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From: AMM Events <events-amm.mb.ca@shared1.ccsend.com>
Sent: Friday, April 12, 2024 10:11 AM
To: Norma Will
Subject: Member Events: Asset Management Training Program Reminder



NAMS+ Asset Management Training Program

Registration to this training series (all 6 sessions) is limited to a maximum of 40 participants.

Registration will close at end of day on April 24, 2024 or upon filling.

April 12, 2024 - The Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) is pleased to host the online NAMS+ Asset Management Training Program presented by NAMS Canada. This is a proven training program designed specifically for municipal government employees to integrate the efforts of the disciplines of public works, finance, administration and political leaders towards preparing an Asset Management Plan for the organization.

Throughout the training, you will have the opportunity to "learn by doing" by utilizing your organization's own asset data and the NAMS+ templates and modelling tools. The course was designed based on internationally accepted Asset Management best practices specifically as outlined in the International Infrastructure Management Manual (IIMM) and all training material is aligned with ISO 55000.

By attending the course sessions, and keeping up with the homework activities, **you will have drafted an asset management plan for one asset class** and be well equipped for moving forward with implementing an Asset Management system for your organization.

All sessions are interactive and can work with information provided by participants (if you do not have information for your community, we will provide sample data). Complimentary mentoring and feedback are available throughout the duration of the course.

Course Objectives and Learning Outcomes:

- Understand the key concepts and considerations for an asset management plan
- Working session on risk management planning and communicating the consequences related to levels of service and risk associated with a planned budget

- Working session on lifecycle costing and comparing planned budgets
- Working session on level of service development, linking level of service to costs
- Discussion on Demand management, prioritization, and consideration of climate impacts and resilience
- Utilize your information to communicate a transparent and consistent message throughout a draft Asset Management Plan and document areas for improvement
- Explain the roles of a policy, strategy, and steering committee in integrating an asset management system
- Assess Asset Management maturity using the FCM Asset Management Readiness Scale

Course Details:

Six sessions will be held over 4 weeks and they will be delivered virtually using Microsoft Teams.

- Wednesday, May 8 - Session 1: Introduction to Asset Management
- Thursday, May 9 - Session 2: Risk Management
- Wednesday, May 15 - Session 3: Lifecycle Costing
- Wednesday, May 22 - Session 4: Level of Service
- Thursday, May 23 - Session 5: Your Data and the AMP
- Wednesday, May 29 - Session 6: AM Bigger Picture

All sessions will start at 1:00 pm (CDT), and be 2 hours, 15 minutes in duration. Each session will have optional homework to complete (estimated additional 1.5 hours per session). Sessions will be recorded and made available to registered individuals by request, expiring 60 days after recording.

The subsidized price is **\$150.00 plus GST per registrant** (Regular Price is \$1650) and it includes access to the NAMS+ templates and modelling tools for the duration of the course. AMM will invoice your municipality for registered delegate(s) prior to May 8, 2024.

Participant Eligibility:

- Registration is open to staff and elected officials of Manitoba municipalities.
- Maximum up to 2 participants per municipality are eligible to register. *We encourage participants to work together on developing a draft Asset Management Plan for a single asset class and attend the virtual sessions as a group if possible.*

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Register Here

This initiative is offered through the Municipal Asset Management Program (MAMP), which is delivered by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and funded by the Government of Canada. [Learn More.](#)



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News Bulletin

AMM news and updates right in your inbox

April 12, 2024

Dear Subscriber,

We hope you enjoy this copy of the AMM News Bulletin. Click [HERE](#) to download a PDF version.

LATEST UPDATES

THANK YOU!!!



THANK YOU, Delegates, Presenters, Exhibitors, and Special Guests for attending the 2024 Spring Convention!

We hope you enjoyed the networking opportunities, engaging discussions, and insightful presentations!

Start the countdown to the June District Meetings!

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Land Emergency Medical Response System Regulation, amendment and Regulated Health Professions General Regulation, amendment

The Land Emergency Medical Response System Regulation, amendment and the Regulated Health Professions General Regulation, amendment have now been posted on the Engage MB Consultation Portal for a 45-day consultation period, **from April 9 to May 24**.

Link: <https://engagemb.ca/land-emergency-medical-response-system-regulation-amendment-and-regulated-health-professions-general-regulation-amendment>

The 2024 Sustainable Communities Awards: Call for applications webinar

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Sustainable Communities Awards (SCAs) honor projects that demonstrate environmental responsibility and excellence in cities and communities of all sizes. This event marks the beginning of the 2024 SCA call for applications and all Canadian municipalities and their partners will be eligible to apply.

Join our webinar, A new Sustainable Communities Awards season, on **April 25 at 2 p.m. ET** to discover how winning a 2024 SCA could benefit your community and career, to better understand the SCA application process and to become inspired by past SCA winners, who will showcase their winning initiatives and SCA experiences.

Register for the webinar today.

Accessible Information and Communication Standard Online Training Now Available

Enacted on May 1, 2022, the **Accessible Information and Communication Standard** focuses on removing and preventing barriers that exist digitally, in print or through interaction with technology or people. This standard is now in force for the Manitoba government. On May 1, 2024, it also comes into force for public sector organizations, large municipalities, libraries and educational institutions. Small municipalities, private sector and non-profit organizations will be required to comply by May 1, 2025.

Free Online Training Available Anytime from Anywhere

Learn about the requirements of the Accessible Information and Communication Standard with this new online training module.

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The Online Learning Portal features downloadable standard-specific modules that can be used within your organization's internal Learning Management System.

Access the [Learning Portal](#) to create a profile and download courses today.

Take the Accessibility Training

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Procurement Webinar Series

Webinar #2: The Canoe Way

Date & Time: May 2, 2024 10:00 AM

Join this informative presentation by Tony De Sciscio on the benefits of Canoe Procurement and how to become an approved supplier.

Click [HERE](#) to register

Webinar #3 Streamlining Municipal Procurement

Date & Time: May 23, 2024 10:00 AM

This workshop, "Streamlining Municipal Procurement: Compliance and Best Practices," is tailored for CAOs and municipal procurement professionals. It offers insights into developing a straightforward procurement policy framework, emphasizing compliance with key trade agreements (CFTA, NWPTA, and CETA) and effective solicitation strategies.

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Why not carve out some time to read the Spring issue of the Municipal Leader magazine?

Flip open the latest issue to read more about our upcoming jam-packed Spring Convention, an article from the Manitoba Water and Wastewater Association regarding Community's Water and Wastewater Operators Certification, an article from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure regarding innovation for a more resilient future, among other great articles!

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Subject: AMM Western Director's Update - March 2024

MARCH 2024 - AMM WESTERN DIRECTOR'S UPDATE



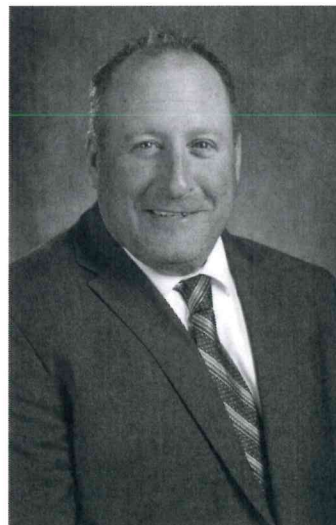
AMM Western Director's Update

Councillor Rhonda Coupland
Councillor Scott Phillips

As your AMM Board Directors, we are pleased to provide an update on the issues we discussed at the last Board meeting that was held on **March 28, 2024**.

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

If you should have any questions about any of the following items, please contact Nick Krawetz, AMM Director of Policy and Communications.



Budget 2024 Update

On April 3rd, the Manitoba government tabled [Budget 2024](#). Due to our advocacy efforts, the Province of Manitoba has increased both the Municipal Operating basket from **\$217M to \$221.1 (an increase of \$4.4M)** and Strategic Infrastructure Basket from **\$160.4M to \$163.7M (an increase of \$3.3M)**, representing an overall increase of 2 per cent to both baskets. While we welcome the boost to two of the three baskets, we believe that the Budget falls short in fully addressing the pressing needs and priorities of municipalities.

Further, our concern lies with the stagnant allocation in the public safety basket. While the Budget acknowledges the \$13.7 million increase to urban policing grants, this reaffirms last year's increase, and there is no percentage increase included in Budget 2024. This is particularly troubling as we witness a rise in crime across our province. However, the Budget documents commit to working with AMM and other municipal stakeholders to develop a reliable and flexible multi-year funding model that works for all municipalities. We look forward to working with the Province on this initiative over the coming weeks and months.

Community Safety Officers Update

Back in 2023, the previous government introduced amendments to *Bill 34: The Police Services Act*, which provide municipalities with additional options to address local safety concerns. [On March 4, 2024, the Manitoba government proclaimed the legislation and enacted regulations that expand the role of Community Safety Officers \(CSOs\) in protecting Manitoba's communities.](#)

The updated regulations will require safety officers to receive advanced training, which now includes:

- Searches and seizures;
- Detentions and arrests;
- Crisis response tactics and strategies;
- Road safety and traffic enforcement; and
- Indigenous awareness and community diversity.

The AMM welcomes the Manitoba government's commitment to expand the responsibilities and powers of CSOs. Moving forward, the AMM will continue to call on the Province to expand CSO training opportunities and provide financial assistance to help offset costs should a municipality choose to participate in this program.

For more information about the Police Services Amendment Act, visit: <https://web2.gov.mb.ca/bills/41-4/b017e.php>.

NAMS Canada Asset Management Training

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REGISTER HERE: [2024.05.08 Education: Asset Management Training Program \(jotform.com\)](https://2024.05.08.Education.Asset.Management.Training.Program.jotform.com)

MMSM Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Plan Update

In 2023, MMSM submitted a [proposed plan](#) to transition to a full industry-funded and operated residential blue bin recycling model to Manitoba Environment and Climate Change, which was followed by a department-led public engagement on the plan. Feedback identified opportunities to strengthen the plan and ensure a smooth transition for all municipalities, communities, industry stewards and other stakeholders.

In response to feedback, Manitoba Environment and Climate Change has established an advisory committee of key stakeholders and subject matter experts, such as municipalities, industry, government agencies and environmental organizations, to develop solutions for a smooth transition with no disruption to blue bin services. The advisory committee has begun meeting to identify opportunities to enhance the transition plan. If you have any questions, please contact stewardship-plans@gov.mb.ca.

Spring Convention & Upcoming Meetings

Thank you to all Delegates for attending our jam-packed three-day Spring Convention! Please be advised that the slide deck presentations from the breakout sessions will be uploaded onto the AMM website over the coming days.

We are now gearing up for the June District Meetings. The 2024 meetings will take place on June **12-13, 17-19** and **24-25**. Below you will find the list of locations for this year's meetings.

Central District: Town of Altona and Municipality of Rhineland
Eastern District: RM of Lac du Bonnet and Town of Lac du Bonnet
Interlake District: Town of Stonewall
Midwestern District: Prairie View Municipality
Northern District: City of Flin Flon
Parkland District: Town of Swan River
Western District: Town of Virden

For more information on the meetings, please visit [2024 June District Meetings Overview](#).

Join more than 1,400 elected officials from across the country for ***Redefining our future***, FCM's 2024 Annual Conference and Trade Show and Canada's largest pan-Canadian gathering of elected officials. This year's Conference is from [June 6-9, 2024 at the Calgary Telus Convention Centre, Calgary \(AB\)](#).

For more information, click [HERE](#).

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



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Subject: Member Advisory - MPI Speed Display Sign Program



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MPI Speed Display Sign Program

NOTE: This message is being sent on behalf of Manitoba Public Insurance (MPI).

April 15, 2024 – Please be advised that Manitoba Public Insurance (MPI) is lending speed display signs, upon request, to governments and government agencies for use in Manitoba communities.

- **Program Overview:** The solar powered signs use radar to detect the speed of an approaching vehicle and display the speed on an LED variable message display. The purpose of this program is to encourage compliance with the posted speed limit, especially when transitioning to lower posted speeds, such as school zones, road construction zones, and when entering communities located along highways alerting motorists of their actual speed. The signs are not capable of recording any information about the vehicle, other than the speed it is travelling at. At no time will any information about the vehicle itself, license plate, or driver, be captured.
- **Application Process:** Please review the attached program guide for additional details on the program and the link to the Speed Sign Program Application form. Due to the limited number of available signs,

applications will be reviewed and evaluated based on the application assessment criteria outlined in the program guide.

- **Cost:** The signs are owned by MPI and will be loaned to municipalities for a five-year term, at no cost. MPI will cover the costs for the initial installation of the signs, as well as any routine maintenance or repairs.
- **Application deadline: Friday, May 3, 2024.** Please be advised that even those who previously reached out will still need to complete the **application form.**
- **Contact:** Municipalities with questions about MPI's Speed Display Sign program should contact the program administrator at **speedsigns@mpi.mb.ca** or call **(204) 985-8770 ext. 8831.**

For more information on the program guidelines, [CLICK HERE.](#)

Sincerely,

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To: Norma Will
Subject: Member Advisory - MMSM Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Plan Update



MEMBER ADVISORY

MMSM Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Plan Update

NOTE: This message is being sent on behalf of Manitoba Environment and Climate Change.

April 16, 2024 – Please be advised that the Province of Manitoba is considering transitioning to a full industry-funded recycling model for residential packaging and printed paper (also called “blue bin” material). Manitoba Environment and Climate Change is sharing this update to inform your organization of the context, current status and next steps on this initiative.

Manitoba’s Current Blue Bin Recycling Model: Manitoba has a shared responsibility model for residential blue bin recycling programs. Under this model, municipalities and communities finance and manage blue bin recycling programs for their residents.

Multi-Material Stewardship Manitoba (MMSM) is the industry-funded producer responsibility organization that operates a government-approved program for collecting and recycling residential packaging and printed paper in Manitoba. MMSM collects fees from its industry steward members (the manufacturers, distributors and retailers of blue bin materials into the province). MMSM uses this revenue to reimburse municipalities and communities for up to 80% of the cost of running their

residential blue bin recycling programs. Municipalities and communities are responsible for covering the remaining costs.

Proposed Blue Bin Recycling Model for Manitoba: The transition to a full industry-funded blue bin recycling model will make industry fully financially and operationally responsible for residential blue bin recycling programs. This will create cost savings for municipalities and communities, standardize recycling services and materials collected across the province, and increase the types of blue bin materials collected. In the last few years, other provinces have also transitioned or are in the process of transitioning to a full industry-funded and operated model for blue bin recycling programs.

MMSM submitted a **proposed plan** to transition to a full industry-funded and operated residential blue bin recycling model to Manitoba Environment and Climate Change, which was followed by a department-led public engagement on the plan. Feedback identified opportunities to strengthen the plan and ensure a smooth transition for all municipalities, communities, industry stewards and other stakeholders.

In response to public feedback, Manitoba Environment and Climate Change has established an advisory committee of key stakeholders and subject matter experts, such as municipalities, industry, government agencies and environmental organizations, to develop solutions for a smooth transition with no disruption to blue bin services. The advisory committee has begun meeting to identify opportunities to enhance the transition plan.

If you have any questions, please contact stewardship-plans@gov.mb.ca

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From: Association of Manitoba Municipalities <amm-amm.mb.ca@shared1.ccsend.com>
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To: Norma Will
Subject: Provincial Responses to 2023 AMM Resolutions



Dear Municipal Officials,

Every year after the AMM Annual Convention, newly passed resolutions are sent to the appropriate government departments for their response. These responses help the AMM to set the direction for its lobbying strategies, although the AMM does not necessarily wait for a response to take action on these issues. We are happy to be able to demonstrate good progress already on some of the new resolutions put forward by our membership last year.

We are sending these responses in an electronic format, as we have in previous years. This will allow you to print off those responses that are of the greatest interest to you and have the other responses on hand for reference.

Please note that initial resolution responses are just the first step in the AMM advocacy process. The AMM follows up on all resolutions during meetings with senior government officials and Ministers. If you are interested in receiving a progress update on any particular resolution, please reach out to AMM staff.

These are the responses that we have received as of April 17, 2024;
[2023 Resolution response from Minister of Advanced Education and Training](#)
[2023 Resolution response from Minister of Agriculture](#)
[2023 Resolution response from Minister of Economic Development, Investment, Trade and Natural Resources](#)
[2023 Resolution response from Minister of Environment and Climate Change](#)
[2023 Resolution response from Minister of Finance](#)
[2023 Resolution response from Minister of Housing Addictions and Homelessness](#)
[2023 Resolution response from Minister of Justice](#)
[2023 Resolution Response from Federation of Canadian Municipalities](#)
[2023 Resolution Response from Transport Canada](#)

Outstanding responses from:
MB Municipal and Northern Relations
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MB Consumer Protection and Government Services
MB Health, Seniors and Long-term Care

Infrastructure Canada
Finance Canada
Public Safety Canada

For more information on AMM resolutions and the AMM resolution process please click [here](#).

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Subject: Member Advisory - WEBINAR: Next Generation 9-1-1



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WEBINAR Next Generation 9-1-1

NOTE: This message is being sent on behalf of Bell Canada/Bell MTS.

April 23, 2024 - Municipalities (9-1-1 Authorities) play a critical role in advancing Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1) forward through the execution of Bell Canada's NG9-1-1 Authority Service Agreement.

This webinar will cover:

1. Understanding your NG9-1-1 Authority Service Agreement
2. Timelines for Agreement signatures and Manitoba's Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) migrations to NG9-1-1
3. Requesting access to the Bell 9-1-1 Flex portal, where you can access NG9-1-1 National Communications including information about NG9-1-1 GIS
4. Q&A

Date: Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Time: 9:30am-11am CST

Host: Bell Canada / Bell MTS

You can access the webinar via the Zoom link:

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Webinar ID: 897 2688 0724

Passcode: 551596

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Subject: Member Advisory - Public Consultation Open for Medical First Response Amendments



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Public Consultation Open for Medical First Response Amendments

April 25, 2024 - Please be advised that the Department of Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care have proposed changes to the Medical First Response model in Manitoba.

For nearly four years, our organization and municipalities have been ringing the alarm on the risks to public safety and impacts on emergency response created by the framework established by the College of Paramedics of Manitoba (CPMB), which took effect on December 1, 2020. In response to these concerns, the AMM wishes to thank the Province for working with our organization, and proposing regulatory amendments to permit communities to operate Community-Based First Response programs. The primary changes include:

- Community-Based First Response does not require registration with the College of Paramedics of Manitoba.
- This model requires 70 hours of training, compared to the 312 hours required for Emergency Medical Response.

- The proposed First Response pathway can be utilized by any municipality, should Council wish to implement this approach.

The proposed amendments to the *Regulated Health Professions General Regulation*, and the *Land Emergency Medical Response System Regulation* are now open for public feedback on the Engage Manitoba platform. **The public consultation is open for 45 days, closing on May 25, 2024,** before suggestions are considered in a final draft.

The AMM welcomes these changes and has submitted our feedback to the Province. You can view our submission **HERE**. We encourage you to join in the public consultation and refer to our submission as needed.

Spring Convention Presentation: Toward a Sustainable Community-Based, Medical First Response

Link to the Public Consultation

Bulletin #2024-13: Medical First Response

Please note that the department is in the process of finalizing the ***Medical First Response: Guide to Service Levels*** to further assist municipalities so local Councils can make informed decisions regarding the implementation of a volunteer-based medical response model. Once this guide is available, we will distribute it accordingly.

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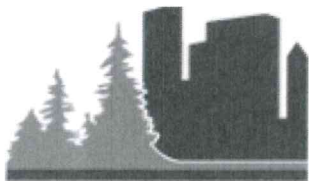
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LATEST UPDATES

AMM concludes successful 2024 Lobby Days

AMM wishes to thank the Manitoba NDP Caucus, Manitoba PC Caucus and Manitoba Liberal Party Leader Cindy Lamoureux for meeting with the AMM during our highly successful 2024 Lobby Days Event.



The Hon. Ian Bushie, Minister of Municipal and Northern Relations and AMM President Kam Blight.



Interim Leader of the Official Opposition Wayne Ewasko and AMM President Kam Blight.



Manitoba Liberal Party Leader Cindy Lamoureux, AMM President Kam Blight, AMM VP Kathy Valentino and AMM VP Brad Saluk.

Next Generation 9-1-1 webinar

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Webinar #2: The Canoe Way

Date & Time: May 2, 2024 10:00 AM

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APRIL 2024 - AMM WESTERN DIRECTOR'S UPDATE



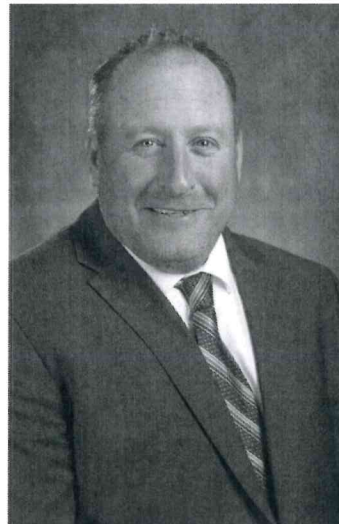
AMM Western Director's Update

Councillor Scott Phillips
Councillor Rhonda Coupland

As your AMM Board Directors, we are pleased to provide an update on the issues we discussed at the last Board meeting that was held on **April 24, 2024**.

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

If you should have any questions about any of the following items, please contact Nick Krawetz, AMM Director of Policy and Communications.



Federal Budget 2024

On April 16th, the [Government of Canada unveiled Budget 2024](#). The AMM conducted a brief analysis of the budget documents and was pleased to find a new \$6 billion Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund. This includes \$1 billion directly allocated to municipalities to address urgent infrastructure needs that will support housing supply, including water and wastewater projects.

As Manitoba municipalities grapple with a billion-dollar water and wastewater deficit, we appreciate the federal government's commitment to funding essential infrastructure, particularly water and wastewater projects, to continue growing our communities. The AMM pushed hard to have water and wastewater projects prioritized at the federal level, so we welcome this positive first step. We look forward to further details on these initiatives.

However, despite these advancements, we also believe Budget 2024 falls short of addressing escalating crime rates and public safety challenges facing Manitoba and Canada. This is particularly troubling since an independent survey commissioned by the AMM highlighted that only 5 per cent of Manitobans feel safer in their community than they did three years ago.

For more insights and reaction to Budget 2024, please see the FCM news release/statement [HERE](#).

Medical First Responder Amendments

Please be advised that the Department of Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care have proposed changes to the Medical First Response model in Manitoba.

For nearly four years, our organization and municipalities have raised concerns about public safety risks and emergency response impacts resulting from the framework established by the College of Paramedics of Manitoba (CPMB) on December 1, 2020. We thank the Province for proposing regulatory amendments to address these concerns and allow communities to operate Community-Based First Response programs.

Key changes include:

- Community-Based First Response doesn't require registration with CPMB.
- It involves 70 hours of training, compared to the 312 hours for Emergency Medical Response.
- Any municipality can adopt this approach if their Council wishes to do so.

The public consultation is open for 45 days, closing on May 25, 2024, before suggestions are considered in a final draft.

The AMM welcomes these changes and has submitted our feedback to the Province. You can view our submission [HERE](#). We encourage you to join in the public consultation and refer to our submission as needed.

[Spring Convention Presentation: Toward a Sustainable Community-Based, Medical First Response](#)

[Link to the Public Consultation](#)

[Bulletin #2024-13: Medical First Response](#)

Statutory Review of Planning Legislation

As part of our [*Let's Grow Manitoba Together Campaign*](#), we called on the government to expedite the review of [*The Planning Amendment and the City of Winnipeg Charter Amendment Act*](#) (former Bill 37 and 34), which was originally planned for October 29, 2024.

Due to our advocacy efforts, the Manitoba government recently announced that the statutory review of the planning legislation is underway, and they have retained Braid Solutions Inc. to conduct an independent assessment of the legislative amendments and facilitate stakeholder engagement for the duration of the review.

Braid Solutions will be reaching out to a subset of stakeholders to help them determine future design of comprehensive engagement, in which the AMM will participate. Following this step, information on focus groups and in-person and virtual consultation meetings will be forthcoming from the consulting team.

Since the introduction of this planning legislation, the AMM's stance has remained consistent. We continue to oppose the Municipal Board having the authority to override local decisions made by Councils who know their communities best. Additionally, the AMM cautioned the Manitoba government that this approach would lead to increased costs and backlogs, a concern we can now quantify following the proclamation. Moving forward, we will continue to push in advocating for municipal authority and autonomy to be respected.

AMM Resolution to FCM – re: Rail Safety Improvement Program (RSIP) Funding

The AMM recognizes the escalating costs associated with complying with *Federal Grade Crossings Regulations* and ensuring the safety of railways running through municipal boundaries. While municipalities are committed to ensuring railway safety for all residents, addressing maintenance costs alone is challenging. Furthermore, funds allocated through the Rail Safety Improvement Program (RSIP) are often oversubscribed, resulting in limited funds reaching Manitoba.

As such, the AMM Board passed a resolution calling for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to lobby the Government of Canada to triple funding to the Rail Safety Improvement Program (RSIP) to assist municipalities or fully absorb the compliance costs associated with the *Federal Grade Crossings Regulations*. The resolution has been submitted to FCM for consideration at their next Board meeting.

June District Meetings

The 2024 June District meetings will take place on June **12-13**, **17-19** and **24-25**. Below you will find the list of locations for this year's meetings.

- Central District: Town of Altona and Municipality of Rhineland
- Eastern District: RM of Lac du Bonnet and Town of Lac du Bonnet
- Interlake District: Town of Stonewall
- Midwestern District: Prairie View Municipality
- Northern District: City of Flin Flon
- Parkland District: Town of Swan River
- Western District: Town of Virden

Please note that the deadline to submit resolutions for the upcoming meetings is **June 1, 2024**.

For more information on the meetings, please visit [2024 June District Meetings Overview](#).

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



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MEMBER ADVISORY

REMINDER #3 - 2024 June District Resolutions

Attention AMM Members:

The 2024 June District meetings (JDMs) will take place on June 12-19, and 24-25.

Please note that resolutions will be debated at the upcoming JDMs. The deadline to submit resolutions to the AMM office is June 1, 2024.

All Resolutions will be categorized prior to the June District meetings by an elected district representative and the corresponding District Directors. Category 1 Resolutions will proceed to the annual Fall Convention in November.

For more information, please review:

JDM Resolutions Process and How to Write a Resolution

Resolutions MUST include whereas clauses, otherwise they will not be accepted.

Resolutions must be directed at the provincial or federal governments or AMM. Resolutions directed at individual AMM members will not be accepted (any member can send the AMM a letter to review issues of this nature).

Additional suggestions to consider:

- Has your municipality contacted the corresponding provincial/federal department(s) about the issue and copied the AMM?
- Have you called the AMM office and asked for assistance?
- Have you consulted with neighbouring municipalities and/or the Manitoba Municipal Administrators' Association (MMAA)?

Resolutions must be passed by your local Council and a signed certified copy must be submitted to the AMM office prior to the **June 1 deadline** (submitting a PDF version via email is sufficient). If your municipality can also provide the plain text of the resolution in either an email or Microsoft Word, it would be greatly appreciated.

Please submit your resolutions to AMM Senior Policy Analyst Stefanie Vieira at svieira@amm.mb.ca.

Sincerely,

Denys Volkov
Executive Director

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Subject: 2024 AMM Western District Meeting Announcement



May 1, 2024: We welcome your attendance at the 2024 District Meetings being hosted in each of AMM's seven districts, June 12 through 25.

This year's agenda will include guest speakers, reports from AMM associates, further member engagement, recognition of those receiving Service Awards and Resolutions debate and voting.

2024 Western District Meeting - June 12, 2024 **Tundra Oil and Gas Place, 900 Fifth Avenue South, Virden**

Delegate Sign-In begins 8:45 am and meeting will begin promptly at 9:30 am.

Hosted by the Town of Virden.

Pre-registration is required so our hosts may prepare accordingly for your attendance.

Registration deadline: 9:00 am on June 7, 2024

REGISTER HERE

A registration fee (to be announced) will apply to this meeting.

JUNE 1st IS THE DEADLINE FOR THESE MEMBER ITEMS:

[2024 Service Pin Criteria](#) | [Service Pin Submission Form](#)

[2024 Resolutions Process/Reference](#)

Prior to your District's meeting, please review:

- **[Draft Agenda](#)**
- **[Western District's 2023 Meeting Minutes](#)**

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If you are unable to attend the meeting in your district, you are welcome to attend a meeting in another district. A list of dates and locations for each District meeting can be found on the **[AMM Events Calendar](#)**.

This information can also be found in the [Member Meetings](#) section of the AMM website.

If you have any questions about this meeting, please do not hesitate to contact [Donna Belbin, Events Coordinator](#) or visit the [Events](#) section of the AMM website.

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Service and Life Membership Awards

SERVICE PIN CRITERIA

- Years of service need not be consecutive. For the purpose of calculating service time, the total number of years served by a member of council, whether consecutive years or in two or more times served on council will be considered.
- Service need not be with the same municipality. For the purpose of calculating service time, the total number of years served by a member of council, whether with one or more municipalities within Manitoba will be considered.
- In the event a member of council fails to receive a service pin during the year that he/she reaches any service pin milestone, he/she may request the pin in a future year and will be awarded the respective pin either at the next district meeting or at any time as agreed to by the Executive Committee.
- Years of service are recognized once 5 years have been completed and are then recognized every 5 years following until year 40. An individual elected in October 2018 would be eligible for a 5-year pin in 2023.

Click here to be directed to the 2024 Service Award submissions form.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD CRITERIA

All nominees must be endorsed by the council of an AMM member municipality or by the Board of Directors of the AMM.

- All nominees must be persons who were elected officials of a member municipality of AMM but no longer hold office as an elected official.
- In order to be eligible to receive a Life Membership pin the nominee shall:
 - (i) have served for not less than nine (9) years in an elected position in a municipality in Manitoba; and
 - (ii) be recognized as having made an outstanding or exemplary contribution towards the community in which he/she has served as an elected municipal official.
- All nominations received by the AMM will be considered by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall decide whether the nominee shall be awarded a Life Membership Pin.
- Anyone who is to be awarded a Life Membership shall be notified in advance of the date, time and location that the pin will be awarded.

To submit a nominee for Life Membership, please send a letter of nomination and a complete outline of the contributions and achievements of your nominee for the Life Membership Award, **by May 31, 2024**, to:

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AMM, attn. Donna Belbin, 1910 Saskatchewan Avenue West, Portage la Prairie, MB R1N 0P1

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MEMBER ADVISORY

From the Ground Up - Safe Healthy Communities for ALL Program

May 2, 2024 – Please be advised that the provincial government recently unveiled the *From the Ground Up – Safe Healthy Communities for ALL* program, which replaces the former Building Sustainable Communities (BSC) program. Since the launch of this program, the AMM has been reviewing the eligibility requirements and funding amounts in comparison to the former BSC program.

Highlights:

- Grant caps have been increased from \$75,000 to \$100,000, albeit the cap for large capital projects was previously set at \$300,000 under the BSC program.
- Addresses the resolution passed by AMM members at our 2023 Fall Convention regarding the removal of the 10 per cent non-government funding requirement.

Overall, we are disappointed to see funding reduced by 50 per cent (from \$25M to \$12.5M) for the 2024/25 year despite the BSC program being

consistently oversubscribed. Additionally, the AMM is concerned about the varying cost-sharing arrangements, with municipalities required to cover 50% and others only 20%. While we appreciate the Province's willingness to cover up to 80% of eligible project costs for non-profit organizations and Northern Affairs Community Councils, we have encouraged the Province to extend this cost-sharing ratio to municipalities as well.

Further, given the delay in the program's announcement, we are concerned about the limited timeframe municipalities will have to understand the new program eligibility requirements, generate project ideas, obtain supporting quotes, and submit applications, all within a one-month window. Due to the tight turnaround, we have requested the Department provide a technical briefing during the upcoming Municipal and Northern Relations virtual meeting with administrators on **May 9, 2024 from 1:30 to 2:30 PM.** Please come prepared to ask any questions you may have regarding the new program.

Please note that the deadline to apply to this program is **May 31, 2024.** For more information on the program, please view the following links:

- [MB Govt news release](#)
- [Manitoba Grants Online](#)
- [Program Guidelines](#)

Sincerely,

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WEBINAR: Next Generation 9-1-1

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- Fostering Commitment in the Team.
- 'Team One' Concept: Accountability to each other.
- The Need to Focus on Results.

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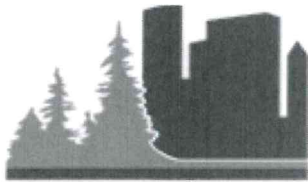
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AMM Meeting with the Honourable Renée Cable, Minister of Advanced Education and Training



April 29, 2024 - AMM wishes to thank the Honourable Renée Cable - Minister of Advanced Education and Training for meeting to discuss municipal priorities.

2024 MB Advance Education and Training Position Paper

From the Ground Up Safe Healthy Communities for ALL program

The Manitoba government is investing \$12.5 million to launch the *From the Ground Up – Safe Healthy Communities for All program*, which will focus on the revitalization of high-needs neighbourhoods throughout Manitoba and community infrastructure and initiatives to support poverty and crime reduction efforts. Grants under the program will support initiatives in the areas of community capacity building, community economic development, well-being and recreation, and housing and safety co-ordination supports.

Municipalities are eligible applicants and under the program, applicants can apply for funding under the following three streams:

- Community Renewal Initiatives;
- Community Spaces; and
- Healthy, Safe, Connected Children and Youth.

Please note that the deadline to apply to this program is **May 31, 2024**.
For more information on the program and how to apply, **[CLICK HERE](#)**



Public Works and Emergency Management 'Balancing the Needs and Wants during Response and Recovery'

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Cost: \$450.00 includes workshop and game evening

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2024 Grasshopper Control Assistance Program

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

Below is the grasshopper control assistance policy and associated information for 2024.

[2024 Municipal Grasshopper Control Assistance Memo](#)

[2024 Municipal Grasshopper Control Assistance Policy](#)

[2024 Guidelines and Insecticides for Grasshoppers Management by Rural Municipalities](#)

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each other accountable and how to communicate more effectively. Learn how effective teams build a foundation of trust, how conflict plays a role in a team, how to foster commitment in your team and how to be accountable to each other, how to understand communication styles and the components of moving forward as a stronger team.

Your facilitator: Lisa Anderson, Director of Strategic HR Consulting
Friday, May 24, 2024 | 9:00 am to 3:30 pm
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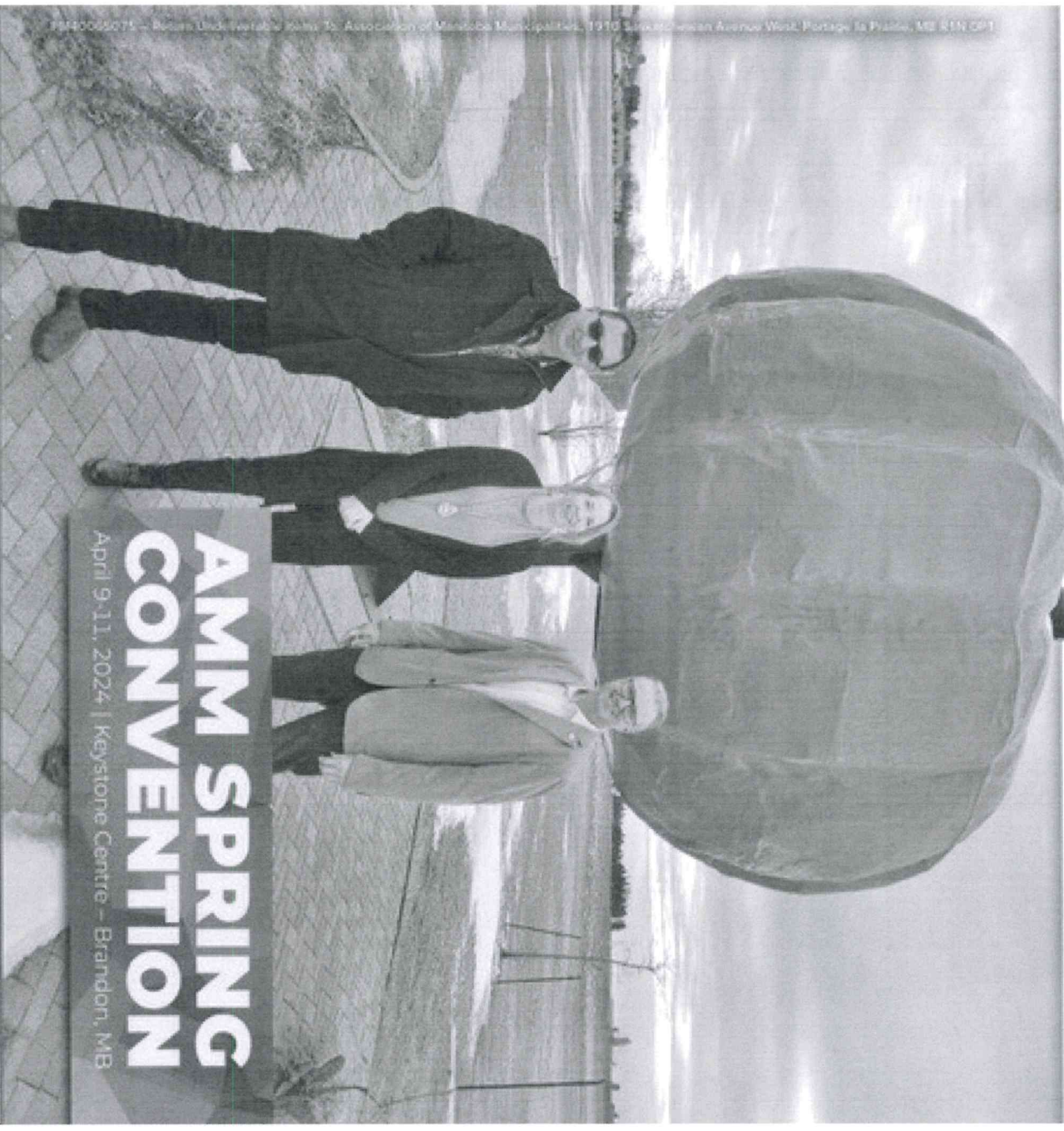
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Dear Municipal Officials,

Every year after the AMM Annual Convention, newly passed resolutions are sent to the appropriate government departments for their response. These responses help the AMM to set the direction for its lobbying strategies, although the AMM does not necessarily wait for a response to take action on these issues. We are happy to be able to demonstrate good progress already on some of the new resolutions put forward by our membership last year.

We are sending these responses in an electronic format, as we have in previous years. This will allow you to print off those responses that are of the greatest interest to you and have the other responses on hand for reference.

Please note that initial resolution responses are just the first step in the AMM advocacy process. The AMM follows up on all resolutions during meetings with senior government officials and Ministers. If you are interested in receiving a progress update on any particular resolution, please reach out to AMM staff.

These are outstanding responses that we have received in addition to the responses previously sent:

MB Municipal and Northern Relations

MB Consumer Protection and Government Services

Public Safety Canada

Previous responses emailed to membership on April 17, 2024;

[2023 Resolution response from Minister of Advanced Education and Training](#)

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Sincerely,

Denys Volkov
Executive Director

Association of Manitoba Municipalities



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From: SARA [PNR] <SARA.PNR@EC.gc.ca>
Sent: Friday, April 12, 2024 3:53 PM
To: SARA [PNR]
Subject: REMINDER - FOR COMMENT: Proposed SARA amendments: Migratory Bats, Eastern Whip-poor-will, Riverine Clubtail, and Small-flowered Sand-verbena (Due: May 16, 2024)
Attachments: Consultation on Amending List of SAR under SARA.pdf; List of Eligible Species.pdf; Eastern Whip-poor-will.pdf; Riverine Clubtail.pdf; Small-flowered Sand-verbena.pdf; Questions to Guide Your Comments.pdf; Eastern Red Bat.pdf; Hoary Bat.pdf; Silver-haired Bat.pdf

Good afternoon,

As a follow up to the notification below, this is a reminder that the comment period for the potential addition of **Eastern Red Bat, Hoary Bat, Silver-haired Bat, and Riverine Clubtail** and the potential re-classification of **Eastern Whip-poor-will and Small-flowered Sand-verbena** to Schedule 1 of the Species at Risk Act, will be closing **May 16, 2024**.

Please refer to the information below and attachments for more information.

You can provide comments **by email** to the Species at Risk Registry here: SARAreistry@ec.gc.ca or **by mail** to:

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

Thank you for your interest in species at risk!

Sincerely,

Kaytlyn Burrows Kaytlyn.BurrowsKalenchuk@ec.gc.ca

Species at Risk Biologist
Canadian Wildlife Service, Prairie Region
Environment and Climate Change Canada

On behalf of

Janet Scott

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

From: SARA [PNR]
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2024 1:58 PM
To: SARA [PNR] <SARA.PNR@EC.gc.ca>
Subject: FOR COMMENT: Proposed SARA amendments: Eastern Whip-poor-will, Riverine Clubtail, and Small-flowered Sand-verbena (Due: May 16, 2024)

Greetings,

Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) previously communicated the accelerated consultation on the potential addition of three migratory bats: **Eastern Red Bat, Hoary Bat, and Silver-haired Bat** to Schedule 1 of the Species at Risk Act. We are now also **inviting comments** for **Eastern Whip-poor-will, Riverine Clubtail, and Small-flowered Sand-verbena** (Table 1.) The complete set of statements and the consultation path for each species are available at: [Minister Response: COSEWIC species at risk assessments - December 2023](#).

Comments will be accepted until May 16th, 2024.

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

Taxon	COSEWIC status	Species	Range	Consultation path
Species eligible for addition to Schedule 1				
Arthropods	Special Concern	Riverine Clubtail	MB, ON, QC	Normal = comments due May 16, 2024
Mammals	Endangered	Eastern Red Bat	BC, AB, SK, MB, ON, QC, NB, NS, PEI, NL, YK, NT, NU	Normal = comments due May 16, 2024
Mammals	Endangered	Hoary Bat	BC, AB, SK, MB, ON, QC, NB, NS, PEI, NL, YK, NT, NU	Normal = comments due May 16, 2024
Mammals	Endangered	Silver-haired Bat	BC, AB, SK, MB, ON, QC, NB, NS, PEI, NL, YK, NT	Normal = comments due May 16, 2024
Reclassification: Down-list				
Birds	From Threatened to Special Concern	Eastern Whip-poor-will	SK, MB, ON, QC, NB, NS, PEI	Normal = comments due May 16, 2024
Vascular Plants	From Endangered to Special Concern	Small-flowered Sand-verbena	AB, SK	Normal = comments due May 16, 2024

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

- LIST or RECLASSIFY the species under the SARA
- NOT LIST or RECLASSIFY the species under the SARA or
- Refer the species back to COSEWIC for further consideration.

More information on the species, listing, and consultation processes is available on the SARA Public Registry at: [Consultation on Amending the List of Species under the Species at Risk Act: Terrestrial Species December 2023](#) and in the attached documents:

- Consultation on Amending the List of Species under the *Species at Risk Act*
- List of Species Eligible for an Amendment to Schedule 1
- Species Summaries for Riverine Clubtail, Eastern Whip-poor-will, and Small-flowered Sand-verbena
- Questions to Guide Your Comments

You can provide comments by email to the Species at Risk Registry here: SARAreistry@ec.gc.ca **or by mail to:** Species at Risk Public Registry Office

Environment and Climate Change Canada
351 St. Joseph Boulevard - 21st Floor
Gatineau, QC K1A 0H3

Capacity funding is available through the Species at Risk Act (SARA) Consultation, Cooperation and Accommodation Project (SARA-CCA) to support participation in this pre-listing consultation process. For example, if you wish to meet with other members of your community to discuss the potential listing of these species before submitting a comment to the SARA registry, funds may be available to support those activities. The **funding request form and information can be found here:** <https://yourcier.jotform.com/232567687754170>

Thank you for your interest in species at risk.

Sincerely,

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Species at Risk Biologist
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Norma Will

From: Census Communications <statcan.census-recensement.statcan@statcan.gc.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, April 30, 2024 10:08 AM
To: Norma Will
Subject: The 2024 Census Test is coming in May | Le Test du recensement de 2024 aura lieu en mai

(La version française suit)

Hello,

I am reaching out to inform you about the upcoming [2024 Census Test](#).

As part of its standard process, Statistics Canada conducts a comprehensive test of the revised census questionnaire and collection procedures two years before every census. The census test is designed to improve the clarity of the census questions and effectiveness of the collection procedures, helping to ensure accurate and efficient data collection for the 2026 Census of Population and the 2026 Census of Agriculture.

In turn, these data help inform municipal policy and planning decisions in areas that matter most to the people and communities – like housing, transit, schools, infrastructure, and the environment.

About the 2024 Census Test

The census test will take place between May 6 and June 28, 2024, spanning across all 10 provinces. Approximately 198,000 households and 10,000 agricultural operations have been randomly selected to participate in this test.

Out of the total sample, 89,000 households were randomly selected from Nova Scotia, Québec, and Saskatchewan. Statistics Canada enumerators will assist respondents in these communities in completing their census test questionnaire.

The remaining 108,700 households were randomly selected from all 10 provinces. These households will be required to complete census test questionnaires but will not receive in-person follow-up visits from census enumerators.

Participation and confidentiality

Households selected to participate in the 2024 Census of Population Test will receive a letter containing instructions on how to fill out a questionnaire. The easiest way to complete the census test questionnaire is online. However, paper questionnaires will be available on demand. If a household is selected for the census test, it is legally required to participate.

All information is collected under the authority of the *Statistics Act* and will be kept strictly confidential. Census test data are collected for test purposes only and will not be released to the public.

The 2024 Census of Agriculture Test, by contrast, is voluntary. Nevertheless, Statistics Canada relies on the responses from farmers across Canada to assess their understanding of the questionnaire content.

This year, Statistics Canada is introducing a new participation method for a selected number of households (around 8,700). These households will be given two options. They can:

- fill out a questionnaire, or

- allow Statistics Canada to count the members of their household using pre-existing information already provided to the government.

If households choose this latter option, no further action is required from them, and their legal obligation to participate in the census test is fulfilled.

For more information

For more information, visit the [2024 Census Test](#) page. To learn more about other milestones related to the 2026 Census, visit [The road to the 2026 Census](#).

If you have any questions, please contact Census Communications at statcan.census-recensement.statcan@statcan.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

Geoff Bowlby
Director General, Census Program
Statistics Canada / Government of Canada

Bonjour,

Je tiens à vous informer du [Test du recensement de 2024](#) à venir.

Dans le cadre de son processus normalisé, Statistique Canada mène une évaluation exhaustive du questionnaire et des procédures de collecte révisés deux ans avant chaque recensement. Le test du recensement est conçu en vue d'améliorer la clarté des questions du recensement et l'efficacité des procédures de collecte, afin d'assurer une collecte de données précise et efficace pour le Recensement de la population de 2026 et le Recensement de l'agriculture de 2026.

Les données contribuent à éclairer les politiques municipales et les décisions de planification dans les domaines qui comptent le plus pour les personnes et les communautés, comme le logement, le transport, les écoles, l'infrastructure et l'environnement.

À propos du Test du recensement de 2024

Du 6 mai au 28 juin 2024, le test du recensement sera mené dans les 10 provinces auprès d'environ 198 000 ménages et 10 000 exploitations agricoles sélectionnés au hasard.

De l'échantillon total, 89 000 ménages ont été sélectionnés de façon aléatoire en Nouvelle-Écosse, au Québec et en Saskatchewan. Les agents recenseurs de Statistique Canada aideront les répondants de ces communautés à remplir le questionnaire du test du recensement.

Les 108 700 ménages restants ont été sélectionnés au hasard dans les 10 provinces. Ces ménages devront remplir un questionnaire du test du recensement, mais ils ne recevront pas de visite de suivi de la part d'agents recenseurs.

Participation et confidentialité

Les ménages sélectionnés pour participer au Test du recensement de 2024 recevront une lettre indiquant comment répondre au questionnaire. Le plus simple est de remplir le questionnaire du test du recensement en ligne. Des questionnaires papier seront toutefois offerts sur demande. Si un ménage est sélectionné pour participer au test du recensement, il est tenu de le faire en vertu de la Loi.

Tous les renseignements sont recueillis en vertu de la *Loi sur la statistique* et resteront strictement confidentiels. Les données du test du recensement sont recueillies uniquement à des fins de mise à l'essai et ne seront pas diffusées au public.

En revanche, la participation au Test du recensement de l'agriculture de 2024 est volontaire. Statistique Canada s'appuie néanmoins sur les réponses fournies par les agriculteurs de partout au pays pour évaluer la clarté du contenu du questionnaire.

Cette année, Statistique Canada adopte une nouvelle méthode de participation pour environ 8 700 ménages sélectionnés, qui pourront choisir l'une de deux options :

- remplir un questionnaire;
- permettre à Statistique Canada de dénombrer les membres du ménage au moyen de renseignements déjà fournis au gouvernement.

Les ménages qui choisissent la deuxième option auront satisfait à leur obligation légale de participer au test du recensement et aucune autre mesure ne sera requise de leur part.

Pour en savoir plus

Pour obtenir de plus amples renseignements, veuillez consulter la page du [Test du recensement de 2024](#). Pour en apprendre davantage au sujet des autres étapes importantes menant au Recensement de 2026, visitez la page [En route vers le Recensement de 2026](#).

Si vous avez des questions, veuillez communiquer avec les Communications du recensement à statcan.census-recensement.statcan@statcan.gc.ca.

Cordialement,

Geoff Bowlby
Directeur général, Programme du recensement
Statistique Canada / Gouvernement du Canada

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From: Wendy Petersen <petersenw@cfwestman.ca>
Sent: Monday, April 15, 2024 2:35 PM
To: Bill Hogan; Kola Oloko; Laura Allen; Wayne Kelly; Laurie Campbell; Lynne Miller; Kit Harrison; conrad.kelm@hotmail.com; Keith; Debbie Eastcott; Rand Tashman
Subject: Grant Opportunity - Local Initiative's Grant 2024
Attachments: CFW Local Initiatives Program Information.docx; CFW Application Local Initiatives Program 2024.docx
Importance: High

The purpose of the Local Initiatives Program is to strengthen our communities by supporting small scale- projects led by non-profit organizations and municipalities, that strive to enhance community economic development efforts and tourism. *Community Economic Development (CED) means an inclusive, strategic, long-term, integrated, and community-driven approach to local economic development whereby a community takes responsibility for planning and implementing measures to improve their economic future, well-being, and quality of life. **These projects would vary considerably from one community to another and could include a wide range of local initiatives in areas such as tourism, entrepreneurship, and economic opportunities.*** See attachments for more details.

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Local Initiatives Program (LIP)

Community Futures Westman is a not-for-profit organization, funded through PrairiesCan, to provide programs and services to support enterprise, community-based development, tourism incentives that lead to economic growth and employment in our region.

Purpose of the Local Initiatives Program

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Community Economic Development (CED) means an inclusive, strategic, long-term, integrated, and community-driven approach to local economic development whereby a community takes responsibility for planning and implementing measures to improve their economic future, well-being, and quality of life. These projects would vary considerably from one community to another and could include a wide range of local initiatives in areas such as tourism, entrepreneurship, and economic opportunities for specific client groups such as women, youth, Indigenous people, and members of official language minorities.

Funding Available:

- Non repayable contributions of up to \$3,000.00 of eligible costs
- Applications will be received between **April 15, 2024 and May 15, 2024 at 4:00 pm.**

Eligible Projects:

- Contribute to the economic development of the region and target community priorities for growth and development. Partnerships are encouraged. *(Please note that only one project per applicant per funding period will be accepted. Funding period is from Dec 1 -March 31)*
- Are Incremental (cannot have already been undertaken or relate to core operations of organization)
- Cannot extend past March 31, 2025
- One project per year per organization.

Eligible Costs:

- Must relate directly to the project activities
- Can be capital and non-capital costs

Ineligible Costs

- Wages for current staff
- Operating costs of ongoing operations (including basic websites)
- Yearly Festivals



- Leasehold improvements, construction, repairs

Note: Funding is limited, not all eligible projects will be approved.

Funding Approval Process:

The CF Westman CEDC Committee will review all completed applications and award funding based on the following criteria:

1. New innovative projects that strive to enhance community economic development efforts and tourism.
2. Projects that have other partners involved
3. Impact of organization's activities on the community and region

Applications not accompanied by the required financial information and documentation will not be considered. The committee may recommend approvals up to a maximum of \$3,000.00 for any single application.

Reporting Requirements: Any organization approved for funding must sign a written acknowledgement that the funds will be used for the purpose as they stated in their application and agreeing to provide a year end operational and financial updated on the organization by **March 31, 2024. Failure to meet reporting requirements will disqualify applicants from future grant funding from Community Futures Westman.**

Deadline for Applications: Completed applications and required documentation must be received by CF Westman by **4:00 p.m., May 15, 2024**. Incomplete applications or applications received after the deadline will not be considered. Applications may be submitted to:

COMMUNITY FUTURES WESTMAN:

For Application and questions contact

Unit D – 217 10th Street Brandon, Manitoba R7A 4E9 Fax: 204-204-727-5832

Email: petersenw@cfwestman.ca



Application - Local Initiatives Program 2024

1. Community, Organization or Group Requesting Assistance

Organization Name:	
Address:	
City/Town:	Postal Code:

Brief description of organization:

Contact Person:	Position/Title:
Telephone / Contact Information	
Work:	Home (if applicable):
Fax:	E-mail:

2. Project Information:

Project Title/Name:	
Start Date:	Completion Date:
Location:	

3. Project Finances

Amount requested from Community Futures	\$3000.00
Amount of Organization's Contribution must be 10% of total project cost	
Funds from other Sources (including in kind)	
Total Estimated Cost of Project	

4. Partner information:

Partner	Contribution

5. Project Summary

Provide a brief description of the project, how the project promotes community economic development, how the project is incremental (a new initiative), expected outcomes and project timeline.

6. Budget and Budget description:

Please attach a copy of your detailed project budget with cashflow and timeline.

AUTHORIZATION AND CERTIFICATION

As the lead contact and as an authorized signing officer of the Applicant, I certify to **Community Futures Westman** (hereafter referred to as the CFW) that:

- (a) *The principals of the Applicant have been notified and consented to the funder collecting, using, retaining and disclosing the information contained in this application for the limited purpose of determining eligibility for funding as is required by law and by the CFW. I understand that the CFW will handle personal information in strict confidence in accordance with Federal privacy law. This information may be provided to Western Economic Diversification Fund for the purposes of assessing project eligibility.*
- (b) *The information contained in this application is true and complete in all respects. If CFW discovers that this application contains a material misrepresentation, this application shall be deemed to be withdrawn immediately by the Applicant.*
- (c) *The Applicant agrees to provide any additional information that CFW may reasonably require for purposes of assessing this application.*
- (d) *The Applicant certifies that financial assistance from CFW is a significant factor in the decision to proceed with this project.*
- (e) *As part of its project assessment process, CFW requires that all projects conform with the*

Government of Canada's Impact Assessment Act (I.A.A.) This Act outlines a process for how the Government of Canada goes about assessing the impacts of designated projects and projects carried out on federal lands or outside of Canada.

- (f) The Applicant acknowledges that he/she is not aware of any violation with respect to conflict of interest with this application. The applicant further confirms that he/she has not engaged the services of a lobbyist for the advancement of this application.*
- (g) The Applicant certifies that any former public office holder or former public servant that derives benefit from this agreement will be in compliance with the Conflict of Interest Act and the Values and Ethics Code for the Public Sector.*
- (h) The applicant warrants that they are in good standing with Revenue Canada, Municipalities other Government Ministries/Agencies and Community Futures.*
- (i) The Applicant acknowledges that any approved Project will be the subject of public announcements.*

I have read and understand this application and guidelines and will submit the required information with this proposal. I understand incomplete applications cannot be assessed and will be deemed ineligible.

7. Authorization:

The undersigned certifies that all information provided to Community Futures Westman in support of this request for funding is true and complete and undertakes to provide any further information that may be required for Community Futures Westman to render a decision, in a timely manner. The undersigned also herewith provides consent for Community Futures Westman to make sufficient enquiries that may be necessary in the evaluation of this request for funding.

Authorized by:

Signature

Name and Title

Date

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WORKSHOP OFFERS ADVICE TO ASPIRING ENTREPRENEURS

BY ABIOLA ODUTOLA

Newcomers and aspiring entrepreneurs came together on Wednesday to hear insights from established business owners at a workshop hosted by Community Futures Westman in the Dome Building.

The event featured discussions and advice from seasoned entrepreneurs, shedding light on their journeys, lessons learned and recommendations for potential business owners.

Among the entrepreneurs who shared their experiences was Sam Mulah, owner of ABC Auto Service.

Mulah, a familiar face in the Brandon community, recounted his journey from Ethiopia to Brandon in 2001 and his founding of ABC Auto Service a decade later. Reflecting on his entrepreneurial path, Mulah emphasized the importance of understanding the business thoroughly before diving in, citing his own experiences with failed ventures due to insufficient industry knowledge. "In shop, a granite countertop business and told the Sun. a roofing and exterior business, all of which failed because I didn't have a deep understanding of those industries and had to rely on others," Mulah told the Sun. "My biggest advice is to ensure you fully understand the business you're getting into."

IntriTech co-founder Emelio Brown advised participants to adopt a lean startup mindset to maximize resources and choose the right business partners wisely.

"I maintained a second job to fund our operations and reinvested any profits back into the business in the early years of the business," Brown told the Sun.

"While loans are an option, I advise newcomers to explore resources like Community Futures Westman, Futurpreneur Canada and banks for guidance on business planning and potential funding opportunities."

Selecting the right business partner, he said, is akin to choosing a life partner. "It's essential to find someone with aligned goals, complementary skills and mutual trust," he said.

Brandon University graduate student Shirlyn Kunaratnam shared her preliminary findings on entrepreneurship among immigrant women in Brandon at the event.

"Many immigrant women start their businesses out of necessity, driven by challenges such as limited job opportunities, child-care responsibilities and the need to manage household duties while often working multiple part-time jobs," Kunaratnam told participants. "Immigrants often bring entrepreneurial backgrounds, which contributes to their inclination towards entrepreneurship."

Kunaratnam called for more effective outreach and support mechanisms tailored to the diverse needs of immigrant women entrepreneurs, especially in rural and grassroots communities.

"Government funding support is available, but there's a lack of awareness and understanding of how to access these resources," she said. "Effective services and support systems, coupled with improved awareness and accessibility, can significantly benefit immigrant women entrepreneurs."

Community Futures Westman director Rand Tashman said the event was designed to provide valuable resources and support to aspiring entrepreneurs. "Brandon is experiencing growth, welcoming many new immigrants and newcomers to Canada," Tashman "Our goal with this event is not only to focus on newcomers but to ensure everyone is aware of what Community Futures can offer, highlighting our partnerships with organizations like Futurpreneur, BDO, BDC and other financial institutions, showcasing the tools and resources available to help individuals start and grow their businesses," she said.

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MEET OUR BOARD CHAIR - WAYNE KELLY



Say hello to our Board Chair, Wayne!

Wayne Kelly has been on our Board of Directors for 5 years. He received his Masters of Rural Development from Brandon University and PhD in Philosophy from the National University of Ireland. Wayne is the current Director of the Rural Development Institute at Brandon University.

Wayne Kelly strongly believes in the importance of rural Canada for the nation's economic success and people's well-being. His extensive experiences across Canada and beyond have highlighted the vast opportunities for rural development in our changing world. With over a decade of dedication to rural progress. Wayne holds a Master of Rural Development from Brandon University and a Ph.D. from the National University of Ireland, Galway. As Director of the Rural Development Institute (RDI), Wayne applies innovative research to help rural Canada adapt to societal, economic, and technological changes. His recent coordination of the RPLC project showcased his ability to unite diverse stakeholders in supporting rural communities. A visionary leader, Wayne explores new avenues to empower rural Canada, leaving a lasting legacy of hope and prosperity. Through his unwavering commitment, Wayne Kelly and the RDI pave the way toward a vibrant and prosperous future for rural Canada.

Wayne is a great asset to have on our Board and we're excited for what the future holds!

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MY ENTREPRENEURIAL JOURNEY BEGAN WITH A DEEPLY PERSONAL EXPERIENCE: WITNESSING MY MOTHER NAVIGATE THE COMPLEX IMMIGRATION PROCESS WHEN SHE ARRIVED IN CANADA. HER JOURNEY SPARKED A DESIRE WITHIN ME TO HELP OTHERS FACING SIMILAR CHALLENGES. RECOGNIZING THE NEED FOR PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE IN IMMIGRATION, I DECIDED TO TURN MY PASSION INTO A BUSINESS. THE DECISION TO ENROLL IN ASHTON COLLEGE IN VANCOUVER, BC, FOR THE IMMIGRATION CONSULTANT DIPLOMA WAS A PIVOTAL MOMENT. IT WAS A COMMITMENT TO FORMALIZE MY KNOWLEDGE AND GAIN PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITATION. BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE CANADIAN IMMIGRATION CONSULTANTS REGULATORY COUNCIL (CICC) AS AN RCIC (REGULATED CANADIAN IMMIGRATION CONSULTANT) SOLIDIFIED MY DEDICATION TO EXCELLENCE AND ADHERENCE TO INDUSTRY STANDARDS.

COMMUNITY FUTURES WESTMAN - TELL US ABOUT YOUR BUSINESS?

I LAUNCHED MY OWN IMMIGRATION CONSULTANCY FIRM, TS CANADIAN IMMIGRATION SERVICES IN BRANDON, MANITOBA, AIMING TO PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE TO INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES ASPIRING TO IMMIGRATE TO CANADA. FROM ASSISTING WITH VISA APPLICATIONS TO PROVIDING LEGAL ADVICE AND SUPPORT, I WORKED TIRELESSLY TO STREAMLINE THE IMMIGRATION PROCESS FOR OUR CLIENTS.

COMMUNITY FUTURES WESTMAN - WHY DO YOU THINK YOUR BUSINESS IS SO VALUABLE IN OUR COMMUNITY?

IMMIGRATION PLAYS A VITAL ROLE IN DRIVING ECONOMIC GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT. BY FACILITATING THE IMMIGRATION OF SKILLED WORKERS AND ENTREPRENEURS, OUR CONSULTANCY CONTRIBUTES TO THE EXPANSION OF THE LOCAL WORKFORCE, THE CREATION OF BUSINESSES, AND THE STIMULATION OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITY IN BRANDON. TS CANADIAN IMMIGRATION SERVICES IS A VALUABLE ASSET TO THE BRANDON, MANITOBA COMMUNITY, CONTRIBUTING TO ITS GROWTH, DIVERSITY, AND PROSPERITY WHILE FULFILLING OUR MISSION OF HELPING INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES ACHIEVE THEIR DREAMS OF IMMIGRATING TO CANADA.

COMMUNITY FUTURES WESTMAN - HOW DID THE SELF EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (PARTNERSHIP WITH THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA AND COMMUNITY FUTURES WESTMAN) HELP YOU?

ONE OF THE SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGES OF STARTING A NEW BUSINESS IS MANAGING FINANCIAL STABILITY DURING THE INITIAL STAGES. THE INCOME SUBSTITUTE PROVIDED THROUGH THE PROGRAM ALLEVIATED FINANCIAL PRESSURES, ALLOWING ME TO FOCUS ON BUILDING MY BUSINESS WITHOUT WORRYING ABOUT IMMEDIATE FINANCIAL CONCERNS. THIS SUPPORT WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN ENABLING ME TO DEDICATE TIME AND ENERGY TO DEVELOPING MY CONSULTANCY AND ENGAGING WITH OTHER PARTICIPANTS AND PROGRAM STAKEHOLDERS CREATED OPPORTUNITIES FOR REFERRALS AND PARTNERSHIPS. AS I BUILT RELATIONSHIPS WITHIN THE PROGRAM, FELLOW ENTREPRENEURS AND PROGRAM PARTNERS BEGAN RECOMMENDING MY SERVICES TO THEIR NETWORKS. THIS WORD-OF-MOUTH MARKETING SIGNIFICANTLY CONTRIBUTED TO THE GROWTH OF TS CANADIAN IMMIGRATION SERVICES, EXPANDING MY CLIENT BASE AND ENHANCING MY REPUTATION WITHIN THE COMMUNITY.

COMMUNITY FUTURES WESTMAN - HOW HAS THE CONTINUED SUPPORT OF COMMUNITY FUTURES WESTMAN BEEN IMPORTANT TO YOUR CONTINUED SUCCESS?

COMMUNITY FUTURES WESTMAN FOSTERS A SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT WHERE ENTREPRENEURS FEEL ENCOURAGED AND EMPOWERED TO PURSUE THEIR GOALS. EVEN IF I CANNOT PARTICIPATE AS MUCH AS I WOULD LIKE, KNOWING THAT I HAVE A RELIABLE RESOURCE AND SUPPORT NETWORK IN COMMUNITY FUTURES WESTMAN PROVIDES REASSURANCE AND MOTIVATION. WHETHER I NEED ADVICE, GUIDANCE, OR ENCOURAGEMENT, I CAN COUNT ON THEIR SUPPORT TO HELP ME OVERCOME CHALLENGES AND CAPITALIZE ON OPPORTUNITIES.

COMMUNITY FUTURES WESTMAN - WHAT IS THE ONE PIECE OF ADVICE YOU WOULD GIVE OTHER YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS ABOUT REACHING THEIR GOALS?

ENTREPRENEURSHIP IS NOT A SOLITARY JOURNEY. BUILDING MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS WITH MENTORS, PEERS, ADVISORS, AND POTENTIAL COLLABORATORS CAN PROVIDE INVALUABLE SUPPORT, GUIDANCE, AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH. NETWORKING ALLOWS YOU TO LEARN FROM OTHERS' EXPERIENCES, GAIN INSIGHTS INTO DIFFERENT INDUSTRIES OR MARKETS, AND ACCESS RESOURCES OR EXPERTISE THAT YOU MAY NOT POSSESS YOURSELF.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT TETIANA STETSIUK AND TS IMMIGRATION SERVICES CHECK OUT THIS [LINK](#).



SIDE HUSTLE

MICROGRANT PROGRAM

Side Hustle Program is looking for 20 aspiring entrepreneurs ages 15 to 34 from the Community Futures Westman area! If you are looking to start a small 'Side Hustle' business, we offer qualifying participants up to \$500 in non repayable funding towards piloting a business concept or expanding the services of a current side business.



Applications accepted till May 31, 2024, get in touch to secure your spot!
Contact Wendy.petersenw@cfwestman.ca or (204) 726-1513

Norma Will

From: Ducks Unlimited Canada <supporter@ducks.ca>
Sent: Friday, April 19, 2024 6:33 AM
To: Norma Will
Subject: Celebrate Earth Day with Wings Over Water!



Dear Dave,

Ducks Unlimited Canada invites you to celebrate Earth Day (Monday, April 22) by watching **Wings Over Water: a stunning nature documentary that follows the migratory journey of three bird species.** Seventy-five theatres across Canada have partnered to provide exclusive screenings of the film for a special rate of \$6.99 with proceeds supporting conservation through Ducks Unlimited Canada.

Ducks Unlimited Canada is proud to have supported the production of Wings Over Water. Audiences of all ages will be captivated by the stories of the sandhill crane, yellow warbler and mallard as they soar across one of the most important—yet little known—ecosystems on the continent.

[Find showtimes and learn more](#)



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Duracan Labs ODW Water System Owner Fact Sheet

Who are we?

Founded five years ago, Duracan has embarked on a mission to revolutionize environmental testing. Committed to excellence, Duracan has consistently exceeded industry standards with swift turnaround times and accreditation across various analytes. Presently, Duracan processes approximately 1500-2000 samples monthly encompassing water, air, and building materials, with a projected capacity of 5000 samples per month.

Duracan proudly holds CALA Accreditation for water potability analysis, extending its services to a diverse clientele, including homeowners and realtors, within Winnipeg and beyond since 2022. Our comprehensive offerings include Total Coliform, Fecal Coliform, and E. coli analysis, alongside expert consulting in well management and maintenance. Frequently, Duracan is engaged by financial institutions and leasing agencies to furnish proof of water safety.

Recently, Duracan completed the construction of a state-of-the-art laboratory space at its flagship office location on 862 Dufferin Ave in Winnipeg. Alongside this development, the company fully integrated a Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS), meticulously designed by Duracan's seasoned staff with over 20 years of collective experience. This sophisticated software boasts customizable, client-specific invoicing capabilities, enhancing efficiency in billing and payment processing, particularly for the ODW's subsidized bacterial program with full credit tracking integration.

Our collaboration with public and private sector organizations extends beyond traditional laboratory services, as we actively engage in community outreach and education initiatives. By raising awareness of environmental health issues and promoting best practices in water management, Duracan contributes to building resilient and sustainable communities.

As Duracan continues to expand its analytical capabilities and enhance its service offerings, we remain dedicated to serving the needs of both public and private sector clients alike. With a steadfast commitment to excellence and innovation, Duracan is poised to continue redefining the landscape of environmental testing and making a positive impact on communities across the region.

How do I submit samples to Duracan?

Duracan's offices and Lab are open to the public from 8 AM to 5 PM Monday to Friday. Located at 862 Dufferin Ave (R2X 0A3) in the heart of Winnipeg's North End our sample reception staff are always available to receive your samples by walk-in or those sent by mail or courier. Below is a detailed set of photos to aid in dropping samples off at Duracan.



Photo 1- **Site Map:** Aerial View of Duracan's Office and Parking Spaces. Lot 1 is accessible via Dufferin Ave and open to all customers to park during drop-offs.



Photo 2: Dropoff Door A and Loading Dock B as per the Site Map in Photo 1.

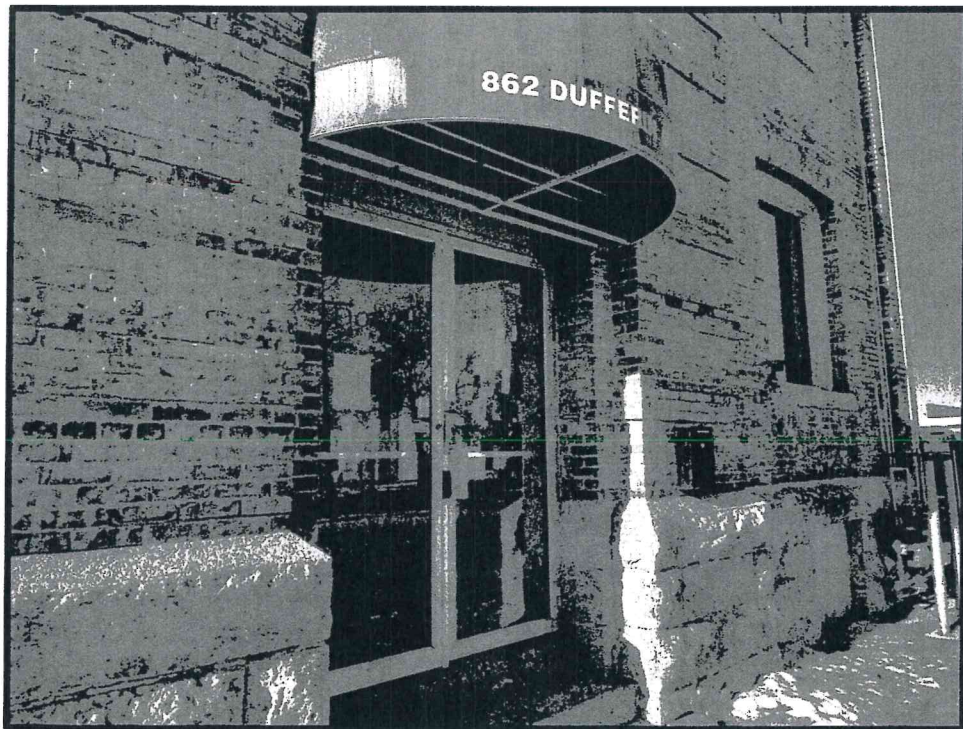


Photo 3: Main entry Door C. Accessible from Dufferin Ave

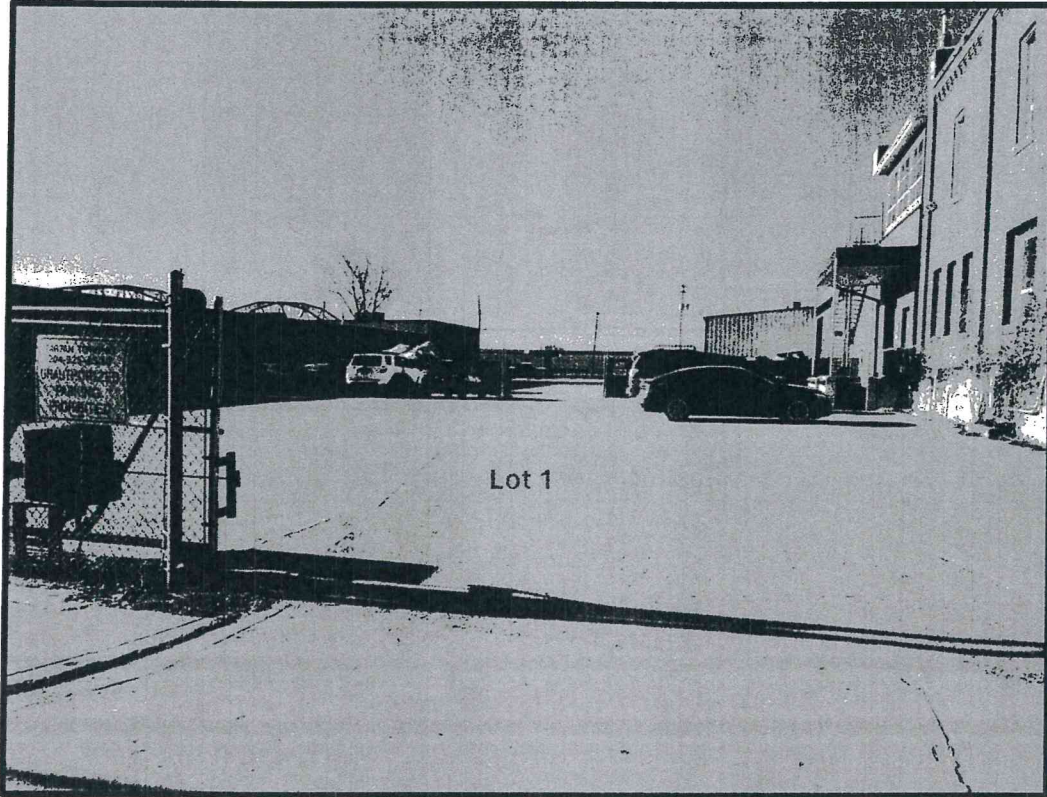


Photo 4: Lot 1 as seen from Dufferin Ave.

What do I do if I have to submit samples after hours?

Duracan offers after-hours access and drop-off services to all its clients under the ODW Water System Program. Key code access to Duracan's 862 Dufferin Ave office side foyer area (behind Door A) will be provided to all applicable clients where a sample storage fridge can be used to keep your samples within the necessary temperature range should they be delivered after normal opening hours.

What if I must submit an emergency sample?

If you will be submitting samples to lift a Boil Water Advisory (BWA) or to confirm or resolve previous adverse results, Duracan has three active emergency contacts on its current staff:

Zachary Cardoso Dubey – Lead Administrator for the ODW Program
E – zachary@duracan.ca O – 204 960 9995 ext. 104 C – 204-218-6685

Alyssa Paskaruk – Co-Lab Manager
E – alyssa@duracan.ca O – 204 960 9995 ext. 109 C – 204-997-6181

David Kennedy – Co-Lab Manager
E – david@duracan.ca O – 204 960 9995 ext. 108 C – 204-298-7996

These Duracan staff members can be contacted to notify the lab that emergency samples will be dropped off, during and after regular working hours.

Who do I contact for sampling supplies?

Duracan has designated two administrative staff to take all inquiries related to procurement of sampling supplies, general shipping issues:

Zachary Cardoso Dubey – Lead Administrator for the ODW Program
E – zachary@duracan.ca O – 204 960 9995 ext. 104 C – 204-218-6685

Karyn Roberts – Auxiliary Administrator for the ODW Program
E – karyn@duracan.ca O – 204 960 9995 ext. 100

Sampling supplies can be delivered by Canada Post or various large-scale couriers such as Purolator or Gardewine. Duracan also has its own in-house courier team for near-city shipments.

Duracan has service agreements with all suppliers of sampling and shipping supplies to ensure that all ODW clients have the supplies they need, when they need them.

Who do I submit general inquiries to?

General inquiries related to any issues involving the ODW sampling program such as questions about how to submit or take a sample, questions involving account status or information, and any other general inquiries can be sent to our general inquiries inbox:

General Inquiries

E- clientservices@duracan.ca O- 204 – 960 – 9995

Who do I contact if I have questions about payments or invoices?

Questions regarding invoicing, payments, credits or other account related questions can be directed to Duracan's resident Accounts Manager:

Tristan Penner – Accounts Manager

E – tristan@duracan.ca O – 204 960 9995 ext. 105

What information do I need to provide Duracan?

Duracan will work with the ODW to gather all necessary information to facilitate a seamless account creation and integration into our services. Any updates to your information that can be found on your pre-printed ODW Chain of Custody (COC) form must be submitted to your regional Drinking Water Officer (DWO) who will then submit it to us to update in our files.



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Recap: Last week's significant federal housing and infrastructure announcements

Last week, ahead of the full publication of Budget 2024 on April 16, the federal government made four significant announcements that respond to some of FCM's advocacy on housing and infrastructure.

Below, we have re-capped these announcements for convenience.

1. A new \$6 billion Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund to accelerate housing construction with \$1 billion of that dedicated towards urgent community

infrastructure needs, as well as a \$400 million top up to the Housing Accelerator Fund. [Read FCM's response.](#)

2. An increase in federal financing for the construction of rental housing, consisting of a \$15 billion top-up to the Apartment Construction Loan Program. [Read the official announcement from the Prime Minister.](#)
3. A new \$1.5 billion Canada Rental Protection Fund to help non-profits acquire and protect affordable rental housing. [Read FCM's response.](#)
4. The announcement of a modernized Housing Design Catalogue to standardize home blueprints, along with \$50 million Homebuilding Technology and Innovation Fund that will seek to leverage \$150 million from the private sector to support innovative housing technology. [Read the official announcement from the Prime Minister.](#)

FCM is set to continue to engage with the federal government on the design and implementation of these new and expanded programs over the coming weeks, in order to support the best outcomes for municipalities across the country.

NEWS

Secure your early bird spot for AC2024!

Join the more than 1,300 delegates who have already registered to attend *Redefining our Future*, FCM's 2024 Annual Conference and Trade Show (AC2024) from June 6 to 9 in Calgary. Dive into engaging plenaries, multiple networking events, varied study tours and trade show featuring over 150 exhibitors.

Act fast: Early bird pricing ends on April 19. Don't miss this opportunity to connect, learn and lead in shaping our communities' future.

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FCM Board Elections: Nominations open

Interested in making a difference in your municipality and others across Canada?

FCM is currently seeking nominations for its Board of Directors for the 2024-2025 term. This member-elected body shapes policy priorities for communities across Canada. Apply now for a Director (due May 26) or Table Officer (due May 19) position. The upcoming election will take place at FCM's Annual Conference and Trade Show, June 6-9, in Calgary. Nomination details, including required forms are available online.

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EVENTS

Hear from a winner of FCM's 2022 Sustainable Communities Awards

Join a Green Municipal Fund webinar on April 25 at 2 p.m. ET to find out if your sustainability project is eligible for a 2024 Sustainable Communities Award (SCA) and how to apply.

You'll also hear from past winners, including Krista Quesnel, Director, Agriculture and Environment Services, Parkland County, Alberta. Krista will showcase a winning project that reduced road maintenance costs by restoring wetlands and other ecosystems.

» REGISTER FOR THE WEBINAR TODAY

Webinar: Make your sustainability project stand out with 'multi-solving'

GMF is looking to fund top examples of multi-solving projects – initiatives that solve multiple challenges with one investment. Interested in learning how to build this concept into your future GMF funding applications? Join our free multi-solving webinar on April 11 from 2 – 3 p.m. ET to understand how multi-solving can make your sustainability projects more impactful, learn how to implement best practices in each of the multi-solving areas, and discover how integrating these principles can help you score higher in GMF's funding application process

» SIGN UP TODAY

Online course: How to support building energy upgrades

Learn how to start a financing or incentive program to help community members complete building energy upgrades. This free course offered by the Green Municipal Fund will also prepare you to lead a Community Efficiency Financing project.

There are three other courses in the Tackling energy use in municipal and community buildings series to explore—each course has five modules to complete at your own pace (approx. 1-2 hours needed per module).

» READ MORE AND REGISTER FOR THE COURSE

RESOURCES

New tools to implement asset management in your municipality

Your municipality has developed a strategic Asset Management Policy and Asset Management Plan. What comes next and how can you move from planning to practice?

Check out this video, case study & checklist to learn how to embed asset management perspectives into your municipality's daily operations.

» ACCESS THE TOOLS TODAY

Short and effective guides for community building retrofits

Learn how to optimize the energy efficiency of your community structures to lower GHG emissions, increase affordability and extend their life cycles. The Green Municipal Fund's Community Buildings Retrofit factsheets provide essential information on starting an emissions reduction pathway, supporting new energy and climate staff, achieving net-zero indoor swimming pool centres, strategically using asset management planning and ensuring an effective measurement and verification process.

» [READ THE FACTSHEETS](#)

Case study: Change management and asset management go hand-in-hand

Did you know that involving key stakeholders like municipal staff and community members when developing an asset management plan can help you better serve your residents and businesses? This process, known as change management, seeks to directly involve the needs of diverse groups and individuals. With a grant from our Municipal Asset Management Program, the City of Kelowna, BC, developed their own asset management plan using change management and now has a proactive data-based system looking years into the future.

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FCM TWEETS

Apr 4: INITIAL REACTION | Welcome news today as the federal government commits to a new Canada Rental Protection Fund. Alongside key partners in the housing sector, FCM has long advocated for a fund to protect renters as a missing piece of Canada's action on housing.

The most affordable homes are the ones we already have. This fund will help move rental homes into community ownership through non-profits and co-operatives, ensuring long-term affordability and helping prevent people from falling into homelessness.

The scale of this issue is significant, and this

Apr 4: STATEMENT | FCM welcomes today's federal announcement of a new Canada Rental Protection Fund, which is set to provide \$470 million in grants over five years as well as \$1 billion in loans to support affordable housing in communities across the country.

This announcement represents a substantive response to our calls ahead of #Budget2024 for a national housing acquisition fund to protect affordable housing in Canada, prevent people from falling into homelessness and shield renters from 'renoviction' practices.

Apr 5: #FCM2024AC is fast approaching! Exciting additions this year include:

- NEW Rural Forum themes
- @ParticipACTION's *Allons-y!* Wellness Challenge
- CSA Group's FCM Collective Luncheon
- @YMCA_Canada's Wellness Moments
- FCM's Municipal Den

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represents an important start. FCM looks forward to continuing collaboration with the federal government to make sure existing and future municipally-led residential acquisition initiatives are eligible.

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AC2024: Workshops to *Redefine our Future*

FCM's 2024 Annual Conference and Trade Show (AC2024) from June 6-9 in Calgary promises to empower and equip delegates with the practical knowledge and tools needed to address the most pressing topics facing municipalities today.

At the heart of AC2024 are compelling workshops designed to offer ideas and insights that can be practically applied to communities of all sizes from coast to coast to coast. Spanning themes like sustainability, advocacy, community development and mental health support, these workshops are the cornerstone of a conference positioned to drive meaningful change in communities across the country.

Featured workshops

[AC2024 workshops](#) are designed to deliver the skills, knowledge and inspiration you need to make an impact, with highlights including:

- **Shifting to resilient, net-zero communities:** Learn how to navigate the journey toward net-zero, leveraging FCM's Green Municipal Fund for sustainable transformation.
- **Healthy workplaces: Attracting and retaining municipal talent:** Discover a toolkit to build inclusive, supportive work environments and robust mental health frameworks.
- **Building thriving communities through third-sector partnerships:** Explore the power of partnerships between municipalities and non-profits.

- **Ask the experts:** Optimize your community tourism strategy, from workforce development to natural asset protection.
- **Capital as catalyst: Community adaptation to climate risks:** Uncover financial strategies and partnerships essential for enhancing climate resilience.
- And so much more!

Stay tuned! We'll be sharing even more exciting workshop descriptions in the coming weeks.

Be sure to explore our AC2024 website for detailed conference information including main stage plenaries, study tours, networking events and our trade show.

Don't miss out! Early bird pricing closes next week on April 19. We can't wait to see you there to connect with peers, engage with experts and uncover new opportunities for your community.

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FCM welcomes new federal plan to address homelessness and housing crises

Today, FCM welcomed the newly-announced federal [Canada's Housing Plan](#), which was unveiled in Vaughan, ON.

FCM believes this represents a comprehensive and serious strategy to tackle the housing and homelessness crises impacting so many Canadians. FCM recognizes this plan has the capacity to increase both the amount and types of housing available for all residents, including our most vulnerable, with major new investments.

In particular, the announcement of an additional \$1 billion for the Reaching Home program, \$250 million for much-needed support to respond to homeless encampments, and an additional \$1 billion for the Affordable Housing Fund were particularly notable.

With a string of major housing investments announced last week also forming part of Canada's Housing Plan, this new strategy recognizes the critical link between

infrastructure and housing, and signals that the federal government is responding to FCM's ongoing advocacy for more investments in community infrastructure.

FCM looks forward to further assessing the details of Budget 2024 when it is released in full on April 16.

[Read our full statement on Canada's Housing Plan](#)



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AC2024: Workshops to Redefine our Future

Join FCM's 2024 Annual Conference and Trade Show in Calgary, June 6-9, for impactful workshops on sustainability, advocacy, community development, mental health and so much more. Highlights include net-zero community strategies, municipal talent retention, effective community advocacy, third-sector partnerships, tourism optimizing and climate resilience financing. Stay tuned for more exciting programming information in the coming weeks.

Don't miss out! Early bird pricing closes on April 19.

» [EXPLORE AC2024](#)

NEWS

FCM welcomes new federal plan on housing and homelessness

On Friday, FCM welcomed 'Canada's Housing Plan', a newly-announced federal plan to support new housing for all Canadians and provide over a billion dollars in additional support to combat homelessness.

This new federal plan includes an additional \$1 billion for the Reaching Home program and \$250 million in much-needed support in response to homeless encampments. The government is also committing to extending the Interim Housing Assistance program and working with all orders of government to find long-term solutions to prevent asylum seekers from experiencing homelessness.

» [READ FCM'S STATEMENT](#)

EVENTS

Experiences and advice from a Sustainable Communities Award winner

Discover how a high school transit orientation program in Kingston, Ontario, won both a Sustainable Communities Award (SCA) and FCM's inaugural Inspire Award for creativity and innovation. Dan Hendry, Co-founder and project director, Get on the Bus Movement, Small Change Fund, will talk about the project and the benefits of winning an SCA.

Join a GMF webinar on April 25 at 2 p.m. ET to find out if your sustainability project is eligible for a 2024 SCA and how to apply.

» [REGISTER FOR THE WEBINAR TODAY](#)

How to reach net-zero targets in your community buildings

FCM's Green Municipal Fund (GMF) offers a free, online and self-paced course on the policies and programs that will help you drive deep GHG reductions in buildings. Choose this course within the *Tackling energy use in municipal and community buildings* series, which has three other courses to consider as well.

You can then apply what you learned in projects that are eligible for support via the GMF's Net-Zero Transformation funding offers.

» [LEARN MORE AND SIGN UP FOR THE COURSE](#)

RESOURCES

Strengthen your municipal assets against climate change

Are you concerned about the impact of climate change on the municipal services your residents and local businesses rely on? Discover low-cost ways to strengthen your community's climate resilience with our suite of Operations and Maintenance for

Climate Resilience resources. You'll learn how to identify resilience strategies using your already existing municipal operations and maintenance activities, how to apply a climate lens to asset renewal decisions, and so much more.

» GET STARTED TODAY

FCM TWEETS

Apr 10: FCM CEO
@carolesaab took part in an important dialogue at @cdnclubottawa with @SeanFraserMP today, discussing ways that the federal government can support #CDNMuni in the face of Canada's housing crisis. On housing, homelessness and more, a serious conversation between orders of govt is needed on supporting long-term funding for municipalities.

Apr 11: STATEMENT |
FCM welcomes the new Canada's Housing Plan as it will significantly help to support Canada's population, including our most vulnerable, by delivering new housing to all Canadians and provide over a billion dollars in additional support to combat homelessness.

Read more:
<https://t.co/BySPktXrCS>

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Apr 15: As Canada rapidly
grows, local governments are on the frontlines of some of our countries most pressing challenges.

That's why, ahead of #Budget2024, FCM is calling for a new Municipal Growth Framework linked to national population and economic growth.

Learn more:
<https://t.co/lrs4AZFWlm>

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April 16, 2024



COMMUNIQUÉ



Budget 2024: FCM's reaction in full

Dear members,

FCM welcomes today's federal budget and views it as a promising step towards tackling the housing and homelessness crises that affect too many Canadians.

The 2024 federal budget responds directly to a number of FCM recommendations, with a recognition that investing in infrastructure and housing is crucial to both the issue of housing and homelessness and the successful growth of this country.

However, as Canada grows at a record pace, a critical piece is missing: how local governments are funded. FCM has been advocating consistently for the federal government to convene with provinces, territories and municipalities to negotiate a modernized permanent funding model, that would empower our growing communities to deliver the quality of life Canadians need and deserve.

We are looking forward to collaborating with the federal government and our partners in provincial and territorial associations to ensure the success of this budget's newly announced funding arrangements.

For FCM's full reaction to Budget 2024, please view our:

[Statement on the 2024 budget](#)

[Reaction posts on X](#)

Our thanks go to you, our members, for your valuable contributions to municipal advocacy in the run-up to Budget Day.

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April 18, 2024



Early-bird discount ends midnight on Friday

This is it! Midnight tomorrow is the last chance to get the early-bird discount for *Redefining our Future*: FCM's 2024 Annual Conference and Trade Show in Calgary from June 6-9.

If you have not registered yet, you still have time to take advantage of this discounted price.

And if you *have* registered but want to see more council colleagues or staff join you, this is also the time to encourage them to follow suit!

REGISTER TODAY

Early bird ends: 11:59 p.m. ET, Friday, April 19

BOOKING YOUR HOTEL

To book your trip to Calgary, please see our [Accommodation](#) page for special rates. FCM has reserved blocks of hotel rooms for delegates in hotels located near the Calgary TELUS Convention Centre.

CHILDCARE SERVICE

If you're a parent and looking for options for childcare during the conference in Calgary,

look no further! FCM is proud to offer our delegates professional childcare services on-site of the event. For more information and to register in advance of the conference, please visit our [Childcare Services](#) page.

We can't wait to see you in Calgary in June!

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April 22, 2024



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Budget 2024: FCM's response to a promising federal budget

On Tuesday, April 16, the federal government unveiled Budget 2024 following a series of important housing-related announcements.

Significantly, this budget responds directly to a number of FCM recommendations, with a recognition that investing in infrastructure and housing is crucial to both the issue of housing and homelessness and the successful growth of this country.

FCM recognized the significance of housing investments present in this budget, as well as the investments in combatting homelessness and addressing the lack of deeply affordable housing option.

Additionally, FCM noted the lack of movement on a Municipal Growth Framework, and resolved to continue advocating for the federal government to convene with provinces, territories and municipalities to negotiate a modernized permanent funding model, that would empower our growing communities to deliver the quality of life Canadians need and deserve.

» [READ FCM'S FULL STATEMENT ON BUDGET 2024](#)



Municipal Trailblazers is FCM's biweekly spotlight on exceptional leaders, professionals and individuals who are making outstanding contributions to Canadian communities. Below, we have new set of trailblazers to share for April 2024.

Our Municipal Trailblazers for April 22, 2024

Bob Brooks

As CAO of the Rural Municipality of Belfast on PEI, Bob Brooks is dedicated public servant who serves this small community of 1,700 people in the southeastern end of the island. Beyond working hard to serve the needs of his municipality, Bob also serves as the President of the Association of Municipal Administrators of PEI. Bob has always been keen to speak up for the needs of his community, and alongside a dedicated team of elected councilors, works tirelessly to support the needs of individuals across the municipality. Bob works hard to support new programs and initiatives, balancing public consultation with action, and his passion for improving quality of life in Belfast has led his colleagues to nominate him as a municipal trailblazer.

Carolyn Kolebaba

A regional as well as local leader, Councillor Carolyn Kolebaba of Northern Sunrise Country in Alberta has been an active member of her municipal council for more than 20 years. Deeply devoted to northwest Alberta, she is the chair of the Peace Region Economic Development Alliance and the Northern Transportation Advocacy Bureau. In addition to her official roles, she has led municipal partnerships, to the benefit of smaller and less affluent municipalities in the province's north, including offering assessment services to other communities. Carolyn's dedication to her community and this unique part of Alberta is deeply appreciated by her municipal colleagues and those who call Northern Sunrise County home.

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NEWS

AC2024 is only six weeks away!

Excitement is building for FCM's 2024 Annual Conference and Trade Show, taking place in just six weeks. Don't miss out on over 50 Calgary-wide study tours, over a dozen workshops on crucial municipal topics, and a trade show featuring over 150

exhibitors ready to address your community challenges. Join us in Calgary to contribute to meaningful discussions, participate in exceptional networking opportunities with peers, and help *Redefining the Future* of Canada.

» [LEARN MORE ABOUT AC2024](#)

Deadlines approaching for FCM's Board of Directors positions

Interested in making a difference in your municipality and others across Canada?

FCM is currently seeking nominations for its Board of Directors for the 2024-2025 term. This member-elected body helps shape FCM policy priorities on behalf of communities across Canada. Submit your nomination now for a Director (due May 26) or Table Officer (due May 19) position.

The election will take place at FCM's Annual Conference and Trade Show, June 6-9, in Calgary. Nomination details, including required documentation, are available online.

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EVENTS

This week: A webinar on FCM's 2024 Sustainable Communities Awards

FCM's 2024 Sustainable Communities Awards (SCAs) will honor projects that demonstrate environmental responsibility and excellence in Canadian cities and communities of all sizes.

Join our webinar, *A new Sustainable Communities Awards season*, on April 25 at 2 p.m. ET to discover how winning a 2024 SCA could benefit your community and career, and how to navigate the SCA application process. Two past SCA winners will also showcase their successful initiatives and share advice.

» [REGISTER TODAY](#)

Explore the future with Policy Horizons Canada

From May 7-9, Policy Horizons Canada is hosting Futures Week, a series of events organized to discover possible disruptions, confront our ways of thinking about them and learn how foresight can prepare for opportunities and challenges ahead. The online portion of the event is open to the public.

Policy Horizons Canada is the federal government's centre of excellence in foresight, whose mission is to empower the government with a future-oriented mindset and outlook to strengthen decision making. The organization will be participating in a panel on innovation in the municipal sector at FCM's upcoming annual conference in Calgary.

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Participate in the 2024 All Americas Summit

The 2024 All Americas Summit takes place from May 28-31 and is organized by Sister Cities International. The Government of Canada is encouraging Canadian municipalities to participate in this opportunity to promote Canada to municipal audiences from countries across the Americas. Taking place in San Antonio, Texas, the Summit will bring together representatives of all the Americas to experience opportunities for Sister Cities partnerships encompassing economic development, education, gastronomy, culture and more.

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ParticipACTION is looking for Canada's Most Active Community

The ParticipACTION Community Challenge presented by Novo Nordisk, encourages everyone in Canada to get active throughout June, ultimately awarding Canada's Most Active Community \$100,000 to support local physical activity and sport initiatives. There is also a prize for the most active community in each province and territory. Municipalities can participate by engaging their communities, registering at ParticipACTION.com and tracking their June physical activity initiative(s).

» [REGISTER NOW](#)



FCM TWEETS

Apr 16: NEWS RELEASE |

The focus on solving the housing and homelessness crises in #Budget2024 shows a promising step toward addressing Canada's immediate challenges. Yet, more will need to be done to address the country's rapid and significant growth for the longer term with a

Apr 19: Great to see productive conversations on housing + homelessness, transportation, affordability and other key issues for Ontario's largest cities happening at @ONBigCityMayors's AGM. By working together, we can continue building better cities and improving quality of life for residents in

Apr 22: #CDNMuni are where the economic and human costs of climate change hit the hardest – they're also where you'll find some of Canada's most innovative green solutions. FCM believes that we can build a greener and more prosperous Canada – one community at a time.

commitment to convene all orders of government to negotiate a new Municipal Growth Framework.

#ONMuni and all #CDNMuni.

Let's work across orders of govt to ensure communities have the support needed to protect Canadians against the impacts of climate change and extreme weather events.

FCM members have long been advocating for the new measures announced in #Budget2024, and we're going to keep working to build municipalities that work for all Canadians.

#EarthDay2024

Read our full press release:
<https://t.co/7f3Wk8pkS5>

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April 24, 2024



Gear up for exciting mainstage events at AC2024

FCM's 2024 Annual Conference and Trade Show (AC2024) is fast approaching, and this year, we're set to tackle Canada's most pressing issues. Join us as we gather in Calgary from June 6-9 to discuss the big challenges facing municipalities of all sizes and explore opportunities to shape a brighter future for our communities and our country.

To do this, we're bringing the municipal sector's biggest topics to the AC mainstage. These sessions promise not only to address key challenges but also to highlight innovative solutions that can be implemented in municipalities from coast to coast to coast.

Here's a sample of a few of the mainstage events to look forward to:

- **Opening Plenary —Redefining our Future: The urgent need for a Municipal Growth Framework**
Friday, June 7, 10-11 a.m.
This panel will dive into the importance of a new Municipal Growth Framework and the collaborative efforts needed from all orders of government to build sustainable communities now and in the future.
- **Rural Plenary—Rural resiliency: Innovation and economic growth**
Saturday, June 8 10:30-11 a.m.
Explore how innovation can drive growth and resilience in rural, northern and

remote communities, enhancing their crucial role in Canada's economy.

- **Rural Plenary—Fires and floods: Planning for extreme weather events**
Saturday, June 8, 11-11:30 a.m.
Learn about effective preparedness and response strategies for extreme weather events, vital for safeguarding our communities—especially rural, northern and remote.
- **Closing Plenary—Addressing harassment of elected officials: Strategies for safer leaders and democracies**
Sunday, June 9, 2-3 p.m.
Join us as we address increasing challenges of harassment faced by elected officials—specifically in the digital sphere—and explore strategies to foster safer and more inclusive environments for municipal leaders.

Visit our [program page](#) for more information on mainstage events, workshops, AGM and elections. Stay tuned for announcements about our political keynotes.

If you haven't yet registered for AC2024, it's not too late.

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See you in a few weeks in Calgary!

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AC2024 mainstage: Redefining our future

AC2024 is just around the corner! Get ready for mainstage sessions that will spark meaningful conversations and showcase innovative solutions for the future of our communities. Key highlights of our mainstage events include the Opening Plenary on a new Municipal Growth Framework, exploring strategies for rural resilience and preparing for extreme weather. We'll also tackle the increasing harassment of elected officials with solutions for a safer democracy.

Stay tuned for upcoming announcements on our AGM and elections as well as exciting keynotes from political parties.

There's still time to register for AC2024 and be a part of shaping a brighter future.

» **REGISTER TODAY**

NEWS

FCM's Board of Directors elections only a month away

With the FCM Board of Directors elections just over month away, now is your chance to influence the future on behalf of municipalities across Canada!

FCM is currently seeking nominations for its Board of Directors for the 2024-2025 term. This member-elected body helps shape FCM policy priorities on behalf of communities across Canada. Submit your nomination now for a Director (due May 26) or Table Officer (due May 19) position. The election will take place at FCM's Annual Conference and Trade Show, June 6-9, in Calgary. Nomination details, including required documentation, are available online.

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Call for applications for the Sustainable Communities Awards

Applications are open for FCM's Sustainable Communities Awards. The awards honour the most innovative environmental initiatives in Canadian cities and communities of all sizes. Award categories range from sustainable buildings to climate adaptation and recognize projects that achieve social, economic and secondary environmental benefits and integrate anti-racism, equity, inclusion and reconciliation principles. Winners benefit from opportunities to showcase their project, including presenting at FCM's Sustainable Communities Conference 2025.

» [APPLY TODAY](#)

RESOURCES

Insights on asset management

Do you want to know how Canadian municipalities are integrating asset management into policy and governance activities to improve their infrastructure decision-making practices? Check out our new *Asset management insights: Policy and governance report*. This web-based report is the first of a series that will provide information on the impact of the Municipal Asset Management Program and blends key findings with real examples of what communities are doing to improve their decision-making on infrastructure.

» [READ THE REPORT](#)

Taking your indoor swimming pool to net-zero

This new guide from FCM's Green Municipal Fund will help you build a net-zero plan for indoor swimming pool facilities. It provides key measures and lessons learned from the net-zero feasibility studies of four community centres with indoor pools in Ontario.

» [DOWNLOAD THE GUIDE TODAY](#)

Net-zero electricity system in Raymond, AB

In 2019, the small town of Raymond became what is believed to be Alberta's first net-zero community. The town installed a series of solar panels that offsets 100% of its operational electricity use and saves nearly 700 tonnes of CO2 per year. This project won the FCM Sustainable Communities Award for energy in 2020.

The Green Municipal Fund could help finance your next energy project through our Community Energy Systems offers.

» [LEARN MORE](#)

LOCAL DATA

Enhancing data for rural Canada

Curious about the extent of remote work options among businesses in your area? Statistics Canada has just released *Enhancing data for rural Canada: Small area estimation of remote work opportunities*. This experimental study applies the Small Area Estimation (SAE) technique and a new geographic concept called Self-contained Labour Area (SLA) to the Canadian Survey on Business Conditions, with a specific focus on remote work opportunities within rural labour markets. This innovative approach will enrich survey data analysis at a more granular level.

» [EXPLORE THE STUDY](#)

FCM TWEETS

Apr 25: "[FCM] welcomed the budget's focus on solving the housing and homelessness crises, including through investments in housing enabling infrastructure."

<https://t.co/dsydpndCWj>
[@MunicipalWorld](#)

#Budget2024 was a direct response to some of FCM's key recommendations on housing and homelessness, but a critical piece was missing. We continue to call for a commitment to convene all orders of government to negotiate a modernized funding model,

Apr 26: #FCM2024AC is fast approaching! Join us as we gather in Calgary from June 6-9 to discuss the big challenges facing municipalities of all sizes and explore opportunities to shape a brighter future for our communities and our country. <http://fcm.ca/ac>

Apr 29: FCM President @MayorScotty is in @ChtownPE today for @FPEIM's AGM. Island communities are seeing record growth, and municipalities need a long-term solution to support it. FCM will continue pushing for a commitment between all orders of govt for diverse and adequate municipal funding.

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so #CDNMuni can be properly equipped to deliver the quality of life Canadians need and deserve.



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May 6, 2024



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Submit your sustainable building project for an award

Showcase the work your community is doing to develop more energy-efficient, resilient and affordable buildings. Submit your project by June 28 to FCM's Sustainable Communities Awards, honouring sustainable initiatives in seven categories that achieve social, economic and environmental benefits. Projects in the sustainable buildings category could include construction of a new municipal building that achieves zero-carbon standards, a sustainable affordable housing initiative or a retrofit project that includes educating residents on GHG reduction.

» **APPLY NOW**



Municipal Trailblazers is FCM’s biweekly spotlight on exceptional leaders, professionals and individuals who are making outstanding contributions to Canadian communities. Below, we have new set of trailblazers to share for early May 2024.

Our Municipal Trailblazers for May 6, 2024

Tim Watchorn

Tim Watchorn has served as Mayor of the picturesque town of Morin-Heights in Quebec’s Laurentian Mountains since 2009. In that time, he has served the community with dedication and care, as the town has experienced steady growth as a gateway to this special natural region. Beyond his direct mayoral work, he has volunteered for years to strengthen food security in the region, and is VP of the public security committee and president of the fire safety committee for the MRC des Pays-d’en-Haut. Deeply devoted to Morin-Heights’s responsible development, Tim has worked hard to help ensure the municipality’s natural assets, including its hiking trails, are properly managed and protected, while he has also undertaken innovative and successful measures to help monitor and limit speeding and noise pollution in the area. Tim’s dedication to his community is appreciated every day by his direct municipal and regional colleagues.

Amber Link

Amber Link is Reeve of Wheatland County, Alberta, a rural municipality of rich farmland and vibrant, small communities located to the east of Calgary. Coming from a farming background herself, Amber’s commitment to improving quality of life and economic development in this region has led her to serve on the board of the Rural Municipalities of Alberta. Amber’s contributions to that organization’s economic development efforts have helped achieve landmark investments by major companies in this municipality. Amber has also helped forge strong links with nearby municipalities to help regional development. Overall, her diligent work, generous personal volunteering, and efforts to be a voice to all in her community has won the admiration of many of her constituents and colleagues.

» SUBMIT YOUR OWN CANDIDATE FOR MUNICIPAL TRAILBLAZER

NEWS

Nominations are open for the 2024 Ann McLean Award

FCM is now welcoming nominations for the 2024 Ann McLean Award. Nominate a retired woman or non-binary municipal politician who has shown exemplary service to their community and constituents, and leadership in mentoring other elected women/non-binary people who want to run. This award will be presented at our Annual Conference in Calgary. The deadline for nominations is May 17.

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EVENTS

Accelerating Housing Knowledge Sharing Webinars

Join the City of Kelowna and Deloitte for a series of free housing webinars, funded in part by CMHC. All sessions are in English only. For questions, please contact vangreenhouse@deloitte.ca.

- **Accelerating Housing through Infill Housing and AI Chatbots** – May 24, 1-2:30 p.m. (ET)
- **Accelerating Housing through Permitting and Digital Approvals** – May 31, 1-2 p.m. (ET)
- **Accelerating Housing through Master Planning Enablement** – June 7, 12-1 p.m. (ET)

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RESOURCES

Learn how to improve building energy performance in your municipality

Sign up for a free, online and self-paced course in the *Tackling energy use in municipal and community buildings* e-learning series to work toward your municipality's net-zero goals—whether it's through municipal leadership, community-scale energy solutions or policies and programs to support community members with energy upgrades.

These courses will also prepare you for community projects that are eligible for financial support from FCM's Green Municipal Fund.

» FIND A COURSE THAT WORKS FOR YOU

Learn how we can support your next affordable housing project

With the latest updates to our funding framework, the Green Municipal Fund's Sustainable Affordable Housing initiative reaffirms its commitment to supporting projects that address both environmental sustainability and housing affordability. Increased grants for capital projects are structured to better enable housing providers, co-operatives, and municipalities in their endeavors to develop sustainable housing solutions. We invite our partners to engage with these enhanced funding opportunities, working together to create housing that is both affordable and environmentally responsible.

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Damage prevention guidance for municipal O&M activities

This guidance is for pipeline companies, public works crews, contractors, and local governments doing routine municipal operations and maintenance (O & M) activities involving construction, ground disturbance or vehicle crossings near Canada Energy Regulator (CER) regulated pipelines.

» [VIEW THE GUIDANCE HERE](#)

FCM TWEETS

May 1:

This #AsianHeritageMonth, we honour the contributions made by people of Asian heritage in communities large and small across the country. We also come together to stand against anti-Asian racism and discrimination in all forms.

May 2: FCM's Municipal Trailblazer initiative spotlights exceptional leaders, professionals and individuals who are making outstanding contributions to Canadian communities.

President @MayorScotty shouts out recent Trailblazers we've recognized:

- Christine Vigneault of @City_of_Vaughan
- @tonyrkeats of @townofdover
- @SherryBondy of @EssexON
- @christinemitton of @villedelavalqc
- Amanda Ferraro of @twpuxbridge
- Brian Peach of Portugal Cove - St. Philipps
- Martin Davis of Tahsis
- Marc Morin of @Plessisville

May 5: Today is

#RedDressDay, the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls in Canada. FCM stands in solidarity with Indigenous communities, sharing in their sorrow, and reaffirming our pledge to combatting anti-Indigenous racism and ensuring the safety and well-being of Indigenous women and girls. #MMIWG2S

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Discover Calgary: AC2024's vibrant host city

FCM's 2024 Annual Conference and Trade Show from June 6-9 is just around the corner, and we can't wait to see you in Calgary!

Known for its vibrant atmosphere and warm hospitality, Calgary offers a unique blend of big-city energy and welcoming charm, making it the perfect host city for AC2024.

Explore Calgary: Exciting events and activities

Throughout the conference there will be plenty of opportunities to explore the city. Here's what you can look forward to:

- **Welcome Reception and Closing Gala:** Don't miss the Mayor's Welcome Reception at The Big Four Roadhouse on Friday, June 7, and cap off your visit at the Host City Closing Gala on Sunday, June 9 at the Calgary TELUS Convention Centre.
- **Study tours:** There are a wide range of study tours and companion tours that showcase the city's rich cultural and historical tapestry.



A special invitation from Mayor Gondek

Be sure to take a moment to view this official video invitation from the Mayor of Calgary, Jyoti Gondek, and visit the [FCM-Calgary Tourism microsite](#) where you'll find a curated guide to the best attractions, dining and entertainment Calgary has to offer.

We look forward to hosting you in Calgary for a conference you won't forget.

Don't miss out! There's still time to register.

[REGISTER NOW](#)



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Calgary • June 6-9, 2024

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Experience Calgary's vibrant energy and warm hospitality at our upcoming Annual Conference and Trade Show from June 6-9. Explore the city's rich culture through diverse study and companion tours and be sure to attend our Welcome Reception and Closing Gala. Check out Mayor Jyoti Gondek's video invitation and prepare for your trip by visiting our FCM-Calgary Tourism microsite for top local attractions.

» **THERE'S STILL TIME TO REGISTER!**

NEWS

AC2024: On-site childcare services available

Looking for childcare services at AC2024? We understand the importance of work-life

balance. FCM is proud to partner with Improv Care to offer professional childcare services in Calgary from June 6-9. Their services include engaging activities, meals and a secure environment on-site at the Calgary TELUS Convention Centre each day of the conference. For more information, including hours of operation and registration, please visit our website.

» [LEARN MORE](#)

Showcase your sustainable transportation project

Has your municipality completed a sustainable transportation initiative that could be replicated in other communities? Submit your project by June 28 to FCM's Sustainable Communities Awards, recognizing environmental initiatives in seven categories that use advanced technologies and sustainability best practices. The transportation category honours projects that encourage active transportation, public transit or zero-emission vehicles, as well as other innovative initiatives designed to decarbonize and increase the resiliency of transportation systems.

» [APPLY NOW](#)

EVENTS

Online summit on hybrid municipal governments

FCM is partnering with Equal Voice on *Modernizing Legislatures*, a project that seeks to provide research, collaboration and learning necessary for elected officials to make decisions around hybrid and remote work. FCM and Equal Voice are co-hosting an online summit on hybrid municipal government on May 28 at 12p.m. (ET). At this event, we will present research on the extent that hybrid legislatures and councils have been adopted in Canada. Participation by municipal elected officials, municipal staff and members of the public is welcomed.

» [REGISTER TODAY](#)

RESOURCES

Empowering sustainable affordable housing

The Green Municipal Fund's Sustainable Affordable Housing initiative is proud to unveil a comprehensive update to its funding structure. This strategic enhancement includes an increase in planning and study grants and an improved grant-loan ratio for new constructions and retrofits. These updates signify a robust commitment to advancing sustainable and affordable housing projects across Canada. By refining our financial support model, we aim to empower Canadian municipalities and housing providers to undertake more extensive and impactful projects, aligning with our core mission to foster sustainable living environments.

» [LEARN MORE](#)

Municipal and Indigenous leaders work together in Georgian Bay

Coordinated by the Georgian Bay Mniidoo Gamii Biosphere, the Integrated Community Energy and Climate Action Plans is a collaboration between municipalities and First Nations in the region that seeks cost-effective approaches to energy management and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. This partnership in Georgian Bay, Ontario—a member of Partners for Climate Protection (PCP)—highlights the great value in having municipal and First Nations councils building relationships, sharing knowledge and working together toward their shared climate goals.

» [READ THE CASE STUDY](#)

CORPORATE PARTNER

Registration open: 2024 Canadian Urban Forest Conference



Join us at the Canadian Urban Forest Conference in Winnipeg from October 15-18 for a deep dive into the world of urban forestry. This year's theme, "Trees for All: Equity in Canada's Urban Forests," promises thought-provoking discussions on ensuring equitable access and stewardship of our urban green spaces.

Don't miss out on the early bird rate!

» [REGISTER HERE](#)

FCM TWEETS

May 7: The future of #CDNMuni is fully inclusive and representative of all lived realities. Are you an elected official ready to bring your perspective to the national level? Read details on nominations and the election process here: <https://t.co/Jxsq8YGqZJ>

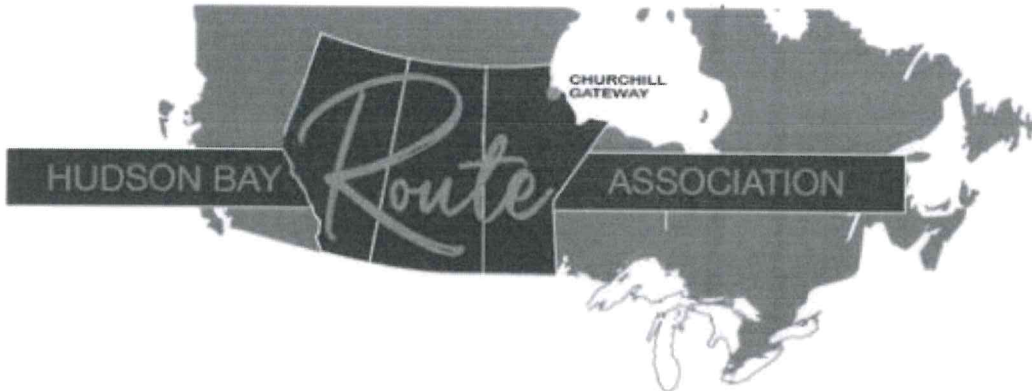
May 8: Only a month to go until local leaders from across the country join @JyotiGondek in the heart of Calgary for FCM's Annual Conference and Trade Show!

Discover what the @cityofcalgary has to offer while you connect with peers, engage with experts and uncover new opportunities for

May 10: FCM President @MayorScotty is in Dawson City today with local leaders for the Association of Yukon Communities 2024 AGM. On infrastructure, housing, increased support for volunteer firefighters + healthcare workers and more, the voices of Yukon municipalities are being heard in Ottawa.

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Good Evening!

As we are preparing for our Annual General Meeting coming June 6th and 7th, the HBRA would like to invite your organization to be a part of the coming insightful discussions! We will be following up in the next few weeks with further details such as itineraries, and a guest speaker list for your review and look forward to your attendance!

As this is a Save the Date, we would like also mention this event is only for members of the Hudson Bay Route Association.

We will be discussing exciting and groundbreaking topics around the Hudson Bay Rail Line, and their endless potential! Along with these points, we will be updating our constitution.

As always, we look forward to your continued support!

Regards,

James Berscheid, BScA
President
Hudson Bay Route Association

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Subject: MGRA 2024 Annual Judging Competition - Rural Nomination forms
Attachments: Rural nom ltr 2024.doc

Good afternoon,

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

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

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

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

It was noted that the public works employees are on the roads everyday and that they could be involved in the nomination process. If you think you do not have anyone to nominate, please contact your public works

department because they may know of a worthy entry. The more entries we have, the more successful our competition!

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

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

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

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

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May 3, 2024

Dear Mayor, Reeve, & Councillors:

Re: 2024 Annual Competition – Manitoba Good Roads Association

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

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

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

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

The deadline for entries is June 21, 2024. Judging will take place during a two-three week period either in July or August. Within this time frame, the judges will pick 2-3 days that they will go out and judge. Municipalities will be notified of the judging period closer to the date. Please contact the homeowners prior to sending in your nomination to ensure they wish to be entered. Once you are notified, please contact the homeowners you entered to let them know the judging time frame and that they don't need to be home at the time of judging.

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

Sincerely,

Terra Van Deynze

Terra Van Deynze
Executive Director

Attach.

*Manitoba Good Roads Association
2024 Annual Competition Entry Form*

Name of Municipality:.....

1. Municipal Gravel Road Maintenance Contest.

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

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

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

If the municipality constructed **ONE** consecutive ½ mile of **new or rebuilt gravel road** to standard specifications in the year 2023, please indicate it on the map. Please note whether it was a new or rebuilt road.

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

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

3. Urban Beautification Contest

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

..... **POPULATION** _____

4. Best Farm Home Grounds Contest

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

Name of Entrant.....

P.O. Address

.....

Phone number:

EMAIL:.....

Situated on¼ Sec Twp Rge

Civic Address (i.e. road number if available)

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

5. Best Non-Farm Rural Home Grounds Contest

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

Name of Entrant.....

P.O. Address

.....

Phone number:

EMAIL:.....

Situated on¼ Sec Twp Rge

Civic Address (i.e. road number if available)

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

6. Best Home Grounds in an Unincorporated Urban Centre Contest

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

Name of Entrant.....

Location.....

P.O. Address

.....

Phone number: Population.....

EMAIL:.....

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

The maps should be clearly marked with the locations of:

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

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 21, 2024

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

**Manitoba Good Roads Association
ANNUAL COMPETITION**

Revised May/10

CLASS 1: MUNICIPAL ROAD MAINTENANCE CONTEST

Date _____ Rural Municipality _____

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

Judge _____

**Manitoba Good Roads Association
ANNUAL COMPETITION**

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CLASS 3: MUNICIPAL ROAD CONSTRUCTION CONTEST

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

Date _____ Rural Municipality _____

Location: Rd # _____ Sec _____ Twp _____ Rge _____

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

Judge _____

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

Revised Apr/22

Urban Centre: _____

Date: _____

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

Judge

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

Urban Centre: _____

Date: _____

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

Notes: _____

Judge _____

CLASS 7

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

**Manitoba Good Roads Association
ANNUAL COMPETITION**

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CLASS 8: FARM HOME GROUNDS CONTEST

Date _____

Entered by R.M. of _____

Name _____

Location: Sec _____ Twp _____ Rge _____ Ph: _____

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

Judge _____

**Manitoba Good Roads Association
ANNUAL COMPETITION**

Revised Apr/22

CLASS 9: NON FARM RURAL HOME GROUNDS CONTEST

Date _____

Entered by R.M. of _____

Name _____

Location: Sec _____ Twp _____ Rge _____ Ph: _____

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

Judge _____

**Manitoba Good Roads Association
ANNUAL COMPETITION**

Revised Nov/21

CLASS 10: URBAN HOME GROUNDS CONTEST

Date _____

Entered by _____

Name _____

Location: _____

Ph: _____

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

Judge _____

April 29, 2024

MANITOBA GOVERNMENT LAUNCHING NEW COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM - FROM THE GROUND UP - SAFE HEALTHY COMMUNITIES FOR ALL

Program to Support Community Revitalization Efforts: Bushie

BRANDON—As part of a commitment to build safer, healthier communities where individuals, children, youth and families can thrive, the Manitoba government is launching a new community development program that will focus on revitalization and community building in high-needs neighbourhoods, Municipal and Northern Relations Minister Ian Bushie announced here today.

“Our government believes in revitalizing, supporting and building communities from the ground up to create healthier and safer neighbourhoods in Manitoba,” said Bushie. “It is our goal to support Manitobans where and when they need us most. We encourage all eligible applicants to apply for the From the Ground Up program and thank everyone for their continued efforts in helping our communities grow and thrive.”

The Manitoba government is investing \$12.5 million to launch the From the Ground Up – Safe Healthy Communities for All program, which will focus on the revitalization of high-needs neighbourhoods throughout Manitoba and community infrastructure and initiatives to support poverty and crime reduction efforts.

Grants under the program will support initiatives in the areas of community capacity building, community economic development, well-being and recreation, and housing and safety co-ordination supports.

“As an organization with a mandate surrounding capacity building, advocacy, community development, recreation, housing and homelessness we are driven by the people that we serve.” said Rushana Newman, executive director, Brandon Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation. “We strive to engage in initiatives aimed at community revitalization. From the Ground Up is clearly built in the true spirit of community revitalization. In every community there are a group of non-profits, businesses, residents and clients who are working with their municipal governments to develop and revitalize their communities but they are unable to do so without supports. A big thank you to our provincial partners for giving us hope by means of this new program. We look forward to leveraging these funds within our community to build a better Brandon.”

Intake for the program will launch today and eligible applicants include non-profit organizations, Northern Affairs community councils and municipalities. The intake deadline is May 31.

Under the program, applicants can apply for funding under the following three streams:

- Community Renewal Initiatives;
- Community Spaces; and
- Healthy, Safe, Connected Children and Youth.

In addition, the program will also invest in expanding and extending service for children and youth programs. The province has allocated \$800,000 for non-application-based strategic partnerships to support after school and weekend programs in high-needs areas in Winnipeg, Brandon and Thompson.

The new program will repurpose the former Building Sustainable Communities program. From the Ground Up will focus on supporting community renewal initiatives and improving neighbourhoods and community spaces that are most in need, the minister noted.

This initiative aligns with commitments made in Budget 2024 to invest in community supports to build safe and healthy communities for all Manitobans.

To learn more and apply for the From the Ground Up program, visit www.gov.mb.ca/grants/.

For more information:

- Public information, contact Manitoba Government Inquiry: 1-866-626-4862 or 204-945-3744.
- Media requests for general information, contact Communications and Engagement: newsroom@gov.mb.ca.
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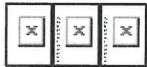
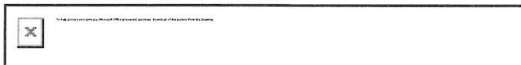
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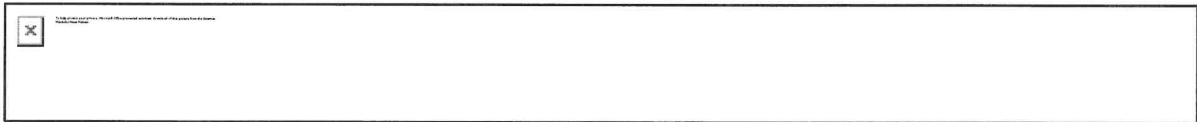
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Vacation Notice: Please note that I will be away from April 15th to April 26th and returning to office on Monday, April 29th, 2024.

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April 18, 2024

**MANITOBA GOVERNMENT SUPPORTING 10 MUNICIPAL PROJECTS THAT
WILL IMPROVE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

The Manitoba government has approved 10 projects that mitigate against future disasters, Transportation and Infrastructure Minister Lisa Naylor announced today.

“In the past few years, Manitobans have increasingly seen the impacts of climate change with wildfires, floods and extreme snowfalls,” said Naylor. “Our government is committed to making sure Manitoba families and communities have the supports they need to prepare for these extreme weather events. We’re taking action to build up our resiliency and capacity so we’re prepared for future environmental events.”

The funding will be delivered through the Mitigation and Preparedness Program (MPP), through the Manitoba Emergency Management Organization (EMO).

For this round of MPP funding, municipalities affected by the 2023 spring flood were eligible to apply.

The 10 approved projects for the 2023 MPP include:

- up to \$20,873 to the Municipality of Boissevain-Morton for road raising;
- up to \$12,077 to the Municipality of Cartwright-Roblin for a reserve fund;
- up to \$13,361 to the Municipality of Deloraine-Winchester for a reserve fund to purchase an EOC generator;
- up to \$22,030 to the Municipality of Emerson-Franklin for lift station generators;
- up to \$60,794 to the Rural Municipality of La Broquerie for emergency preparedness purchases;
- up to \$18,306 to the Municipality of Louise for culvert replacements;
- up to \$11,553 to the Rural Municipality of Montcalm for a reserve fund;
- up to \$13,108 to the Municipality of Mossey River to purchase VHF radios;
- up to \$16,000 to the Municipality of Norfolk Treherne for a reserve fund for road raising and armoring; and
- up to \$52,603 to the Municipality of Rhineland for road raising.

Since its inception in 2020, the MPP has provided \$3.7 million in support to 120 projects.

Manitoba EMO will continue to advance outstanding contribution agreements for the 2020, 2022 and 2023 MPP as they are submitted by municipalities, the minister added.

To learn more about the DFA program, visit:

<https://www.gov.mb.ca/emo/dfa/index.html>.

To learn more about the MPP, visit:

<https://www.gov.mb.ca/emo/mitigation/mpp.html>.

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**Minister of Municipal and Northern Relations
Minister of Indigenous Economic Development**

Legislative Building, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 0V8 CANADA

April 22, 2024

Building a Manitoba for All People

I hope this message finds you well. I'm reaching out to share an important exercise that will help to shape how we understand our province: an independent study aimed at examining representation, inclusion, and participation of all people within local government across Manitoba. It complements similar work that my department has done at the provincial level.

As Manitoba's population continues to diversify, it is essential that we strive to build a province that is inclusive and welcoming for all. To this end, my department has partnered with Inclusive Kind Inc. to lead this research, and I am thrilled to invite all elected officials and staff from municipalities and Northern Affairs Communities to participate.

This study has three primary objectives:

1. Understand representation, inclusion, and participation at the municipal and community level for elected officials and staff.
2. Identify any barriers to representation, inclusion, and participation that local governments may be facing.
3. Seek out best practices to enhance representation, inclusion, and participation and learn from one another.

We hope to gather baseline data to better understand who Manitoba's elected officials and staff are, as well as to better understand possible opportunities to overcome barriers to representation, inclusion, and participation facing local government. Hearing from as many voices as possible is needed to achieve these objectives.

Your participation in this study will help us build a more inclusive Manitoba for future generations. I encourage you to take part and share your thoughts openly and honestly; Inclusive Kind wants to hear everything – spanning from positive experiences to areas that may need improvement. As noted in the attachment, individual responses will be kept completely anonymous.

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to reach out to Gabby Zuniga and Erin Walker, the professionals from Inclusive Kind who are helping us to carry out this work, at hello@inclusivekind.com.

Thank you in advance for your valuable time and contribution to this important initiative.

Sincerely,

Honourable Ian Bushie
Minister

- c. Kam Blight, President of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities
Ivan Normandeau, President of the Association of Manitoba Bilingual Municipalities
Duane Nicol, President of the Manitoba Municipal Administrators
Reg Meade, Northern Association of Community Councils

Attachment

What you need to know:

- **Survey:** Inclusive Kind has developed a straightforward survey to gather insights from survey participants. The survey will cover various aspects of representation, inclusion, and participation within local government.
- **Interviews:** In addition to the survey, participants will have the opportunity to take part in short, one-on-one conversations with representatives from Inclusive Kind. These interviews will provide a deeper understanding of insights and experiences beyond what is captured in the survey.
- **Privacy:** Your privacy is of utmost importance to us. All responses will be stored securely, and no personally identifiable information will be shared back to my department. Inclusive Kind is committed to protecting the privacy of all participants and ensuring confidentiality throughout the entire process.

If you are reading this as one who monitors a central municipal mailbox, please forward this email to your respective elected officials and municipal staff. In addition, you will receive another email from Inclusive Kind in the coming weeks with the survey link – please forward this to your respective elected officials and municipal staff as well.

If you are reading this as a municipal elected official or municipal staff person, you can expect to receive the survey link from your municipal office via email in the coming weeks. A paper version of the survey will be made available upon request by emailing hello@inclusivekind.com.

If you are reading this as a representative from a Northern Affairs Community, you can also expect to receive the survey link via email in the coming weeks. However, you will also have the opportunity to engage in this work at the Northern Affairs Regional Workshops taking place in Winnipeg between May 14-16.

If you are reading this as a representative of an association (Association of Manitoba Municipalities, Manitoba Municipal Administrators, Association of Manitoba Bilingual Municipalities, or Northern Association of Community Councils), we ask for your support in this endeavour and to encourage members to participate in this study.

Bulletin #2024-10

MUNICIPAL AND NORTHERN RELATIONS

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

Pipeline Property Assessment

Property Assessment Services Branch (PASB) is inviting all interested municipal officials and administrators to attend an information session regarding potential changes to the assessment methodology for pipelines in Manitoba.

The virtual presentation is scheduled for:

1:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 25, 2024

Time has been allocated for questions and answers after the presentation. Municipalities will be invited to contact PASB and schedule follow-up meetings for more detailed information.

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MUNICIPAL AND NORTHERN RELATIONS

Financial Plan Deadlines & Tax Statement Production

Financial Plan:

All municipalities are required to submit their 2024 Financial Plan by **Wednesday, May 15, 2024**, in accordance with The Municipal Act.

Tax Levy By-law:

All municipalities are required to file their 2024 Tax Levy By-Law by **Monday, June 17, 2024**, in accordance with The Municipal Act.

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

Printing Property Tax Statements:

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

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

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

Timing to Produce Tax Statements:

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

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

- 4-6 days for printing and mailing.

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

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

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

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

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

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508 – 800 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg MB R3G 0N4*

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MUNICIPAL AND NORTHERN RELATIONS

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

Statutory Review of Planning Legislation Underway

Manitoba is required by law to undertake a comprehensive review of recent amendments made to The Planning Act and The City of Winnipeg Charter (former Bill 37 and Bill 34), that includes public representations, by October 29, 2024.

The statutory review aligns with the government's commitment to review Bill 37, speed up approval timelines and ensure local voices are respected. We will ensure an independent, impartial evaluation through stakeholder involvement.

Manitoba has retained Braid Solutions Inc. to conduct the independent assessment of the legislative amendments and facilitate stakeholder engagement for the duration of the review.

Braid Solutions will be reaching out to a subset of stakeholders to help them determine future design of comprehensive engagement. Following this step, information on focus groups and in-person and virtual consultation meetings will be forthcoming from the consulting team. If you have questions or require further information from the review team, please contact: Ian Shaw, Ian.Shaw@braidsolutions.com, 204-470-4342.

French version to follow.

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MUNICIPAL AND NORTHERN RELATIONS

Important Notice to All Elected Officials and Chief Administrative Officers

Medical First Response

The Department of Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care have proposed changes to the Medical First Response model in Manitoba. These proposed regulatory amendments seek to permit communities to operate Community-Based First Response programs.

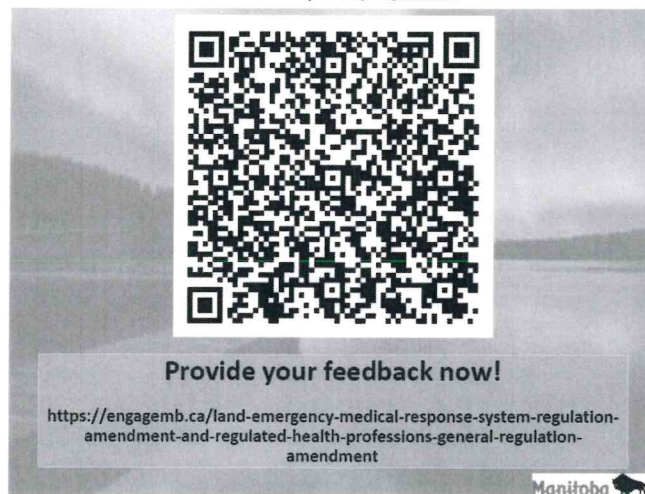
The proposed Community-Based First Response model differs from the existing Emergency Medical Response model in two notable ways. Community-Based First Response does not require registration with the College of Paramedics of Manitoba, and responders are trained at the Advanced First Aid Level. This model requires 70 hours of training, compared to the 312 hours required for Emergency Medical Response.

The proposed model follows consultation with a number of communities across Manitoba and is now being shared widely with all communities and the public for added feedback.

The proposed amendments to the *Regulated Health Professions General Regulation*, and the *Land Emergency Medical Response System Regulation* are now open for public feedback on the Engage Manitoba platform. The public consultation is open for 45 days, closing on May 25, 2024, before suggestions are considered in a final draft.

If you would like to submit feedback to, you can do so by accessing the link below:

[Land Emergency Medical Response System Regulation, amendment and Regulated Health Professions General Regulation, amendment | EngageMB](https://engagemb.ca/land-emergency-medical-response-system-regulation-amendment-and-regulated-health-professions-general-regulation-amendment)



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MUNICIPAL AND NORTHERN RELATIONS

**Important Notice to
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Property Assessment Information Available Online

Manitoba's property assessment services are now digitally available. Property owners outside the City of Winnipeg can access their assessment notice by creating an account on the [MyPropertyMB](#) digital portal.

Through the portal, property owners have access to enhanced details of their property assessment, such as buildings assessed on their property, characteristics including building age, size, and features that impact the assessed value.

Property Assessment Services Branch has posted a MyPropertyMB logo on its website to inform property owners about its digital services. Manitoba Municipal and Northern Relations encourages all municipalities to include the MyPropertyMB logo and the link to the MyPropertyMB signup page on their website.

Use of this application over traditional mailing reduces assessment services costs for municipalities.

Detailed instructions on how to add the logo and link to your website are attached to this bulletin.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding publishing this information on your website, please contact assessment@gov.mb.ca

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How to share MypropertyMB logo and link to municipal websites

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Option 1 - Users copy and paste this syntax to their webpages.

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Option 2 - Or users can reference these URLs in their webpages.

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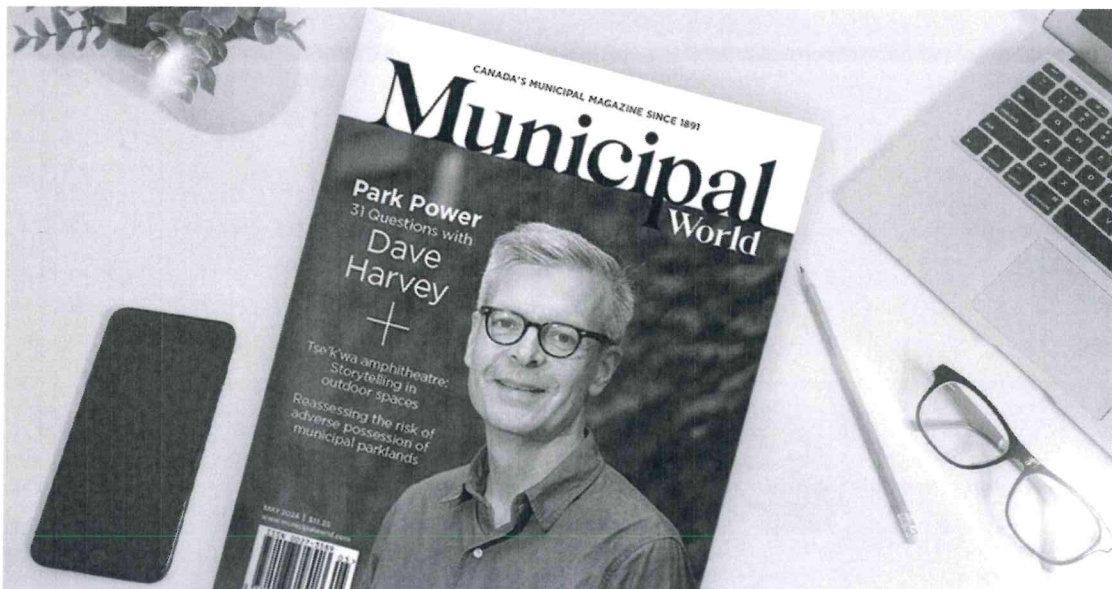
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Tse'k'wa is one of only a few Indigenous-owned and -managed national historic sites in Canada. Explore how the Tse'k'wa amphitheatre demonstrates that outdoor spaces can be designed and constructed as welcoming, flexible, and culturally significant spaces.

Healing power of green space

Parks and green spaces are recognized for their important role in supporting physical and mental well-being. Learn how these same spaces also serve to promote equity and support the building of resilient, thriving communities.

31 Questions with Dave Harvey

Dave Harvey is founder and co-executive director of Park People, a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting community park groups. Read about his insights into the past, present, and future of parks as he becomes the next guest to answer Municipal World's 31 Questions.

Post-COVID reality reshaping urban areas

The post-COVID reality is continuing to reshape many aspects of people's lives, including real estate in urban centres. Discover how cities throughout the U.S. and Canada are trying to figure out how to redefine their downtowns, which continue to be in a lot of pain.

Plan to meet increasing cybersecurity threats

Cybersecurity threats have been around for as long as the internet itself. Consider

how municipalities must not only prepare for the seemingly ubiquitous risk of cyberthreats, but how they need to be better prepared for the day an attack inevitably comes.

Thinking beyond surveys to reinvent community engagement

Citizens want to contribute to their communities, but engagement must be productive. Explore how municipalities utilize a range of different engagement approaches as a means of gathering community insights and ideas to improve local government.

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Today's Top Story

**Mayor Charlie Clark:
Making time for
family, fresh
perspectives**

Saskatoon Mayor Charlie Clark knew late last year he wasn't interested in running again. Although he still loves the job, Clark is looking forward to new challenges.



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Kamloops council has formally called on Mayor Reid Hamer-



Calgary's much-maligned bylaw imposing restrictions and costs on



Cape Breton Mayor Amanda McDougall said in the last couple of

Jackson to resign after a scathing report from a provincially-appointed municipal adviser was made public on Tuesday. [Read more...](#)



Quebec municipalities are calling on the province to regulate the presence of so-called "forever chemicals" in drinking water. Reports link the Sainte-Cécile-de-Milton technical landfill to PFAS-contaminated groundwater. [Read more...](#)



The Mississauga election is just over a month away, and with 20 candidates officially registered to run to be the city's next mayor, many are watching closely as the outcome could change the future of the city in a big way. [Read more...](#)

single-use items is no more. City council voted 12-3 on Tuesday to ditch the rules following months of criticism from restaurants and consumers. [Read more...](#)



A Steinbach business's social media rant has prompted a rebuttal from Mayor Earl Funk. The mayor says there are effective programs in the city that are successful in helping reduce petty crimes. That statement is backed by statistics. [Read more...](#)



The executive director of Yukon advocacy group Safe at Home says the City of Whitehorse could help the housing crisis by providing an area for people to legally camp in the city. [Read more...](#)

weeks, the Department of Justice has said it will no longer pay RCMP to patrol the main highways in CBRM. The change was to take effect May 1. [Read more...](#)



Medicine Hat councillor and current acting mayor Andy McGrogan called on the public to have proper decorum and respect at council Tuesday after he brought a halt to the most recent meeting several times to address noise from the public gallery. [Read more...](#)



Information from pedestrianization projects can be used to understand the impacts of going completely car-free, and cities may test out pedestrianization or temporary car-free spaces before committing entirely. [Read more...](#)

Featured Job Listings



Utility Plans Coordinator – Town of Newmarket

Application Deadline: May 20, 2024

Administrative Assistant, Planning & Development – Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority

Application Deadline: May 20, 2024

CAO – Town of High Level

Application Deadline: May 23, 2024

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Application Deadline: June 3, 2024

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Temporary Utility Technician – Town of High River
Application Deadline: June 3, 2024

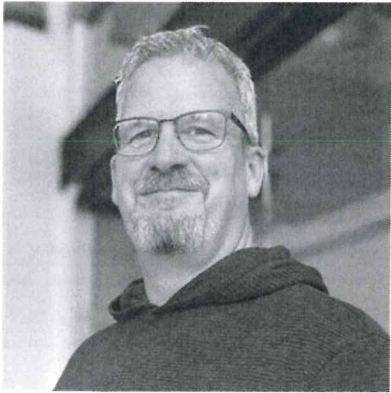
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Procurement as a service and the concept of group purchasing

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Dean Collver – Township of Springwater

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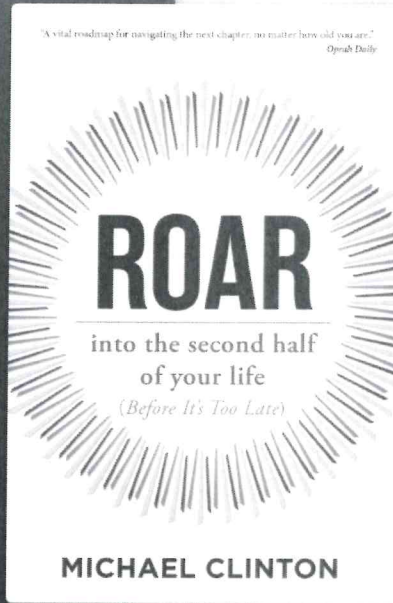


Manage the waste, capture the energy

Sarah Stadnyk, from the Canadian Biogas Association, joins the latest Municipal World Podcast to share why municipalities should consider integrating biogas and RNG into their waste management systems. [Read more...](#)

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2024 Annual Conference

Start Date: May 19, 2024

End Date: May 22, 2024

2024 MISA Ontario Annual Conference and Trade Show

Start Date: June 2, 2024

End Date: June 5, 2024

Ontario Association of Certified Engineering Technicians and Technologists (OACETT): 2024 Conference & Awards Gala

Start Date: June 7, 2024

End Date: June 9, 2024

Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) Conference

Start Date: June 9, 2024

End Date: June 12, 2024

Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) 2024 Annual Conference and Trade Show

Start Date: June 6, 2024

End Date: June 9, 2024

Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) 2024 Annual General Meeting and Conference

Start Date: Aug. 18, 2024

End Date: Aug. 21, 2024

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Subject: Collaborative Advocacy for Fair Special Service Levies and School Tax Milrates

I hope this email finds you well. As representatives of our respective communities, we share a common goal: to advocate for policies that benefit our residents and promote equitable growth. Today, I am reaching out on behalf of the Rural Municipality of Riding Mountain West to seek your support in addressing two critical issues: Special Service Levies and School Tax Milrates.

Background: Our municipality has been actively engaged in discussions with the provincial government regarding these matters. We believe that fair and transparent policies are essential for the well-being of our residents, local businesses, and overall community development. The burden of special service levies and school taxes should be distributed equitably, ensuring that no segment of our population faces undue hardship.

Our Letters to the Provincial Government: Attached to this email, you will find copies of the letters we have sent to the provincial authorities. These letters outline our concerns, propose solutions, and emphasize the need for collaborative action. We have highlighted the impact of current levies and tax rates on our community's economic vitality, infrastructure maintenance, and educational resources.

Request for Your Support: We invite your council to join us in advocating for the following changes:

1. **Special Service Levies:** Let us work together to ensure that special service levies are fairly assessed and allocated. By sharing best practices and collaborating on advocacy efforts, we can create a stronger collective voice.
2. **School Tax Milrates:** Education is the cornerstone of our community's future. We urge the provincial government to review the school tax millrates and create a more equitable way to calculate school taxes. For example within our RM we have 2 school division one being Park West with a millrate of 8.765 and the other being Mountain View School Division at 13.87 which is a 58.25% difference in taxes.
3. **Action Steps:**
 1. **Public Awareness:** Engage with local media and community organizations to raise awareness about the impact of levies and taxes. Encourage residents to participate in the dialogue.
 2. **Lobbying Efforts:** Attend relevant provincial meetings, conferences, and sessions. Let us collectively advocate for policy changes that benefit all our constituents.

Next Steps: Please review the attached letters and share them with your council members. We welcome any feedback or suggestions you may have. Together, we can create positive change and ensure a brighter future for our communities.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions or would like to discuss further, feel free to reach out to me directly.

Best regards,

Glenda Lemcke

Chief Administrative Officer

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March 21, 2024

The Honourable Wab Kinew
Premier of Manitoba
204 Legislative Building
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RE: Special Service Levies

Dear Honourable Wab Kinew:

For the past few years this municipality along with numerous other municipalities have been lobbying through resolutions brought to the Association of Manitoba Municipalities Conventions, for additional Tax Tools to assist in mitigating the huge tax variances that are occurring with both the Shifts in Taxation due to Assessment value changes in Tax Classes and also in the assessment values within Tax Categories, that in applying the ad valorem (assessment x mill rate) calculation to, causes in Tax Dollars paid for the same services received.

As well last August, our staff prepared a White Paper on suggestions for additional Tax Tools, copy attached for your reference. And while it will take time for those Tax Tools to be reviewed and legislated into place, expanding the existing list of categories in the Special Levies Tax Tool that is currently in legislation, would assist in the interim. The purpose of Special Levies is to split the taxes required for that service on a fairer basis according to per tax roll. frontage or other defensible parameters to the properties that receive and use that service. The categories that the Special Services Levy can currently be applied to is very limited and we would strongly question and request that truly, if we look at the services we provide – why would this special levy not be applicable to every category? For example, General Government services that include the expenses of Administration (staff, council, building operation, supplies, etc.) should be shared by all who receive the municipal governance service in some fairer form of equity than assessment x mill rate. By taxing for these services under the current ad valorem calculation we have some properties, that enjoy the exact same services, paying \$1.00 while other properties are averaging closer to the \$150 mark.

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We don't believe that there is a service that this municipality provides that is not provided to every property regardless of tax class or assessment, yet depending on the assessed value, that is how individual properties contribution is calculated. We agree that various Tax Classes, improved properties, number of dwelling units on a property may require more of a municipal service than others, but again why would the assessment/taxes then paid by the property affect that service? While the current permitted Tax Tool is called a 'Special Services Levy' – it too should be rephrased to perhaps just a 'Service Levy'.

We look forward to the responses from those this is being sent to and are available to have any further discussions and/or answer any questions that arise.

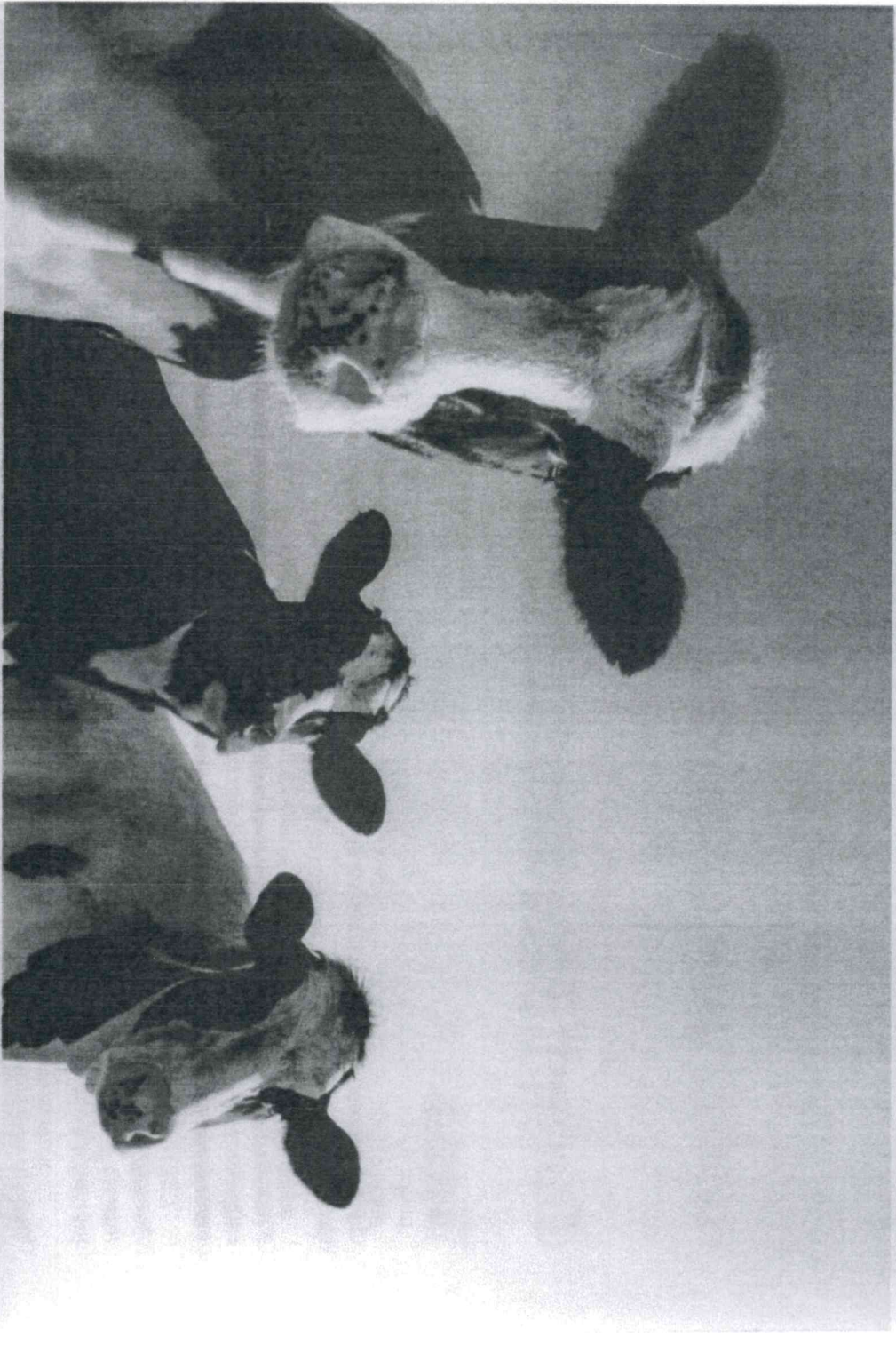
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Grant Boryskavich". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue horizontal line.

Grant Boryskavich – Reeve

cc: Members of the Legislature Assembly of Manitoba
Association of Manitoba Municipalities Members

The Rural Municipality of Riding Mountain West



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Current Assessment Methods and Tax Tools

All properties outside of the boundaries of Winnipeg are assessed by the Province of Manitoba Assessment Branch.

Properties are assessed after completion of building a new dwelling or structure in which a building permit was required or when land is broken to increase productivity. The Province has also adopted a policy in which every property in Manitoba is reassessed every two years to keep assessments more current with the sales market.

Reassessment notices are mailed the year before new assessment values are to take effect. 2023 is a reassessment year and the notices have been sent by Assessment Branch in the summer of 2022. The deadline for property owners to appeal their 2023 assessments was in the autumn of 2022.

There are a number of rebates on assessment, and its successor "property taxation" in regard to the portion of the property taxes that are school taxes. Some include the Education Property Tax Credit Advance and the Farmland School Tax Rebate. For the purposes of this paper we are only discussing options affecting the Municipal Property Tax Portion and not those monies levied for School Taxes

Based on the *Classification of Property and Portioned Values Regulation of the Municipal Assessment Act*, properties are classed into one of nine classes. They are:

1. Residential 1
2. Residential 2
3. Residential 3: Condominiums and Cooperatives
4. Farm Property
5. Pipeline and Railway Property
6. Institutional Property
7. Designated Higher Education Property
8. Designated Recreational Property
9. Other Property

These classes of property are based on the type, use, size and ownership of land or buildings, or any one or more of them, and the assessed value of each is then weighted against the class of property and the percentage of taxable value is decided by the province.

The Taxes currently are decided on an "Ad Valorem" Method of Tax Calculation. This means that property taxes increase proportionately with any increase of value of your property, due to improvements.

Since the amalgamation by the Province in 2015, differential mill rates have been phased out and the only tax tool currently available in Manitoba, outside of Winnipeg, are Special Service Levies. So, what is a Special Service Levy?

Special Service Levies are unfamiliar and are more complex to execute, their process for approval is onerous and the use of them can only be applied to approximately half of what a municipality needs to raise in order to fund normal operations. Rolls/parcels are taxed based on services received. It is a tax rate tool that reflects the actual cost of providing the service. Special service levies can be taxed by a specific rate based on assessment, per frontage, per acre, and can be further split out by tax class, vacant lands, and / or improved properties.

Other options for tax tools and Assessment used in Provinces across Canada.

Tax Tools are mechanisms which allow municipal councils to redistribute the cost of public services within the tax base. Below are some suggested methods which Manitoba should consider incorporating into their allowable tax tools.

Base Tax: A base tax may be applied to all properties and be varied within one or more property classes and to vacant and/ or improved properties. A Base tax will be a specified amount. The basis of this tool is to have properties pay their share of the cost of basic services received by all. The Ad Valorem calculation is still used for the balance of tax dollars for cost not included in the base tax calculations.

Minimum Tax: A minimum tax may be established to increase the amount of taxation revenue generated from lower assessed properties within one or more property classifications as well as between vacant and / or improved properties. Minimum tax will generally be a specified value or amount; however, it may also be expressed in a formula. If by applying the Ad Valorem method the tax levy is less than the amount specified to be the minimum tax, that would then be the properties minimum tax amount.

Variable Mill Rate: This would allow Councils to set different mill rates for properties assessed through *Classification of Property and Portioned Values Regulation of the Municipal Assessment Act*. A variable Mill rate would be used to transfer some of the cost of public services from one property classification to another. Mill rate factors essentially adjust the mill rate, with the result that the effective mill rate for a specific property classification may be higher or lower than other property classifications. This tool is most beneficial when there is a greater percentage of assessment change between tax classes as in farmland vs. residential in 2023.

All of the above tools would lower the uniform mill rate and reduce the difference in property taxes between lower and higher assessed properties – where services provided are the same regardless of assessed value.

Why should the Province of Manitoba consider broadening tax tool accessibility?

The concept of fairness is often cited by ratepayers as they pay their taxes. However, fairness should be considered at all levels. We currently have a system of assessment and taxation that puts an undue burden on municipal administration and councils in order to create some form of equity for their ratepayers.

Consider for example that the Municipal Basket Funding, although now is less restrained in what it can be used for, is based partially on population numbers. These numbers are collected by Statistics Canada, and factor only permanent residents. Communities that are more known for their tourism base such as the RM of Riding Mountain West that has several seasonal residential development communities around Lake of the Prairies at the Shellmouth Reservoir see their populations increase by upwards of 60% in the summer months. This increases the service level requirements in all aspects of the municipality, yet the only funding that can be used towards it must be raised through property taxes. This can create hardship for permanent residents who are paying the majority share of the taxes required for the services.

More wide-ranging Assessment Classes and tax tools are key and are in use in neighbouring Provinces to assist in the provision of equity to residents and businesses alike.

Moving Forward

In conclusion, the implementation of wide-ranging assessment classes and further varying the availability to use proven tax tools will provide the Municipalities the ability to appease the ratepayers to have taxes more equitably distributed, be more attractive to business expansion, residential development, and commercial investment. These proposed changes to legislation and regulation will assist in the marketing of Manitoba as a progressive and sustainable province to both foreign and national investment. We respectfully request the integration of the recommendations.

The RM of Riding Mountain West Council and Administration.

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RE: School Division Mill Rates

Dear Honourable Wab Kinew:

Our municipality recently received the 2024 Education Tax Requisitions from the two school divisions that are within our municipal boundaries.

The Park West School Division that encompasses two-thirds of our municipality has set a Mill Rate at 8.765. The Mountain View School Division that encompasses the other third of our municipality has set a Mill Rate at 13.87. The difference between these two school divisions mill rates is 5.105 (58.25%).

A property with the exact same taxable assessment will pay 58.25% more in school taxes if located in the Mountain View School Division than if in the Park West School Division. Being that this municipality has some very highly assessed properties (lake development area), this equates to a huge tax dollar difference paid for school taxes (i.e average lake developed property assessed at \$200,000 – would pay \$2,774.00 in taxes in Mountain View School Division and would pay \$1,753.00 in taxes in Park West School Division – an unjustifiable difference of \$1,021.00.

The Province of Saskatchewan, long ago recognized this inequity in school taxes and they set the same province wide mill rate for all school divisions – it is time that this Province does the same. We do commend the Manitoba Government in realizing that School Taxes should not be collected off of property assessments and that currently a rebate of 50% of the school taxes levied is provided back, but until this rebate is at 100%, it is necessary to equalize the School Divisions mills rates across the Province. Further to this, basing School Taxes on the ad valorem system of taxation (assessment x mill rate) is no longer a fair system of taxing – with Property Values in Tax Categories (ie. Farmlands increasing by 35-45% every couple of years while Residential only increases by 6-10%), the School Tax revenue is shifting more towards Farmlands and also to consider is then the variances in assessments within Tax Classes where the higher assessed

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