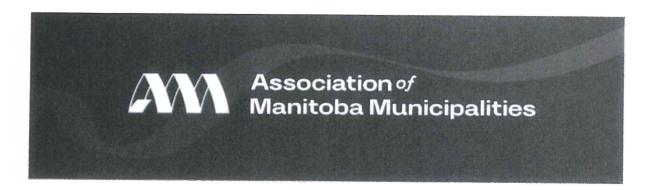


Member Advisory: AMM Statement: Municipal Insurance

From AMM Communications <dvolkov-amm.mb.ca@shared1.ccsend.com>

Date Thu 2025-11-13 9:41 AM

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



Member Advisory

AMM Statement: Municipal Insurance

November 13, 2025 - We are proud to reflect on the enduring partnership we've built with our dedicated insurance broker, Western Financial Group, over the past 45+ years. This long-standing relationship is more than a milestone—it's a reflection of the trust, expertise, and shared commitment that have helped shape a program tailored to the unique needs municipalities across the province. Through decades of partnership, both Western and the AMM has developed a deep understanding of the risks and challenges our members face, ensuring that coverage remains responsive, relevant, and resilient.

In recent years, a third-party review of the insurance program was conducted by the Exchange Group to assess its effectiveness, competitiveness, and member satisfaction. The results confirmed a high level of trust and confidence in the program, with members expressing strong satisfaction in both the coverage provided and the service received. These findings reinforce the importance of maintaining our relationship with Western Financial Group.

We understand that municipalities will at times be approached by outside insurance brokers offering alternative solutions. While these offers may appear attractive on the surface, we encourage members to consider the depth of experience, stability, and proven value that our existing program provides. The results of the third-party review speak for themselves—this is a program built on trust, tailored expertise, and long-term commitment to our sector.

The success and stability of the AMM General Insurance Program is made possible by all municipalities coming together as one voice, and one-team. We encourage all members to actively engage with their insurance service advisors and take full advantage of the resources available to them. Whether you have questions about your coverage, are navigating changes in your operations, or simply want to ensure your policy aligns with your current needs, Western is your most knowledgeable and trusted resource. Open communication is key to maintaining a strong, effective insurance program—and your involvement plays a vital role in its continued success.

We remain committed to supporting you and ensuring that the AMM General Insurance Program continues to deliver value, protection, and peace of mind. Please don't hesitate to reach out to your broker or our association team if you need assistance or have feedback. Together, we can continue to build on this legacy of service and strengthen the program for the future.

Sincerely,

Denys Volkov Executive Director

Association of Manitoba Municipalities







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News Release - Manitoba's Cities Back Federal Bail Reform, Call for Action on Core Infrastructure

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News Release

Manitoba's Cities Back Federal Bail Reform, Call for Action on Core Infrastructure



Cities Caucus Delegates at the 2025 AMM Fall Convention Click **HERE** to download photo.

November 25, 2025 — Representatives from Manitoba's ten cities convened today at the **2025 AMM Fall Convention** to set a clear agenda focused on public safety and infrastructure. The group affirmed support for the federal government's proposed Bill C-14, which advances bail and sentencing reform, while also urging renewed investments in core infrastructure and a modernized municipal growth funding model.

"The safety of our citizens is the foundation of thriving communities," said **AMM President Kathy Valentino**. "For too long, municipalities have sounded the alarm on repeat offenders and systemic gaps in bail and sentencing. Bill C-14 represents a necessary and significant step forward, and Manitoba municipalities are firmly behind it. Yet we cannot overlook the infrastructure that underpins everything else — housing, growth, and quality of life."

Currently, funding through the Manitoba Water Services Board that supports critical municipal water and wastewater infrastructure falls far short of demand. While the Board's total annual budget is \$24 million, project applications before it now total \$1.35 billion. Delegates also emphasized the urgent need for federal investment and the introduction of a permanent infrastructure program to replace the expired *Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP)*. Such a program would ensure funding that is long-term, sustainable, and predictable, enabling municipalities to plan effectively and support economic growth.

"Our collective voice is strongest when we align around key priorities," added Cities Caucus Chair and City of Portage la Prairie Mayor Sharilyn Knox. "On public safety, infrastructure, and growth funding we are united. Bill C-14 is a welcome signal that the federal government recognizes the real concerns of our citizens. At the same time, we must ensure that investments in core infrastructure like water and wastewater systems keep pace with our housing and growth pressures."

The AMM Cities Caucus will continue to monitor the progress of Bill C-14 as it moves through Parliament and looks forward to working with provincial and federal partners on infrastructure and funding reform throughout 2026.

AMM Cities Caucus

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AMM Bulletin - November 28, 2025

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



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Latest Updates

2025 Fall Convention & Trade Show



A huge thank you to our delegates, elected officials, government representatives, keynote speakers, and presenters for making this year one to remember.

Thank you for showing up, sharing insights, and helping move our communities forward.

Check out our Fall Convention Recap Video!

2025 AMM Infrastructure Grant Winners



Western Communities Foundation is proud to announce the 2025 AMM Infrastructure Grant recipients!

This program, created in partnership with the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM), provides \$5,000 grants to Manitoba municipalities to enhance, upgrade, or build vital community infrastructure that improves safety, accessibility, sustainability, and connection—helping Manitoba communities thrive.

Congratulations to this year's recipients:

- Town of Gillam: Emergency Preparedness Project
- . Town of Lynn Lake: Arena Community Hub & Emergency Support Space
- RM of Woodlands: Backup Power Supply
- · Rossburn Municipality: Upgrading Our Community Core
- RM of Ritchot: Bilingual Communication Boards
- RM of Ste. Anne: Richer Fire Department Well Upgrades

Since the establishment of the Western Communities Foundation Community Infrastructure Grant, the Foundation has invested over \$2.5 million to support 490+ projects nationwide, creating spaces where people live, play, and connect.

Read more HERE.



On November 18, 2025, the Honourable Anita R. Neville, P.C., O.M., Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Manitoba delivered the Speech from the Throne to open the Third Session of the 43rd Manitoba Legislature.

The 2025 Throne Speech can be viewed HERE.

The News Release can be viewed HERE.

View The Speech from the Throne webpage HERE.

Manitoba Government Invites Applications for Two Community Development Grant Programs

The Manitoba government is inviting organizations to apply to the From the Ground Up and Urban/Hometown Green Team programs, two community development grant programs that support youth employment, local capacity building and economic development.

The application deadline for both programs is **Monday**, **Jan. 26**, **2026**. For more information about the programs and how to apply, visit: https://gov.mb.ca/grants.

View the Manitoba government news release HERE.

Manitoba EMO Urges Local Authorities to Join Recovery Planning Initiative with the Canadian Centre for Recovery and Resilience

Manitoba's Emergency Management Organization's (EMO) Recovery Team is encouraging local authorities to join a new initiative designed to support disaster recovery planning for your community. Applications are open until **December 10**, **2025**, with confirmations issued by **December 12**, **2025**.

Recovery planning in advance of a disaster will:

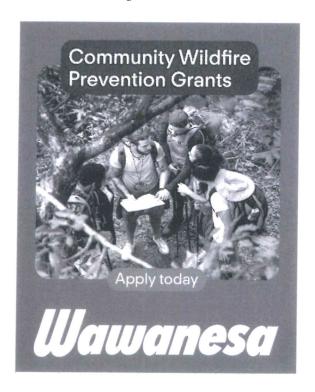
- Minimize disruptions
- Lessen financial impact
- · Build confidence with residents

The Canadian Centre for Recovery and Resilience is launching a six-month national initiative to help local authorities develop pre-disaster recovery plans. The program structure includes monthly virtual sessions running from December 2025 to May 2026. Participating local authorities will benefit from expert recovery planning guidance and opportunities to collaborate with peers across Canada.

For more details and to apply directly, please visit: https://ccfrr.ca/en/events/recovery-planning-cohort/

For assistance in completing an application; contact contact Cassandra Bommersbach, Recovery and Mitigation Specialist at <u>Cassandra.Bommersbach@gov.mb.ca</u>.

Wawanesa Community Wildfire Prevention Grants



Wawanesa is offering 10 grants for a total of \$200,000 to support local community initiatives that reduce wildfire risk.

The \$20,000 grants are offered in partnership with FireSmart™ Canada and the Institute for Catastrophic Loss Reduction (ICLR) to help communities across Canada reduce their risk of loss from wildfire through prevention activities.

Applications are open until December 9, 2025. Click HERE to apply.

Upcoming Virtual Engagement Sessions for the Development of Manitoba Hydro's 2025 Integrated Resource Plan



There are two session times planned and each session will cover the same material. Links to register for the upcoming Round 2 sessions:

- Thursday, December 11, 2025 1:00pm-2:30pm
- Monday, December 15, 2025 9:00am-10:30pm

This is the final round of planned engagement for the 2025 IRP. These multi-party sessions will focus on sharing and seeking feedback on the road map, which includes:

- Recommended and alternative development plans outlining approximate quantities and timing of new resource options needed to meet future energy needs through 2035.
- Learnings including key insights gained from the development process.
- Near-term actions to be completed over the next five years.
- Signposts we will monitor to understand when and how the energy landscape is changing.

Efficiency Manitoba-Building Envelope Program



If high costs are preventing you from making energy-efficiency upgrades, <u>Efficiency Manitoba</u> can help. Our Building Envelope Program offers incentives for upgrading insulation, windows, and doors so your industrial, commercial, or multi-residential buildings are more energy efficient and cost-effective to operate. For projects completed before March 31, 2026, we are increasing incentives by 25% for buildings heated by electricity and 10% for buildings heated by natural gas.

Learn more or start your application online today at efficiencyMB.ca/building-envelope.

Call for Applications: Lake Winnipeg FEI Nutrient Reduction Stream 2026-27

As part of the Federal Freshwater Action Plan, Canada is taking action to manage, restore and protect freshwater, including supporting regional freshwater challenges and priorities.

The Lake Winnipeg Freshwater Ecosystem Initiative (FEI) has two funding priorities: supporting nutrient reduction and enhancing Indigenous engagement in freshwater management.

For 2026-27, there will be two separate funding streams and application processes:

- 1. Nutrient Reduction
- 2. Cultivating Collaboration and Indigenous-Driven Action

The Canada Water Agency is now accepting applications for the **Nutrient Reduction Stream** to support eligible partner-led projects that reduce nutrient loading to Lake Winnipeg and increase engagement on water quality protection.

The online application system will launch November 20, 2025 at 10:00 CST / 11:00 EST, and will close December 22, 2025 at 14:00 CST / 15:00 EST.

Please consult the Nutrient Application Guide and website for further details.

Applications must be submitted using the Grants and Contributions Enterprise Management System (GCEMS) before the deadline.

Application Guide

RRC Polytech-Manitoba Building Code Training



Winter 2026

MB Building Code Training

<u>Download RRC Polytech's Course</u> <u>Registration Form</u>

For Course Information, email or call: poleksiew@rrc.ca / 204.632.3017

AMM Trading Company / Canoe

Canoe: Al Webinar



Canoe Procurement Group of Canada is offering a webinar on an Introduction to Responsible use of AI in Government Operations.

CLICK HERE for more information and to register.



Tire Specials for AMM Members

The XSnoplus Fall Campaign running from September to end of December 2025 provides a rebate of \$250 per tire on all 4 sizes of our XSnoplus Grader / Loader tire. Please note, the rebate will be applied directly to the price on the invoice (so no credits on a separate invoice). This means that instead of the Regular Invoice Price, there will be a Special Invoice Price during this time.

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Member Advisory: 2025 Cabinet Brief and Resolution Results

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Date Fri 2025-11-28 1:25 PM

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



Member Advisory

2025 Cabinet Brief and Resolution Results

November 28, 2025 - Every year at our Annual Fall Convention, the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) hosts an annual meeting with the Premier and Provincial Cabinet to share municipal priorities and continue a dialogue with the provincial government about the future of Manitoba.

We are proud to present this document, which highlights numerous policy successes achieved over the past year and underscores the key issues that remain at the forefront of our advocacy efforts. The document outlines our main lobbying priorities in three categories: *Successes* in 2024-2025, *Critical Issues* requiring immediate action, and *Important Issues* that have seen some progress, but require more collaboration.

The Cabinet Brief can be viewed HERE.

During the Resolutions Session at the AMM Convention, the majority of resolutions were successfully passed. However, three resolutions

--- #02-2025, #05-2025, and #17-2025 --- did not pass.

The Resolutions Committee also accepted one late submission, which was deemed emergent. As a result, it did not appear in the printed handbooks but was displayed on the screens for review and debate. This emergent resolution proposed increasing the Manitoba Water Services Board's budget from \$24 million to \$100 million — and it was approved with a 95% majority. The text of all resolutions in the handbook can be found **HERE** and the emergent resolution text can be found **HERE**.

In the coming days, we will be sending all passed resolutions to the relevant minister(s) requesting an official response to inform our advocacy moving forward. We typically receive and compile all official responses by March/April - so please stay tuned.

Thank you once again to all delegates and member municipalities for attending the 27th Annual Fall Convention.

Sincerely,

Denys Volkov Executive Director

<u>Association of Manitoba Municipalities</u>







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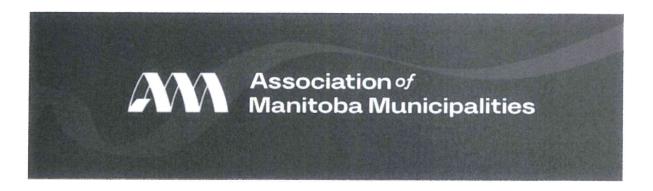


Member Advisory: Phase 1: 2025 Wildfire Season Provincial After Action Review (AAR)

From AMM Communications <amm-amm.mb.ca@shared1.ccsend.com>

Date Mon 2025-12-01 8:19 AM

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



Member Advisory

Phase 1: 2025 Wildfire Season Provincial After Action Review (AAR)

Note: This message is being sent on behalf of Manitoba Emergency Management Organization (EMO)

December 1, **2025** – As we reflect on the 2025 wildfire season, it is important to take time to listen, learn, and work together to strengthen Manitoba's emergency management practices.

The Manitoba Emergency Management Organization (EMO) is initiating Phase One of the provincial After Action Review (AAR) process to assess what worked well and to identify areas for improvement from the municipal perspective. The outcome of the AAR process will inform future preparedness and response efforts across Manitoba.

As part of Phase One, we're asking all local authorities to prepare their own internal wildfire AARs. These internal reviews will inform the broader provincial review. Municipal insights are critical to understanding the impacts, challenges, and lessons learned during this season. Once Phase One input is collected, a facilitator will conduct interviews and gather further information to support the comprehensive provincial AAR, culminating in recommendations for improvement.

To support your internal review process, Manitoba EMO has provided the following resources:

- AAR Guide with best practices (attached)
- Online course available through the Manitoba EMO Training Hub (Note: A free account is required. Please email emotraining@gov.mb.ca to request access)

To ensure your experiences are captured, please submit your completed 2025 Wildfire Season AAR to emo@gov.mb.ca by January 9, 2026. For questions or support during your review process, please contact us at the same email address.

Thank you for your continued leadership and collaboration

Sincerely,

Denys Volkov
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News Release - Strong Cities Network and Association of Manitoba Municipalities Launch a New Toolkit Supporting Manitoba Municipalities to Address Anti-Government Hate and Harassment

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Date Wed 2025-12-10 9:51 AM

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



News Release

Strong Cities Network and Association of Manitoba Municipalities Launch a New Toolkit Supporting Manitoba Municipalities to Address Anti-Government Hate and Harassment



AMM President Kathy Valentino releasing the new toolkit Click **HERE** to download photo.

December 10, 2025 - TORONTO, ONTARIO - The Strong Cities Network and Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) today launched A Toolkit for Manitoba Municipalities: Addressing Anti-Government Hate and Harassment to support local elected officials and municipal staff across Manitoba as they respond to rising forms of anti-government and anti-establishment hate and harassment. The announcement was made by Kathy Valentino, AMM President and City of Thompson Councillor, during a keynote at the Strong Cities Network Sixth Global Summit, which brings together over 400 mayors, local government officials, civil society organizations, national governments. private sector stakeholders and practitioners from over 130 cities worldwide, including nearly 40 across Canada

This toolkit comes at a critical time when local elected officials and municipal staff in Manitoba and across Canada are facing increased incivility, hate and harassment. Denys Volkov, AMM Executive Director and Kathy Valentino, AMM President and City of Thompson

Councillor, report that their members are experiencing disrupted council meetings, hate-filled comment sections on municipal social media pages, and threatening language directed at council and staff serving their communities. These experiences mirror a global rise in anti-government sentiment and extremism that Strong Cities has observed across its 290+ member cities.

The Toolkit provides 130 concrete and practical recommendations for mayors, reeves, councillors, chief administrative officers, city managers, department directors, and other local elected officials and staff, most of which serve small or rural populations with limited administrative capacity. Recommendations are organised into thematic sections, with dedicated guidance for elected officials and for municipal staff, enabling users to identify guidance relevant to their roles and local circumstances. Topics include:

- The Causes of Anti-Government Sentiment
- Protecting Candidates for Local Office, Harassment of Municipal Officials
- · Online Harassment
- Online Misinformation and Disinformation
- Meeting Disruptions
- Identity-Based Hate

The Toolkit was informed by in-person convenings during AMM's Spring Convention in April 2025; an online survey of AMM members conducted by the University of Manitoba's Centre for Social Science Research and Policy; an online survey of Strong Cities Network North American and European members; subject-matter experts consultations; effective practices from municipalities and networks across Canada and internationally; and original research from the Institute of Strategic Dialogue. The development of this Toolkit was supported by the Association of Manitoba Municipalities and CSSRP, and the final product has been endorsed by the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region, Manitoba Municipal Administrators and the Association of Manitoba Bilingual Municipalities.

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B & B Memorial Restoration

From Becky Szucki <memorialrestoration@hotmail.com>
Date Tue 2025-11-25 7:40 AM

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Good morning,

We are a mobile memorial restoration company located in Brookdale, Manitoba. We would appreciate if the attached could be shared with local cemetery boards and municipal leaders. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Brett & Becky Szucki

B & B Memorial Restoration

PH: 1-204-212-1616

Email: memorialrestoration@hotmail.com

Website: https://www.bandbmemorialrestoration.com

B&B Memorial Restoration

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PROFILE

B & B Memorial Restoration is a family owned and operated business that has been in operation since 2017, which specializes in mobile on-site restoration and releveling of all types and sizes of monuments. We take great pride in our work and have a true passion for memorial restoration. Brett has seven years of experience fabricating new monuments and 19 years of experience with restoration and alignment. Becky received her certificate in project management in April 2018 and has 16 years of experience in project management. She is also a certified Lean Six Sigma Master Black Belt. Since beginning operations, we have worked with numerous municipalities, cemetery boards and Veterans Affairs to restore. align and clean monuments. We use industry specific tools and equipment to ensure proper and safe alignment and restoration of monuments. We have WCB, business insurance and are a registered business.

CONTACT

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Sending you our warmest greetings this holiday season.

May you enjoy health and happiness throughout the coming year.



CPKC Crossing Activity Notification / Notification d'activité de passage CPKC

From PSCC <PSCC@cpkcpolice.com>

Date Thu 2025-11-27 1:57 PM

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

CPKC Crossing Activity Notification / Notification d'activit de passage CPKC

Regulation require railway companies or road authorities who are aware of warning system or traffic control device failures or who are performing any activity such as a rail or road repair at or near a crossing to share information about that activity with each other. Rail companies and road authorities are also required to apply temporary protection measures to address any threat to safety of railway operations. The purpose of this message is to make you aware of such activity as indicated below and to advise that protection will be applied as necessary.

Le règlement exige que les compagnies de chemin de fer ou les autorités routières soient au courant des pannes de système d'avertissement ou de contrôle de la circulation ou qui effectuent des activités telles qu'une réparation ferroviaire ou routière au niveau ou à proximité d'un passage à niveau pour partager des informations sur cette activité les uns avec les autres. Les entreprises ferroviaires et les autorités routières sont également tenues d'appliquer des mesures de protection temporaire pour faire face à toute menace à la sécurité des opérations ferroviaires. Le but de ce message est de vous informer de l'activité indiquée ci-dessous et de conseiller que la protection sera appliquée au besoin.

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Public grade crossings / Passages à niveau publics (canada.ca)

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Time: 13:17 MT

Location: #22429, HWY 10 / HWY 2 and MILE 40N, near OAKLAND, MB

Activity / Event / Comments

Crossing Reactivation / Réactivation de passage à niveau

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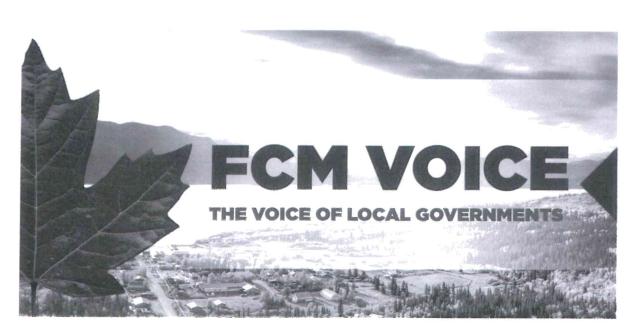
November 17, 2025











What Budget 2025 means for your community



Tabled by the federal government earlier this month, and to be voted on in the House of Commons this evening, Budget 2025 underscores the need for strategic investments to support Canadians and emphasizes economic resilience and national priorities like local infrastructure. The mix of new and reprofiled investments in Budget 2025 will help municipalities move faster now, but a long-term plan to fund the infrastructure that makes national housing and growth goals achievable is still needed.

FCM's federal budget policy analysis highlights key measures, identifies gaps in federal support, and offers insights to strengthen your advocacy and planning efforts.

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EVENTS

Collective webinar: Building a robust visitor economy in rural communities

Tourism can serve as a powerful catalyst for sustainable local prosperity. FCM is partnering with Destination Canada on a free Collective webinar exploring the positive impact that the visitor economy can have on local growth, community pride and job creation.

Join our expert panel on Thursday, November 27, from 12-1 p.m. ET as they share practical tools and best practices for municipal leaders to leverage these opportunities while keeping communities in mind and celebrating local heritage.

» REGISTER

Building circular futures: Leading change in municipal construction, renovation and demolition

Join us on Thursday, November 27, from 2-3 p.m. ET for the *Building Circular Futures:* Leading Change in Municipal Construction, Renovation and Demolition webinar. Discover proven tactics to integrate circularity into your municipality projects and learn how to plan deconstruction without delays, source and verify reclaimed materials before they reach site, while keeping timelines on track.

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Information session on VNCRM project

On Tuesday, November 18, from 1-2 p.m. ET, we are hosting an information session for Canadian municipalities interested in the Viet Nam Climate Resilient Municipalities (VNCRM) project.

This session is a great opportunity to learn more about the project's goals, the peer-to-peer partnership model and what participating municipalities can expect over the next five years. We will explain the application process and answer any questions you may have.

» REGISTER

FCM IN THE NEWS

» Is this the federal budget you expected? Is it the budget you wanted? | Radio Noon Quebec | On Demand | CBC Listen [15:48-22:14]
On November 5, FCM President Rebecca Bligh spoke with Shawn Apel from CBC Radio about the federal budget, FCM's positive takeaways, how it will benefit municipalities moving forward, and what is missing from the federal government's plan.

» How can we improve the fight against forest fires in Canada? | Le téléjournal avec Céline Galipeau

As part of a Radio-Canada report on wildfires across the country, Yvon Godin, President of the Association francophone des municipalités du Nouveau-Brunswick and member of FCM's Board of Directors, discussed the situation and emphasized the need for increased federal government support. Currently, FCM is advocating for a national fleet of water bombers.

» Nunavut municipalities discuss military-civilian dual-use infrastructure projects | CBC News

The Nunavut Association of Municipalities held its annual conference from November 11-13 in Iqaluit, where infrastructure funding was top of mind. FCM's Executive Director of Policy and Public Affairs Matt Gemmel attended and talked to CBC North about the significance of the federal government's investment in core municipal infrastructure.

» Regina mayor says federal budget 'hit a mark' for civic infrastructure | Regina Leader Post

Regina Mayor Chad Bachynski said he's optimistic about the federal budget's funding for municipal infrastructure. FCM said the funding "acknowledges that municipal infrastructure is essential to Canada's productivity and trade," but falls short regarding assurances of sustained support.

RESOURCES

Destination Development toolkits to support rural, remote and Northern community-based tourism

In partnership with Destination Canada, we are proud to share two powerful new resources designed exclusively for rural, remote, and Northern municipalities.

When tourism is woven into municipal growth strategies, it can be a catalyst for local resilience, inclusive prosperity, and community revitalization. These Destination Development toolkits incorporate feedback and expertise from municipal leaders across Canada to ensure they deliver actionable, practical solutions for your community's tourism ambitions.

» GET THE TOOLKIT

How energy-efficient affordable housing is improving the lives of Canadians

When communities across Canada add more affordable housing, there's nobody that benefits more than the residents themselves. When those homes are designed or retrofitted for greater energy efficiency, they not only provide rent stability, but also healthier air and greater year-round comfort—and residents are even saving up to \$200 on their monthly energy bills.

As we look forward to celebrating National Housing Day this Saturday, discover the inspiring stories of six Canadians—including those in Banff and Saskatoon—who are living comfortably and saving money thanks to projects supported by GMF's Sustainable Affordable Housing initiative.

» READ THE ARTICLE SERIES

Small towns, big impacts: Creating jobs and building sustainable community spaces

Rural and Indigenous communities are investing in green community buildings that create local jobs and support residents' well-being.

For example, in Nunavut, Cambridge Bay is revitalizing local practices and supporting Northern and Indigenous-owned businesses with the construction of a new cultural campus. And the City of Iqaluit created 38 new jobs and brought the community together by constructing a new energy-efficient aquatic centre.

» READ MORE

Waste less, earn more: Funding available now

With long winters and high heating needs, your communities can benefit from GMF's Organic Waste-to-Energy funding. Turn food scraps, biosolids and agricultural byproducts into clean energy and valuable soil products. Cut costs, support energy independence and build local resilience. From assessments to implementation, we'll help you turn waste into opportunity.

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FCM's 1st VP Tim Tierney is in Calgary today, connecting with municipal leaders from across Alberta at Alberta Municipalities | Strength in Members 2025 Convention & Trade Show.









FCM joined local leaders from all across Nunavut in Igaluit this week to hear their unique challenges and perspectives. Together with the Nunavut Association of Municipalities, FCM brings local voices directly to the federal government. Our thanks to NAM and Mayor Solomon Awa for having us.















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Nationwide outreach: FCM meets members where they are during fall PTA conferences



FCM been busy meeting with members from coast to coast to coast this fall—attending numerous provincial and territorial association (PTA) conferences across the country to connect with you in person. Over the past two months alone, FCM's table officers, leadership team and staff have engaged with local municipal leaders at conferences held by the Fédération québécoise des municipalités, Union of BC Municipalities, Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities, Union of Municipalities of New Brunswick, Association francophone des municipalités du Nouveau-Brunswick, Alberta Municipalities, Nunavut Association of Municipalities, Rural Municipalities of Alberta, Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador and later this week, the Association of Manitoba Municipalities. Our commitment to connect with our members in their own communities, and ensure their voices are heard by the federal government, remains paramount.

» SEE HOW FCM'S MEMBER ENGAGEMENT EXTENDS TO NORTHERN CANADA

NEWS

Build Canada Homes application portal opening soon

The federal government has just released its Investment Policy Framework for Build Canada Homes—outlining the agency's priorities, investment principles, and eligibility criteria. FCM is glad to see a focus on affordability, flexibility and shovel-ready projects. We will continue advocating for a program design that ensures municipalities of all sizes can access this fund.

The application portal for Build Canada Homes is due to open before the end of November. Stay tuned for further information.

» LEARN MORE

Last chance to register: Building a robust visitor economy in your communities

Tourism can serve as a powerful catalyst for sustainable local prosperity. This week, FCM is partnering with Destination Canada on a free Collective webinar exploring the positive impact that the visitor economy can have on local growth, community pride and job creation.

Join our expert panel on November 27 as they share practical tools and best practices for municipal leaders to leverage these opportunities while keeping communities in mind and celebrating local heritage. Space is filling up fast, so save your spot today!

» REGISTER

FCM's GMF Council is recruiting a new elected municipal official

FCM is seeking an elected municipal official from Alberta, Manitoba or the Territories to join the Green Municipal Fund (GMF) Council. We're looking for a recognized community champion with the knowledge and skills to review technical and financial information in municipal sustainability project applications.

Since inception, we're proud to have supported homegrown projects—149 in Alberta, 75 in Manitoba and 29 in the Canadian Territories—in clean energy, cost-saving transportation, cost-saving home energy upgrades and climate resilience. Join the council to help guide strategic investments in innovative municipal initiatives that strengthen communities and build a more sustainable, prosperous Canada. Apply by January 12.

» LEARN MORE

EVENTS

Building circular futures: Leading change in municipal construction, renovation and demolition

Join our one-hour webinar on Thursday, November 27, at 2 p.m. ET, to learn how material circularity delivers results in construction, renovation and demolition. You'll hear project leads share practical tactics: specifications that enable material reuse, deconstruction planning without delays, sourcing and verifying reclaimed stock, while keeping timelines on track.

» REGISTER

Join Ghana's workshop on ending workplace gender-based violence

As part of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, our PMI-WILL partners in Ghana are hosting a national workshop on preventing sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment in local governments.

The workshop will be held in person in Accra on November 27, from 9 a.m.—1 p.m. GMT. For those not attending on site—including Canadian municipalities—a virtual option is available from 5–8 a.m. ET. Participants will hear from municipal leaders, gender experts and civil society organizations on building safe, inclusive, harassment-free municipal workplaces.

This workshop is part of the PMI-WILL project, implemented by FCM and funded by Global Affairs Canada.

» REGISTER

How municipalities can strengthen Canada's economic resilience

Municipalities drive economic growth by providing the infrastructure that connects us, supports jobs and attracts new businesses. That's why impacts of trade uncertainty and U.S. tariffs are felt in our communities first.

On December 4 at 1 p.m. ET, the Lawrence National Centre for Policy and Management will be hosting a webinar with a panel of experts including London Mayor Josh Morgan, Sturgeon County Mayor Alanna Hnatiw and Saint John Mayor Donna Reardon. This session will explore how municipalities can strengthen their role in Canada's evolving trade environment and help shape a more resilient economic future for their communities and residents.

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FCM IN THE NEWS

» Budget 2025: MPs pass Carney budget, avoid holiday election | CTV News

On November 17, the federal minority government survived the final confidence vote on Budget 2025, preventing federal elections during the holiday season.

- » Patty Cuttell elected Halifax's new deputy mayor | CityNews
 FCM Board member Patty Cuttell has been appointed Halifax's new deputy mayor.
 "Deputy mayor Cuttell brings significant professional experience to her role, including her national leadership at FCM," said Halifax Mayor Andy Fillmore. Cuttell was first elected to the regional council in 2020.
- » Push for nation-building projects could leave northern communities behind, municipal leader fears | Nunatsiaq News
 FCM's Executive Director of Policy and Public Affairs Matt Gemmel spoke with Nunatsiaq News about the importance of the federal government investing in smaller communities. Gemmel stated that FCM is examining the future of the North from a municipal perspective.

RESOURCES

Rural communities leading the way through waste challenges

Across rural Canada, a growing number of projects are demonstrating remarkable innovation and impact, showcasing the country's leadership in turning organic waste into clean, renewable energy. With support from GMF through the Organic Waste-to-Energy and Net-Zero Transformation offers, municipalities are adopting practical, small-scale energy recovery.

Explore how GMF's funding can help your municipality turn organic waste into success stories and replicate proven approaches to create new opportunities.

» LEARN MORE

Discover inspiring stories of Canadians living in energy-efficient affordable housing

Through five years, the GMF has supported more than 4,100 units across the country. That means thousands of Canadians have improved their quality of life now that they have safe, healthy and affordable housing. Residents enjoy cleaner air, greater year-round comfort and financial stability. Read this article series to hear from the people and their families—including those in Banff and Saskatoon—whose lives have greatly improved after moving into a GMF-funded housing development.

» EXPLORE REAL-LIFE ACCOUNTS

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FCM's 1st VP @TimTierney was in Salt Lake City this week connecting with local leaders south of the border at the National @leagueofcities' City Summit. Ties between Canada and the U.S. run deep, and when it comes to local priorities, there's much more that unites us than divides us.









Housing is more than a roof overhead-it's the foundation for healthy lives and thriving communities. On this National Housing Day, FCM reaffirms our call to the federal government for more affordable housing in communities of all sizesbecause everyone deserves a place to call home.













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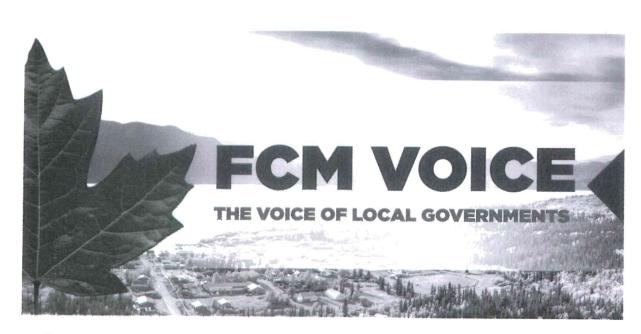
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Got shovel-ready housing proposals? The Build Canada Homes portal is open



Last Thursday, November 27, the federal government opened its online portal for Build Canada Homes, the new agency tasked with scaling up the supply of affordable housing across Canada. FCM strongly encourages Canadian municipalities with planned, shovel-ready housing proposals to submit them via this portal.

The portal webpage for Build Canada Homes highlights affordability, speed, innovation and regional impact as being particularly important in determining application priority. FCM will continue to engage with Build Canada Homes to ensure municipalities of all sizes and in all regions can benefit from the agency's work.

» SUBMIT YOUR PROPOSAL

NEWS

Renew your FCM membership for 2026-2027

Have you renewed your 2026–2027 FCM membership? Now is the time to do so to unlock the many benefits that come with being an FCM member.

Powered by over 2,000 members, FCM is the national voice of local governments. For 125 years, FCM's impact has been rooted in the energy and leadership of its members. Together, we've tackled shared challenges with innovative solutions, secured tangible wins with the federal government and strengthened local leadership from coast to coast to coast. Renew today to keep driving progress together.

Chief Administrative Officers – please look for renewal details in your inbox over the coming days!

» LEARN MORE ABOUT AN FCM MEMBERSHIP

Join the GMF Council

FCM is seeking an elected municipal official from Alberta, Manitoba or one of the Canadian Territories to join the Green Municipal Fund (GMF) Council. As a Council member for FCM's GMF, a globally unique and catalytic mix of funding and capacity building that manages \$2.4 billion in programs funded by the Government of Canada, you will help equip municipalities nationwide with the tools they need to accelerate their transition to a resilient, sustainable future.

Bring your leadership, expertise and passion for sustainability to the GMF Council to help advance local resilience and sustainability leadership in your region, building on GMF's strong impact in Alberta, Manitoba and the Territories, where 253 GMF-supported projects have contributed \$115 million to GDP. Apply by January 12, 2026.

» LEARN MORE

New international project: South African Resilient Municipalities

We are pleased to announce the South African Resilient Municipalities project, a new initiative funded by Global Affairs Canada and delivered in partnership with the South African Local Government Association.

Highlighted by Prime Minister Mark Carney at the G20 Summit, this initiative strengthens locally-led climate resilience and disaster preparedness in vulnerable South African municipalities. The project creates space for mutual learning between Canadian and South African municipal leaders, advancing inclusive, gender-responsive services and ensuring that resilience efforts reach those most affected.

» READ MORE

NEW Collective webinar: Bloomberg Cities Idea Exchange

Local governments across Canada are constantly seeking innovative ways to address local challenges and improve residents' lives. This Collective webinar—delivered in partnership between FCM and Bloomberg Philanthropies—introduces local governments to the Bloomberg Cities Idea Exchange, an initiative to accelerate the spread of successful civic solutions between communities around the world.

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Join us on December 9 at 1 p.m. ET and leave with the tools and insights that will help you understand the funding requirements, learn what each section needs and avoid common pitfalls.

» REGISTER

Getting climate adaptation projects off the ground

Support your community in turning climate adaptation plans into real projects. Join us on December 11 at 2 p.m. ET to learn how to identify and prioritize climate adaptation projects to move from planning to implementation. You will hear helpful guidance on tools and resources, gain insights to navigate common challenges and uncover new opportunities.

» REGISTER

FCM IN THE NEWS

» U.S., Canadians cities are on the same page, Ottawa councillor says [CityNews

Ottawa Councillor Tim Tierney, FCM's First Vice-President, recently joined U.S. local leaders at the National League of Cities' summit in Salt Lake City, strengthening municipal ties across the border amid tariff tensions and emphasized the economic impact on communities.

» Residents alarmed after grader hit by gunfire, acts of vandalism in Manitoba municipality | Winnipeg Free Press

Municipalities across Manitoba and other parts of Canada are experiencing a troubling rise in threats, harassment, and vandalism aimed at local elected officials. In 2024, FCM approved a resolution urging the federal government to collaborate with the organization on measures to safeguard local elected leaders. President Rebecca Bligh stated that harassment of leaders at all orders of government is "surging." "Some elected officials resigned or chose not to run again because of it," Bligh said.

» Yorkton councillor receives national recognition from Municipal World | 620 CKRM | The Voice of Saskatchewan

Yorkton Councillor Randy Goulden earned an honourable mention in the 2025 Local Government Awards, presented by Municipal World. Goulden was recognized for decades of leadership in municipal governance and her national contributions, including chairing FCM's standing committee on community safety and crime prevention.

RESOURCES

Partner with Vietnam for resilient, inclusive cities

FCM is inviting Canadian municipalities to join the Viet Nam Climate Resilient Municipalities (VNCRM) project, a partnership connecting local governments in Canada and Vietnam to strengthen climate resilience and inclusive governance.

Through peer-to-peer collaboration, participating municipalities will exchange expertise on climate-smart infrastructure, asset management and community engagement. Together, they will advance tangible, local solutions for global challenges, from rising sea levels and erosion to solid waste management, not to mention gender inclusion. Apply by Monday, December 8.

This five-year initiative, funded by Global Affairs Canada, is part of Canada's commitment to a sustainable, resilient Indo-Pacific region

» APPLY NOW

Access to energy-efficient affordable housing has been a life changer across Canada

Want to know more about the benefits of energy-efficient affordable housing? Just ask residents themselves.

The Green Municipal Fund (GMF) has been improving the lives of Canadians—including those in Banff and Saskatoon—by supporting the development of affordable housing that is safe, healthy and comfortable. Read this article series to learn the stories of Canadians and their families living in a home supported by GMF's Sustainable Affordable Housing initiative. You will learn about how they are enjoying healthier air, greater year-round comfort, financial stability and a higher quality of life.

» DISCOVER THEIR STORIES

Resident stories: Local leadership on home energy upgrades lead to real benefits

From coast to coast to coast, homeowners are cutting energy costs and improving comfort through local financing programs supported by our Community Efficiency Financing initiative.

In Saskatoon, SK, Adam and his family accessed a low-interest loan from the city to tackle multiple energy upgrades and make their energy dreams a reality. In Truro, NS, Christina and her family used a local program to install solar panels, an electric hot water tank and three mini-split heat pumps, all without upfront costs.

These stories highlight how local leadership translates into tangible benefits for households and progress on national climate and housing goals.

» READ MORE

Strengthening housing insights through occupancy data

Statistics Canada invites municipalities to join the Residential Building Occupancy project, supported by FCM. This initiative fills housing data gaps by collecting occupancy permit information, allowing us to accurately track when homes are completed and ready for occupancy. Your participation will improve national housing solutions, enhance local planning and streamline reporting. Please share your feedback by completing this five-minute form by December 12.

» SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK

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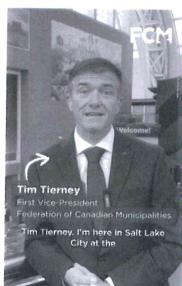




On pressing local priorities like supporting safe and resilient communities. addressing the economic impact of tariffs, ensuring rail safety and protecting vital postal services in rural and remote communities—FCM is bringing local perspectives from Manitoba and across the country directly to the federal government.

That's the message FCM President Rebecca Bligh brought to Winnipeg today at Association of Manitoba Municipalities's Fall Conference.

#CDNMuni #AMMisREADY







FCM's 3rd VP Marc Doret joined local leaders from across Newfoundland and Labrador at Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador's Annual Conference, Trade Show and AGM this weekendhearing local perspectives and challenges to inform our shared advocacy goals on public safety, emergency management and more.













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Join FCM's Green Municipal Fund Council

Calling all elected municipal officials in Alberta, Manitoba and the Territories. We are seeking a recognized community champion with in-depth knowledge of municipal issues and priorities to apply before January 12 for a seat on the Green Municipal Fund Council.

As a council member, your leadership and expertise in municipal sustainability will help accelerate innovative solutions to the challenges facing communities across Canada, building resilience, boosting local economies and leaving a lasting environmental legacy.

» APPLY NOW

Discover the vibrancy of Francophone communities across Canada

FCM is proud to support Francophone and bilingual members, whether they are located in Quebec or in Francophone minority communities across the country. Our new resource webpage compiles Francophone and bilingual municipal associations along with communities designated as "welcoming" that offer French services. This national overview highlights the diversity of Canada's Francophone and bilingual municipal landscape and reaffirms FCM's commitment to promoting its richness.

» LEARN MORE

PMI-WILL marks 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence in Ghana

The Partnerships for Municipal Innovation—Women in Local Leadership (PMI-WILL) project partnered with Ghana's Office of the Head of Local Government Service and the National Association of Local Authorities of Ghana to mark the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence in Accra, Ghana. The event highlighted the new Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Harassment (SEAH) policy for Ghanian municipalities and the collective work needed to strengthen safe, inclusive local government workplaces. Discussions underscored the importance of independent reporting structures, engaging men as allies and grounding sensitization efforts in local cultural contexts.

» LEARN MORE

Inspiring leadership: Women councillors driving change across Sri Lanka

Over the past few weeks, the PMI-WILL project—implemented by FCM and funded by Global Affairs Canada—supported the orientation and leadership training for the newly elected leaders of 25 districts' Women's Caucuses in Sri Lanka.

The sessions brought together passionate women elected to local councils in 2025, who are shaping collective plans to strengthen collaboration across districts. Through these networks, the women's caucuses aim to build mutual support for women's decision-making in local government and drive meaningful, community-led change. Their experiences also inspired Canadian municipal leaders, highlighting shared challenges and innovative ways to advance women's political leadership and inclusive governance globally.

Pulse check

Introducing FCM's *Pulse check*—a new way to engage directly with our work. Look out for this section in future editions of FCM Voice where we'll be seeking your input on top municipal priorities.

Take this quick survey to share your insight on shovel-ready housing and housingenabling infrastructure projects in your municipalities. Your response will help shape our advocacy and public communications efforts.

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FCM IN THE NEWS

» Here's what to know about Canada's landmark energy agreement with Alberta | CBC News

On November 27, the federal government and Alberta signed a memorandum of understanding to facilitate the construction of a new bitumen pipeline from Alberta's oil patch to the British Columbia coast. Since then, it has received some pushback, notably from the Assembly of First Nations, which is calling for a withdrawal of the Canada-Alberta pipeline deal.

» Living in Canada's Arctic North: why federal investment matters | The Hill Times

Solomon Awa, the mayor of Iqaluit and FCM board member, authored an op-ed in The Hill Times discussing the need for greater federal investment as climate change affects the North more than other parts of Canada.

» Day 2 of AMM focuses on leadership, infrastructure, and rural voice [PortageOnline

In late November, municipal leaders across Manitoba gathered in Winnipeg for the Association of Manitoba Municipalities' fall convention, where they shared concerns, exchanged ideas and advocated for stronger partnerships with both the provincial and federal governments. FCM President Rebecca Bligh reaffirmed that the organization's 2028 annual conference will be held in Winnipeg.

RESOURCES

Webinar recording: Advancing climate goals with organic waste-to-energy

Did you know municipalities can use anaerobic digestion to turn organic waste into practical, valuable solutions for landfill diversion, waste management and renewable energy? Watch our webinar recording on Advancing climate goals with organic waste-to-energy for an introductory session on anaerobic digestion delivered by Azura Associates.

You will discover how to implement these technologies, access available funding and identify opportunities to create a circular economy approach that minimizes waste and reduces costs.

» WATCH NOW

Winter nights are long, but energy bills don't have to be

As winter nights get longer, Canadians are flipping the lights on earlier and turning the heat up higher, which drives up home energy costs.

Community energy systems—like district heating or renewable grids powered by solar, wind or geothermal—help municipalities save money, create jobs and deliver stable, predictable energy costs for residents. Power up with GMF funding: claim up to \$100K for a business case, up to \$200K to design a system or up to \$10M to build a system.

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Everyone deserves the safety, security and dignity that comes with reliable housing.

FCM welcomes this important report from @housinglogement.



Yesterday, FCM CEO Carole Saab spoke at the Canadian Urban Institute's State of Canada's Cities Summit—an insightful annual event to assess the health of Canadian cities and shape the future.

Alongside panelists Ehren Cory, Jennifer Quinn (She / Her), Vic Gupta and Trevor Anderson, and moderator Mary W. Rowe, Carole discussed the fiscal realities behind Canada's ambitions and the municipal finance reform needed to support the infrastructure, housing, services and more that communities need to thrive and grow.





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Report Form

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| Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa | Rd 43 N and Rd 109 W Wawanesa MB R0K 1P0 |

| Date of Inspection | Site Contacts |
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| 02 December 2025 | - Worker |
| | Chelsea Long - Management |

Date Served: 03 December 2025

Safety and Health Officer Hetland, pursuant to Section 23 and 24(1) of the Workplace Safety & Health Act W210, attended the workplace with respect to a serious incident that occurred in the workplace and noted the following:

- Employer has investigated, and implemented control measures following a serious incident in the workplace.
- Waste receptacles are contractor owned.

This Safety and Health Officer is satisfied with the measures taken by the employer with respects to the circumstances of the incident.

The following was also discussed:

- workplace inspections.

No Improvement Orders issued at this time.

For matters not related to this document, please contact Workplace Safety and Health at 204-957-SAFE, toll free at 1-855-957-SAFE, or wsbcompl@gov.mb.ca.



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Improvement Order Form

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Improvement Order(s)

Pursuant to Section 26 of the Workplace Safety and Health Act (WSHA), the following improvement orders are issued:

| Order Number | Explanation | Compliance |
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| | Duties of Prime Contractor (ensured) Workplace Safety and Health Act 7(3)(a) The prime contractor for a construction project shall (a) ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, that every person involved in work on the project complies with this Act and the regulations; Observation: It was noted that the above-referenced premises is slated for demolition. The public trustee has requested that the municipality to retain a third-party contractor to carry out the demolition work. It was discussed with the municipality that a competent demolition contractor must be retained to ensure the work that does not create a risk to workers and other persons. In order to comply: Prime contractor to provide evidence on how they have ensured that every person involved in work on the project complies with this Act and the regulations. The following information and documents are requested from the municipality and the contractor: 1. Evidence (e.x., photos) demonstrating that all power lines and piping systems have been disconnected. 2. Safe Work Procedures (SWPs), including but not limited to dust control measures, personal protective equipment (PPE), and procedures for packaging building debris contaminated with cat feces and urine, to ensure the demolition work does not create a risk to workers and other persons. 4. Training record (e.x., sign-up sheet) demonstrating workers have received the training on the SWPs. | 15 December 2025 SWW |

5. Evidence demonstrating that the demolition site is appropriately barricaded to prevent access by unauthorized persons.

For more details, please refer to the WSH Regulation Part 33 Demolition Work.

NOTE: Mould or other biological substances (e.x., *Bartonella henselae*, *Salmonella spp., Campylobacter spp., E. coli*) may also be present within the building.

The Contractor should also check with the Manitoba Environment and Climate Change to determine whether the refrigerant (e.x., freon) is required to be purged or removed prior to demolition.

Date Served: 27 November 2025

Stop Work Warnings (SWW)

Where a safety and health officer believes that the contravention involves or is likely to involve serious risk to the safety or health of any person in or about the workplace, it may be specified that if the contravention is not remedied within the period mentioned therein, a stop work order may be issued. (Section 26(2) of the WSHA)

How to Comply

In consultation with workers, the employer or person named in this order must provide documentation to the issuing Safety and Health Officer stating what corrective action(s) have been taken (Section 35 of the WSHA).

How to Appeal

Anyone directly affected by this order has the right to appeal to the Director of the Workplace Safety and Health Branch within 14 days of date served (Section 37 of the WSHA).

To appeal an order, written notice must be sent to the attention of the Director of Workplace Safety and Health. This must include reasons for the appeal and a list of persons interested in the appeal. Supporting documentation may also be requested.

Email: edwsh@gov.mb.ca

Mailing Address: 200-401 York Ave.

Winnipeg, MB R3C 0P8

Further Enforcement Actions

Non-compliance with these orders may result in stoppage of work (Section 26(2) of the WSHA), an administrative penalty (Section 53(1) of the WSHA) and/or prosecution (Section 54 of the WSHA).

For matters not related to this document, please contact Workplace Safety and Health at 204-957-SAFE, toll free at 1-855-957-SAFE, or wshcompl@gov.mb.ca.

MGRA Beautification Competition 2025 Winners

Class 1 - Best Maintained System of Rural Municipal Roads

District 1: Association of Manitoba Municipalities Shield - RM of St. Andrews

District 2: Provincial Shield - RM of Portage la Prairie

District 3: Airmaster Signs Shield - Mun of Glenboro-South Cypress

District 4: Capital I Shield - Mun of Hamiota

District 5: Armtec Shield - Mun of Swan Valley West

Class 2 - Most Improved Municipal Roads

District 1: Brandt Tractor Shield - RM of St. Andrews

District 2: MGRA Judges Shield - RM of Portage la Prairie

District 3: Toromont Cat Shield - Mun of Deloraine-Winchester

District 4: SMS Equipment Ltd. Shield - Mun of Harrison Park

District 5: Hitrac Shield - Mun of Swan Valley West

Class 3

Highest Standard of New or Rebuilt Road - Canada Culvert Shield - RM of Victoria

Urban Beautification Competition

Class 4 - Population 7,501 plus - Clarion Hotel & Suites - Brandon Shield - City of Morden

Class 5 - Population 2,001-7,500 - CAA Manitoba Shield - Town of Altona

Class 6 - Population 1,001-2000 - Western Financial Group Shield - Town of Morris

Class 7 - Population up to 1000 - Handy Hitch Manufacturing Shield - Dugald (RM of Springfield)

Class 8 - Best Farm Home Grounds

District 1 – Lewis Instruments Shield – Adam Lamoureux & Shelby Champagne (RM of Lac du Bonnet)

District 2 - Fort La Reine Museum Shield - Jack Lavallee & Tamara Ranson (RM of Springfield)

District 3 – Airmaster Traffic Calming Division Shield – Marie Delf (Mun of Norfolk Treherne)

District 4 – WSP Shield – Joe & Glenda MacPhee (RM of North Cypress-Langford)

District 5 – *Oatway Shield* – no entries

Class 9 - Best Country Non-Farm Home Grounds

District 1 - Brian & Janet Nedohin Shield - Randy & Sandy Klym (RM of St. Clements)

District 2 - Robert Adrian Memorial Shield - Louise Bruneau & Michael Moriaty (RM of Springfield)

District 3 - Munisoft Shield - Clark & Shelley Hayward (Mun of Norfolk Treherne)

District 4 - Fort Distributors Shield - Wade & Kristen Osudar (Prairie View Mun)

District 5 - Rebeck Shield - no entries

Class 10 - Best Urban Home Grounds

Class 10A - Population 7,500 plus - Burgess Shield - Charlie & Mavis Brennan (City of Portage la Prairie)

Class 10B - Population 2,001-7,500 - Carels Shield - John & Gerry Nelson (Town of Neepawa)

Class 10C - Population 1,001-2,000 - Jeffries Nurseries Ltd. Shield - Kerry & Gerald Fehr (RM of Brokenhead)

Class 10D - Population under 1,000 - Leclaire Shield - Sharon Verstraeten (RM of Victoria)

PROVINCIAL WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A LATER DATE



News Releases



NewsRelease

November 26, 2025

MANITOBA GOVERNMENT INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR TWO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAMS

The Manitoba government is inviting organizations to apply to the From the Ground Up and Urban/Hometown Green Team programs, two community development grant programs that support youth employment, local capacity building and economic development, Municipal and Northern Relations Minister Glen Simard announced today.

"Our government is committed to supporting communities across Manitoba by investing in programs that create opportunities for youth and strengthen local municipalities," said Simard. "These grants help foster economic development, build leadership skills and enhance quality of life in communities of all sizes. I encourage eligible organizations to apply and take advantage of these important programs."

The Urban/Hometown Green Team program supports youth aged 15 to 29 with employment opportunities on community projects between May and September. Eligible applicants for the 2026 intake include:

municipal governments, other than the City of Winnipeg;

Northern Affairs community councils; and

non-profit organizations throughout Manitoba.

This long-standing program helps provide full-time seasonal employment opportunities for youth that build leadership and employment skills, while responding to community needs and partnerships in urban and rural communities.

The From The Ground Up program supports a broad range of community development projects, including community and economic development, well-being and recreation, as well as housing and safety co-ordination supports. Eligible applicants for the 2026 applicant intake include:

municipal governments (including local authorities such as planning and recreation districts);

Northern Affairs community councils; and

non-profit organizations throughout Manitoba.

The application deadline for both programs is Monday, Jan. 26, 2026. For more information about the programs and how to apply, visit: https://gov.mb.ca/grants.



From the Ground Up Program–2026/27 Intake Now Open - Deadline January 26, 2026 / Les inscriptions au programme Des fondations solides pour des collectivités saines et sécuritaires pour tous 2026-2027 sont maintenant ouvertes - Date limite le 26 janvier 20

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The 2026/27 From the Ground Up – Safe Healthy Communities for ALL Program application intake is now open. Applications will be accepted until January 26, 2026 by 11:59 pm.

Visit our website at https://www.gov.mb.ca/grants/ to apply and for further information/resources including Program Guidelines and application form.

Please see the attached news release.

Le formulaire de demande de subvention du programme Des fondations solides pour des collectivités saines et sécuritaires pour tous 2026-2027 est maintenant disponible. Les demandes seront acceptées jusqu'au 26 janvier 2026 à 23 h 59.

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 le formulaire de demande.

Veuillez consulter le communiqué de presse ci-joint.

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Fw: Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa - Waste Reduction and Recycling Support Rebate Summary

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

Date Tue 2025-12-02 9:53 AM

To Melissa Sturgeon <finance@oakland-wawanesa.ca>

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From: donotreply@wrars.ca <donotreply@wrars.ca>

Sent: December 2, 2025 9:32 AM

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

Subject: Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa - Waste Reduction and Recycling Support Rebate Summary

Hello,

Please find attached your Recycling Rebate Summary Report for the January 1 to June 30, 2025 reporting period.

For the first half of 2025, 141 Manitoba municipalities and Northern Affairs communities applied to the recycling rebate program and are sharing the total rebate pool of \$3,488,500.00 With a total of 26,695 tonnes of residential recycling reported across Manitoba, the rebate equates to \$130.68 per tonne of recycled materials.

Please feel free to contact us at recycleMB@gov.mb.ca for any questions regarding the recycling rebate payment process.

Thank you,

Environmental Policy and Delivery Unit Environment and Climate Change Box 37, 14 Fultz Blvd Winnipeg MB R3Y 0L6

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Waste Reduction and Recycling Support (WRARS) **Municipal Rebate Summary** January - June 2025

WRARS Number: M15-R0K/230

Municipality/Northern Affairs Community: Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa

Elected Municipal/Community Official: Head Of Council Dave Kreklewich

Phone Number: (204) 824-2666 Email: finance@oakland-wawanesa.ca

Population: 1,758

Municipalities Included in Recycling Report:

Municipality A:

Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa (Lead) [census population:

Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa's WRARS Rebate Payment is \$2,043.02.

A summary of the rebate claim is provided below. The reported recycling tonnage may have been adjusted due to the application of an allowable limit on old corrugate cardboard (OCC Cap) that is applied to determine the eligible rebate payment. Other adjustments may be due to exclusions of ineligible material or other reporting errors.

The Manitoba government is developing a baseline database of integrated waste management activities in Manitoba. Should you implement new recycling or waste diversion programs in your municipality we would like to hear about it in order to update the database.

SUMMARY OF REBATE CLAIM

| Reporting Period January - June, 2025 | Recycling Reported (Tonnes) | Eligible Recycling Reported (Final) | % Share of Total Recycling Reported | Total Rebate for Reporting Period |
|--|--------------------------------|--|--|--------------------------------------|
| | 19.939 | 15.634 | 0.059% | \$2,043.02 |
| Per Tonne Rebate Amount: | \$130.68 | | | |
| Per Capita Recycling Reported: | 0.009 Tonnes per capita | N | | |

| Reporting Period Summary | | | |
|---|-------------------------|--|--|
| OCC Cap based on Population: 25% of eligible recycling reported | | | |
| Total Municipal Rebate Fund: | \$3,488,500.00 | | |
| Total Recycling Reported for Period: | 26,695.426 Tonnes | | |
| Average Recycling Reported (All Municipalities): | 0.021 Tonnes per capita | | |

All questions and comments may be submitted to WRARS Program staff, recyclemb@gov.mb.ca

Bulletin #2025-28

MUNICIPAL and NORTHERN RELATIONS

Important Notice to All Elected Officials and/or Chief Administrative Officers

Municipal Compensation for Provincial Mutual Aid

This summer, volatile and extreme wildfire conditions led to the activation of Manitoba's provincial mutual aid system. Over 700 fire personnel and a commensurate number of fire engines and emergency vehicles were deployed from more than 100 communities and First Nations.

When the Office of the Fire Commissioner (OFC) draws resources from outside a community's mutual aid district, those communities are eligible for reimbursement of associated deployment costs.

Compensation Framework

To ensure fair and equitable payment for all involved, a **provincial fee schedule** has been established (see **Appendix A**). This schedule outlines:

- Wages for deployed firefighters
- Compensation for the use of emergency vehicles

These wages are to be paid in full to the individuals deployed, as outlined in the schedule.

Additional Eligible Costs

Communities may incur firefighter compensation costs that exceed the provincial fee schedule due to higher local wage rates. If your community has incurred such additional costs and they were not captured in the compensation forms already submitted, please contact the OFC:

- Email: firecomm@gov.mb.ca
- **Phone**: (204) 945-3322

Eligible costs include:

- Actual salary costs exceeding the provincial hourly rate
- Employer-paid benefits such as:
 - Canada Pension Plan (CPP)
 - Employment Insurance (EI)
 - Vacation pay
 - Pension contributions

The OFC continues to engage with community leadership in the processing of compensation claims for this season. We appreciate the patience and understanding of communities given the nuances of each community's approach to compensating their firefighters.

We extend our sincere appreciation to the Manitoba Fire Service and all those who supported this summer's deployment efforts. A unified approach helped mitigate what could have been a season of significant loss across cities, municipalities, First Nations, and communities. While the system is not without its challenges, it demonstrates the strength of collaboration and the safety it brings to Manitobans.

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

Appendix A

2025 Manitoba Emergency Response Fee Schedule

| Equipment and Personnel Type | Rate |
|---|--|
| Personnel | Hourly Rate |
| Firefighter | \$24.47 |
| Fire Officer | \$26.19 |
| Fire Apparatus – Manitoba Fire Service | Hourly Rate* |
| Pumper/Engine Vehicle Rate | \$250.00 |
| Wildland/Rescue Vehicle Rate | \$200.00 |
| Water Tanker | \$150.00 |
| Truck/SUV 1/2- 3/4 ton | \$29.00 |
| Truck/SUV 1/2- 3/4 ton 4x4 | \$28.75 |
| Truck, 1 ton or greater | \$38.00 |
| Truck, 1 ton, 4x4 or greater | \$38.00 |
| Passenger Van – Capacity 12 people | \$51.00 |
| (*Includes Mileage) | |
| ATV / UTV & ATV / UTV TRAILERS c/w Accessories | Daily Rate |
| All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) | \$165.00 |
| Utility Task Vehicle (UTV) | \$210.00 |
| ATV / UTV Utility Trailer | \$83.00 |
| ATV/ UTV Utility Trailer (double axle) | \$110.00 |
| BOAT & MOTOR | Daily Rate |
| Jp to and including 16 feet | \$165.00 |
| Over 16 feet | \$220.00 |
| **fuel and mixing oil NOT included in daily i | rate for boats, motors, canoes, ATV and UTV) |

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MUNICIPAL AND NORTHERN RELATIONS

Important Notice to All Elected Officials and Chief Administrative Officers

Manitoba's Land Use Planning Action Plan

The Manitoba government is releasing a Land Use Planning Action Plan (Action Plan) in response to the recommendations from the independent Statutory Review of Planning Legislation prepared by Braid Solutions Inc. Manitoba has accepted all the recommendations in the Braid report.

The Action Plan outlines a commitment to strengthening and improving Manitoba's land use planning framework in partnership with municipalities to ensure municipalities have a voice in local planning decisions. It was developed in response to the final report's recommendations as well as the feedback shared by stakeholders during the review process.

The Action Plan outlines 30 actions, organized by the five main themes identified in the consultant's final report:

- Structure and Performance of the Legislation (9 actions)
- Common Service Standard (8 actions)
- Framework for Regional Planning (5 actions)
- Independent Appeal Function (6 actions)
- Future Statutory Reviews (2 actions)

Over the next 3-5 years, the department will focus on implementing actions across three time periods: actions underway or initiated by October 2025, upcoming actions initiated by October 2026, and future actions initiated by October 2027. The Action Plan sets out the building blocks to strengthen and improve Manitoba's land use planning.

The Action Plan is attached to this bulletin for your reference. You can also access an online version of the Action Plan by visiting https://www.gov.mb.ca/mr/land_use_dev/planning_action_plan.html

The Action Plan is available in alternate formats upon request. Please contact MRCPD@gov.mb.ca for more information.

What comes next?

In alignment with Action #30, the department will provide regular progress reports on the ongoing initiation and implementation of planned actions on the Municipal and Northern Relations' website and in the department's annual report.

If you have any questions for the department, please contact: provincialplanning@gov.mb.ca

Manitoba's Land Use Planning Action Plan

A Roadmap in Response to the Recommendations of the Statutory Review of Provincial Planning Legislation



Land Treaty Acknowledgement

We recognize that Manitoba is on Treaty 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 10 Territories and the ancestral lands of the Anishinaabe, Anishininewuk, Dakota Oyate, Denesuline and Nehethowuk nations. We acknowledge Manitoba is located on the Homeland of the Red River Métis. We acknowledge northern Manitoba includes lands that were and are the ancestral lands of the Inuit.

We respect the spirit and intent of Treaties and remain committed to working with First Nations, Inuit and Métis people as we walk the shared path in the spirit of truth and reconciliation.

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Message from the Minister



I am pleased to share this action plan in response to the recommendations from the independent Statutory Review of Provincial Planning Legislation prepared by Braid Solutions Inc.

Manitoba's Land Use Planning Action Plan (Action Plan) outlines a commitment to strengthening and improving Manitoba's land use planning framework, and it describes currently underway, upcoming and future actions.

These actions were developed in response to the recommendations in the final report, as well as the extensive consultations conducted by Braid Solutions Inc., including but not limited to local planning authorities (municipalities and planning districts), the development industry, the Association of Manitoba Municipalities, the Manitoba Municipal Board, relevant provincial departments and the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region (legally known as the Capital Planning Region).

Thank you to the many partners, stakeholders and the public for sharing your perspectives and participating in the consultation sessions. This important feedback will result in changes to Manitoba's land use planning framework to achieve our shared goals of building healthy, prosperous and sustainable communities in Manitoba.

Manitoba is committed to collaborating and working with its partners, particularly with municipalities, planning districts, and the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region, to deliver high quality land use planning and development services for the people of Manitoba.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Glen Simard,

Minister of Municipal and Northern Relations

Introduction

About Land Use Planning in Manitoba

Municipal land use planning is the process of setting goals and policies to guide how land is used and developed in a community. It helps ensure that land is used in a way that supports physical, social, environmental, and economic objectives.

The responsibility for planning in Manitoba is shared between the province and municipalities and each partner plays a key role in ensuring the planning process is successful.

The Government of Manitoba, with The Planning Act, The City of Winnipeg Charter (Part 6) and The Provincial Planning Regulation, sets the legislative framework and provincial interest in land planning and development.

The council of a municipality is responsible for the adoption, administration and enforcement of the development plan by-law, zoning by-law and all other by-laws respecting land use and development for the municipality. Where planning districts have been established, the district takes responsibility for many of these functions on behalf of its member municipalities.

Municipalities and planning districts prepare development plans to govern future land use. A development plan by-law must be generally consistent with provincial land use policies and guide development activity. Zoning by-laws regulate activities identified in the development plan. These local by-laws guide and regulate decisions like the subdivision of land, the local provision of infrastructure or other public services.

The public also has a stake in how land is used to ensure that they live in and that future generations inherit healthy, sustainable communities. The land use planning process provides the opportunity for the public to get involved in development matters and have their voices heard.

About Manitoba's Land Use Planning Action Plan

Manitoba's Land Use Planning Action Plan builds on the strengths of Manitoba's land use planning framework and recognizes the important partnership between the province, municipalities, and the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region.

The Action Plan sets a path to respond to the recommendations from the independent *Statutory Review of Provincial Planning Legislation* (released in October 2025). Braid Solutions Inc. was hired to conduct an independent review and assess the impact and effectiveness of The Planning Amendment and City of Winnipeg Charter Amendment Act SM 2021, c. 36 (formerly Bill 37), The City of Winnipeg Charter Amendment Act SM 2022, c. 27 (formerly Bill 34) and the appeal provisions of The Planning Amendment Act (Improving Efficiency in Planning) SM 2018, c. 14 (formerly Bill 19).

Based on extensive consultations with the municipal sector, development industry, the Manitoba Municipal Board, the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region, and the public, Braid Solutions Inc. submitted its final report, *Statutory Review of Provincial Planning Legislation* to the Minister in December 2024. The report was released publicly and tabled in the Legislative Assembly in October 2025.

The Government of Manitoba is committed to innovation and continuous improvement in Manitoba's land use planning framework, especially in responding to the unique challenges that many municipalities face in managing land and resources and guiding local planning decisions.

Manitoba Municipal and Northern Relations, along with the Manitoba Municipal Board and other relevant provincial departments, will use this Action Plan to guide our work in partnership with land use planning stakeholders over the next five years. As a living document, this Action Plan will be updated as needed. The department commits to regular reporting of updates on our website and in the department's annual report. As priorities shift and change, new actions may also be added.



Path to Now

Independent Review of Planning Legislation

In March 2024, Manitoba Municipal and Northern Relations engaged Braid Solutions Inc. to examine the impact and effectiveness of key legislative changes to Manitoba's planning framework. The statutory review was organized into three phases:

Phase 1 – Discovery: the consultants engaged stakeholders to shape the scope and process of the review.

Phase 2 – Stakeholder Engagement: included in-person stakeholder consultation, regulatory performance data analysis, public engagement through the Government of Manitoba's EngageMB portal, formal requests for submissions from key stakeholder organizations and the review of background materials and participant submissions.

Phase 3 - Analysis and Recommendations: incorporated a structured analysis process to assess all findings with the intention of developing recommendations to guide future policy and legislation development.

Recommendations of the Final Report Statutory Review of Planning Legislation

Overall Structure and Performance of the Legislation

- **1. Report to Government:** Establish a working group to develop a new policy framework within one year, focusing on simplifying the development lifecycle and improving planning and decision-making processes.
- **2. Priority Changes:** Address key issues identified by stakeholders, standardize language and concepts between the Planning Act and City of Winnipeg Charter, and refine legislative and regulatory concepts.
- **3. Capacity Building Program:** Develop a formal training program for municipal leaders and administrators, provide educational materials for the public, and create standardized templates and process guides.

Common Service Standard

- **4. Municipal Accountability:** Allow municipalities to define their own service standards within an overall timeframe, establish reporting requirements, and create a compliance and performance management process.
- **5. Digital Application Systems:** Support municipalities in transitioning to digital application and permitting systems, standardize data reporting, and provide resources for smaller municipalities.

- **6. Provincial Plan Review:** Strengthen application review and commenting capabilities within the government, set formal timeframe expectations, and fund targeted investments in planning and assessment studies.
- **7. Funding Programs:** Develop or strengthen funding programs to support municipalities with priority infrastructure servicing and planning studies.
- **8. Council Decisions:** Require councils to provide reasons for both approvals and rejections and provide guidance on the use and application of council decisions in the appeal process.
- **9. Application Completeness:** Provide guidance on the completeness of applications, conduct research on best practices, and establish a phased implementation plan.
- **10. Development Agreements:** Improve the process and timeline expectations for development agreements, encourage standardized agreements, and consider phased development agreements.
- **11. Major Development Provisions:** Continue to refine the concept of major developments, consult with industry, and consider phased implementation.



Framework for Regional Planning

- **12. Reframe Regional Planning:** Reframe regional planning expectations based on current provincial priorities, engage municipalities in dialogue, and consider policy options and incentive structures.
- **13. Regional Planning Board Model:** Address priority areas of concern, reconsider board composition, clarify roles and responsibilities, and provide guidance on the implementation period.
- **14. Public Communication:** Develop communication and education materials for the public focused on regional planning.
- **15. Provincial Land Use Policies:** Update the Provincial Land Use Policies to reflect current government priorities and provide clear direction on the alignment of strategic priorities and community interests.

Independent Appeal Function

- **16. Refine Municipal Board Role:** Retain an independent appeal function at the provincial level, clarify the role of municipalities and The Municipal Board, and provide guidelines for decision-making.
- **17. Standardize Appeal Process:** Replace the automatic objector provisions with a standardized process of appeal, establish application processes and fees, and define public appellants.
- **18. Technical Planning Support:** Provide technical planning support to The Municipal Board.

Future Statutory Reviews

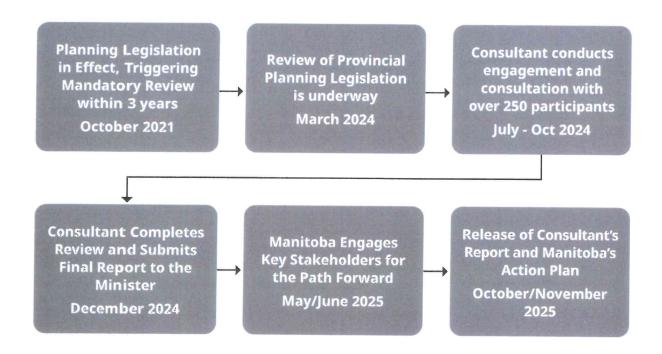
19. Periodic Reviews: Continue the process of periodic statutory reviews, establish measurable objectives, and ensure transparency and stakeholder engagement.

Stakeholder Engagement Following Braid Report

During the Spring of 2025, Manitoba Municipal and Northern Relations engaged a multi-stakeholder working group called the Planning and Development Working Group to identify shared priorities for action to guide a path forward. This working group includes representation from the Association of Manitoba Municipalities, Manitoba Municipal Administrators, City of Winnipeg, City of Brandon, Winnipeg Metropolitan Region, Urban Development Institute and Manitoba Home Builders.

Feedback shared throughout the engagements affirmed there are many shared priorities that this Action Plan builds on to improve the land use planning framework in Manitoba.

Manitoba Municipal and Northern Relations is committed to ongoing communication and engagement with the working group members throughout the implementation of the Action Plan. The stakeholder working group will provide strategic guidance and advice on the implementation of the Action Plan and will support the monitoring and reporting of progress.



Moving Forward

As a government, we have accepted the spirit and intent of Braid Solutions Inc.'s report and recommendations. Our goal is to ensure an effective, streamlined and responsive land use planning system in Manitoba. This action plan is our response to the 19 recommendations, organized by the five main themes covered in the Braid report:

- Structure and Performance of the Legislation
- Common Service Standard
- Framework for Regional Planning
- Independent Appeal Function
- ✓ Future Statutory Reviews

Structure and Performance of the Legislation



We will strengthen Manitoba's planning system by acting on stakeholder feedback and modernizing legislation. This includes continuing to engage a working group led by the Assistant Deputy Minister of Community Planning and Development to guide priority reforms, collaborating with the City of Winnipeg on its current development process review, and implementing

legislative changes to streamline zoning appeals and regional planning participation. We commit to enhancing transparency and support by updating The Planning Act Handbook, improving online resources, and designating a clear point of contact for planning inquiries.

Common Service Standard



We will work with municipalities to create a more consistent and efficient development review process across Manitoba. This includes researching flexible service standards, developing public reporting options, and supporting the transition to digital permitting systems. We will also formalize a "One Window" provincial review process, explore funding supports, and

update guidance materials like the 2004 Guide to Development Agreements to reflect best practices and modern expectations.

Framework for Regional Planning



We are resetting the vision for the Capital Planning Region by re-engaging member municipalities and aligning regional planning efforts with provincial priorities. We will communicate shared goals, embed regional criteria into project evaluations, and promote public understanding of regional planning.

Our commitment also includes initiating a comprehensive review of the Provincial Land Use Policies, including updating Policy Area 9 for the Capital Region.

Independent Appeal Function



We are committed to modernizing the planning appeal process by supporting the Municipal Board as an independent, quasi-judicial body. We will phase in legislative changes to standardize appeal procedures, clarify the role of public objections, and support the Board's deployment of resources and staffing to

manage appeals effectively. We will also support the Board to update appeal and referral rules and explore options for digital submissions and publishing decisions online.



Conducting Future Statutory Reviews



We commit to maintaining transparency and accountability through regular reporting and continuous improvement of Manitoba's planning framework. When proposing major reforms, we will examine ways to implement a formal legislative review process and a performance measurement framework.

We will also provide stakeholders and the public with regular updates on the progress of planned actions.

Over the next five years, we will focus on implementing actions across three time periods:

- Underway: initiated by October 2025
- ✓ Upcoming: initiated by October 2026
- ✓ Future actions: initiated by October 2027

A chart detailing 30 actions withing the five themes along with implementation timelines for the actions and the corresponding Braid Solutions Inc. recommendations is included in Appendix A.

As we implement this five-year roadmap, we will be transparent about our progress. Regular web-site updates and annual reporting on implementation will focus on the actions and on monitoring their impact towards achieving our goal and realizing our vision. The effective implementation of the Action Plan will require the collective effort of many organizations, planning authorities, and stakeholders. During the first year of this plan, we will work with key stakeholders to assess performance and track progress.

APPENDIX A: Timeline for Implementing Actions

| Planned Actions in Response to the Statutory Review of Planning Legislation | Related Recommendation(s) | Underway (Initiated or completed by October 2025) | Upcoming (Initiated by October 2026) | Future Actions (Initiated by October 2027) | |
|---|------------------------------|--|--|---|--|
| STRUCTURE AND PERFORMANCE OF THE LEGISLATION Improve planning and decision-making processes in Manitoba by collaborating with stakeholders and addressing their concerns | | | | | |
| 1 – Continue to seek key stakeholders input through a working group chaired by the Assistant Deputy Minister, Community Planning and Development Division, to identify and provide guidance on priority legislative and policy changes in response to the recommendations of the statutory review | 1 | ~ | | | |
| 2 – Document legislative, regulatory or policy changes needed to support implementation of the City of Winnipeg's "End-to-End Review of The Development Process" | 1, 2 | V | | | |
| 3 – Adopt legislation to change the threshold for public appeals of zoning by-law changes to speed up housing approvals [Note: The Manitoba Government passed Bill 3 (The City of Winnipeg Charter Amendment and Planning Amendment Act) on June 3, 2025.] | 2, 17 | V | | | |
| 4 – Adopt legislation to enable voluntary membership in the Capital Planning Region (CPR) and reset the process for CPR to adopt its first regional plan [Note: The Manitoba Government passed Bill 4 (The Planning Amendment Act) on June 3, 2025.] | 2, 13 | ~ | | | |

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| 5 – Table a bill of legislative changes to address key issues identified by stakeholders, including: Standardizing language and concepts between the Planning Act and City of Winnipeg Charter Enhancing local autonomy by removing the powers of the planning region to expropriate land, to seek court injunctions against member municipalities' by-laws and to require that the regional plan take effect immediately | 2, 13, 16 | ~ | | |
| 6 – Designate Provincial Planning Branch of the Community Planning and Development Division as the primary contact for inquires on planning legislation and communicate to stakeholders | 2 | V | | |
| 7 – Develop any additional training/ resources required based on stakeholder input on gaps in the training the department currently offers (through the annual Manitoba Planning Conference, workshops, webinars, etc.) | 3 | | ~ | |
| 8 – Update Planning Guides, including the Planning Act Handbook to include areas that require clarification (e.g. reasons for rejection, completeness of application, clarifying appeal and referral procedure) | 3, 8, 9, 16, 17 | | ~ | |
| 9 – Enhance the Municipal and Northern Relations' website to improve accessibility, ease of use, and information provided on Manitoba's land use planning framework | 2, 3, 14 | V | | |

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COMMON SERVICE STANDARD

Move towards a unified standard to enhance local autonomy and simplify review of development applications across Manitoba

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| 10 – In consultation with stakeholders, develop options to increase flexibility to allow municipalities to define their own service standards within an overall timeframe | 4 | | | ~ |
| 11 – Develop options to establish public reporting requirements of municipal performance in consultation with municipalities for their review and feedback | 4 | | | ~ |
| 12 – Identify opportunities/options for municipalities to transition to digital application and permitting systems | 5 | | | V |
| 13 – Formalize a One Window approach to provincial land use planning review to improve quality of comments and timeliness for municipalities, developers, and the public, including funding targeted improvements to enhance provincial data inventory | 6 | | | ~ |
| 14 – Explore options to dedicate grant funding to support land use planning and drinking water and wastewater management plans | 7 | | | V |
| 15 – Develop checklists and other tools to determine completeness of planning applications based on research on best practices and work with municipalities | 3, 9 | | ~ | |
| 16 – Update 2004 Guide to Development Agreements (best practices to standardize the process and timeline expectations for development agreements) in consultation with the Association of Manitoba Municipalities, Manitoba Municipal Administrators, and other stakeholders | 3, 10 | ~ | | |

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| 17 – Identify and report on existing mechanisms available to municipalities to service and manage growth, as well as development agreements at the permit stage | 11 | | V | |

FRAMEWORK FOR REGIONAL PLANNING

Reset the vision for the Capital Planning Region to ensure a path forward for developing regional strategies and coordinated approaches. Note: The Capital Planning Region corporation operates as the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region

| 18 – Work with Winnipeg Metropolitan Region to engage member municipalities to re-set the vision for regional planning and the timeline for regional plan adoption | 12 | ~ | |
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| 19 – Communicate provincial priorities and value statement for regional planning so that regional partners are working towards shared goals and solutions | 12, 15 | V | |
| 20 – Continue to embed regional criteria and weighting of regional solutions to advance projects that encourage and support regional planning approaches | 7, 12 | ~ | |
| 21 – In partnership with the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region, communicate and enhance understanding of regional planning for the public and stakeholders | 3, 14 | ~ | |
| 22 – Initiate a comprehensive review of the Provincial Land Use Policies, including updating provincial interests in regional planning Policy Area 9 – Capital Region | 15 | | ~ |

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INDEPENDENT APPEAL FUNCTION

The Municipal Board, as a quasi-judicial administrative tribunal independent of government direction, will improve the planning appeal process

| will improve the planning appeal proces | 3 | | | |
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| 23 – Using a phased approach, support The Municipal Board to take steps to modernize, including: by dedicating project management resources publishing decisions electronically enabling digital submissions and electronic correspondence | 16 | ~ | | |
| 24 – Using a phased approach, make changes to legislation to improve planning appeals to The Municipal Board, including standardizing appeal processes and refining scope of planning appeals | 16 | V | | |
| 25 – Support The Municipal Board to adopt updated Planning Appeal Rules and Planning Referral Rules including processes to conduct case management and dismiss appeals | 16 | | V | |
| 26 – Support The Municipal Board to review its fee structure and clarify guidelines for the assignment of costs | 17 | | V | |
| 27 – Clarify the role, scope and timing of public objections in the planning process | 17 | | ~ | |
| 28 – Support The Municipal Board in its review of staffing requirements and resource needs to effectively manage planning appeals | 18 | ~ | | |

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FUTURE STATUTORY REVIEWS

To ensure transparency and accountability, ongoing efforts to improve Manitoba's planning framework will be reported back to stakeholders and the public

| 29 – When the government proposes comprehensive changes to Manitoba's planning framework, examine and report on options for regular legislative review process and a performance measurement framework | 19 | | ~ | |
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| 30 – Provide regular progress reports on the ongoing initiation and implementation of planned actions | 19 | V | | |

| TOTAL | | | |
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| Planned Actions | | Planned Actions by Theme | |
| Underway | 16 | Structure and Performance of the Legislation | 9 |
| Upcoming | 8 | Common Service Standard | 8 |
| Future | 6 | Framework for Regional Planning | 5 |
| | | Independent Appeal Function | 6 |
| | | Future Statutory Reviews | 2 |

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. <u>1741-07-2025</u> 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:

December 16, 2025 at 5:15 P.M.

GENERAL

1. To re-classify Pt. NE-32-10-19 WPM

INTENT OF

FROM: "AG80" - Agricultural General Classification

BYLAW No.

TO: "RC" - Rural Commercial Classification

1741-07-2025

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.

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