The values presented in this report represent the projections from the 24-model ensemble for the 'High Carbon' emissions scenario (RCP8.5). There is a baseline time period called "The recent past" 1976-2005, and two future time periods, 2021-2050 and 2051-2080. The high (90th percentile), mean, and low (10th percentile) model projections indicate the range of values across the 24 model ensemble.

This report presents data from the Wawanesa Region small grid square (NTS 1:50,000), 062G12. This region was chosen as it most closely represents the RM of Oakland-Wawanesa on the Climate Atlas of Canada.



The Prairie Climate Centre is committed to making climate change meaningful and relevant to Canadians of all walks of life. We bring an evidence-based perspective to communicating the science, impacts, and risks of climate change through maps, documentary video, research reports, and plain-language training, writing, and outreach.

The Climate Atlas Of Canada

The Climate Atlas of Canada is an interactive tool for citizens, researchers, businesses, and community and political leaders to learn about climate change in Canada. It combines climate science, mapping and storytelling to bring the global issue of climate change closer to home, and is designed to inspire local, regional, and national action and solutions.

The Atlas is one of the only tools in the world that integrates interactive web design with climatology, cinema, and cartography to geovisualize and connect scientific data with personal experience in compelling and easy-to-use ways.

Learn More at: climateatlas.ca



1. Sawyer, Dave, Ryan Ness, Caroline Lee, and Sarah Miller. 2022. Damage Control: Reducing the costs of climate impacts in Canada. Canadian Climate Institute. <https://climateinstitute.ca/reports/damage-control/>

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Good Morning Joni. Fort Distributors Ltd., Manitoba's premium supplier of quality products and services for your road maintenance programs for over 30 years is extending a invitation to our annual Gravel Roads Academy program. This years program is scheduled for the Victoria Inn in Brandon and is FREE to attend for Elected Officials, Administrators, and Public Works personnel. We cover a wide range of topics related to the design, construction, and maintenance of your gravel road network. The goal of the Academy is to help your Municipality get the most out of your investment in your gravel road network. Coffee and lunch is provided.

Pre Registration is requested. Hope to see you at the Academy.

Doug Maynes, GRA Co-Ordinator



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2025**



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January 18, 2025

Dear Manitoba Good Roads Association Members:

It is time to renew your membership in the Manitoba Good Roads Association (MGRA) for 2025. We hope that you will continue to support the work of the association! Please put MGRA membership on the agenda for your next council meeting. If this is not the email address you want on file, please email me the preferred one.

The MGRA provides a valuable service to municipalities by offering a public works employee training program. If you have any suggestions for future courses or if you are interested in hosting certain courses please email the office! Future course topics that are being considered for 2025 are:

- 2 day Gravel Road Maintenance and Design – spring
- April course – to be determined

The accomplishments of municipalities, cities, towns, villages and individuals in Manitoba are recognized at the MGRA Annual Awards Banquet. This banquet honors the municipalities with most improved and best maintained roads in the province. Other award categories include community beautification and best home grounds. The annual awards banquet and AGM will be April 14, 2025 at the Delta in Winnipeg so mark your calendars! Going forward, the awards banquet will always be in Brandon.

My personal goal is for MGRA to gain full membership so I appreciate your continued support to help achieve this goal!

Please make cheque payable to Manitoba Good Roads Association and mail it to MGRA, Box 1354, Portage la Prairie, MB, R1N 3N9 in the amount of \$250.00.

If you would like more information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Terra Van Deynze
Executive Director

Manitoba Good Roads Association

Better Roads for a Brighter Future



ABOUT MGRA

The Manitoba Good Roads Association was formed in 1909 to promote the development of roads in Manitoba.

True to the founders' aim of promoting better roads in Manitoba, the organization presents awards to recognize achievement in road construction and maintenance, as well as awards for community and individual home grounds beautification.

MGRA also provides an educational program for public works employees, supervisors, councillors and Reeves.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

Encourage the construction and maintenance of safe and economical roads

Provide assistance, instruction and education to municipalities in building and maintaining roads

Provide a forum to discuss and solve municipal road building problems

Recognize rural and urban municipalities for building and maintaining safe and quality roads

Recognize the work of communities and individuals in creating attractive communities and home grounds

Work with government officials to promote the passing of effective road legislation

Cooperate with other agencies to fulfill the above objectives

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

An Annual General Meeting is held every year to provide a forum for the membership and to help guide the direction of MGRA. It also provides opportunities to meet with other jurisdictions and discuss road issues.

ANNUAL BANQUET

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EDUCATION PROGRAM

MGRA, in cooperation with community colleges and various government departments, offers several seminars and courses for municipal workers throughout the year. Emphasis is on the improvement of roads in Manitoba. Members receive a reduced rate to enroll in these courses. Suggestions for future courses are always welcome.

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MEMBERSHIP

MGRA membership is open to any rural municipality, city, town or village in Manitoba. Corporations, individuals and government departments supporting the aims of the association can also be members.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Muns, LGD's, Cities, Towns, and

Villages: \$250/yr

Supporting: \$300/yr

INDIVIDUAL MEMBER

Brian Nedohin

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MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

Year	Muns	Towns	Supporting	Ind	Total
2024	81	21	21	2	12
2023	78	20	21	2	12
2022	78	20	20	1	11
2021	76	28	20	2	12
2020	76	28	21	2	12
2019	76	28	20	2	12
2018	75	29	23	2	12
2017	74	30	23	1	12
2016	74	20	24	1	11
2015	73	20	24	1	11
2014	85	30	26	1	14
2013	87	31	26	1	14

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February 11, 2025

Joni Swidnicki, C.A.O.
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Dear Joni Swidnicki:

**RE: WR0024-25, PR 348 PROPOSED CULVERT REPLACEMENT
LOCATED 4.7KM NORTH OF PTH 2 IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SOURIS-GLENWOOD, AND THE MUNICIPALITY
OF OAKLAND-WAWANESA**

PR 348 has been identified for culvert replacement, 4.7km north of PTH 2, within the Municipality of Souris-Glenwood and the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa. Please see attached plans (one page sent electronically).

Additional right-of-way is required for this project and land acquisition negotiations are currently ongoing with an anticipated possession date of July 2025. Culvert Replacement is anticipated to commence in September 2025.

In accordance with the agreement for utilities placed in the highway right-of-way under, Section C. Liability, Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure (MTI) is hereby giving notice of our pending works commencing on the date indicated above.

Please review the provided information to determine potential conflicts with your facilities. Where relocation work is required, please submit your proposed alignment to MTI for review and approval. Drawings may be directed to the following email address: MI.Utilities.Western@gov.mb.ca. Upon MTI's approval, relocation work shall be initiated prior to the commencement of MTI's work. All costs associated with the relocation are the responsibility of the utility.

If no impacts are determined, please respond to email address above indicating such, so we may update our records accordingly.

If you have any questions, require any additional information or to maintain a construction schedule please contact Bryden Ronnquist, Senior Highway Project Technologist in our Brandon office at (204) 724-9970.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours truly,

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Brian Hickman
Regional Planning Technologist

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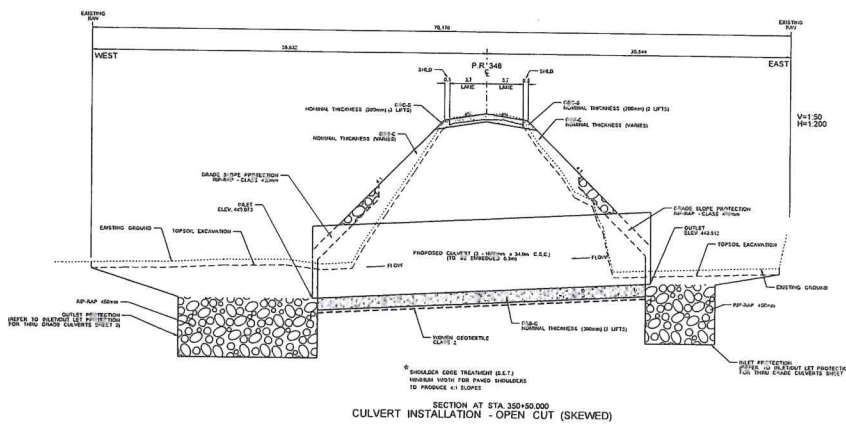
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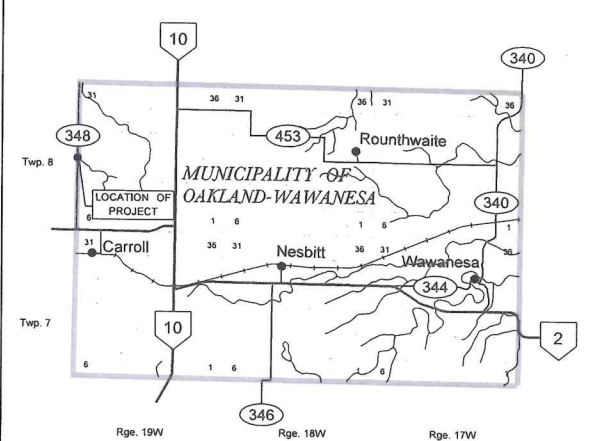
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SCALE 1:750



2. CROSS SECTION DETAILS
(SCALE AS SHOWN)



3. SKETCH OF LOCATION
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cao@oakland-wawanesa.ca

Dear Joni Swidnicki:

Manitoba Emergency Management Organization (EMO) has received and reviewed the annual submission of the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa 's emergency plan and confirmation of council approval.

On behalf of the Assistant Deputy Minister of Emergency Management and in accordance with section 8(3) of The Emergency Measures Act, I am pleased to advise that the plan is approved as submitted.

I am available to discuss the contents of the plan and provide informal feedback to your municipal emergency coordinator. Please have them contact me via email at madison.black@gov.mb.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "MBlack". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

Madison Black
Regional Emergency Manager

cc: Liam Pattison, Municipal Emergency Coordinator



Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure

Legislative Building, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 0V8 CANADA

January 16, 2025

Worship Dave Kreklewich
Mayor of Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa
54 Main Street
PO Box 28
Nesbitt, MB R0K 1P0

Dear Worship Kreklewich,

The 2024/2025 Budget demonstrates a commitment to advancing strategic projects and Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure's priorities. The department maintains a long-term planning approach, with a \$500 million investment for 2024/2025 highway capital infrastructure. Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure's five-year capital plan is focused on investing in assets that connect Manitoba First Nation communities, providing access to national and international markets, and protecting all Manitobans from flooding.

The new 2024/2025 Multi-year Infrastructure Investment Strategy outlines planned investments for roads, bridges, airports, and water infrastructure. Projects listed within this document are organized to reflect the investment categories of infrastructure renewal, economic development, climate resiliency, and connectivity & innovation. These investments will strengthen and complement existing projects under key initiatives such as the Trade and Commerce Grid, Winnipeg Perimeter Freeway, and Enhancing National Trade Corridors Strategy.

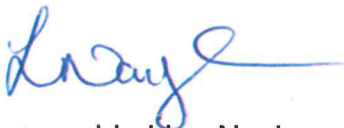
The department's vision and strategy is to build on the unique geographic and economic position that our province holds. Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure identifies projects that support multi-modal transportation hub and trade gateways to create opportunities toward a more prosperous future for all Manitobans. With assets such as CentrePort, Canada's inland port, the advantage of affordable and clean energy, as well as multi-modal transportation infrastructure, Manitoba has the answer to challenges that global manufacturing and supply chains are currently facing.

The 2024/2025 Multi-year Infrastructure Investment Strategy also includes key projects to provide a safer, efficient, and more reliable transportation network across the province, including northern, remote, and First Nations communities. Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure focuses on investing in northern airports and developing new highway connections around First Nation and remote communities. The department continues to support the projects that also improve the existing highway connections such as Provincial Trunk Highway 6.

Our improved investment strategy is intended to provide a more comprehensive picture of the department's capital plan which will also provide opportunity for discussion regarding any new potential projects and improvements that could be considered in future capital planning. The recently established Blue-Ribbon Panel of transportation and construction industry experts, and representatives from Indigenous and municipal governments in the province, will also provide recommendations on new infrastructure priorities.

I would personally like to provide you with a copy of our 2024/2025 Multi-year Infrastructure Investment Strategy. The Strategy is available on our website at [Future Highway Plans | Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure | Province of Manitoba \(gov.mb.ca\)](https://www.gov.mb.ca/future-highway-plans).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lisa Naylor', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Honourable Lisa Naylor
Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure

Bulletin #2024-28

MUNICIPAL AND NORTHERN RELATIONS

Important Notice to All Elected Officials and Chief Administrative Officers

Property Assessment Services Levy Increase

Under The Municipal Assessment Act, a statutory Assessment Levy (the Levy) is collected from municipalities every year to recover provincial costs for delivering property assessment services on behalf of municipalities. Starting in 2025, the department will apply a moderate annual increase of 2.175% to the Levy to support the department's innovation plan to finance required IT system replacements and efficiency upgrades to modernize the property assessment and taxation framework.

The goal of the incremental Levy plan is to fund two major IT initiatives - the first is the Mobile Assessment Interface (MAI), which is in the implementation phase and scheduled to go live in 2025/26. The second and more extensive project is the Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal (CAMA) system, which will require several years to build and will be capitalized over a 15-year period.

The MAI software will allow assessors to input inspection data into the department's computer database, using tablets while in the field. The MAI will reduce duplication, create efficiencies during inspections and improve accuracy of data. The CAMA system will replace the department's current assessment software, Manitoba Assessment Valuation and Administration System (MAVAS). MAVAS enables property assessment and supports the generation of over \$644M of municipal taxes. The CAMA project will take several years to build and will be capitalized over a 15-year period.

Implementation of enhanced IT system upgrades is expected to deliver significant benefits, including increased revenue potential for municipalities, streamlined data entry processes, advanced image-based automation, higher inspection capacities, reduced staff pressures, and overall improvements in quality assurance.

The department remains dedicated to ongoing investment in innovative practices, maintaining state-of-the-art IT infrastructure, and replacing outdated systems to ensure efficient and reliable property assessment services to municipalities.

The enclosed Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) document provides further information.

For more information and support, please contact assessment@gov.mb.ca.

*Department of Municipal and Northern Relations
500-800 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg MB R3G 0N4*

FAQs: Property Assessment Levy Increase

What is the Property Assessment Levy?

The statutory Assessment Levy (Levy) is collected from municipalities under the authority of *The Municipal Assessment Act* (s.8) to recover costs incurred by the province in making property assessments on behalf of municipalities. Property assessment services are essential for determining the market value of properties, which is used to calculate property taxes.

Why was the Levy established?

The Levy is established to offset costs in the department, such as salaries, staff benefits, operating and building costs, such as maintenance and overhead costs, and amortization as well as fixed costs, including computer systems. The Levy represents 75% of assessment-related costs. The remaining 25% is recovered from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Learning (EECL) to acknowledge that school divisions use these services for the purpose of levying education property taxes. The Levy ensures the assessment process is funded, allowing municipalities to maintain up-to-date property valuation, which in turn supports fair and equitable taxation.

How are the Levy funds managed?

The Levy collected from municipalities at the start of each fiscal year is deposited in the Trust Account. The Trust holds funds to pay municipalities' share of actual property assessment-related costs as they occur. At the end of each fiscal year, an amount equal to 75% of Department's actual assessment-related expenditure is transferred from the Trust to general revenue, offsetting eligible expenditures.

Why was the Levy frozen?

The levy revenue collected from municipalities has been fixed at a total of \$9.149M since 2014 to slow the growth of the Trust balance due to several years of below-budget expenditures.

During this time period, revenue has exceeded spending due to a large number of staffing vacancies in 10 rural offices across Manitoba and efficiencies gained through application of new technology that enables more remote assessment work. The growth of the Trust balance has slowed in recent years due to successfully filling vacancies and preliminary work on IT capital projects.

What is the current balance in the Trust Account?

As of March 31, 2024, the Trust held a balance of \$13.9M.

What is the current Levy amount and how is it calculated?

The annual Levy amount is \$9.149M or \$20.55 per assessed property on average among municipalities. It varies by municipality based on a formula developed in 2006 in consultation with municipal stakeholders that includes the following variables:

- A base levy (83% of the total Levy), paid by all municipalities. The base levy is calculated from each municipality's portion of the province's total real property assessment (land and buildings);
- The levy formula weighs building and land assessment based on the work required to complete an assessment. Given that building assessments require more time, they are weighted at 75%, while land assessments are weighted at 25%.
- The remainder of the total Levy is made up of the flat rate, paid by all municipalities based on population and supplementary taxes; the business assessment, paid by municipalities with a business assessment roll; and, the personal property rate, based on a municipality's share of total personal property assessment.

Will the 2.175 % increase to the Levy implemented in 2025 continue in subsequent years?

Yes, the 2.175% increase to the base levy is projected to continue annually to support system upgrades and maintain the Trust fund that helps mitigate significant future increases. Since 2014, the Levy has been frozen and this moderate increase is necessary to fund investments in innovative practices, maintain modern IT infrastructure, and replace systems to deliver efficient and reliable property assessments and taxation services to municipalities. Further increases will be reviewed based on assessment-related costs and inflationary pressures.

How soon will municipalities receive their 2025 Levy amounts?

Similar to previous years, municipalities will receive notices between February and early March 2025. The payment deadline remains November 30.

Currently the Levy amount is charged as a lump sum. Will a breakdown of the Levy amount be provided?

The department will review this request and provide guidance as appropriate.

How will the system upgrades help with assessing new properties associated with new housing initiatives?

The Mobile Assessment Interface (MAI) implementation is scheduled to go live in 2025/26 and will streamline property inspections and assessment updates. MAI will rapidly automate elements involved in property inspections, capturing 80-90% of new property assessments using tablets.

The use of this technology, which will replace the current manual data entry method of recording assessments, will allow more properties to be inspected with similar resources, creating increased revenue opportunities for municipalities and improved fairness between properties.

What is the MAVAS system and why is it important?

MAVAS is the Manitoba Assessment Valuation and Administration System, and is the current Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal (CAMA) system in Manitoba. The system is the foundation for property assessment, which generates over \$644M in tax revenue for Manitoba municipalities outside the City of Winnipeg. MAVAS is currently 20 years old, nearing its end of life and may be vulnerable to security breaches and technical failures if it is not modernized or replaced within the next five years. The CAMA project will replace MAVAS with a new system to support PASB to deliver property assessment services for the next 20 years.

How long will it take to replace the software?

Replacing the current CAMA software will take 3-5-years. Upgrading the software is critical to mitigate potential risks of security breaches and technical failures.

Will the IT upgrades enable faster property assessments and supplementary assessments?

The timeline for assessment rolls delivery, set by legislation, will remain unchanged. However, new tools available in the replacement system will help reduce resources needed for reassessment and help in our Quality Assurance analysis, plus build capacity for more inspections. The improved efficiency will reduce pressures to hire additional staff due to on-going property development and increased inspections that are required.

Will municipalities receive assessment data before the fiscal year begins?

Preliminary assessment rolls are typically delivered between April and November, prior to the Board of Revision's appeal process. Final assessment rolls are delivered by December 31. During the reassessment year, preliminary assessment rolls are delivered in May and June to provide municipalities with a preview of changes in assessments due to updated market conditions. The IT upgrades will not affect the legislated deadlines.

Does the 2.175% Levy fee increase apply to the total sum paid by municipalities in 2024?

No. The increase applies only to the Base Levy rate, which varies annually calculated from each municipality's portion of the province's total real property assessment (land and buildings).

Will the new CAMA system allow municipalities to easily access assessment?

Initial demonstrations indicate that a new system will streamline data management, providing seamless access to municipalities and PASB, offsetting repeated data entry inputs to the system.

Will the public be informed about the Levy increase?

Municipal budgets, which are publicly accessible, include Levy information. The department will address additional information requests as needed.

Are municipalities involved in advising on system upgrades?

Yes. The department will continue to collaborate with the municipalities and municipal stakeholder associations to gather information and feedback on system operations. The collaboration ensures the system upgrades reflect municipal needs, address challenges, and deliver benefits to property assessment and taxation services.

Are other jurisdictions undertaking similar investment in modernizing their property assessment IT systems?

Manitoba's efforts to modernize its property IT system aligns with similar advancements across Canada. Provinces and cities such as British Columbia, Alberta, New Brunswick, Yukon, Winnipeg, and Calgary have recently or are currently undertaking similar initiatives, reflecting a common commitment to improving and modernizing property assessment processes and adopting best practices nationwide.

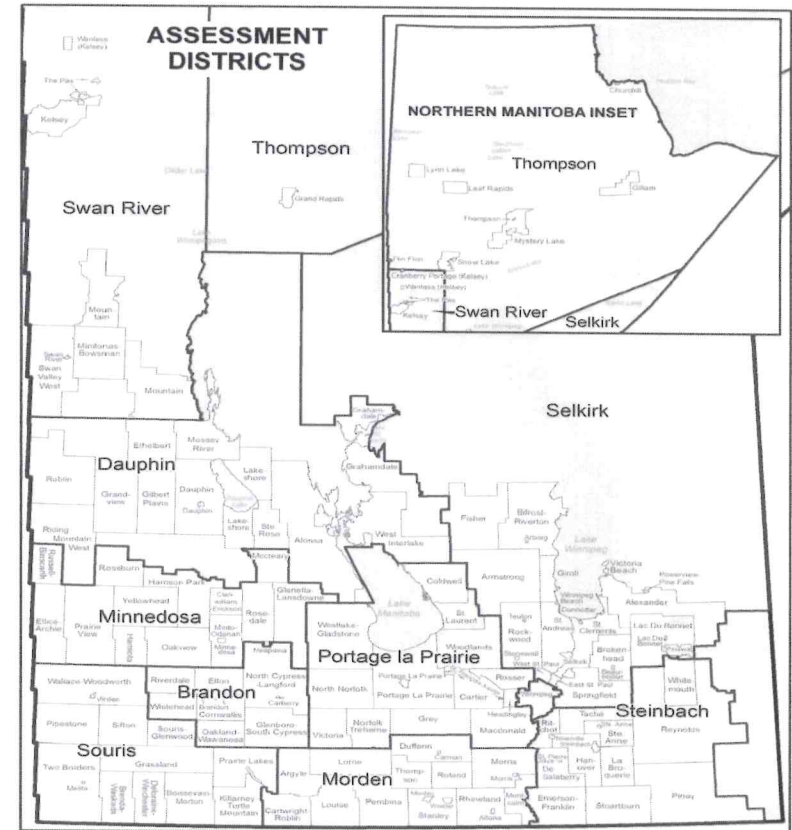


IT Capital Funding Assessment Levy & Trust Consultation

**Property Assessment Services
Municipal and Northern Relations**

Property Assessment Services

- 10 District offices & Winnipeg
- 100+ Members on staff
- Dedicated and professional staff
- Well educated experts in field of property valuation
- Industry standards & best practices



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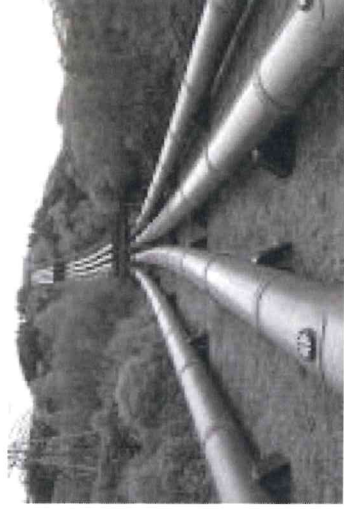
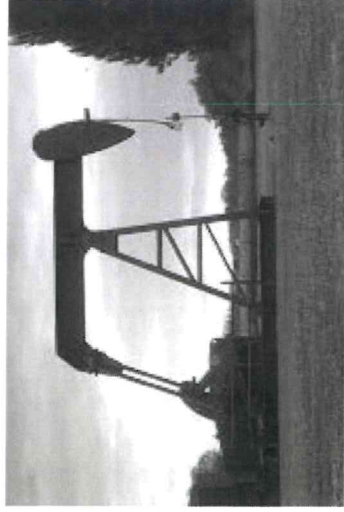
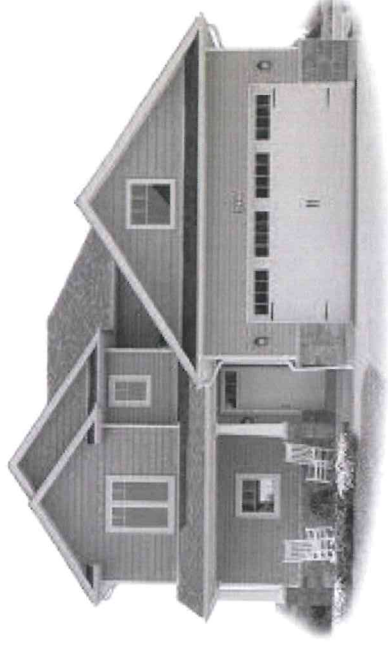
Goals & Principles

- Accurate, fair and equitable
- Understandable and transparent
- Innovation and continuous improvement
- Commitment to quality and efficient service delivery of reliable and up-to-date property assessment rolls.



Property Assessment Services - Fast Facts

- 445,200 Properties
 - 435,200 Real Property
 - 7,400 Personal Property
 - 2,900 Business Assessments
 - \$118 Billion Market Value
 - \$644 Million in municipal tax revenue



PASB Service Delivery Improvements

- ❑ **Staffing** - reducing vacancies through robust and flexible hiring practices
 - 33 new front-line staff hired since 2020.
- ❑ **MLS** data to enable assessors to verify real estate sales transactions
 - Increasing efficiency, cost effectiveness and reducing carbon impacts.
- ❑ **Imagery** - high-resolution, oblique aerial photos
 - More frequent re-inspections, improved fairness, higher revenue potential
- ❑ Modernized **supplementary assessment** system.
- ❑ **MyPropertyMB** - electronic assessment notice web portal for property owners
- ❑ **Workflow** system – sharing resources across district boundaries.
- ❑ **GIS** technology – review land characteristics
 - Drainage improvements and increased cultivation.

Property Assessment Services (PASB)

Overview

- ❑ Property Assessment Services Levy - The Municipal Assessment Act (s. 8)
 - Salaries, benefits, operating costs, computer systems
- ❑ Fully cost recovered
 - 75% - municipalities
 - 25% - Department of Education and Early Childhood Learning.
- ❑ Excess revenue from the Levy placed into a trust – Municipal Trust for Property Assessment Services



The Assessment Levy & Trust for Property Assessment Services

- ❑ The Levy is collected from municipalities and deposited in the Trust account.
- ❑ The Trust holds funds to pay municipalities' share of actual property assessment-related costs as they occur.
- ❑ At the end of each fiscal year, 75% assessment related expenditures is transferred from the Trust to Provincial general revenue, offsetting eligible operating expenditures.

The Assessment Levy & Trust Balance

- ❑ Levy - fixed at a total of \$9.149M since 2014
- ❑ Trust has grown over last 10 years
 - Vacancies
 - Highly competitive labour market.
- ❑ Trust growth has slowed in recent years
 - Success in filling vacancies
 - Preliminary work on IT capital projects.
- ❑ Difference between the Levy collected and PASB actual expenditures at the end of the year remains in the Trust account - acts as a reserve account
- ❑ As of March 31, 2024, the Trust held a balance of \$13.9M.
- ❑ The department has received approval to apply this balance to costs for required IT systems upgrades.

PASB IT Capital Projects – MAI Project

- ❑ Two major IT capital projects.
- ❑ First project is the Mobile Assessment Interface (MAI).
 - Tablets to collect field inspection data
 - Design and implementation in 2024/25. Go-live in 2025/26.
 - Annual costs - \$607 (Amortization and maintenance / licensing)

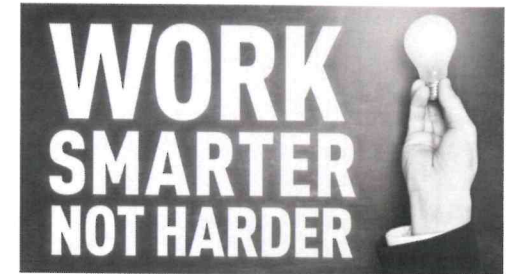
MAI Project – Benefits and ROI

☐ Benefits

- Increased efficiencies / reduced duplication
 - Single data entry
 - Auto-upload of photos
 - Sketch to building area automation
 - Routing for field inspections
- Added quality assurance
- Increased inspections
- Mitigation of increased staffing needs

☐ Annual revenue for municipalities

- ROI



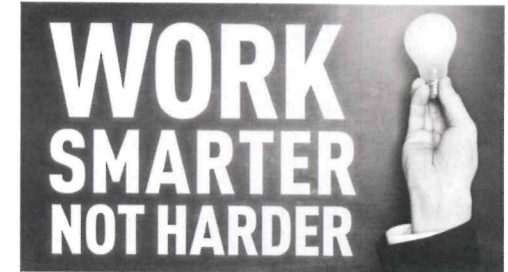
PASB IT Capital Projects – CAMA Project

- ❑ The second project is Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal (CAMA) that will replace PASB's current assessment software, MAVAS, which is nearing end of life and is no longer being supported with IT updates and maintenance.
- ❑ CAMA system supports generation over \$1.2B of municipal and education property taxes.
- ❑ MAVAS needs to be replaced within the next five years to ensure:
 - Security
 - Technically sound (modern).
- ❑ Will take several years to build and then be capitalized over a 15 year period.

CAMA Project

□ Benefits

- Removes risk of major system failure
- Increased efficiencies
 - Reassessment valuation
- Focus on assessment service vs. existing system fixes
 - Increased reporting
- Added quality assurance
- Reliability for property assessment and taxation system



Applying the Trust Balance

- Incremental expenditures for major PASB IT capital projects that will modernize and improve assessment services will be funded from the Trust.
- Gradual draw down of the Trust Fund.
- The system replacement would be funded in initial years by using their accumulated contributions in the Trust until the balance reaches an optimal level.
- Once the Trust Fund balance is returned to a normal level, fees charged to municipalities would have to be revisited and increased to reflect normal inflation and, as a good practice, potentially replenishing the systems improvement reserve fund for the next major upgrades.

Planned Approach

- ❑ Mitigate significant impacts on municipalities while recovering costs
- ❑ Increased by 2.175% per year beginning January 2025 in the first municipal budget year after the MAI goes live.
- ❑ Average increase would be approximately \$1,450
- ❑ Once the optimal balance of \$5M is achieved in 2036/37, the Levy would increase in-line with increases to assessment-related costs.
- ❑ The Levy has been frozen since 2014

Structure of the Assessment Levy

- ❑ Levy is \$15.48 per capita or \$20.55 per assessed property.
- ❑ Varies by municipality based on a formula developed in 2006, with municipal stakeholders
 - **Base levy** (83% of the total Levy)
 - Calculated from each municipality's portion of the province's total real property assessment (land and buildings).
 - Building assessments weighted at 75 per cent
 - Land assessments are weighted at 25 per cent.

Structure of the Assessment Levy (cont'd)

- ❑ **Flat rate**, paid by all municipalities
 - \$5,000 for municipalities with a population under 5,000
 - \$10,000 for municipalities with a population over 5,000 or
 - \$100,000 or more in supplementary taxes.
- ❑ **Business** assessment rate - municipalities with a business assessment roll.
 - \$1,000, \$2,000 or \$3,000 depending on the total value
- ❑ **Personal property** (e.g. natural gas lines and oil wells)
 - based on a municipality's share of total personal property assessment.

Structure of the Assessment Levy - Review

- ❑ Flat rate and Business Assessment Rate
 - \$5,000 and \$10,000 since 2006
- ❑ Supplementary Tax
 - Opportunity to moderate shifts in Flat rate.

Summary

- ❑ Implementation of fee changes - 2025
- ❑ PASB has strong track record of innovation to improve service delivery
 - Increased efficiency
 - Higher accuracy
 - Improved fairness and equity
 - Building capacity - staffing
- ❑ Property development – resource and capacity pressures
- ❑ MAI and CAMA
 - Critical initiatives to continue delivering cost effective and reliable property assessment and taxation system
- ❑ Leveraging Trust and moderate Assessment Levy increases will mitigate significant impacts to levy and municipal tax rates
- ❑ Regular review of the Assessment Levy formula will ensure distribution of levy is fair and reasonable

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MUNICIPAL AND NORTHERN RELATIONS

**Important Notice to
Elected Officials and Chief Administrative Officers**

Homeowners Affordability Tax Credit

The Government of Manitoba introduced the Homeowners Affordability Tax Credit of up to \$1,500 on the education portion of property taxes in Budget 2024/25. This credit replaces the School Tax Rebate and Education Property Tax Credit for residential properties for the 2025 tax year.

The Homeowners Affordability Tax Credit (HATC) applies only to residential properties that are designated as principal residences. Farm properties will continue to receive the Manitoba School Tax Rebate, which is maintained at 50 per cent. There are no provincial property tax credits or rebates to be applied to commercial properties.

Both the HATC and Manitoba School Tax Rebate will be applied directly on municipal property tax statements. More information on the HATC is attached.

Similar to previous years, municipalities must remit education taxes to school divisions and Manitoba beginning the month after taxes are due, with a final remittance by January 31, 2026.

Municipal and Northern Relations is currently working with other areas of government to update the Education Tax Remittance Form. The Department will also work with municipal accounting software providers to advise them of changes required to implement the HATC.

For further questions about the HATC program, please contact the Tax Assistance Office at TAO@gov.mb.ca.

For other questions, 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*

FAQ: Homeowners Affordability Tax Credit and Manitoba School Tax Rebate

- 1. What changes are being made to school tax rebates and credits on property tax statements for 2025?**
 - The Manitoba School Tax Rebate, which provided a 50% rebate on school taxes for residential and farm properties, and a 10% rebate on school taxes for other properties, is being eliminated for all properties except farm properties. Farm properties will continue to receive the 50% rebate in 2025.
 - Farmland School Tax Rebate (which is a different program implemented by Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation) will continue in 2025.
 - The Education Property Tax Credit (EPTC) is being replaced by the Homeowners Affordability Tax Credit (HATC), which will have a maximum credit amount of \$1,500. More details are provided in the following questions.

- 2. When will the changes be implemented?**
 - The changes will be in effect for the 2025 tax year.

- 3. Will the HATC apply to principal residences only?**
 - Yes, HATC will apply to principal residences only. It does not apply to any other properties (rental properties, secondary residences/cottages, commercial properties, etc.).

- 4. Will it be the municipality's responsibility to determine who gets the HATC?**
 - Yes. Properties currently getting EPTC can be automatically moved over to HATC if there is no ownership change. New owners will continue to have to designate their principal residence with their municipality in order to have the HATC applied to their property tax statement.

- 5. Will the province modify the existing EPTC form to reflect the change?**
 - A modification may be required. This is currently under review and more information will be provided.

- 6. Will property owners still have the option to claim the HATC when filing their income tax return, instead of taking it as an advance on their tax bill?**
 - Yes. The HATC can be claimed on the income tax return if it is not received on the property tax statement.

- 7. Do municipalities need to start notifying property owners?**
 - Municipalities may notify new property owners about the need to designate their principal residence at any time.

- 8. Do municipalities need to start making changes to their systems?**
 - Municipal and Northern Relations has advised municipal software providers about the change from EPTC to HATC. Municipalities are encouraged to update any references to EPTC in their budgets or other documents for 2025 to refer to the HATC instead.

9. Do municipalities need to start having new owners declare their principal residence at this time?

- As noted above, owners currently receiving the EPTC can be automatically rolled over to the HATC, without needing to re-designate their principal residence. This is similar to previous years' approach to applying the EPTC on a continuing basis without an annual re-designation.
- New owners can designate their principal residences at this time.

10. How will the HATC be calculated?

- In general, the HATC will function the same as the EPTC, with the key difference being that the maximum credit is \$1,500 (instead of the current EPTC \$350).
- The Manitoba School Tax Rebate no longer applies to residences, so there will not be a percentage of school taxes deducted before the HATC is applied.

11. If a principal residence's school taxes are less than \$1,500, will the excess HATC be applied to municipal taxes?

- No, the HATC only applies to school taxes.

12. How will the Manitoba School Tax Rebate on farm properties be calculated?

- There are no changes to how the School Tax Rebate on farm properties works. It continues to be 50 per cent of gross school taxes and will continue to be applied directly on the property tax statement as in 2024.
- If the property has both farm and the designated principal residence, the HATC will apply to the residence's school tax, and the farm portion of the property will continue to receive the 50% School Tax Rebate.
- As noted above, no other property types will receive School Tax Rebates in 2025.
- The Farmland School Tax Rebate will continue in 2025 and be up to 40% of school tax to a maximum of \$2,500.

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MUNICIPAL AND NORTHERN RELATIONS

**Important Notice to
All Elected Officials and Chief Administrative Officers**

**2025 Aggregate Mining and Transportation: Update
to Fees**

The Aggregate Mining and Transportation Fees and Agreements Regulation (M.R. 48/97) under The Municipal Act enables municipalities to pass by-laws to collect fees up to a set level from aggregate operators to offset municipal costs associated with aggregate mining.

The Regulation prescribes a maximum aggregate mining fee based on the tonnage of materials produced by operations, as well as an aggregate transportation levy based on tonnage per kilometer of municipal road used. There is an update to these fees for 2025 to reflect inflationary increases, as measured by the Consumer Price Index for Manitoba in 2024.

Rates effective for 2025, beginning January 1, are:

Mining Aggregate

Rate per tonne	Rate per cubic metre
\$0.2946	\$0.5245

Transporting Aggregate

Time Period in each year	Rate per tonne	Rate per cubic metre
March to November	\$0.0669	\$0.1171
January, February and December	\$0.0334	\$0.0587

Municipalities must amend their existing aggregate by-law to charge the increased fees or pass a new by-law to begin collecting fees within these levels.

This information can also be found at: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/mr/mfas/> by clicking the link titled "2025 Aggregate Mining and Transportation Fees". The Regulation can be viewed at <https://web2.gov.mb.ca/laws/regs/annual/2022/112.pdf>.

If you have any questions, please contact a Municipal Services Officer at 204-945-2572 or by email at mrmaas@gov.mb.ca.



News Releases



NewsRelease

January 15, 2025

MANITOBA GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES INTAKE FOR TWO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAMS

Municipalities and organizations across Manitoba can apply for funding through From the Ground Up and the Urban/Hometown Green Team program, two community development grant programs that support youth employment, local capacity-building and economic development, Municipal and Northern Relations Minister Glen Simard announced today.

“Municipalities, community organizations and dedicated volunteers are at the forefront of building stronger communities and From the Ground Up grants will energize their efforts,” said Simard. “Green teams grants are also an important tool that supports our communities, inspiring the next generation of local leaders and providing local jobs for young Manitobans.”

Applications are now open for the From the Ground Up and Urban/Hometown Green Team programs.

The Urban/Hometown Green Team program supports youth employment on community projects between May and September. Eligible applicants include municipal governments (excluding the City of Winnipeg), Northern Affairs community councils and non-profit organizations throughout Manitoba.

The From the Ground Up grant program supports community capacity building in three categories:

community economic development

well-being and recreation

housing and safety co-ordination supports.

Eligible applicants include municipal governments (including local authorities such as planning and recreation districts), Northern Affairs community councils and non-profit organizations in three streams. The community renewal initiatives and community spaces (capital) streams provide non-profit organizations and Northern Affairs community councils with up to 80 per cent of eligible project costs, and municipal governments may receive up to 50 per cent of eligible project costs. The third stream focuses on healthy, safe, connected children and youth, and provides non-profit organizations and Northern Affairs community councils with up to 80 per cent of eligible project costs, and municipal governments with up to 50 per cent of eligible project costs.

The deadline for applications for both programs is Tuesday, Feb.18. For more information and applications, visit <https://gov.mb.ca/grants>.

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From the Ground Up - Intake Now Open - Deadline February 18, 2025 / Les inscriptions au programme Des fondations solides pour des collectivités saines et sécuritaires pour tous sont maintenant ouvertes - Date limite le 18 février 2025

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The 2025/26 From the Ground Up – Safe Healthy Communities for ALL Program application intake is now open. Applications will be accepted until February 18, 2025 by 11:59 pm.

Please see the attached news release. Visit our website at www.manitobago.ca to apply and for further information/resources including Program Guidelines and Frequently Asked Questions.

Le formulaire de demande de subvention du programme Des fondations solides pour des collectivités saines et sécuritaires pour tous est maintenant disponible. Les demandes seront acceptées jusqu'au 18 février 2025 à 23 h 59.

Veillez consulter le communiqué de presse ci-joint. Visitez le site Web des subventions à www.gov.mb.ca/grants/index.fr.html sous le nom du programme pour faire une demande et pour plus d'informations / ressources, y compris les lignes directrices du programme et la foire aux questions.

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The Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act



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Works by holding property owners accountable for threatening or disturbing activities that regularly take place on their property related to:

- Unlawful drug use or dealing, production or cultivation
- Prostitution and related activities
- Unlawful sale of liquor
- Unlawful use or sale of intoxicating substances – non-potable and solvent-based products
- Sexual abuse or exploitation of a child or related activities
- Possession or storage of an unlawful firearm, weapon or explosive
- Participation in a Criminal Organization offence

The act refers to activities that are ongoing, not those happening occasionally.

How do you define property?

Under the act, property can include a structure, business, house, apartment, suite, co-operative housing unit, mobile home or land on which there is no building.

How does the process start?

The process starts when one or more residents of a neighbourhood who fear for their safety or security file a complaint with Manitoba Justice in relation to one or more of the activities listed above.

The identity of the complainant is kept confidential and cannot be revealed at any time.

Manitoba Justice may launch an investigation. If there is evidence to support the claim, Manitoba Justice has several options:

- issue a warning letter to the property owner
- resolve the problem out of court
- apply for a Community Safety Order, with or without a Closure Order against the property
- apply for an Emergency Closure Order

If Manitoba Justice determines not to act on the complaint, the person or persons who made the complaint can take the matter to court at their own cost.

Who investigates the complaint?

Public Safety Investigations of Manitoba Justice will receive and investigate the complaint.

What happens if either a Community Safety Order or an Emergency Closure Order is granted?

A notice and a copy of the order outlining conditions are posted on the property. At the same time, a copy of the order is served on the owner. It will order the owner to take steps to stop the problem and also bar tenants from continuing in specified activities. It may order some or all people to leave for a specific period of time if they have been involved in such activities. The tenancy agreement or lease of any tenant may also be terminated. The property may also be closed for up to 90 days.

What can a tenant do who is not involved in illegal activities?

Tenants who have not been involved in any illegal activities can apply to the court for a variance of the order, which allows them to return to the property. The application has to be done within 14 days of being served, although the court may extend this time.

What can an owner do if they receive an order to close the property?

Before the closure date, the owner may ask the court to set aside the order. A property owner may also appeal an order if it involves a question of law and if a judge of the Court of Appeal has given leave to do so. This must be done within 14 days after the order is pronounced or within such further time as a judge allows. The judge's decision on the application for leave to appeal is final and not subject to further appeal.

What happens if the owner does not comply with a Community Safety Order?

An owner who does not comply may face a number of penalties, including a fine of up to \$500 for every day compliance does not occur and possibly fines or imprisonment if found in contempt of court.

An owner who transfers property to another party without letting them know that an order is in effect may be liable to a fine of up to \$20,000 and/or a year in prison.

What happens if the tenants do not comply?

If the tenants involved in unlawful activity ignore the order, they may be liable to a fine of up to \$500 and may also be liable to fines and/or imprisonment if found in contempt of court.

Defacing an Order or entering a closed building.

Anyone who removes or defaces an order or in any way interferes with it faces a fine up to \$2,500 and/or three months in prison. Someone who enters a property closed under an order may be liable to a fine up to \$5,000 and/or six months in prison.

What happens if an owner is falsely accused?

Each complaint is thoroughly investigated. If no evidence is found to support it, the complaint is dropped.

Who is responsible for the costs of closure?

The owner of the property is responsible for costs related to the closure of the property.

Can my house be closed if my teenager has a noisy party while I am away?

Not unless there is evidence that your home is habitually used for one or more of the activities defined above.

For more information, contact

Manitoba Justice

Public Safety Investigations

Phone (Winnipeg) 204-945-3475

Toll free outside Winnipeg 1-800-954-9361

The Rural Municipality of Cornwallis

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE PLANNING ACT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On the date and at the time and location shown below, a **PUBLIC HEARING** will be held to receive representations from any persons who wish to make them in respect to the following matter:

BY-LAW NO. 1732-07-2024 being an **AMENDMENT** to the The Rural Municipality of Cornwallis Zoning By-law No. 1664-03-2016, as amended.

HEARING LOCATION: Rural Municipality of Cornwallis Office
107191 - Unit C Veterans Way
Brandon, Manitoba R7A-5Y5

DATE & TIME: January 28th, 2025 at 7:05 P.M.

GENERAL INTENT OF BYLAW No. 1732-07-2024

1. To re-classify Pt. SE-19-10-17W – Lot 8 Plan 2104.

FROM: "RR40" – Rural Residential (40 Acres) Classification
TO: "RR10" - Rural Residential (10 Acres) Classification

Why did I receive this notice? or Why is this notice posted here?

To involve the public in the planning of our community, owners of property located within 100m (328') of the above-mentioned property have received a copy of this notice. A notice is also posted in the office of the Keystone Planning District to inform those residents who are not neighbouring property owners about the Public Hearing. If you would like more information on this application, please call the Keystone Planning District at (204) 725-2001 or email: info@keystonepd.ca

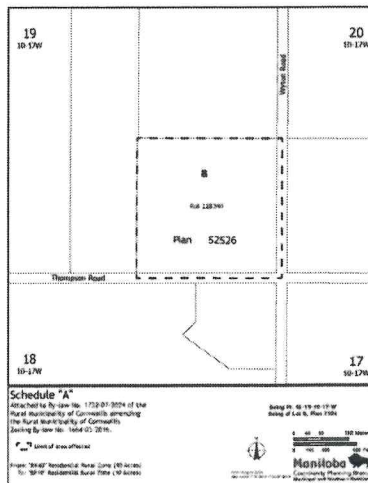
What if I have objections?

Objections can be raised in person at the Public Hearing or by submitting written comments to the Rural Municipality of Cornwallis Office at least one week before the date of the hearing - Phone (204) 725-8686; Fax (204)725-3659 or email: info@gov.cornwallis.mb.ca Please be advised that all correspondence received in conjunction with, or as a result of, an application that requires Council approval becomes public information, therefore personal information [such as names, addresses etc.] contained in the correspondence is released in the public domain.

What happens at the hearing?

At the time and date noted above, the Reeve may ask the applicant to speak about his/her application and then Council may ask questions. After that, the Reeve will ask if anyone would like to speak for or against the application. When the hearing is concluded, there will be no further opportunity to address the Council.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Brad Roth
Development Officer
Keystone Planning District
P.O. Box 10, Site 500, RR5
Brandon, Manitoba R7A 5Y5
Office: Phone (204) 725-2001



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FOR COMMENT: Proposed SARA Amendments: Long-billed Curlew & Mudpuppy (due May 19th) & Horned Grebe (due Oct 19th)

From SARA [PNR] <SARA.PNR@EC.gc.ca>

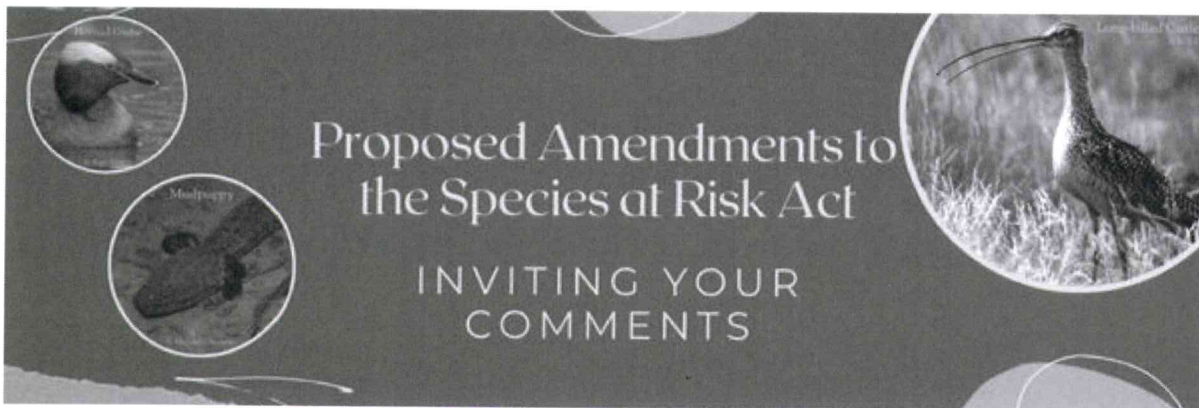
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To SARA [PNR] <SARA.PNR@EC.gc.ca>

6 attachments (1 MB)

Consultation on Amending List of SAR under SARA.pdf; Horned Grebe.pdf; List of Eligible Species.pdf; Long-billed Curlew.pdf; Mudpuppy (Manitoba pop).pdf; Questions to Guide Your Comments.pdf;

Good morning,



We invite you to:

- Review the proposed Amendments to Schedule 1 of the *Species at Risk Act* (SARA) to add Mudpuppy as Threatened, uplist Long-billed Curlew from Special Concern to Threatened, and change the Designable Units of Horned Grebe.
- **Provide comments, if desired**, on the possible impacts of these changes to your unique rights, interests, and circumstances **by May 19th, 2025** (for Mudpuppy and Long-billed Curlew), or **October 19th, 2025** (for Horned Grebe) to SARAreistry@ec.gc.ca

Full Details

Environment and Climate Change Canada has launched the consultations on the proposed amendments to Schedule 1 of the SARA for the Long-billed Curlew, Mudpuppy, and Horned Grebe (Table 1.) The complete set of statements and the consultation path for each species are available [here](#).

Table 1. Prairie species assessed by COSEWIC and eligible for addition to, or reclassification in Schedule 1.

Taxon	COSEWIC Status	Species	Range	Consultation Path
Addition to Schedule 1				
Amphibians	Threatened	Mudpuppy (Manitoba Population)	MB	Normal = comments due

				May 16 th , 2025
Reclassification: Uplist				
Birds	From Special Concern to Threatened	Long-billed Curlew	BC, AB, SK	Normal = comments due May 16th, 2025
Reclassification: Population Merge				
Birds	Previously known as Horned Grebe, Western population listed on Schedule 1 as Special Concern and the Horned Grebe, Magdalen Islands population listed on Schedule 1 as Endangered. The Horned Grebe is now assessed as one population because the lack of evidence for unique adaptations no longer justifies separate assessment.	Horned Grebe	AB, ATLO, BC, MB, NB, NT, NS, NU, ON, PACO, QC, SK, YT	Extended = comments due October 19th, 2025

We are interested in your comments on the possible impacts of these potential listings and/or reclassifications on your unique rights, interests, and circumstances. Your comments will help us gain a better understanding of the benefits and costs, and will inform the Minister's recommendation on where to:

- List or reclassify the species under the SARA
- Not list or not reclassify the species under the SARA or
- Refer the species back to COSEWIC for further consideration

More information on the species, listing, and consultation processes are available on the SARA Public Registry [here](#) and in the attached documents.

Please submit comments to the SARA Registry here: SARAreistry@ec.gc.ca or by mail to:

Species at Risk Public Registry Office
 Environment and Climate Change Canada
 351 St. Joseph Boulevard – 21st Floor
 Gatineau, QC K1A 0H3

Thank you for your interest in species at risk! If you have any questions, please contact us.

Sincerely,

Kaytlyn Burrows and Paulson Des Brisay

Species at Risk Consultation and Engagement Team
 Canadian Wildlife Service, Prairie Region / Environment and Climate Change Canada
 Email: SARA.PNR@EC.gc.ca
 Office: 1-855-245-0331 / Teams: 639-638-4535 / Cell: 431-335-7598

On behalf of

Janet Scott

Head, Species at Risk Recovery Unit
 Canadian Wildlife Service, Prairie Region / Environment and Climate Change Canada

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Join us for the AGM & Public Budget Consultation



The Trustees of SHSD invite you to attend the AGM and Public Budget Consultation to ask for stakeholder input and suggestions as we present our preliminary 2025/26 Operating Budget.

Date:

February 19, 2025 @ 7:00PM

Location:

Hartney School Band Room
101 Garden Street, Hartney

Be heard and participate in the decision-making process. Everyone is welcome.



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Morden, MB R6M 2C9

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January 20, 2025

Members of Council
Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa
Box 28
Nesbitt MB R0K 1P0

Dear Members of Council:

Way To Go Consulting Inc. is a business developed by partners whose careers were in local government administration. It is what we know. I am reaching out to you regarding ward boundaries. My understanding is your Municipality has wards, though I am unaware when the most recent review has been completed.

The applicable section of The Municipal Act regarding the creation of wards follows:

In dividing a municipality into wards and establishing ward boundaries, or in making a change in the number of wards or ward boundaries, a council

- (a) must try to achieve an approximately equal number of residents in each ward and
- (b) may take into consideration
 - (i) community or diversity of interests,
 - (ii) topographical features,
 - (iii) settlement patterns, and
 - (iv) population trends.

A by-law outlining wards must be in place 180 days prior to the election for which it is intended. For the 2026 election on October 28, that means the by-law must be in place no later than April 30, 2026. Reviewing populations and determining ward boundary options takes some time. Proceeding with that review in 2025 already ensures completion in time for next year's election.

Way To Go Consulting Inc. has experience developing ward boundaries that comply with the legislation and are, therefore, defensible to the Municipal Board should residents object to what is proposed. This is important, as there have been situations where the Municipal Board has directed an "at large" election because the ward by-law, either new or old, did not comply with the legislation.

Should you wish to discuss a ward boundary review with Way To Go Consulting Inc, I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Ernie Epp, CMMA
Email - ernie.epp@waytogoconsultinginc.ca
Phone: 204-823-2267