
Request for Municipal Data on Gopher Damage and Agricultural Impacts

From Barlow, John - M.P. <John.Barlow@parl.gc.ca>

Date Fri 2025-06-20 11:01 AM

To Barlow, John - M.P. <John.Barlow@parl.gc.ca>

Cc minagr@manitoba.ca <minagr@manitoba.ca>; Minister AG <ag.minister@gov.sk.ca>; RJ Sigurdson <agric.minister@gov.ab.ca>

Dear, Reeves, Mayors & Agriculture Service Boards

Re: Request for Municipal Data on Gopher Damage and Agricultural Impacts

I am writing to request your assistance in gathering critical municipal data regarding the impact of gopher (Richardson's ground squirrel) infestations on agricultural lands in your jurisdiction. The purpose of this data collection is to provide a clear and credible summary to the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, with the goal of encouraging timely action to support Prairie producers facing increasingly severe pest damage.

Across the Prairie provinces, rural municipalities have reported escalating gopher activity, with noticeable increases in crop and pastureland damage. Recent media coverage and anecdotal reports highlight how some areas have experienced substantial losses in yield and livestock safety concerns.

This situation is further complicated by the federal ban on strychnine, which took full effect in March 2025. With the loss of this deterrent, many producers are reporting limited effectiveness from alternative methods, and municipalities are expressing concern about the long-term viability of maintaining productive agricultural land under these conditions.

To that end, we kindly request that your Agriculture Service Board provide the following information:

Extent of Damage: Estimates or documented evidence of gopher-related crop and pasture damage during the 2024 growing season.

Yield and Economic Impact: Data on any measurable reduction in agricultural productivity or financial losses attributable to gopher activity.

Current Mitigation Strategies: A summary of any control measures currently in use within your municipality and their observed effectiveness.

Outlook for 2025 and Beyond: Your ASB's assessment of anticipated impacts on agricultural land use and productivity if no effective control options are reintroduced.

Our office will compile this data into a report to be shared with the Minister and relevant stakeholders. This is an important opportunity to ensure the voices of rural municipalities and producers are properly represented at the federal level.

We kindly ask that all responses be submitted by July 31, 2025. Submissions may be sent via email to

john.barlow@parl.gc.ca. Should you have questions or require clarification, please contact my office directly.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter and for your continued commitment to the success of Canadian agriculture. I appreciate your municipality's engagement and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

John Barlow

Member of Parliament for Foothills
Shadow Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food
613-995-8471 | john.barlow@parl.gc.ca

cc: Minister RJ Sigurdson, Minister Daryl Harrison, Minister Ron Kostyshyn



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Member Advisory - MMSM Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Plan Update

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

Date Fri 2025-06-20 11:48 AM

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

Member Advisory

MMSM Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Plan Update

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

June 20, 2025 – The Manitoba government and Multi-Material Stewardship Manitoba (MMSM) are working towards transitioning to a full industry operated and financed recycling model for residential packaging and printed paper (“blue bin” material) in Manitoba. The new blue bin recycling model 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.

Current Status: Following public feedback from the Manitoba government’s previous engagement on MMSM’s plan to transition to a fully industry operated and financed residential recycling model, the Minister of Environment and Climate Change created an advisory committee of key stakeholders and subject matter experts in 2024. Municipalities, industry, Indigenous organizations, government agencies, environmental organizations and MMSM came together to co-design enhancements to **MMSM’s 2022 transition plan** for a smooth transition, with no disruption to blue bin services.

After the advisory committee completed its work, an external consultant **summarized their discussions** and level of consensus on a variety of themes. Environment and Climate Change reviewed the advisory committee’s recommendations and included them in direction to MMSM to revise their transition plan. MMSM submitted its **revised transition plan** to the department on March 27, 2025 and again on June 10, 2025.

Next Steps: Environment and Climate Change will engage with key stakeholders and the public on the revised transition plan in the coming months.

For questions on the MMSM transition plan, please contact MMSM at transitionfeedback@stewardshipmanitoba.org. For questions about Manitoba's waste diversion programming and regulations, please contact Environment and Climate Change at stewardship-plans@gov.mb.ca.

Sincerely,

Denys Volkov
Executive Director

Association of Manitoba Municipalities



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From Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) <amm-amm.mb.ca@shared1.ccsend.com>

Date Fri 2025-06-20 3:17 PM

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



May 23, 2025

Dear Subscriber,

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

Latest Updates

2025 June District Meetings THANK YOU!!!

We extend our sincere thanks to all members who attended the June District Meetings and to the following municipalities for graciously hosting:

City of Morden - Central District

Town of Beausejour & RM of Brokenhead - Eastern District

RM of St. Laurent - Interlake District

Gilbert Plains Municipality - Parkland District

Municipality of Clanwilliam-Erickson - Midwestern District

Municipality of North Cypress-Langford - Western District

**AMM District Directors | 2025-2027
Congratulations!!!**



Central District Directors

Colin Doyle | Councillor, City of Portage la Prairie
Elected

Christa Vann Mitchell | Reeve, RM of Cartier
Re-elected



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Ray Schirle | Reeve, Town of Beausejour

Acclaimed

Loren Schinkel | Reeve, RM of Lac du Bonnet
Acclaimed



Interlake District Directors

Angela Emms | Councillor, RM of Rosser
Elected

Delmer Nott | Reeve, RM of St. Francois-Xavier
Elected



Parkland District Directors

Lance Jacobson | Mayor, Town of Swan River
Acclaimed

Jim Manchur | Reeve, Gilbert Plains Municipality
Acclaimed



Midwestern District Directors

Adam Grabowski | Councillor
Rossburn Municipality
Elected

Merv Starzyk | Mayor, Yellowhead Municipality



Western District Directors

Rhonda Coupland | Councillor
Municipality of Boissevain-Morton
Re-elected

Re-elected

Marc Savy | Councillor, Town of Virden
Elected



Northern District Directors

Andre Murphy | Mayor, Town of The Pas

Acclaimed

Louis Fitzpatrick | Councillor, City of Thompson

Acclaimed

Quarry Rehabilitation on Private and Municipal Land Program Online Application Now OPEN!

The Manitoba government is launching a sixth intake of the Quarry Rehabilitation on Private and Municipal Land Program to rehabilitate depleted quarries and pits on private and municipal land. Landowners needing to do rehabilitation work on these lands, may apply for up to \$200,000 in assistance. Successful applicants will be notified upon review of their application.

Online application must be submitted by 11:59 pm July 7, 2025 (applications after this date will not be accepted)

Information about the program and application form can be found using this link:

https://www.gov.mb.ca/iem/mines/quarry_rehab/index.html

For further assistance, please contact the Quarry rehabilitation Program, Environment and Climate Change by email at **quarryrehab@gov.mb.ca**.

BAM AI Summit: Beyond ChatGPT



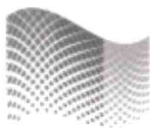
AI Summit: Beyond ChatGPT

- Date: July 23, 2025
- Time: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Registration starts at 8:30
- Location: Buffalo Crossing, FortWhyte Alive | 2505 McGillivray Blvd, Winnipeg

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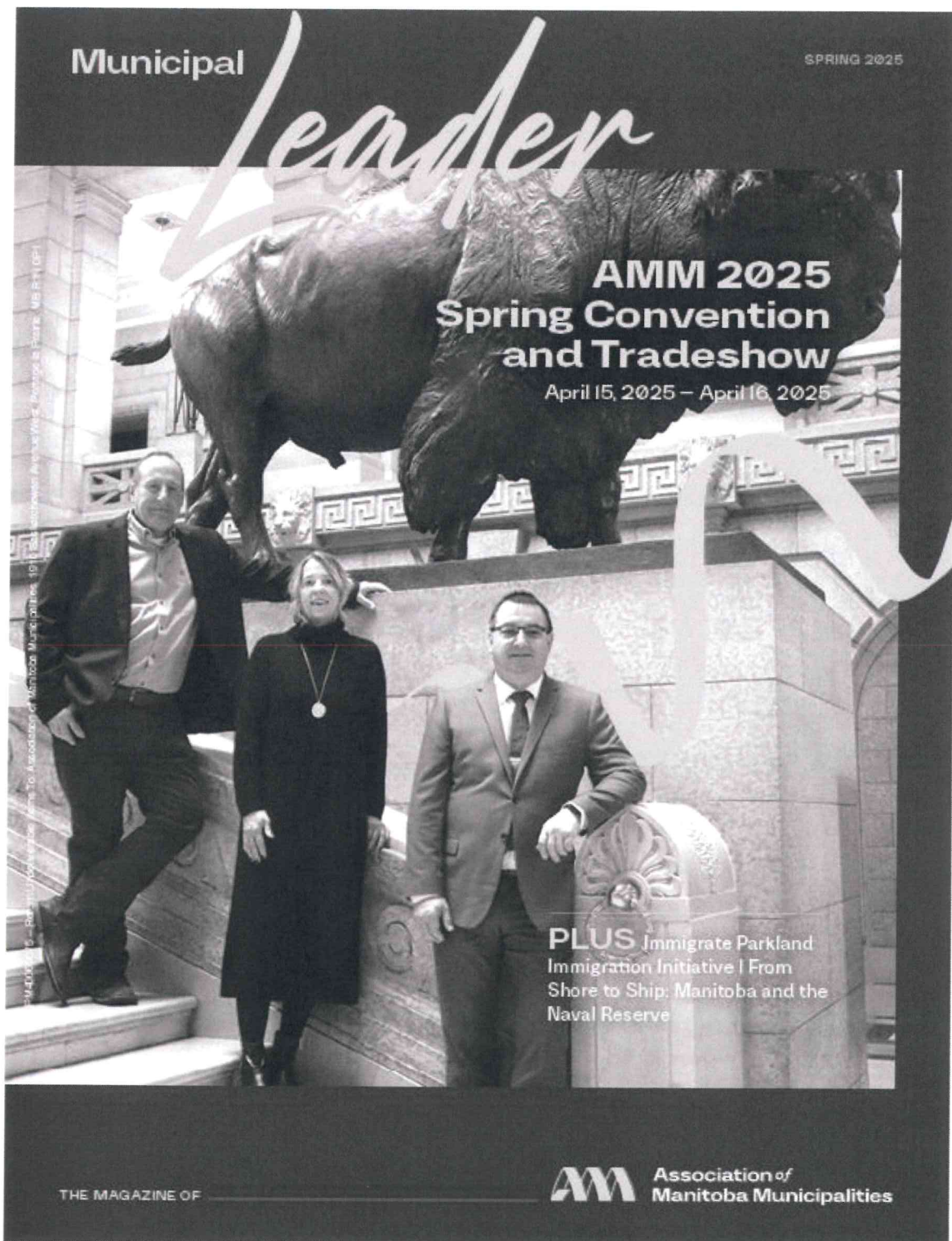
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Municipal Leader - Spring 2025



✿ Spring into Action with the Latest Municipal Leader! ✿

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

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

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Outlook

Fw: WW2 Casualties-Wawanesa

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

Date Fri 2025-07-04 4:01 PM

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

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Norma Will

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From: Mike Dalton <cfhfoffice@gmail.com>

Sent: July 3, 2025 11:31 AM

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

Subject: WW2 Casualties-Wawanesa

Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa

106 Fourth St. Box 278

Wawanesa, MB

Attn: Municipal Council c/o Joni Swidnicki - CAO

Hi Joni, over the past number of years, the municipality has helped our charity commission memorials that honoured former residents who fell in service. Many of those for whom a suitable picture was available at the time were commissioned some time ago. Finding pictures is arduous but when I was researching the fallen soldiers of the Second World War, I found pictures of James Ferris and Charles Gorrie, both of whom were educated at Wawanesa and died serving with the RCAF in the Second World War. We are always excited to put a face to the name, however long it may take and we would

now be in a position to also honour one or both of them in this way, should the current council wish to do so. I understand that Leonard Plett and Marlene Biles are no longer there and welcome you to call or email me for any clarification or additional information should it be required. I should also mention that commissioned Memorials are sent to the municipal office once complete so that the council can determine the best venue for their display. Thank you for your help Joni, have a great day.
Mike

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Canadian Fallen Heroes Foundation

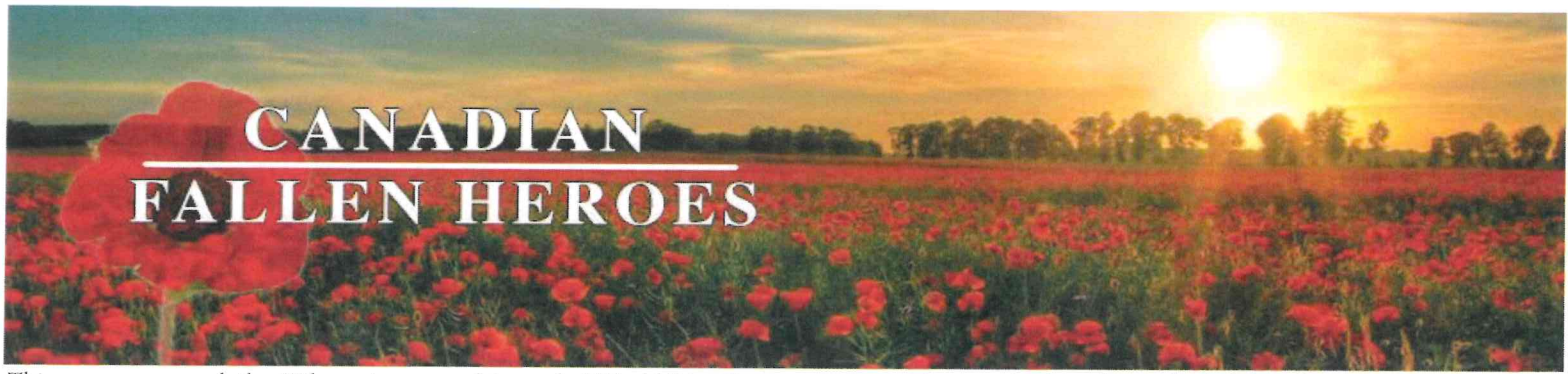
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This year, as we mark the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II, we are paying tribute to the Canadians who left their home and family to serve and fell fighting for the rights and freedoms we all enjoy. Those who make disparaging comments regarding our sovereignty disrespect their memory. Some 700,000 Canadians who served were under the age of 21. We asked a great deal from them and as a nation, we lost the equivalent of one high school class every day for 1800 days. Many are buried overseas, at or near the place of their final battle and most were survived by their parents and are acknowledged in name only. *It is their story that must be told.*

To commemorate the anniversary, oak framed memorials are being commissioned for public display. The 18" x 22" memorial prints feature a photograph, brief biography, including military service details, age and date of death, and relevant historical information. The prints also depict war scenes related to the areas or campaigns in which each life was lost. Once complete the Memorials provide an opportunity to see the faces and read the stories behind those who died in service. Memorials are being donated for display in the community they once called home. Pictured below are James Ferris and Charles Gorrie. They called the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa home before enlistment and fell serving in the Second World War. Individual oak-framed memorial prints can be commissioned to honour them for \$375.00 each.

"A hero is someone who has given his or her life to something bigger than oneself." Joseph Campbell

The communities that form the Municipality have also been allocated a search designation IN MEMORIAM on our charity's website. Once commissioned, these photographs and the resulting biographies will also be posted here to join those previously commissioned by the municipality. Individual records can then be accessed by name or collectively by searching the community of interest. This digital archive will be preserved here, in the format preferred by the youth of today, to be shared with and utilized by schools and educators nation wide. May they serve to remind this and future generations that the freedom to pursue our dreams and aspirations was secured by a generation who sacrificed theirs.

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy." Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Canadian Fallen Heroes Foundation is a federally registered charity governed by a volunteer board of directors. Contributors to the memorial project are issued a tax receipt in accordance with our charitable status and acknowledged IN MEMORIAM adjacent their community honour roll.



Should you have any questions please feel free to call or email. Thank-you very much for your consideration.

778-459-2224 email: memorials@canadianfallenheroes.com

Canadian Fallen Heroes Foundation

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

From PSCC <PSCC@cpkcpolice.com>

Date Fri 2025-07-04 10:19 PM

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

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

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

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Re: Request for feedback: Guide to Reporting to the Federal Plastics Registry – Phase 2 / Demande de rétroaction: Guide de déclaration au Registre fédéral sur les plastiques – Phase 2

From Joni Swidnicki <cao@oakland-wawanesa.ca>
Date Tue 2025-06-24 2:35 PM
To Norma Will <adminassist@oakland-wawanesa.ca>

Norma,

Can you print off the email and a file copy of the information.

Joni

From: Norma Will <adminassist@oakland-wawanesa.ca>
Sent: June 24, 2025 9:23 AM
To: Joni Swidnicki <cao@oakland-wawanesa.ca>; Melissa Sturgeon <finance@oakland-wawanesa.ca>
Subject: Fw: Request for feedback: Guide to Reporting to the Federal Plastics Registry – Phase 2 / Demande de rétroaction: Guide de déclaration au Registre fédéral sur les plastiques – Phase 2

This document is 30 pages long is this something you want me printing for Council package?

Norma Will

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From: FPR / RFP (ECCC) <FPR-RFP@ec.gc.ca>
Sent: June 23, 2025 3:38 PM
To: Norma Will <adminassist@oakland-wawanesa.ca>
Subject: Request for feedback: Guide to Reporting to the Federal Plastics Registry – Phase 2 / Demande de rétroaction: Guide de déclaration au Registre fédéral sur les plastiques – Phase 2

To support stakeholders with their preparation and submission of information to the Federal Plastics Registry (FPR) for phase 2 of reporting, a guidance document is under development. Please find attached a summary of the proposed content of the Guide for Reporting to the Federal Plastics Registry – Phase 2.

We welcome your feedback on this document. You have until July 24, 2025, to submit your comments in writing to RFP-FPR@ec.gc.ca.

We will hold two webinars to answer your questions to help you formulate your feedback. You only need to attend once:

- Thursday June 26, 2025
 - 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. EDT in French – ([hyperlink to the French Teams townhall](#))
 - 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. EDT in English – ([hyperlink to the English Teams townhall](#))
- Thursday July 10, 2025
 - 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. EDT in French – ([hyperlink to the French Teams townhall](#))
 - 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. EDT in English – ([hyperlink to the English Teams townhall](#))

For more information, please visit the [Federal Plastics Registry webpage](#) or contact us at RFP-FPR@ec.gc.ca.

Kind regards,

Plastics Regulatory Affairs Division / Environmental Protection Branch
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RFP-FPR@ec.gc.ca

Division des affaires réglementaires des plastiques / Direction générale de la protection de l'environnement
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Bonjour,

Afin d'aider les intervenants à préparer et à soumettre des informations au Registre fédéral sur les plastiques (RFP) pour la phase 2 des rapports, un document d'orientation est en cours d'élaboration. Vous trouverez ci-joint un résumé du contenu proposé du Guide pour les rapports au Registre fédéral sur les plastiques - Phase 2.

Nous souhaitons recevoir votre rétroaction sur ce document. Vous avez jusqu'au 24 juillet 2025 pour soumettre vos commentaires par écrit à l'adresse RFP-FPR@ec.gc.ca.

Nous tiendrons des webinaires pour répondre à vos questions afin de vous aider à formuler votre rétroaction. Vous n'avez qu'à assister à une seule des sessions:

- Jeudi 26 juin 2025
 - 11h30 à 12h30 HAE en français – ([hyperlien Teams townhall en français](#))
 - 13h30 à 14h30 HAE en anglais – ([hyperlien Teams townhall en anglais](#))

- Jeudi 10 juillet 2025
 - 11h30 à 12h30 HAE en français – ([hyperlien Teams townhall en français](#))
 - 13h30 à 14h30 HAE en anglais – ([hyperlien Teams townhall en anglais](#))

Pour plus d'informations, veuillez consulter [la page web du Registre fédéral sur les plastiques](#) ou nous contacter à l'adresse RFP-FPR@ec.gc.ca.

Cordialement,

Division des affaires réglementaires des plastiques / Direction générale de la protection de l'environnement

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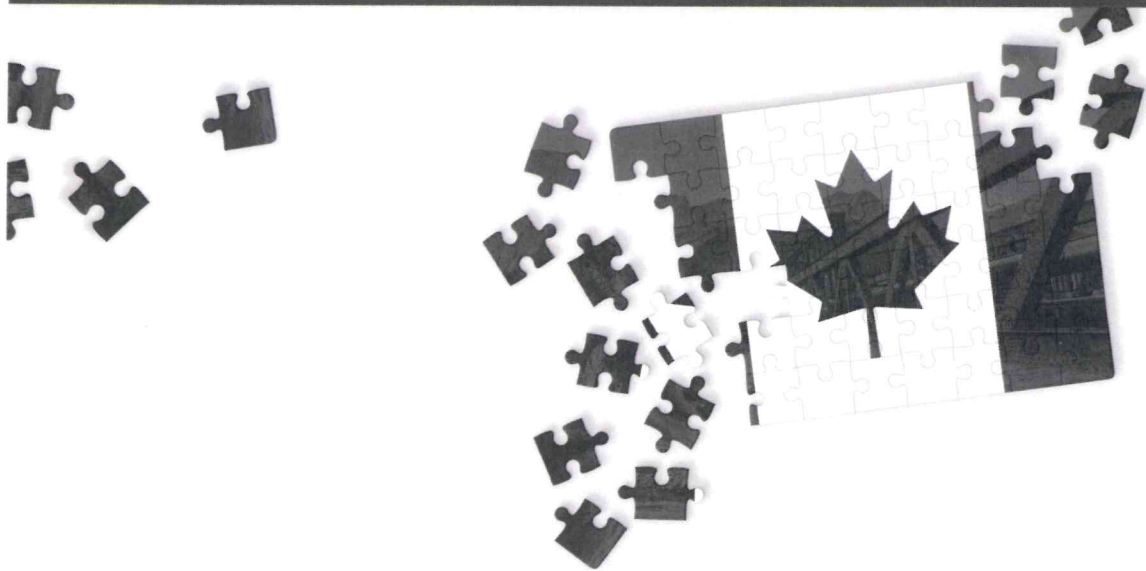
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June 23, 2025





Building a stronger Canada

Last week, FCM provided a written submission to the Standing Committee on Transport, Infrastructure and Communities on Bill C-5, an Act to enact the Free Trade and Labour Mobility in Canada Act and the Building Canada Act. The legislation has since passed in the House of Commons.

Though our submission emphasizes the importance of continued municipal engagement, Indigenous consultation and of upholding environmental standards, FCM supports Bill C-5's focus on streamlining infrastructural approvals to strengthen Canada's competitiveness. Bill C-5 aligns with our calls for the establishment of national utility corridors to promote Canada's natural resource-based economy, increased labour mobility and reduced interprovincial trade barriers across Canada.

Local leaders know that economic growth starts in our communities. That's why this submission also notes the importance of municipalities being meaningfully engaged as essential partners in delivering lasting national prosperity in Canada.

» [READ THE SUBMISSION](#)

NEWS

Join the GMF Council

FCM is recruiting a new member to join the Green Municipal Fund Council! We're looking for a sustainability champion from the private, academic or nonprofit sectors to help advance local projects that strengthen communities' resilience and support Canada's long-term prosperity.

Ideal candidates bring expertise in economic inclusion, local economic development, risk management, compliance, human resources or organizational governance.

We are committed to fostering an organizational culture that embraces equity, diversity, inclusion and belonging. We encourage applications from individuals of all backgrounds, identities and abilities. Share this opportunity with your network and support the future of sustainable communities in Canada.

[» LEARN MORE](#)

Deadline approaching: Help shape practical tools to support municipal communications

Are you a municipal staff member or elected official looking to improve the ways you communicate local climate efforts to residents? Limited resources and rising misinformation can make it harder to connect with your community.

FCM's Green Municipal Fund wants to hear from you about the real communication challenges you face. Your input will help develop practical tools to support clear and trusted communication at the local level. The survey is anonymous and takes just 10 minutes.

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FCM IN THE NEWS

» **Rural Canada gets FCM attention | CKPG Today**

FCM's Rural Forum Chair, Neal Comeau, spoke with *CKPG Today* about the launch of FCM's new report on the future of rural Canada, which addresses the main issues affecting rural municipalities, including housing, infrastructure, community safety, and climate adaptation. A Prince George, B.C., councillor said one of the most important things is access to broadband internet.

» **The Atlantic voices of FCM | Cross Border Network | YouTube**

Four members of the Atlantic provincial municipal associations spoke with Chris Brown from the *Cross Border Network* about FCM's Annual Conference and Trade Show, as well as the issues shaping their home provinces, including public safety and the need for a National Prosperity Partnership.

» **Climate Change | Quebec announces nearly \$35 million to help municipalities adapt | La Presse**

The Quebec government has announced nearly \$35M in funding for climate change projects in seven regions of the province. A third of this amount will go to the City of Longueuil.

» **Councillors propose development cost charges for Esquimalt | Victoria Times Colonist**

Two Esquimalt, B.C., councillors are asking the township to consider bringing in a standardized development fee for new buildings. One of the elected officials states that Prime Minister Mark Carney reiterated his commitment to halve development cost charges at FCM's recent Annual Conference and Trade Show.

» **Town of Banff to cut down fire-prone trees on municipal land | Rocky Mountain News**

The Town of Banff, Alta., will start removing coniferous trees that are on municipal land that could pose a threat in the event of a wildfire. Mayor Corrie DiManno discussed this issue with elected officials from Jasper during FCM's Annual Conference and Trade Show.

RESOURCES

Federal Housing Advocate: guide to a human rights-based approach to encampment responses

The Office of the Federal Housing Advocate has launched a new series of fact sheets on how to integrate human rights-based approaches into encampment responses. This guide has been developed to provide additional guidance to governments on how to put in place a human rights-based approach.

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Encourage active school travel with new GMF funding

GMF's *Safe and Active School Routes* initiative offers up to \$125,000 to support projects that make walking, biking, and rolling to school safer and more accessible.

Eligible costs are covered up to 50-80%, with added support through access to a national peer learning cohort with expert advice. Build lasting impact with quick-builds, paths, crossings and more.

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Understanding climate budgeting: A guide for Canadian communities

For local governments, it's crucial to understand what actions are needed every year to stay on track with climate targets—and how much that will cost. That's where climate budgeting comes in.

The Municipal Net-Zero Action Research Partnership has created a new guide to support Canadian municipalities as they incorporate climate commitments into decision making on policies, actions and budget allocation. The guide is designed to help municipal leaders and staff at a range of knowledge levels, as well as organizations and advocates in the community.

» [DOWNLOAD THE GUIDE](#)

Transform old spaces into circular neighbourhoods

Cities across Canada are rethinking what's possible with post-industrial land. Montréal's planners use circular design to transform underused spaces into climate-ready, community-focused neighbourhoods.

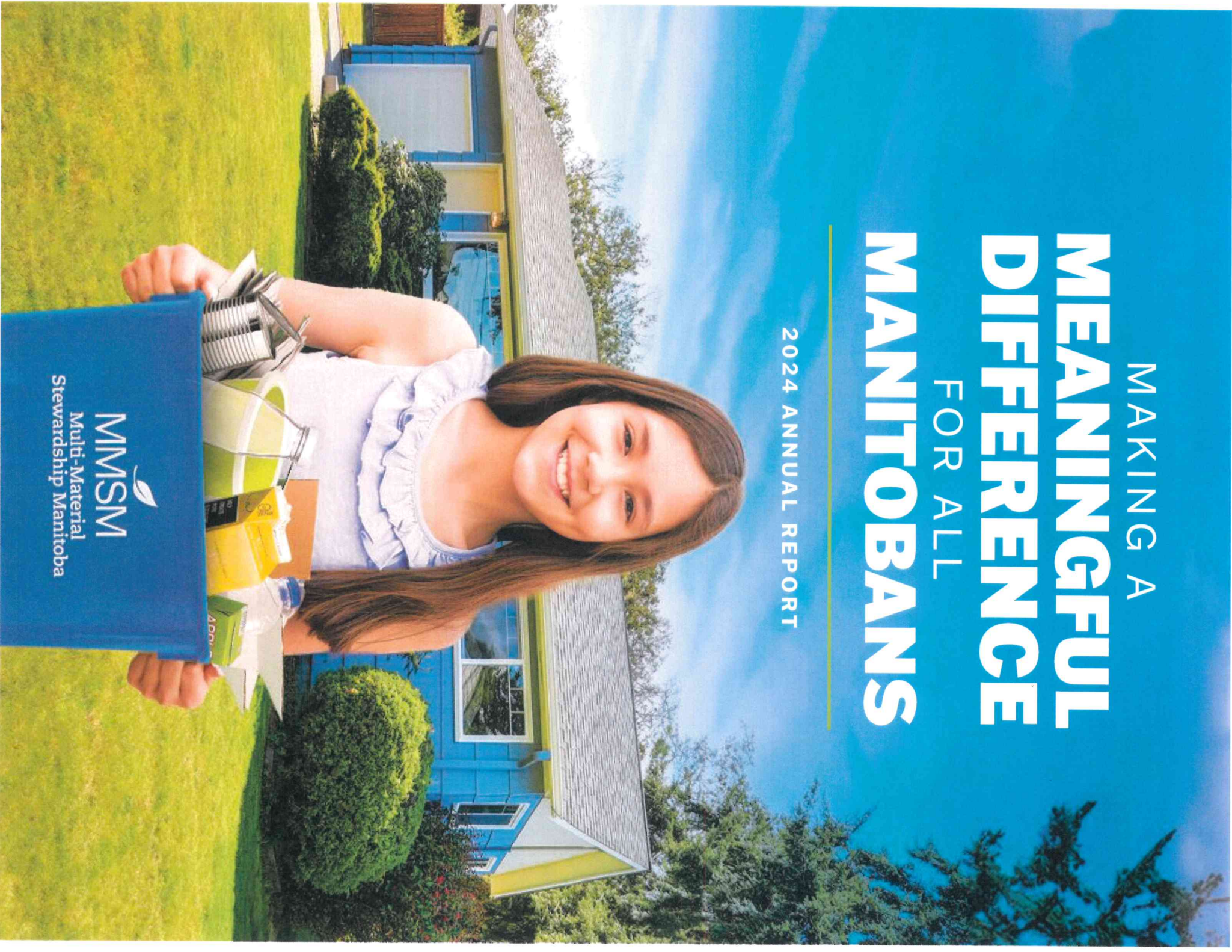
GMF's new factsheet, *Imagining Circularity on a Neighbourhood Level*, explores how life cycle analysis, green infrastructure and adaptive reuse support sustainable redevelopment at the neighbourhood level.

» [READ THE FACTSHEET](#)

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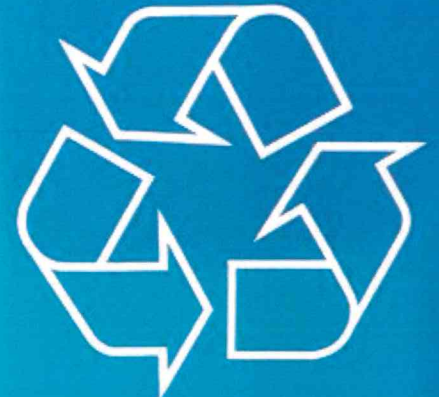
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MUNICIPAL AND NORTHERN RELATIONS

Important Notice to All Elected Officials and Chief Administrative Officers

Amendment to The City of Winnipeg Charter and The Planning Act

Bill 3, The City of Winnipeg Charter Amendment and Planning Amendment Act (the "Act"), was passed after third reading by the Legislative Assembly on June 3, 2025.

Threshold for public objections to trigger referral of a zoning by-law to the Municipal Board

The Act amends The City of Winnipeg Charter and The Planning Act by:

- Increasing the number of local objectors required to trigger a public appeal (i.e. referral) of a zoning by-law to the Municipal Board from 25 eligible persons to at least 300 eligible persons for a municipality or planning district with a census population of at least 6,000.
- Increasing the number of local objectors required to trigger a public appeal of a zoning by-law to the Municipal Board to the greater of 100 eligible persons or 5 percent of the census population for a municipality or planning district with a census population of less than 6,000.
- Repealing previous provisions which require the Municipal Board to hold a hearing when objections to a zoning by-law are received from 50 percent of the total number of owners of property within 100 metres of the affected property.

The Act establishes higher and more balanced thresholds for items referred to the Municipal Board, thereby reducing the frequency of delays to local zoning amendments and speeding up development approval process.

The Department of Municipal and Northern Relations is committed to continued support in implementing the legislation through clear rules and procedures. Questions and Answers and a Lookup Table to determine the required threshold for each municipality and planning district can be found in the quick links section of the Department's website

https://www.gov.mb.ca/mr/land_use_dev/about_planning.html.

If you have questions or require further information regarding the legislation, please contact your regional Community Planning Office, or call the Winnipeg Office at 204-945-2150.

*Department of Municipal and Northern Relations
604 – 800 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg MB R3G 0N4*



WAWANESA BRANCH



YOU ARE INVITED TO

SHUR-GRO CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAY!

- WHEN:** TUESDAY AUGUST 5, 2025
- WHERE:** PLEASANT VALLEY CLUB – 9 or 18 holes
- GOLFING:** SHOTGUN START @ 12 Noon
- DINNER:** 5:00 PM – Note any allergies or gluten free requirements

PLEASE R.S.V.P. TO US AT 824-4050 ON OR BEFORE JULY 30th
SO THAT MEAL ORDERS CAN BE MADE!!



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June 24, 2025

Dear Mrs. Norma Wills,

On behalf of Wawanesa School, I want to express our gratitude for your generous support of the graduates of 2025 through the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa Award. Our graduation ceremony was a wonderful occasion, beautifully attended by our community.

Your ongoing support plays a vital role in inspiring excellence among our students by recognizing their achievements and encouraging them in their future pursuits. We truly value your dedication to honoring the hard work of our graduates.

Thank you once again for your invaluable support.

*Warm regards,
Hanna Johnson*

Scholarship

From Erin Mills <mills.erin@bsd.ca>

Date Fri 2025-06-27 10:01 AM

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

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Jersey Hansen-Young.png;

Good Morning:

I want to extend a huge thank you for your generous support in helping make Grad 2025 a success. Your contribution played a meaningful role in assisting our student reach their career goals, we are truly grateful.

Please find attached a picture of the winner for your records. Have a great summer.

Erin

Erin Mills
Registrar
Vincent Massey High School
Brandon, MB
204-729-3175



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University of Manitoba Aggies Bedpush 2025

From Pyper Hollar <fundraiser@uofmaggies.ca>

Date Sun 2025-06-22 2:35 PM

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

To whom it may concern,

The University of Manitoba's Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences Student Organization is having its annual "**Aggie Bedpush**" event as a fun way for everyone to raise awareness and money for charity. This year we have chosen **STARS** Foundation and **Manitoba Farmers Wellness** Program as our charities, with your support we would like to help make a difference.

This year's event will be held **Friday September 26 through Sunday September 28, 2025**. The students will be pushing through the towns of La Salle, Starbuck, Elm Creek, Carman, Roseisle, Portage, Carberry, Douglas, Wawanesa, Glenboro, Cypress River, Mariapolis, Pilot Mound, Manitou, Morden, Rosenfeld, Morris, Ste. Agathe, and Niverville!

We are asking for your support, to cheer us on in **Wawanesa**! We are planning to come through around **10:00 am on Saturday September 27th** would you have a route suggested in mind for best exposure?

We would love to have your permission and support for this event! If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask.

If this is the wrong email contact, if you can please direct us to the right one if you can, if not please ignore.

Looking at approx. 20 min walk.

Pyper Hollar

Charity Representative

Faculty of Agriculture Students' Organization
(FASO)

University of Manitoba

Contact information:

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