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## Collaborative Opportunity for Water Safety & Community Development

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I hope this email finds you well. My name is Adam Clements, CEO of A Unique Task, and I am reaching out following a series of productive meetings with key government leaders in Manitoba, including the Assistant Deputy Minister for Indigenous Economic Development, Indigenous Economic Partnerships, Manitoba Natural Resources, and the Executive Director of Business Development for the Government of Manitoba. These discussions focused on job creation, reconciliation, and business development, particularly in the area of water safety and sustainability.

Through these engagements, it was emphasized that municipalities like yours could greatly benefit from our Water-Protex technology. As a result, I would love to explore how we can work together to enhance water safety in your community.

### Why Water-Protex?

Water-Protex is an innovative water safety and leak detection technology designed to:

- **Enhance Community Water Safety:** Real-time water monitoring, leak prevention, and protection against contamination risks.
- **Reduce Costs & Prevent Damage:** Immediate detection of leaks and water flow anomalies minimizes repair costs and infrastructure damage.
- **Support Indigenous & Municipal Partnerships:** Our team collaborates with Indigenous and municipal partners to ensure sustainable water solutions tailored to local needs.
- **Smart Integration & Training:** Our system can be integrated into water operator training programs and infrastructure projects to improve resilience.

We are currently aligning with provincial and federal stakeholders to expand Water-Protex's impact across Manitoba and beyond. We would love to explore a potential collaboration or pilot project with

your municipality to demonstrate the value of this technology firsthand.

Would you be open to a brief meeting to discuss how Water-Protec can support your community's water safety initiatives? Please let me know a convenient time, and I'd be happy to provide more details.

Looking forward to the opportunity to collaborate.

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# Value Proposition for Water-Protac Implementation in Municipalities

## Empowering Municipalities with Cutting-Edge Water Protection Technology

At **A Unique Task**, we are committed to enhancing municipal water safety through **Water-Protac**, an advanced water protection system designed to safeguard infrastructure, reduce operational costs, and ensure the sustainability of clean water for communities.

Following recent high-level discussions with the **Government of Manitoba, Indigenous Economic Development leaders, and Natural Resources officials**, it has become clear that **municipalities can greatly benefit from this innovative solution.**

## Key Benefits for Municipalities

### 1. Prevent Water Damage & Infrastructure Loss

- **Proactive Leak Detection & Prevention:** Water-Protac's real-time monitoring detects leaks instantly, **shutting off water flow within one second to prevent damage before it escalates.**
- **Lower Maintenance & Repair Costs:** By mitigating leaks and pipe failures early, municipalities save thousands in emergency repairs and infrastructure replacements.
- **Insurance Savings:** Municipalities can benefit from **insurance incentives and premium reductions of 5-25%** due to improved water safety measures.

### 2. Strengthen Water Management & Sustainability

- **Comprehensive Water Monitoring:** Water-Protac allows for tracking and optimizing water usage, **reducing waste and improving conservation efforts.**
- **Smart Integration with Municipal Systems:** The system can be seamlessly incorporated into **water operator training programs** and municipal water quality initiatives.
- **Adaptable for Indigenous & Municipal Infrastructure Needs:** Supports both **urban and rural communities**, aligning with local sustainability and compliance goals.

### 3. Enhance Public Safety & Community Resilience

- **Protection from Freezing & Contamination Risks:** Integrated freeze sensors prevent burst pipes during extreme temperatures, **protecting municipal water supply lines.**
- **Real-Time Alerts & Remote Control:** Municipal teams can **remotely monitor, control valves, and receive notifications**, enabling quick action during water-related emergencies.
- **No Wi-Fi Dependency:** Ensures **continuous operation** even in remote areas where internet access may be limited.

## Strategic Collaboration with Your Municipality

By partnering with **A Unique Task**, your municipality gains access to a **proven, Canadian-made** water safety solution backed by an experienced team of **Indigenous and non-Indigenous experts**. We provide:

- **Turnkey installation & support** tailored to municipal needs
- **Comprehensive training for water operators and maintenance teams**
- **Ongoing monitoring & technical assistance** to ensure system efficiency

### **Next Steps**

We are actively working with **provincial and federal partners** to expand the impact of Water-Protoc. **We invite your municipality to participate in a pilot project or explore funding opportunities** to integrate Water-Protoc into your water management strategy.

Would you be open to a discussion on how we can tailor this solution to your municipality's needs? Let's connect to explore opportunities for collaboration.

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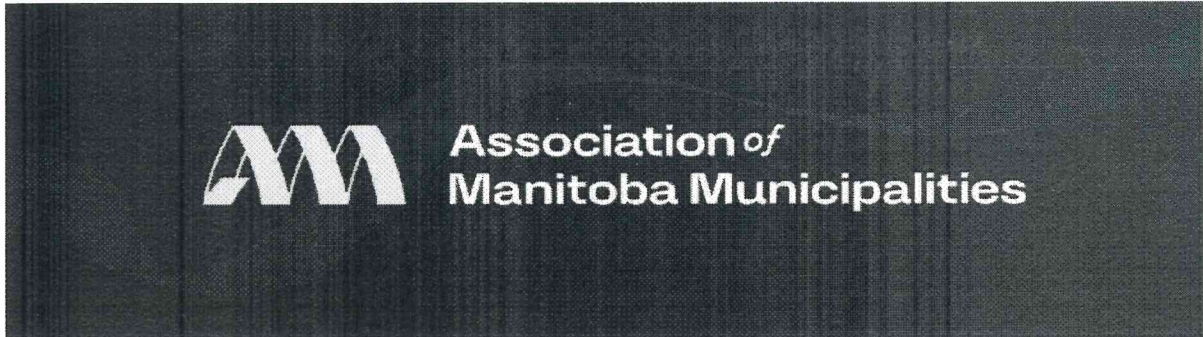
**Member Advisory - FCM launches Canada-wide Virtual Listening Tour**

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# Member Advisory

## FCM launches Canada-wide Virtual Listening Tour

**February 19, 2025**

*NOTE: This message is being sent on behalf of FCM.*

**February 18, 2025** – Municipal leaders across Canada are standing up and speaking out against the impact that 25% U.S. import tariffs—including those now set to come into force against Canadian steel and aluminium in March—would have on our communities. Even though Canada was able to delay the implementation of more general tariffs until March 1, a severe threat to our economy and the vital Canada-U.S. relationship remains.

To ensure that your voices are heard as part of our response, FCM is launching a Canada-wide Virtual Listening Tour. Regional meetings will provide an opportunity for municipal leaders to share insights on the impact tariffs would have locally, and ensure FCM's advocacy and engagement on Canada-U.S. relations reflect the realities in your communities.



**Date:** February 19, 2025

**Time:** 10:00 am - 11:30 am

**Format:** VIRTUAL (RSVP below)

Please **RSVP via the link HERE** by providing your name, municipality, and region. Due to limited space in each session, we ask that each municipality send only one representative to your region's scheduled meeting.

Once you have RSVP'd at the link above, you will receive a calendar invite in the coming days with a link to your region's meeting.

If you have any questions or are unable to attend your region's meeting and would still like to contribute to FCM's overall response, we encourage you to reach out to us via [canada-usa@fcm.ca](mailto:canada-usa@fcm.ca).

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Sincerely,

Denys Volkov  
Executive Director

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## CANOE Webinar Invitation to AMM Members

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**Join us this March Procurement Month for an engaging and practical webinar on evaluation methodologies and unique types of RFPs.**

**March 4, 2025 - Mastering Evaluation & Unique RFPs**

**12:00 pm to 2:00 pm CST**

**Fee:** free for AMM Members using the promo code **CANOE100**

Led by **Stéphanie Dion, Victor Leamer, and Mike Thornton**, this session will explore real-life evaluation methodologies, share success stories, and highlight common pitfalls to avoid. Based on **NIGP's RFP Best Practice**, this webinar is designed for both new and experienced procurement professionals looking to improve their RFP strategies.

With years of hands-on experience, the **#RFPDreamTeam** has trained thousands of public procurement professionals across North America. Our expert-led approach provides practical insights and actionable strategies tailored to the unique challenges of public procurement.

**Don't miss this opportunity to enhance your skills and confidence.**

**[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER WITH PROMO CODE CANOE100](#)**

We look forward to seeing you there!

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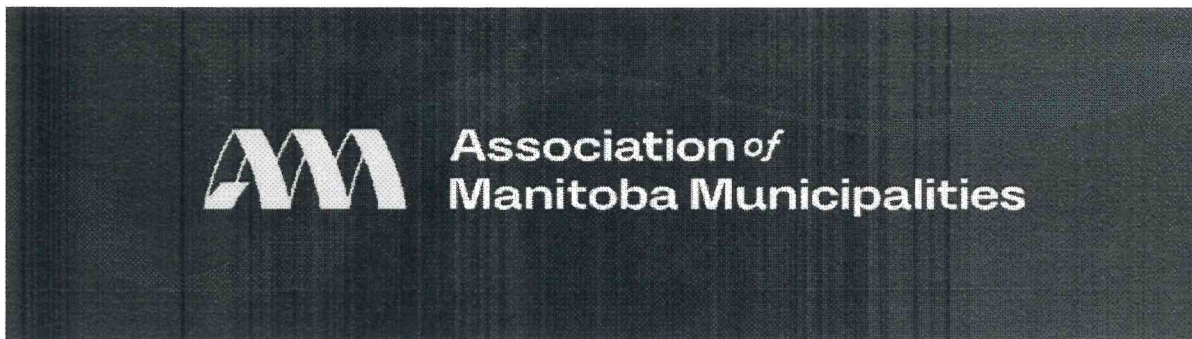


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Subject: 2025 Annual Municipal General Insurance Renewal Meeting



**February 21, 2025** - For over 45 years, the AMM Insurance Program has been referred to by independent insurance consultants as 'best in class' across Canada. AMM commissioned a third party independent review of the insurance program 2 years ago, which has been shared with the members.

The 2024 program renewal yielded unique challenges amidst the back end of a global pandemic and challenging economic conditions. The unique Protected-Self Insurance structure, kept additional premium dollars away from the open-market and in control of AMM members proving to serve the program well with \$3,440,000 returns of premium back to program participants. Due to the strength and integrity of the Program, the result of these solutions have been both effective and valuable to municipalities alike.

Denys Volkov, Executive Director of AMM and Grant Ostir, Chief Executive Officer of Western Financial Group, will be providing an update on the program performance by hosting a meeting on Zoom.

Along with your municipality's CAO and Head of Council, we invite any other members of council to attend this meeting.

### **AMM Municipal General Insurance Renewal Meeting**

#### **Details:**

- Friday, March 7, 2025
- Time: 1:00 pm
- ZOOM Meeting

#### **How to join:**

Topic: AMM Municipal General Insurance Renewal Meeting

Time: Mar 7, 2025 TIME Central Time (Canada)

#### **Join Zoom Meeting**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84140344342?pwd=rL4ytSahpM4pBgIF3Td3hT3xhAtgdR.1>**

**Meeting ID:** 841 4034 4342

**Passcode:** 413252

The Insurance Program continues to be a priority for the AMM and this information is vital to your municipality.

We look forward to your attendance.

Sincerely,  
Denys Volkov  
Executive Director

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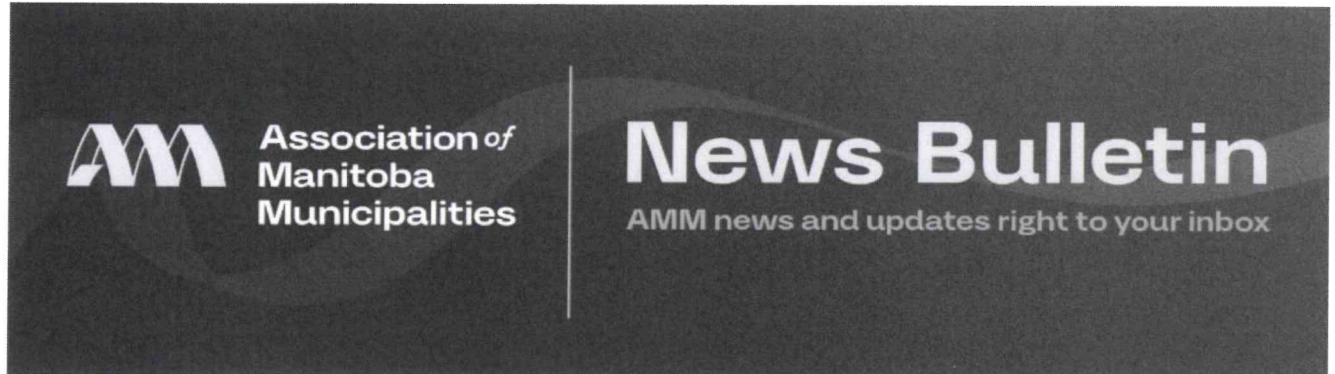
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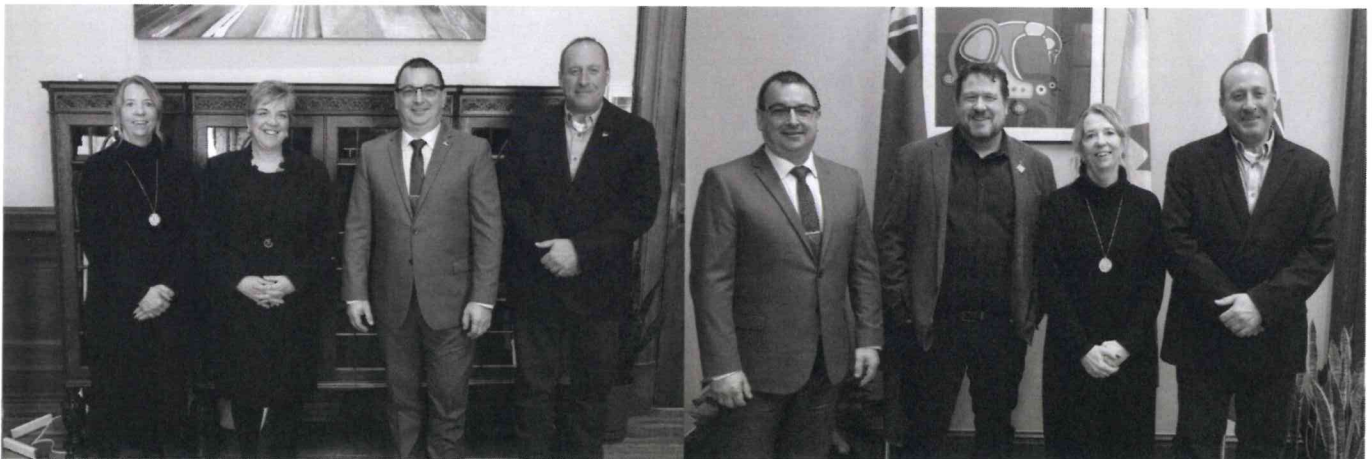
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## Latest Updates

### **AMM kickstarts Minister Meetings 2025**





**February 10, 2025** - AMM wishes to thank Hon. Lisa Naylor, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, Hon. Glen Simard, Minister of Municipal and Northern Relations, Hon. Adrien Sala, Minister of Finance and Hon. Matt Wiebe, Minister of Justice for meeting to discuss municipal priorities.

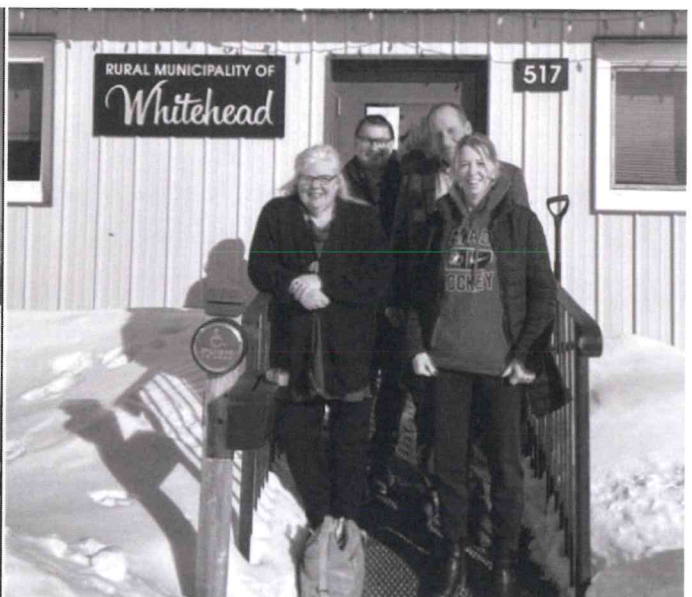
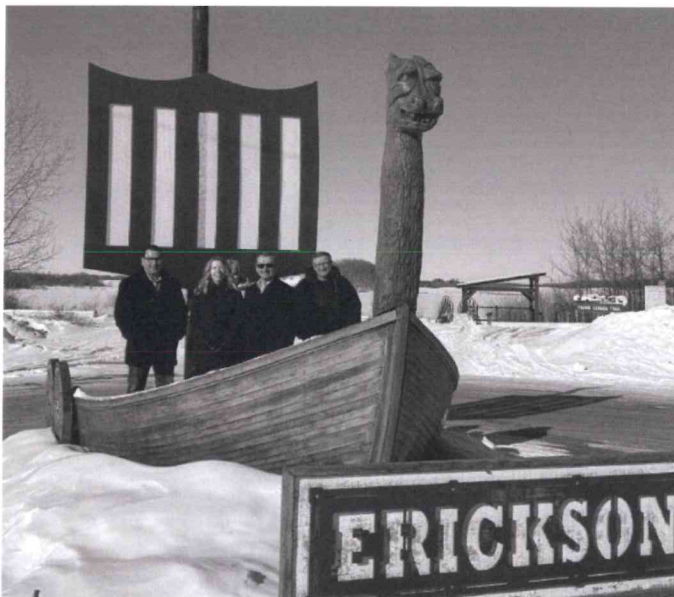
**2025 Position Papers:**

**[MB Transportation and Infrastructure](#)**

**[MB Finance](#)**

**[MB Justice](#)**

## The AMM Executive continues its tour across Manitoba



The AMM Executive continue with their annual round of municipal visits by meeting with several municipalities in the Midwestern District (February 18-19, 2025) and Western District (February 19-21, 2025).

The AMM Executive was joined by Midwestern District Director Merv Starzyk when meeting with the following municipalities: Town of Neepawa, RM of Minto-Odanah, Town of Minnedosa, Municipality of Clanwilliam-Erickson and Municipality of Glenella-Lansdowne.

Western District Director Rhonda Coupland joined the AMM Executive meeting with the following municipalities: City of Brandon, RM of Argyle, Municipality of Killarney-Turtle



Mountain, Municipality of Boissevain-Morton, Municipality of Souris-Glenwood, RM of Whitehead and Municipality of North Cypress-Langford.

Key themes for Midwestern District visits included lack of provincial road maintenance and shortage of veterinarian services. For Western District visits, key themes were inadequate provincial infrastructure maintenance and the urgent need for increased funding for water and wastewater infrastructure.

## 2025/26 Off-Road Vehicle Land and Trail Rehabilitation Grant Program

The Off-Road Vehicle Land and Trail Rehabilitation Grant program provides funding for projects proposing to rehabilitate public lands and trails that have been damaged by off-road vehicle activity. This fund is intended for trail associations, municipalities, local governments, Indigenous communities, and not-for-profit organizations with established operations in Manitoba. Eligible groups can apply for funding for up to **\$50,000** for the 2025-2026 fiscal year intake.

Grants made available through the program come from off-road trails fees collected from the public pursuant to The Off-Road Trails Safety and Maintenance Act. The following guide has been prepared to assist applicants with completing the application package.

The application intake period is open until **March 31, 2025**.

[\*\*Application Guide\*\*](#)  
[\*\*Application Form\*\*](#)

## Manitoba Climate Resilience Training Webinar Series

Delivered by the Government of Manitoba and hosted by ClimateWest, this three-webinar series will take you through the adaptation planning journey using free tools and resources developed under the [\*\*Manitoba Climate Resilience Training \(MCRT\) Program\*\*](#). Gain the knowledge and skills to integrate climate considerations into planning and decision making which will help you prepare for hazards and take advantage of opportunities.

This free webinar series will provide participants with an overview of the current state of knowledge on climate change, and a better understanding of core concepts behind climate change adaptation.

### **March 5**

Climate Preparedness 101 - [\*\*REGISTER\*\*](#)

Wednesday, March 5, 2025 | 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM (CST)

### **March 12**

How to Conduct a Climate Vulnerability and Risk Assessment (CVRA) - [\*\*REGISTER\*\*](#)

Wednesday, March 12, 2025 | 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM (CDT)

### **March 19**

Climate Adaptation Planning - [\*\*REGISTER\*\*](#)

Wednesday, March 19, 2025 | 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM (CDT)

For more information and to register, visit the [\*\*ClimateWest website\*\*](#).

## Save the Date - Healthy Aging in Central Manitoba


# SAVE THE DATE



**HEALTHY AGING IN CENTRAL MANITOBA**

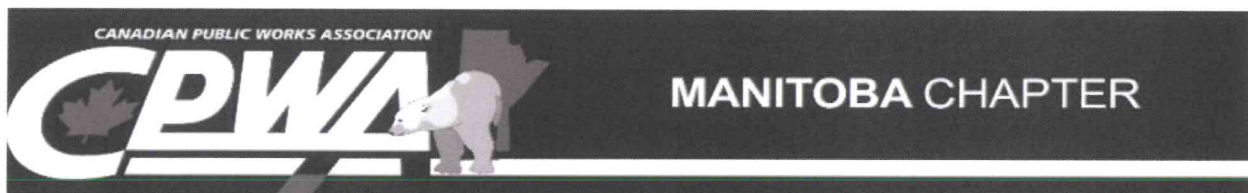
Join us at the Morden Friendship Centre  
Wednesday, March 5, 2025, 10 am - 2 pm  
Lunch will be provided!

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## CPWA Basic Principles of Surveying



### Dates:

- April 15 – Winnipeg Delta Hotel (admission to the AMM Trade Show included)
- April 17 - Dauphin Registration

**Cost:** \$150 to either location

**Register here:** <https://square.link/u/6PMuD7Vk>

### Instructors:

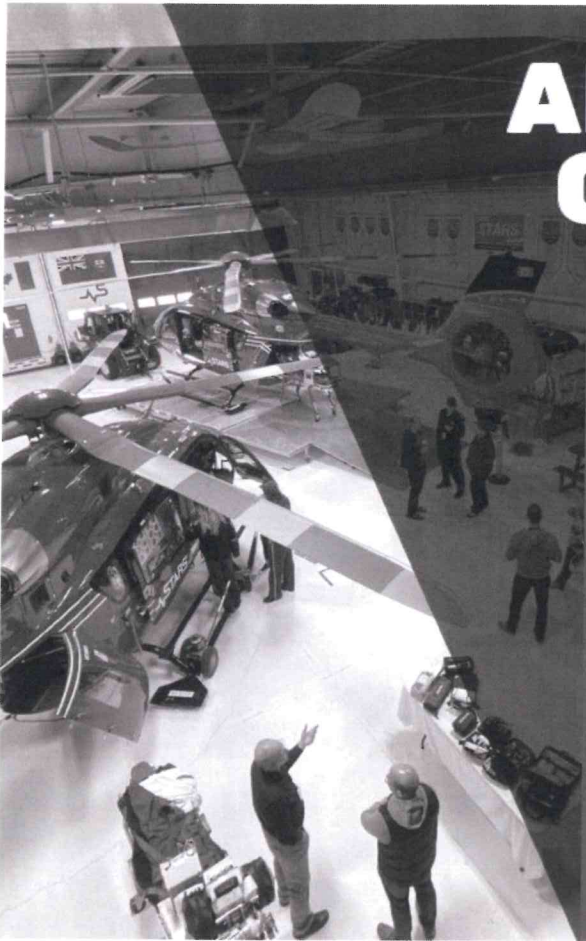
- Darren Wanless – President, Wanless Geo-Point Solutions
- Justin Wiebe – President, Bicycle Consulting

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## STARS Open House for AMM Members



# AMM MEMBER OPEN HOUSE

STARS is hosting an open house for AMM members on April 16th at our Winnipeg base.

Stop in for a tour of the facility, get an up-close look at the STARS H145 air ambulance, and learn more about our mission to provide critical care, anywhere to the people of Western Canada.

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

3:30p.m.-6:00p.m.

STARS Winnipeg Hangar, 155 West Hangar Road

Please RSVP to Tammy Beauregard at [tbeauregard@stars.ca](mailto:tbeauregard@stars.ca) by April 11, 2025.



## Efficiency Manitoba - Building Envelope Program



Outdated insulation? Drafty windows? High energy costs? Efficiency Manitoba's Building Envelope Program helps municipalities improve insulation, windows, and doors, making your facilities more energy efficient and cost-effective to operate.

We're extending our customer bonus incentives until March 31, 2026! For projects completed before this date, we're increasing our current incentives by 25% for buildings heated with electricity and by 10% for buildings heated with natural gas.

Start your application online today with Efficiency Manitoba.

[efficiencyMB.ca/business/building-envelope/](http://efficiencyMB.ca/business/building-envelope/)

## AMM Programs



On your behalf we have renewed the Safetyhub program, used by many of our members for **FREE!**, for two more years!

We have heard nothing but positive feedback on the program and usage was once again up from previous terms. Check with other municipalities if you have not started it yet – SIMPLE and EFFICIENT and FREE training for all you staff that you shouldn't miss out on!

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Safetycare aims to create the most engaging and concise video training possible, continuing to create content designed to help you create a safety conscious working environment.

### **Recently added to Safetyhub:**

Safety is our #1 priority. In addition to our already vast catalogue of training we have recently added the following courses:

- Sexual Harassment
- Chainsaw (Safe Maintenance)
- Chainsaw (Part and Components)
- Chainsaw (Safe Cutting)
- Chainsaw (Safe Operation Basics)
- Cybersecurity Awareness & Threat Identification
- WHMIS 2023
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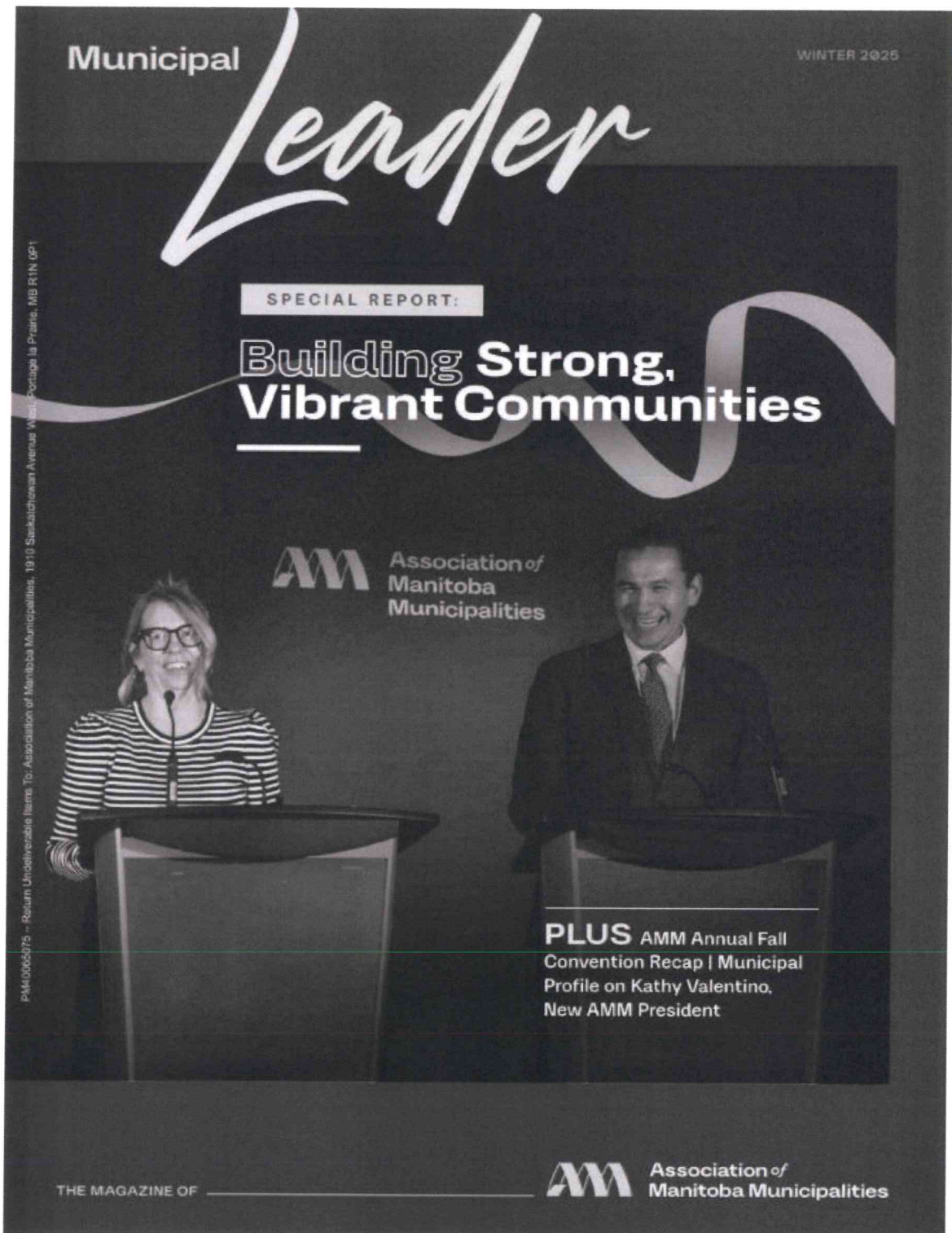
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**Municipal Leader - Winter 2025**





### Wrap Up the Year with the Municipal Leader!

The Winter issue is here to light up your holiday season with articles designed to inspire, inform, and ignite innovation across Manitoba's municipalities. This edition features a Special Report on Building Strong, Vibrant Communities, including insights from RMED on advancing rural Manitoba through community growth, highlights of new funding opportunities from the Department of Municipal and Northern Relations, and a perspective from the Economic Developers Association of Manitoba on navigating a changing landscape.



Unwrap the latest updates on AMM initiatives, celebrate local successes, and explore fresh ideas to kick off the new year with purpose and energy!

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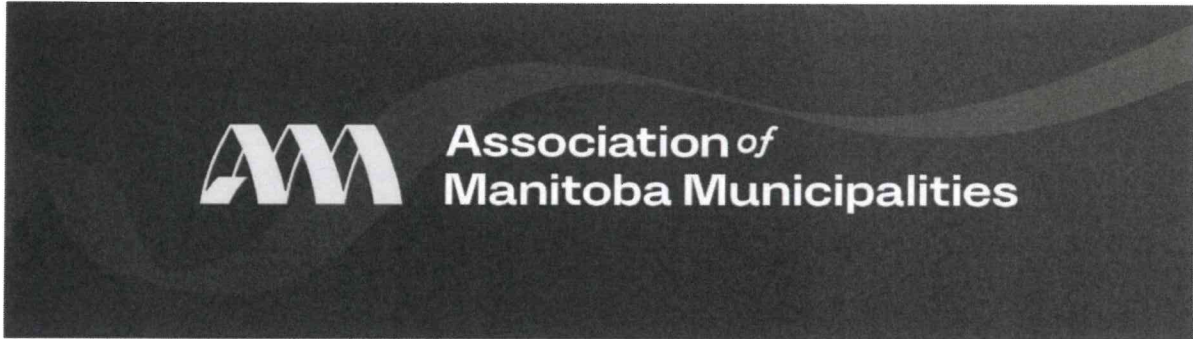
## Member Advisory - Annual MPI Reimbursement Rates for Firefighting Costs

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# Member Advisory

## Annual MPI Reimbursement Rates for Firefighting Costs

### ATTENTION: AMM Members

**February 25, 2025** – Since 2009, the rates for basic and complex firefighting payments made by Manitoba Public Insurance (MPI) have increased each year on March 1. The increase is based on the prior year's C.P.I. plus 1%.

Effective March 1, 2025, the basic call rate will increase from \$1,063 to \$1085. The complex call rate will increase from \$1420 to \$1450, and securing the scene hourly rate will increase from \$79.59 to \$81.26 to a max of \$243.77, based on the 2024 Manitoba CPI rate of 1.1%, plus the 1% (resulting in a 2.1% increase).

The rates for 2025 are outlined in the [attached letter](#).

As a reminder, the [Claim for Firefighting/Rescue Costs Form](#) is saved to MPI's [Partners Website](#) and will be updated annually on March 1<sup>st</sup> as the rates continue to increase.

Sincerely,

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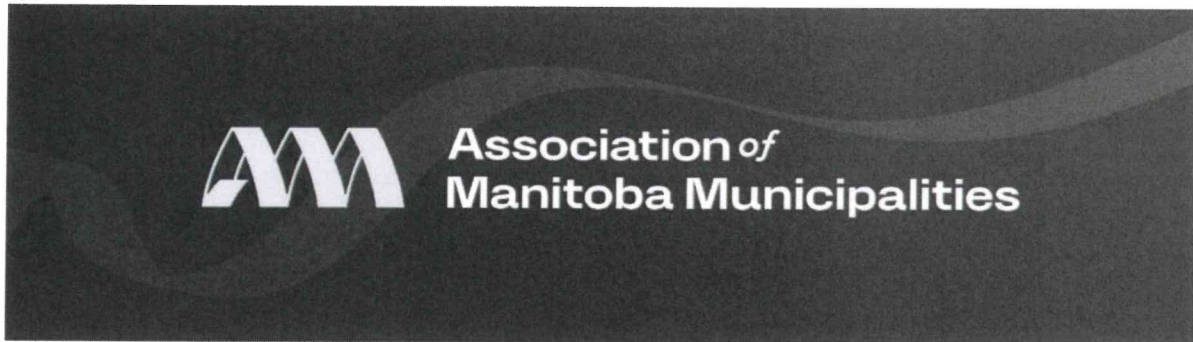
## AMM Education: Turning Tension into Teamwork

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### ***Register today for the next AMM Education Workshop!*** **Turing Tension Into Teamwork: Conflict Resolution for Councils**

Conflicts are a normal occurrence in all human interactions and are bound to break out on municipal councils. However, if not effectively managed and resolved, conflicts can lead to broken relationships and toxic work environments. Council conflict, bullying, code of conduct infractions, and resignations in local governments are at an all time high. Researchers in the social sciences have gone so far as to suggest there is an “incivility crisis” in municipal governments. To navigate conflict and create effective leadership teams, it's crucial to understand why conflict occurs and different options available for resolving and managing conflict.

Specifically designed by **GovFox**, this customized workshop will help AMM members understand conflict and the different resolution skills and strategies that work best for different types of conflicts.

Register for this 3 hour, interactive, and content rich education workshop that will provide best practices for resolving disagreements and will lay out the various practical approaches council members can use to defuse tensions and ensure smooth and amicable solutions to conflict.

**Trainer:** Cheryl Christian, President, GovFox Municipal Consulting, Inc.

**Date:** Monday, April 14, 2025

**Workshop duration is 3 hours.**

**Choose your training time!:** 9:00 am to 12:00 pm **OR** 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

**Location:** Room 2H, 2nd Floor North, RBC Convention Centre Winnipeg

**Fee:** \$85.00 plus GST per person

***Register for your spot today!***  
***Registration is available until 12:00 pm on April 8, 2025 and***  
***are limited to 100 spots at each session.***  
**AMM will invoice following the events.**

Registration transfers will be accommodated until 12:00 pm on April 8, 2025.  
Cancellations will be accepted until April 8 at 12:00 pm.

[9:00 am Registration Here](#)

[1:00 pm Registration Here](#)

[or visit the AMM website](#)

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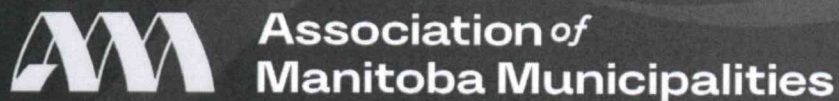
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# Member Advisory

**NEW**

## **2025/2026 AMM Convention Venue Locations Update**

**February 26, 2025** – At the 2024 AMM Fall Convention, Resolution #37-2024 was debated and passed, calling on the AMM to commit to hosting the annual Spring Convention in Brandon and the Fall Convention in Winnipeg.

Following the passage of this resolution, AMM staff engaged with both the Winnipeg and Brandon convention centres to assess the feasibility of implementing changes. This process included reviewing contractual obligations, ensuring sufficient convention space, and accommodation availability in each city.

After careful consideration, the AMM Board of Directors is pleased to announce a new convention schedule. Starting in April 2027, the AMM Spring Convention will be held in Brandon each year, while the AMM Fall Convention will take place in Winnipeg beginning in November 2027.

The upcoming convention locations are as follows:

- **NEW: 2025 Spring & Fall Conventions – City of Winnipeg (RBC Convention Centre)**



- **NEW: 2026 Spring & Fall Conventions – City of Brandon (Keystone Centre)**

We look forward to welcoming delegates to these updated locations and continuing to provide valuable networking and advocacy opportunities at both conventions.

For more information about the **2025 Meetings with Mayors, Reeves & CAO's** and Spring Convention, **CLICK HERE.**

**CLICK HERE** for more details on upcoming events.

Sincerely,

Denys Volkov  
Executive Director

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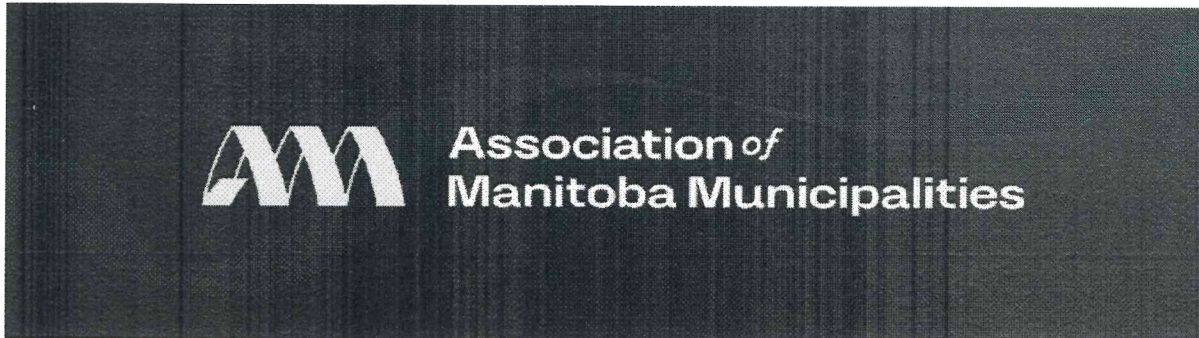
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# Member Advisory

## 2025 AMM June District Elections and Resolution Process

**March 3, 2025** – The 2025 **June District Meetings (JDMs)** are scheduled for June 9-11, 17-19, and 25. Below, you'll find key details on district elections, resolutions, and updates to the resolution process.

### Call for nominations for District Directors

During the June District Meetings, elections for the AMM Board of Directors will take place in all seven districts. Each district is entitled to elect two directors.

**Eligibility:** Only elected municipal officials may nominate a candidate. Any elected official (Head of Council, Mayor, Reeve, Councillor) is eligible for nomination.

### Nomination Process:

- Download the **Nomination Form**, which includes candidate acceptance.
- Submit the completed form to AMM Executive Director Denys Volkov at [dvolkov@amm.mb.ca](mailto:dvolkov@amm.mb.ca) by **June 1, 2025, at 4:30 PM**.
- The elected individual will serve on the AMM Board until **June 2027**.

**NEW:** To appoint a scrutineer for your election, include their name on the nomination form. (Optional)

As nominations are received, a dedicated elections webpage will be created to display them.

### **Call for JDM Resolutions (June 1, 2025 deadline)**

Resolutions will be debated during the upcoming JDMs. The deadline for submitting resolutions to the AMM office is **June 1, 2025**.

#### Submission Requirements:

- Resolutions must be passed by your local Council.
- A signed, certified copy must be submitted to **AMM Senior Policy Analyst Stefanie Vieira** at [svieira@amm.mb.ca](mailto:svieira@amm.mb.ca) by **June 1, 2025**.
- Submitting a PDF version via email is sufficient. Please also submit the plain text of the resolution in either an email or Microsoft Word.

### **NEW: Resolutions Process Changes**

Please note that the AMM Board of Directors passed the following changes:

1. All districts will be categorized by all seven (7) elected District Resolution Chairs on a virtual meeting in early June following the June 1<sup>st</sup> submission deadline and before the start of June District Meetings.
2. The wording of **any proposed amendment must be provided in writing in advance** to the District Resolutions Chair/Convention Resolutions Chair before debating the resolution. Please click **HERE** for the form. AMM staff will also have copies available at each district meeting.

For more information on resolutions, please review the following resources:

- **JDM Resolutions Process**
- **How to Write a Resolution**
- **Late and Emergent Resolutions**
- **Proposed Amendment Form**

Sincerely,

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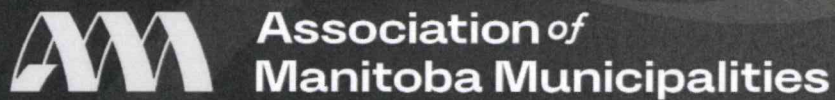
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## AMM Information on U.S. Tariffs



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**March 5, 2025** – Please be advised that AMM President Kathy Valentino issued the following statement in response to the U.S. administration's decision

to impose tariffs on Canada.

***"The Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) strongly opposes the United States administration's decision to impose tariffs on Canada, a move that will have serious consequences for our economy, businesses, and local communities. These unjustified tariffs not only threaten jobs and disrupt critical supply chains but undermine decades of cooperation and economic prosperity between our two countries. Now, more than ever, we are determined to ensure that municipal voices are heard and respected at all levels of government. We urge the U.S. administration to reconsider these harmful measures and to work collaboratively with Canada to strengthen our trade relationship. We also call for immediate discussions between Canadian and U.S. officials to resolve this issue before further damage is done."***

The AMM is committed to keeping Manitoba municipalities informed about the ongoing tariff situation between the United States and Canada and its potential impacts.

Throughout this uncertain period, the AMM has been proactive in gathering information and keeping municipalities informed. We have engaged with the Province of Manitoba, Canoe Procurement Group of Canada (your Trading Company), and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to ensure our members stay informed and prepared.

In early February, the AMM met with the Hon. Glen Simard, Minister of Municipal and Northern Relations, to discuss potential tariffs and explore department initiatives to keep municipalities informed. Since then, we have had follow-up meetings with the department, urging the Province to establish regular virtual communication channels and provide timely updates through the Manitoba Municipal and Northern Relations bulletin system.

Additionally, as the FCM concluded its Canada-Wide Listening Tour, a key concern raised was the need for resources on **"Buy Canadian" procurement options**. On February 27, the FCM released a document summarizing key takeaways, including a legal memo outlining high-level considerations.

For more details:

- Message from Canoe Procurement Group of Canada - click [\*\*HERE\*\*](#)
- FCM Buy Canadian Procurement Policies Document - click [\*\*HERE\*\*](#)
- FCM's most recent statement - click [\*\*HERE\*\*](#)
- Government of Canada U.S. Tariffs website - click [\*\*HERE\*\*](#)

The AMM remains committed to advocating for Manitoba municipalities and will continue to keep you updated as more information becomes available.

Sincerely,

Denys Volkov  
Executive Director





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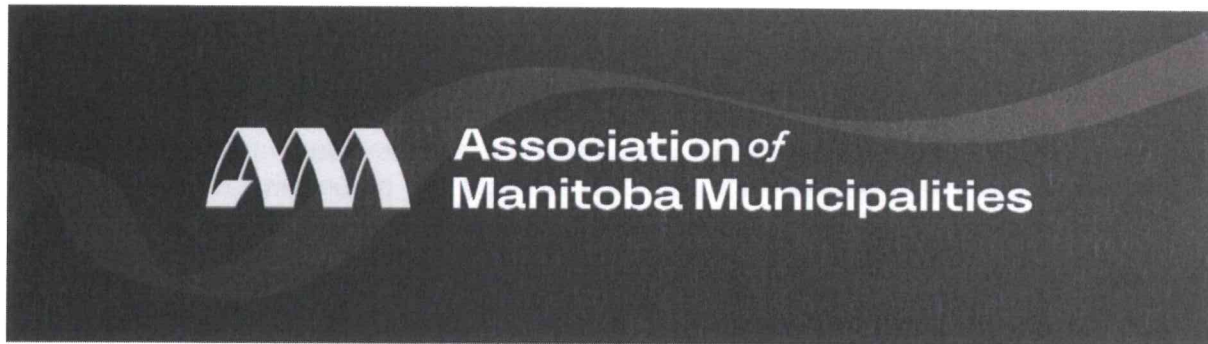
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FEBRUARY 2025 - AMM Western Director Update



## AMM Western Director Update

**Councillor Rhonda Coupland**

**Second Director Position  
VACANT**

As your AMM Board Director, I am pleased to provide an update on the issues discussed at the last Board meeting that was held on **February 27, 2025**.

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

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



## **Important Information on U.S. Tariffs**

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## **Funding Model and Grant Funding**

In February, the AMM met with the Hon. Glen Simard, Minister of Municipal and Northern Relations, to discuss key municipal priorities. A central focus was the need for the municipal operating basket funding model to better reflect the realities of municipalities.

We emphasized that a per capita funding model does not work for all municipalities, particularly those with extensive road networks and smaller tax bases. Recognizing this challenge, we urged the Minister to restart discussions with AMM to explore enhanced funding mechanisms that better align with today's municipal interests.

The department committed to restarting these discussions, and we look forward to engaging in this process. We will keep you updated as discussions progress.

## **Bail Reform and Public Safety**

As a direct result of the AMM Executive's meeting with the Hon. Matt Wiebe, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, the AMM and Province of Manitoba jointly sent a letter to the federal Minister of Justice and Attorney General, the Hon. Arif Virani, urging stronger bail reform measures.

The joint letter highlights ongoing concerns about the impact of repeat and violent offenders on public safety and the erosion of confidence in the justice system. It also reflects recent municipal concerns, emphasizing how the cycle of reoffending significantly contributes to rising property crimes, petty theft, and violent offenses, often committed by the same individuals.

We appreciate the Minister's partnership and will continue pressing the Province to take further action on bail reform within its authority.



To see more of what was discussed, please read our 2025 position paper [HERE](#).

## **NEW Webpage Dedicated to Federal Priorities**

With a federal election on the horizon, the AMM is working hard to ensure Manitoba municipal priorities remain front and center on the national stage.

Our Federal Priorities:

- Responsive Development
- A Modernized Funding Model & Core Infrastructure Investments
- Public Safety & Sustainable Policing

Check out our newly created [webpage](#) and download our postcard [HERE](#) to see how AMM is driving national change for Manitoba municipalities!

## **Upcoming AMM Spring Convention**

Registration for the AMM [2025 Spring Convention](#) in Winnipeg is OPEN!

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

We will also be hosting our fourth **Women in Municipal Government Event**. This event requires registration and fills up fast. Register [HERE](#) to secure your spot and be a part of reshaping perceptions in municipal government!

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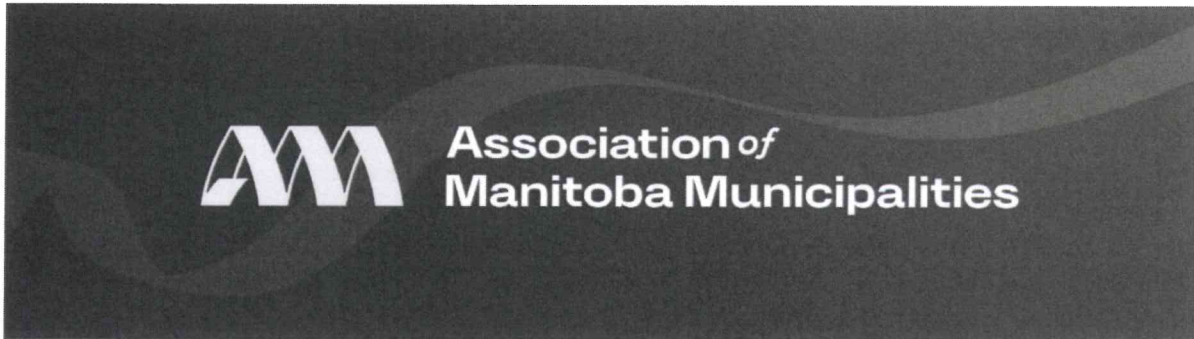
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**Women in Municipal Government Event**  
*Happy International Women's Day*





*Click to watch a video message from AMM President Kathy Valentino*

**March 7, 2025** – Ahead of tomorrow, we want to wish you a Happy International Women’s Day! Today, we celebrate the incredible achievements and contributions of women in our communities. Strong municipalities need strong leaders, and that means ensuring more women have the support, mentorship, and confidence to step into municipal government.

■ Join us at the Women in Municipal Government Event during the AMM Spring Convention! This engaging, solutions-focused session will inspire action and help pave the way for more women to run in the 2026 municipal elections.

Enjoy lunch while participating in interactive discussions on breaking barriers, fostering mentorship, and strengthening municipal leadership. Through live polling, roundtable discussions, and strategic conversations, we’ll explore the biggest challenges holding women back from running, share insights on what works, and identify ways we can all play a role in building a stronger, more inclusive political environment. Plus, don’t miss the Power of the Purse giveaway to close out the session on an inspiring note. All are welcome. Let’s work together to build stronger, more inclusive local leadership!

Space is limited, and registration is required.

**[REGISTER HERE](#)**

Date: April 16, 2025

Lunch & Program: 11:45 am to 1:00 pm

Location: York Room 2, 1st Floor South | RBC Convention Centre Winnipeg

*Note: Convention delegates who register for this event will have their lunch seamlessly transferred at no additional cost. For those not registered for the convention, such as guests, a \$60 fee (including GST) applies.*

Sincerely,

Kathy Valentino  
President

**Association of Manitoba Municipalities**



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MARCH 7, 2025

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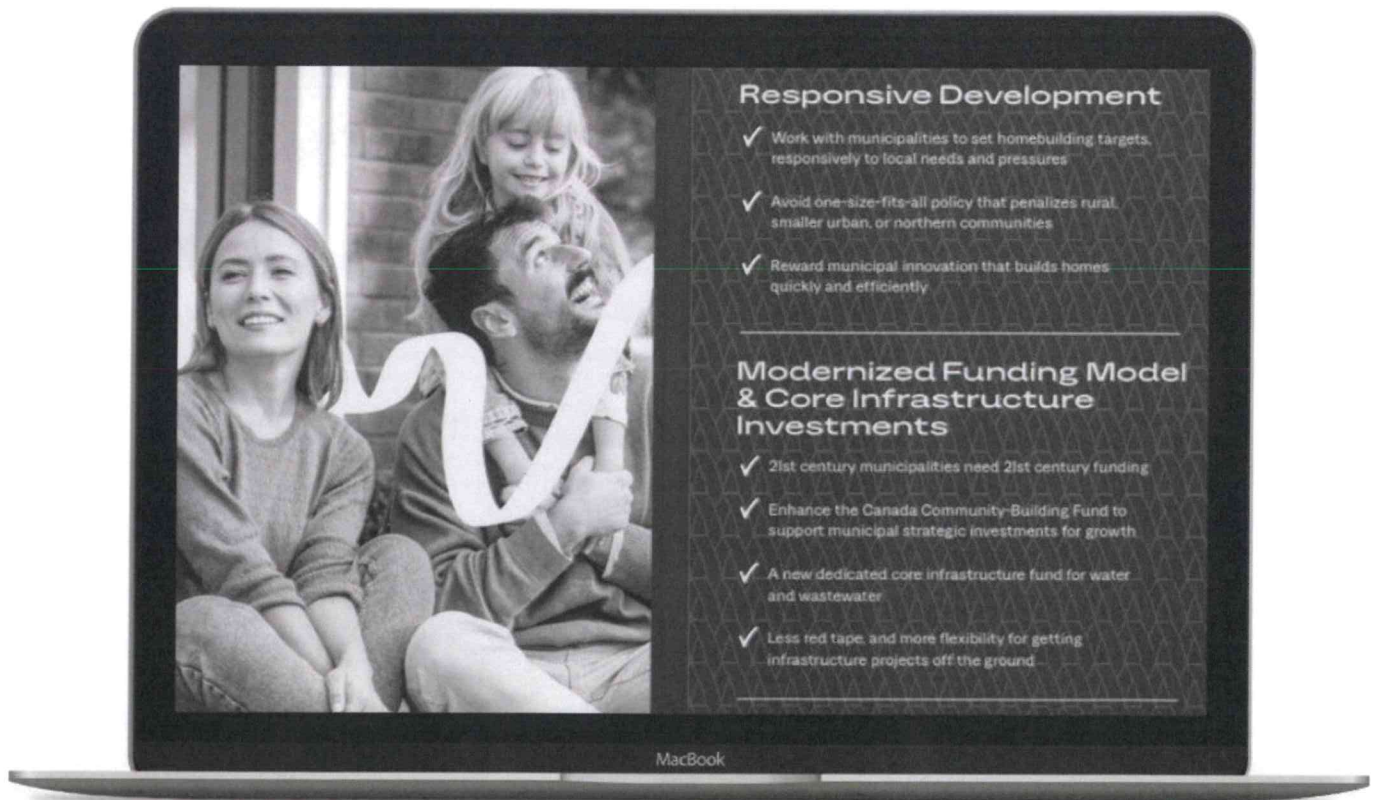




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## 2025 District Meetings Schedule

Registration will open in early May 2025.

**June 9:** Central District – City of Morden

**June 10:** Eastern District – Town of Beausejour & RM of Brokenhead

**June 11:** Interlake District – RM of St. Laurent

**June 17:** Parkland District – Gilbert Plains Municipality

**June 18:** Midwestern District – Municipality of Clanwilliam-Erickson

**June 19:** Western District – Municipality of North Cypress-Langford

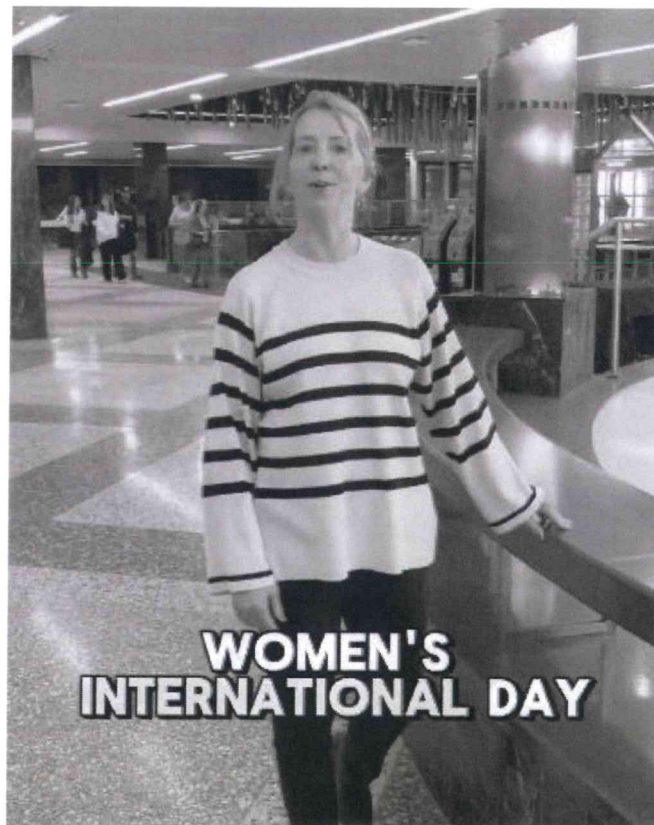
**June 25:** Northern District – City of Thompson

## 2025 District Director Elections

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## **Government of Canada - Province of Manitoba Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund (CHIF) Announcement**

Winnipeg, Manitoba, March 3, 2025 — The governments of Canada and Manitoba have finalized a 10-year agreement under the Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund (CHIF).

Through this agreement, communities across Manitoba will be able to build or improve the critical infrastructure related to drinking water, wastewater, stormwater, and solid waste – that will in turn help them build more homes and meet the growing demand for affordable housing. The province of Manitoba will receive \$209.8 million to address their housing-enabling infrastructure priorities.

Under CHIF, funding is available over ten years to support long-term provincial and territorial infrastructure priorities that will directly enable increased housing supply. Such initiatives could include projects that provide the critical infrastructure necessary to enable more homes or increase densification, provide the drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater systems required to support community growth, preserve existing capacity or increase reliability and access to drinking water, or implement waste diversion initiatives to reduce landfill use.

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## **RMED Webinar Series Insights from the Manitoba Water Services Board**



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- ✓ An overview of the Manitoba Water Services Board (MWSB)
- ✓ Insights into new funding formulas starting April 1, 2024
- ✓ Guidance on applying for project funding and navigating key timelines

### Who Should Attend:

Municipal leaders, planners, engineers, Economic Development Leaders, and others involved in water and sewer infrastructure development.



**Travis Parsons** (M.A.Sc., P. Eng.)  
*General Manager,  
Manitoba Water Services Board*

### About the Speaker:

Travis Parsons has over 30 years of engineering experience, including 26 years with the Province of Manitoba. Since 2019, he has served as General Manager of the Manitoba Water Services Board, where he oversees water and sewer infrastructure projects. Travis works closely with municipalities to address challenges such as aging infrastructure, economic development opportunities, and regulatory compliance.

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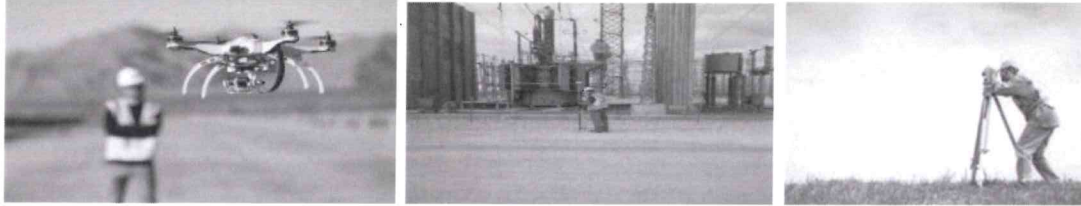
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## CPWA Basic Principles of Surveying



**Dates:**

- April 15 – Winnipeg Delta Hotel (admission to the AMM Trade Show included)
- April 17 - Dauphin

**Cost:** \$150 to either location

**Register here:** <https://square.link/u/6PMuD7Vk>

**Instructors:**

- Darren Wanless – President, Wanless Geo-Point Solutions
- Justin Wiebe – President, Bicycle Consulting

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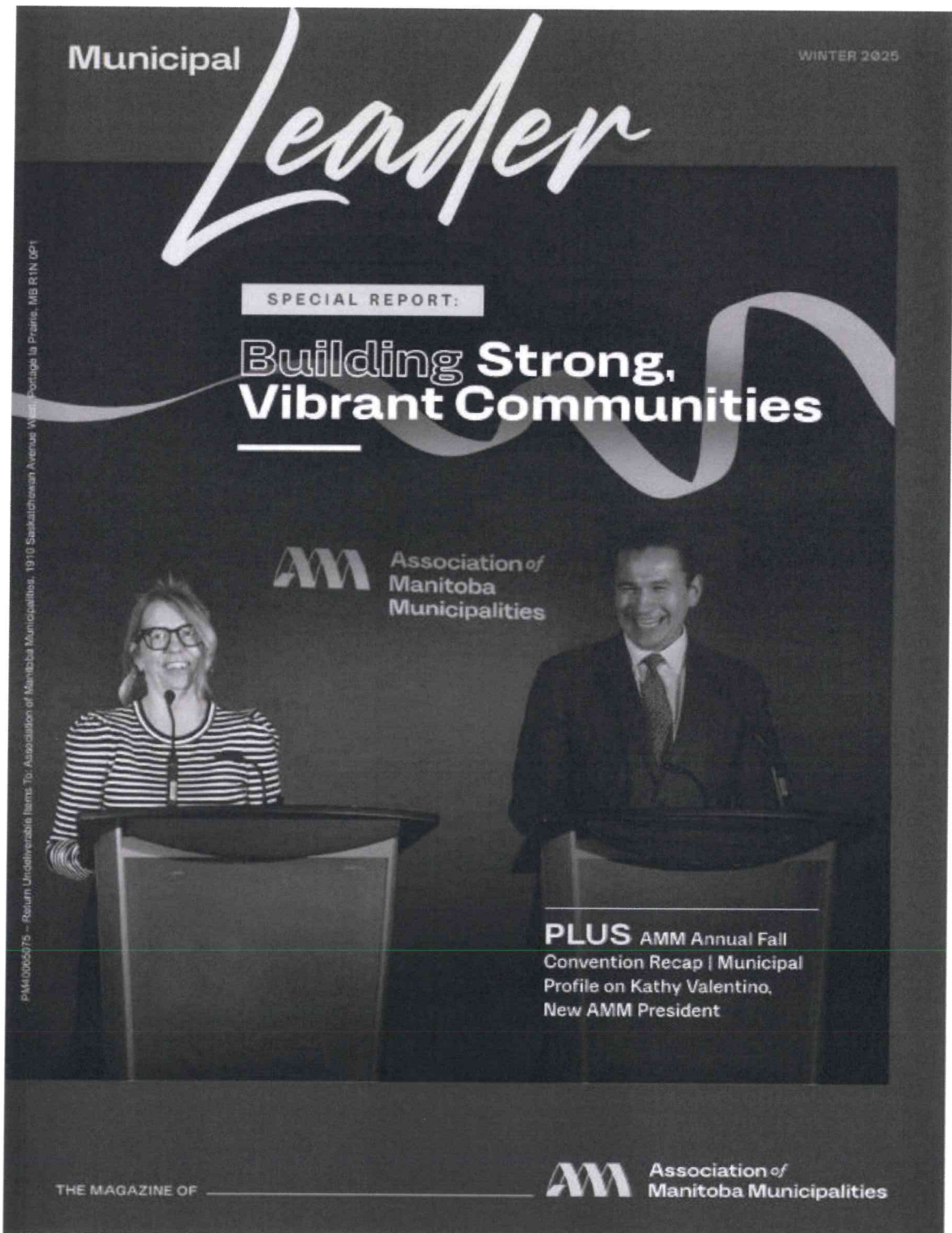
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**Municipal Leader - Winter 2025**



### Wrap Up the Year with the Municipal Leader!

The Winter issue is here to light up your holiday season with articles designed to inspire, inform, and ignite innovation across Manitoba's municipalities. This edition features a Special Report on Building Strong, Vibrant Communities, including insights from RMED on advancing rural Manitoba through community growth, highlights of new funding opportunities from the Department of Municipal and Northern Relations, and a perspective from the Economic Developers Association of Manitoba on navigating a changing landscape.

Unwrap the latest updates on AMM initiatives, celebrate local successes, and explore fresh ideas to kick off the new year with purpose and energy!

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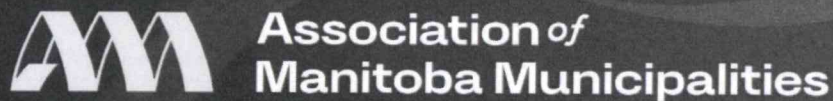
## Member Advisory - Update on U.S. tariffs from FCM

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# Member Advisory

## Update on U.S. tariffs from FCM

*NOTE: This message is being sent on behalf of FCM.*

**March 10, 2025** – Earlier this week, the long-anticipated U.S. tariffs were implemented by the American administration, prompting Canada to retaliate with measures of its own.

We know that our members hoped for a better outcome. We heard you loud and clear during last month's virtual listening tour. You openly shared how these tariffs would affect many different aspects of your communities, such as small businesses, jobs, grocery bills or the cost of housing.

In recent weeks, FCM has incorporated your valuable input into its strategy, and it has been tirelessly advocating to ensure that your priorities are heard. As part of Team Canada, we have engaged in strategic partnerships through various channels, including the federal and provincial governments, the Canada-U.S. Trade Council and Global Affairs Canada. Throughout all our efforts, we have shared your concerns and made it abundantly clear that any retaliatory measures that affect local governments must be discussed with municipalities through FCM.

We have also led several municipal delegations to engage with our American counterparts, notably the National League of Cities, the U.S. Conference of Mayors, and the National Association of Counties. We explained the consequences of tariffs to them and asked them to share this information with their Senators and Members of Congress in the hopes of a resolution to the issue. So far, the U.S. Conference of Mayors has already released a [statement on U.S. tariffs on Canada and Mexico](#).

Now that some tariffs have been implemented, the work does not stop—we simply pivot. We will continue advocating for the end of these tariffs, and at the same time, we are taking steps to ensure that the right supports are in place to help municipalities weather this crisis. This storm will prove challenging, but it is critical that we keep our communities resilient. In the coming weeks and months, we will be continuously providing you with the tools you need to advocate for your community.

For more information on resources available, please [CLICK HERE](#).

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Sincerely,

Denys Volkov  
Executive Director

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**Member Advisory - FREE SESSIONS on Addressing Anti-Government and Anti-Establishment Hate**

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# Member Advisory

## **FREE Sessions on Addressing Anti-Government and Anti-Establishment Hate in Times of Crisis**

**March 11, 2025** – The Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) is partnering with the Strong Cities Network and the Centre for Social Science Research and Policy at the University of Manitoba (CSSRP) to host **two free sessions** on addressing the rising anti-government and anti-establishment hate during **AMM's Spring Convention on April 14, 2025 in Winnipeg.**

Each two-hour session will be identical and offered at no cost to AMM members. Municipalities are encouraged to send 1–2 representatives and select the session that best fits their schedule. Insights gathered will help shape a toolkit in preparation for the 2026 municipal elections.

**Location:** Pan Am Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor North, RBC Convention Centre in Winnipeg.

**First Session:** 9:30 am - 11:30 am

**Second Session:** 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Spaces are limited, so please register for either one of these sessions by filling out this form **HERE**. Please make sure to indicate in the form which session you will want to attend.



To learn more about this event, please [CLICK HERE](#).

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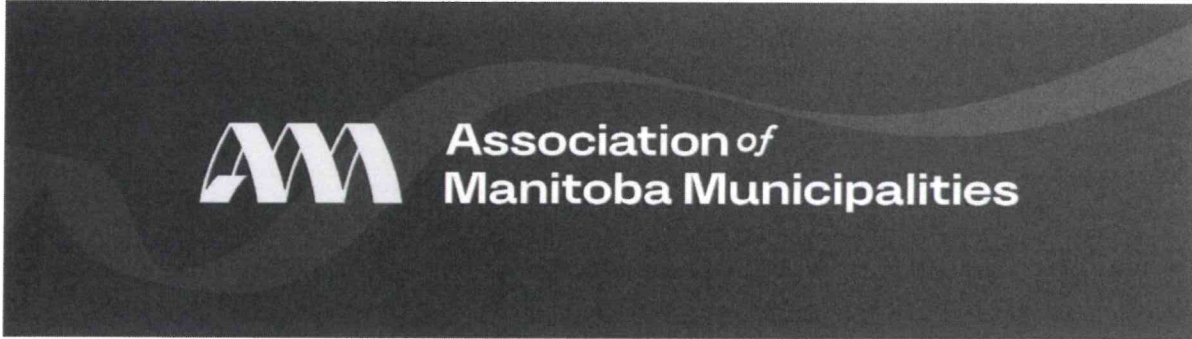
## Provincial Responses - 2024 AMM Resolutions

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## Provincial Responses - 2024 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 March 10, 2025;**  
**[Resolution response from MB Advanced Education and Training](#)**  
**[Resolution response from MB Agriculture](#)**  
**[Resolution response from MB Business, Mining, Trade and Job Creation](#)**  
**[Resolution response from MB Finance](#)**  
**[Resolution response from MB Housing, Addictions and Homelessness](#)**

[Resolution response from MB Innovation and New Technology](#)  
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[Resolution Response from MB Labour and Immigration](#)  
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[Resolution Response from MB Transportation and Infrastructure](#)  
[Resolution Response from Federation of Canadian Municipalities \(FCM\)](#)

**Outstanding responses from:**

MB Environment and Climate Change  
MB Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care  
MB Natural Resources and Indigenous Futures  
MB Sport, Culture, Heritage and Tourism  
Health Canada  
Transport Canada  
Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission

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

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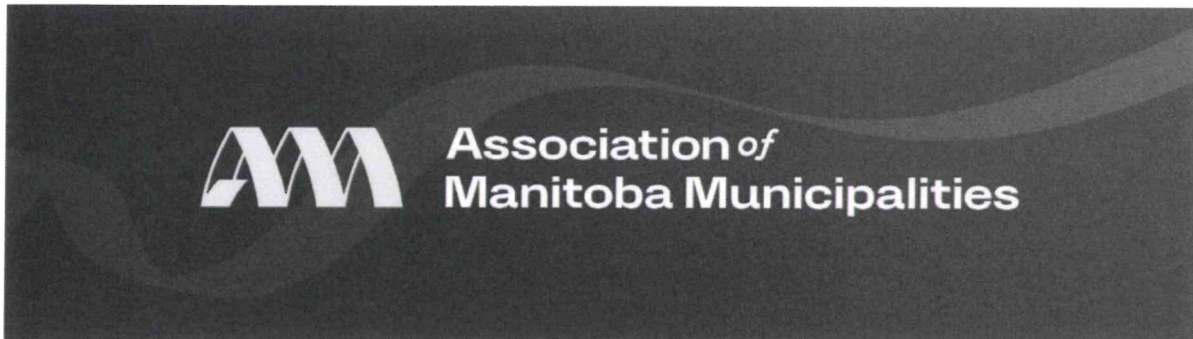


## 2025 AMM Spring Convention Registrations OPEN

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### Registration is NOW OPEN for the 2025 Spring Convention.

Please **READ** the outline of each convention event below before registering.

#### April 14: Education Workshop -Turning Tension into Teamwork: Conflict Resolution for Councils

Workshop will be presented at 9:00 am to 12:00 pm with an encore presentation at 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

**[View details here.](#)**

*Registration is required and available until April 8 at 12:00 pm.*

*A fee of \$85 plus GST per person applies.*

*Seating is limited to 100 persons at each education workshop.*

9:00 am Education Registration

1:00 pm Education Registration

**9am Register to Date**

**1pm Register to Date**

#### April 14: Meetings for Mayors, Reeves and CAO's

The dialogue resumes for mayors, reeves and CAO's, during this year's Mayors, Reeves and CAOs meetings. The AMM Board of Directors are eager to hear from you, and we encourage every municipality to register and send representatives. **Registration is required and available until April 4 at 12:00 pm.**

**[View details here.](#)**

9:30 am Meeting Registration  
Central, Eastern, Interlake Districts,  
& City of Winnipeg

1:00 pm Meeting Registration  
Midwestern, Northern, Parkland &  
Western Districts

**9:30 am Register to Date**

**April 15 & 16: Spring Convention Program**

The general program for all members includes guest speakers and breakout sessions. Lunch is included on both days allowing members some additional time to catch up with colleagues as well as the highly anticipated, Municipal Trade Show on April 15 and 16! *Registration available until April 4, with a fee of \$400 plus GST per delegate. [View details here.](#)*

**1pm Register to Date**

**Registration for the  
Spring Convention**

**Register to Date**

**April 15 & 16: Public Works Registration**

Employees from municipal Public Works Department who wish to attend the Municipal Trade Show event on April 15 (9am to 5pm) and April 16 (8am to 12pm). can take in the Trade Show, lunch, and the Municipal Mixer. *Registration available until April 4, with a fee of \$75 plus GST per person, and is applicable to Public Works employees only.*

**Registration for Public  
Works**

**Register to Date**

**April 16: Women in Municipal Government Lunch -  
11:45 am to 1:00 pm**

Strong municipalities need strong leaders, and that means ensuring more women have the support, mentorship, and confidence to step into municipal government. Join us at the Women in Municipal Government Event during the AMM Spring Convention for an engaging, solutions-focused session designed to inspire action ahead of the 2026 municipal elections. *[Read the Member Advisory. View details here.](#) ***This event is open to all delegates. Space is limited, and registration is required. Registration available until April 3 at 3:00 pm with a fee of \$60 plus GST per person.****

**Registration for  
Women in Municipal  
Government Lunch**

**Register to Date**

**Please note each registration deadline.**

AMM will invoice for each registration following the event.

Please do not pre-pay for any registrations.

Contact [events@amm.mb.ca](mailto:events@amm.mb.ca) with any event/registration inquiries or changes.

**Visit the AMM website regularly for agenda updates.**

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## Cleanfarms Webinar: Unwanted Pesticides and Old Livestock/Equine Medications Collection Program

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From Cleanfarms <info@cleanfarms.ca>

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

### Cleanfarms Webinar: Unwanted Pesticides and Old Livestock/Equine Medications Collection Program

April 1, 2025

#### ***Help us put ag waste in its place!***

Learn more about Cleanfarms' Unwanted Pesticides and Old Livestock/Equine Medications collection program and how to get involved!

#### **About the Program:**

Cleanfarms operates the Unwanted Pesticides and Old Livestock/Equine Medications (UPLM) collection program across the country, rotating through each province on a 3-year cycle. This free program allows farmers to bring expired or unwanted crop inputs and animal health medications that they don't need to collection events to be safely disposed of, ensuring these materials stay out of the environment. While this program has been servicing farmers for 27 years, every year new farmers are finding out about it for the first time.

Farmers who have already participated tell us it's of huge value to them, and many come back time and again.

#### **Why it Matters to You:**

You connect closely with farmers. With your help, we can continue to spread the word about this valuable program and let more people know that they can participate to clear their chem sheds and medicine cabinets and bring unused and unwanted materials in for safe disposal.

#### **Date and Time:**

April 1, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. ET

This webinar will be hosted on Zoom. The webinar will also be available in French through Wordly AI translation services.

#### **Who Should Attend:**

- Individuals in grower groups that want to promote responsible ag-waste management practices
- Ag retail company staff who can share program information with employees
- Employees at ag retailer locations who can spread the word about this program to farmers

Register Now to Attend!

### **What You Will Learn:**

The webinar will explore need-to-know information about the program and how you can get involved. You will get answers to questions like:

- How does involvement in the program benefit my organization?
- How can my organization get involved in the program?
- How can we help support the program by spreading the word?
- Where will the UPLM collection events take place in 2025?

***Attend this webinar to make sure your company can get this process underway in time to participate in the 2025 collections!***

### **About Cleanfarms:**

Cleanfarms is an agricultural industry stewardship organization that contributes to a healthier environment and a sustainable future by recovering and recycling agricultural and related industry plastics, packaging and products. It is funded by its members in the crop protection, seed, fertilizer, animal health medication, peat moss, animal bedding, feed, ag plastics, and maple tubing industries. It has staff located in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec.

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**Peter Kenyon is Back - Positive Pathways to Rural and Small Town**

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**The ever-inspiring Peter Kenyon is back and will lead an exciting and fun COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY WORKSHOP aimed at finding creative ways to stimulate the next round of local community and economic renewal in Westman.**

**To register for this event please use the link below.**

<https://forms.office.com/r/DHMUEHcbDR>

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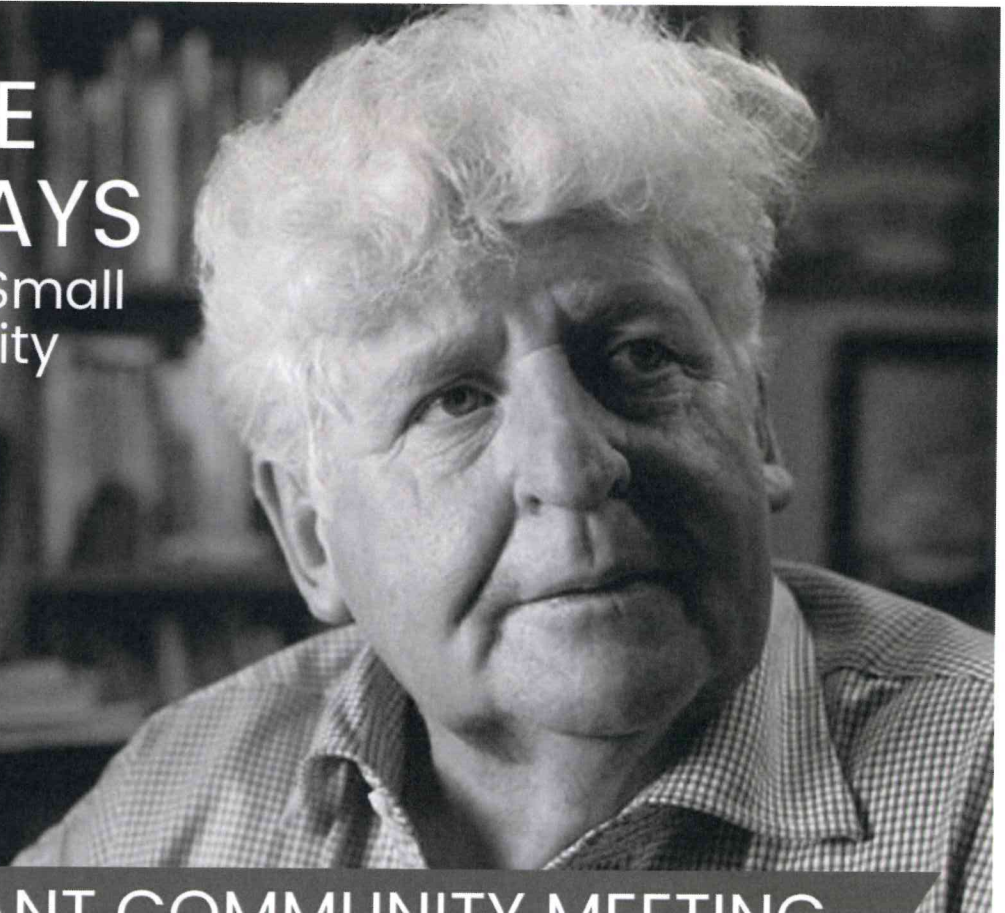
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# POSITIVE PATHWAYS

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## IMPORTANT COMMUNITY MEETING

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**Tuesday, May 13, 2025**



**8:30 am**



**Shamrock Centre - Elk's Lounge  
Killarney, MB**

*Cost: \$49.00*

*Includes complimentary lunch.*

For more information or to register please contact Wendy: [petersenw@cfwestman.ca](mailto:petersenw@cfwestman.ca)

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# See you there!

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**You're Invited — Workshops on Climate Resilience**

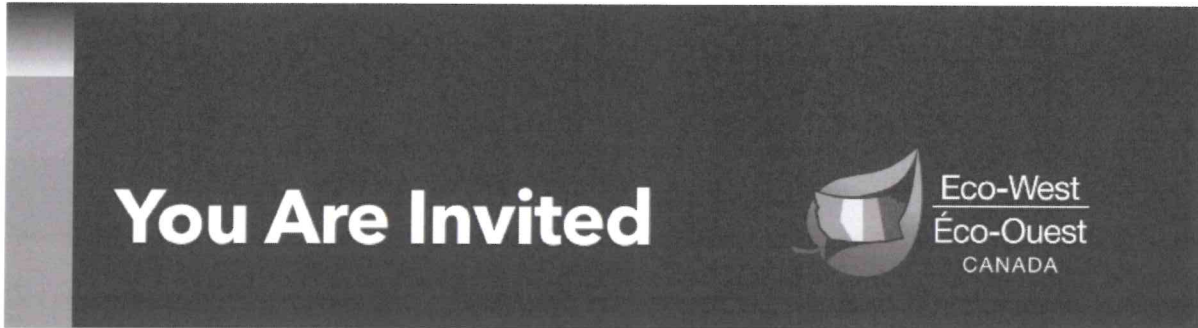
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*Communities can work together to build resilience and adaptability in response to a changing climate.*



Please choose one of two workshop dates:

**Climate Resilience & Adaptation Plans  
1-Day Workshop**

**Monday, March 17**

9:00am - 3:00pm

Dauphin Recreation Complex  
(Aspen Lodge Room)  
1st St SE, Dauphin

[REGISTER FOR DAUPHIN](#)

**Tuesday, March 18**

9:00am - 3:00pm

Victoria Inn  
3550 Victoria Ave, Brandon



## REGISTER FOR BRANDON

Workshop attendance is free of charge.  
Lunch and coffee provided.

**RSVP deadline: Friday, March 7, 2025**

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Climate change is causing more severe weather events that are affecting an increasing number of Manitobans.

To enable Manitobans to thrive, better preparation is essential. That is why Eco-West Canada is teaming up with the Province of Manitoba to host workshops, helping municipalities understand how to manage community risks more effectively.

Come and explore how climate preparedness and climate informed planning can help build resilient communities.

The workshops will:

1. Move the broader discussion from repair to prevention. This includes identifying the value of **climate preparedness** or **disaster risk reduction** in local planning and learning about **opportunities on how to fund** these activities.
2. **Inform future policy and programming** on climate preparedness in government. Also, how to access FCM funding more efficiently.
3. Learn about the **valuable tools and services** that are available to help local decision makers build climate ready communities. This includes **understanding vulnerability and risk Assessments and introduction of the provincial Adaptation Planning Guidebook.**
4. Learn about the **FCM's Local Leadership for Climate Adaptation program and application processes**, including how to use their **Climate Ready Communities Assessment tool.**
5. Provide an opportunity to network, identify **collaborative projects** and **build partnerships.**

### Who should attend?

- Mayors, Reeves or Councilors
- Senior administrators, such as the EDO, CAO or Assistant CAO
- Representatives from watershed districts

- Manitoba government officials
- Public Works
- Municipal Emergency Coordinators

Together, we can strengthen Manitoba by building more resilient communities, equipped with action plans and resources to adapt to and mitigate the effects of climate change.

**Partner:**



## **Ateliers sur l'adaptation au climat et l'atténuation des catastrophes**

Soutenir nos objectifs communs afin de  
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EcoAction Stream 2 Call for Applications 2025 | Appel de demandes 2025 - ÉcoAction volet 2

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du Canada

EcoAction Stream 2: Freshwater Sustainability and Innovation across Canada is now accepting applications for funding until **April 10, 2025, at 12:00 PT / 15:00 ET** for projects beginning summer 2025.

The aim of EcoAction Stream 2: Freshwater Sustainability and Innovation across Canada is to achieve tangible environmental results, engage communities and organizations to improve freshwater management, and to enable sustainable outcomes and engagement following project completion.

EcoAction Stream 2 will fund projects related to the following objectives:

- Pilot innovative and/or clean technology solutions to improve freshwater quality and/or freshwater ecosystem health
- Enable circular economy opportunities
- Address freshwater data challenges

All applications must fully meet program requirements. For more information on this funding opportunity, please visit [EcoAction Stream 2: Freshwater Sustainability and](#)



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ÉcoAction volet 2 : Durabilité et innovation en matière d'eau douce au Canada accepte maintenant des demandes de financement jusqu'au **10 avril 2025 à 12 :00 HP /15 :00 HE** pour des projets débutant à l'été 2025.

Les buts d'ÉcoAction volet 2 – Durabilité et innovation en matière d'eau douce au Canada est d'atteindre des résultats environnementaux tangibles, mobiliser les communautés et les organisations afin d'améliorer la gestion de l'eau douce, et à permettre des résultats et une mobilisation durable après l'achèvement du projet.

ÉcoAction volet 2 financera des projets liés aux objectifs suivants :

- Piloter des solutions innovantes ou des technologies propres pour améliorer la qualité de l'eau douce ou la santé des écosystèmes d'eau douce
- Offrir des possibilités d'économie circulaire
- Relever les défis liés aux données sur l'eau douce

Toutes les propositions doivent satisfaire à la totalité des exigences du programme. Pour de plus amples renseignements sur cette opportunité de financement, consultez [ÉcoAction volet 2 : Durabilité et innovation en matière d'eau douce au Canada - Canada.ca](#).

Les demandes doivent être soumises en ligne par le système de gestion d'entreprise des subventions et



[Innovation across Canada - Canada.ca.](http://Innovation across Canada - Canada.ca)

Applications must be submitted using the online Grants and Contributions Enterprise Management System, [GCEMS](#). For GCEMS technical assistance, please contact: [sgesc-gcems@ec.gc.ca](mailto:sgesc-gcems@ec.gc.ca).

**Please note:** It is strongly recommended to complete the budget in GCEMS at least 24 hours prior to the deadline. Applications unable to be submitted by the deadline due to budget errors may not be considered.

An acknowledgement email will be sent to all that submit an application within 5 working days of the deadline. If you do not receive an acknowledgement email or if you have any questions regarding your application, please contact us at [EcoActionStream2-EcoActionVolet2@cwa-aec.gc.ca](mailto:EcoActionStream2-EcoActionVolet2@cwa-aec.gc.ca).

We look forward to hearing from you!

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**Remarque :** Il est fortement recommandé d'avoir rempli la section budgétaire du projet dans SGESC, au moins 24 heures avant la date limite. Les demandes qui ne pourront pas être soumises à la date limite en raison d'erreurs de saisie du budget ne peuvent pas être prises en compte.

Un accusé de réception sera envoyé à tous ceux qui soumettent une demande dans les 5 jours ouvrables suivant la date limite. Si vous ne recevez pas ce courriel, ou pour toute question au sujet de votre soumission de demande, veuillez nous contacter à : [EcoActionStream2-EcoActionVolet2@cwa-aec.gc.ca](mailto:EcoActionStream2-EcoActionVolet2@cwa-aec.gc.ca).

Nous attendons de vos nouvelles !

*Pour vous désinscrire de la liste d'envoi, faites-nous-en la demande en écrivant à [EcoActionStream2-EcoActionVolet2@cwa-aec.gc.ca](mailto:EcoActionStream2-EcoActionVolet2@cwa-aec.gc.ca).*

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## Settler Responsibility in Identity Theft: Organizational Policy & Practice

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Hi,

Tuesday blessings!

Identity fraud and theft is a colonial practice that continues to impact the First Nations Peoples, Métis People and the Inuit. From descendians to pretendians, us settlers are still successfully managing to continue a 500-year-old colonial project by stealing their identity.

Why is this discussion important and how does race-shifting and settler self-identification impact First Nations Peoples, Métis People, and the Inuit?

Identity fraud and theft gives us settlers:

- **Resources:** More access to opportunities and resources that are specifically set aside for First Nations Peoples, Métis People, and the Inuit.
- **Employment:** Access to designated employment opportunities that are specifically set aside for First Nations Peoples, Métis People, and the Inuit.
- **Funding, Scholarships & Grants:** Access to funding, grants, scholarships, and university admissions that are specifically set aside for First Nations Peoples, Métis People, and the Inuit.
- **Cultural Appropriation:** The privilege to be an active participant in cultural appropriation.
- **Erasure:** The unbridled privilege to be an active participant in the continued erasure of First Nations Peoples, Métis People, and the Inuit.

As settlers on stolen land, we have a role and a critical responsibility to ensure that we do not push colonial practices like identity fraud and identity theft farther.

Join us for a panel discussion on how organizations can implement policies and strategies to combat pretendianism. Our esteemed panellists [Crystal Semaganis](#), [Dr. Kim TallBear](#), [Marc Meriläinen](#), [Jeremy Bomberly](#) will answer the following questions:

1. How can settler organizations push back against First Nations, Métis and Inuit identity fraud through policy?
2. How can boards of directors and organizational decision-makers implement strategies to combat pretendianism?
3. How can settler organizations respond to pretendians and descendians?



<b><u>Elder Nina Wilson</u></b>	Is a Plains Cree and Nakota Dakota woman, who resides on the Kahkewistahaw First Nation in southeastern Saskatchewan, will lead us through Opening Prayer.
<b><u>Crystal Semaganis, Founder &amp; Leader, Ghost Warrior Society</u></b>	Is Plains Cree, scooped from the Little Pine First Nation of Treaty No 6, Saskatchewan, and is a 5th generation Métis of Snake Plains. Known for the 2018 CBC Podcast Finding Cleo, Crystal uses her social media platforms for environmental activism. Forming the Ghost Warrior Society, the Society has gone to research and educate about the harms of FNMI Identity Fraud. You can find her online on TikTok @sevenwolves1971 and at <a href="https://ghostwarriorsociety.com">ghostwarriorsociety.com</a>
<b><u>Dr. Kim TallBear, Professor and Canada Research Chair in Indigenous Peoples, Technoscience, and Society, Faculty of Native Studies, University of Alberta</u></b>	Is Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate and is the author of <i>Native American DNA: Tribal Belonging and the False Promise of Genetic Science</i> . Dr. TallBear is a regular panelist on the <i>Media Indigena</i> podcast and a regular media commentator on topics including Indigenous peoples, science, and technology; self-indigenization in the US and Canada; and Indigenous sexualities. You can follow her Substack newsletter, <i>Unsettle: Indigenous affairs, cultural politics &amp; (de)colonization</i> at <a href="https://kimtallbear.substack.com">https://kimtallbear.substack.com</a> .
<b><u>Marc Meriläinen, Music Creator &amp; Performer</u></b>	Is Chippewas of Nawash and is a renowned figure in Indigenous music. He gained recognition as the creator and performer of the multi-award-winning contemporary Indigenous rock project NADJIWAN. Marc has over 30 years of experience in the music industry, working with numerous artists to help launch and further their careers. He has also promoted and produced various live shows and events, including Planet IndigenUs at Harbourfront Centre and the Original People, Original Songs concert series. Marc continues to transform the sound and image of Indigenous music, contributing significantly to its evolution.
<b><u>Jeremy Bomberry, Content Creator</u></b>	Is Haudenosaunee Mohawk Nation, Turtle Clan born and raised in Six Nations of the Grand River. Jeremy shares information on the issue of FNMI fraud on TikTok and has close to 40k followers. @jeremy_bomberry_6nations is where you can find his profile and content.
<b><u>Amanda Fernandez, MI, MBA, Founder, Inclusifyy Co-Founder, Revivifyy</u></b>	Panel moderator.

Event details:

Venue: Online

Platform: Zoom

Date: March 20, 2025

Time: 1:30-3:00 pm (Eastern)

Eventbrite Link: <https://shorturl.at/eJFOI>

Admission:

- Early Bird: \$75 [Early bird pricing ends Wednesday, March 12 (Tomorrow)]
- Regular: \$100
- Inclusifyy has purchased 50 tickets for First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Peoples who are currently experiencing financial barriers; please reach out to Crystal for a ticket: [sevenwolves1971@gmail.com](mailto:sevenwolves1971@gmail.com)
- If you would like to purchase a ticket for First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Peoples, please see Eventbrite.

This event will not be recorded.

We hope to see you on March 20, and everyone is welcome to attend.

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**FCM Voice: FCM in Washington | FCM's Canada-wide Virtual Listening Tour | SCC 2025 recap | and more**

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## FCM reinforces Team Canada unity in Washington

Last week, a delegation from FCM composed of President and Vancouver City Councillor Rebecca Bligh, Big City Mayors' Caucus Chair and Mayor of London Josh Morgan, Rural Forum Chair and Sturgeon County Councillor Neal Comeau and FCM CEO Carole Saab traveled to Washington, D.C. with one message: we are stronger together.

Ties between Canadian and American communities have always been a shared strength, and a trade war between the two countries has the potential to devastate business and communities on both sides of the border. In Washington, FCM met with U.S. senators and other government officials, business leaders and municipal sector leaders to unite common interest and underscore these vital relationships.

We will continue to engage with our members and our American counterparts to ensure our advocacy on behalf of Canadian municipalities remains relevant and effective through these challenging times.

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## Join FCM's Canada-wide Virtual Listening Tour

Municipal leaders across Canada are standing up and speaking out against the devastating impact that 25% U.S. import tariffs would have on our communities. To ensure that their voices are heard, FCM has launched a Canada-wide Virtual Listening Tour. Starting today with British Columbia, regional meetings will provide an opportunity throughout the week for municipal leaders to share insights on the impact of these tariffs and ensure FCM's advocacy and engagement on Canada-U.S. relations reflect the realities in their communities. If you did not have the chance to register yet, there is still time to RSVP to your local meeting using the link below. Due to limited space, we ask that each municipality send only one representative to your region's scheduled meeting.

» [RSVP NOW](#)

## "We're not talking about the future, we're shaping it."

This powerful statement from Chris Boivin, Chief Development Officer, FCM, and Managing Director, GMF, set the tone for the Sustainable Communities Conference 2025 last week. The energy was undeniable as municipal leaders and sustainability advocates from across Canada came together to tackle critical issues such as sustainable affordable housing, climate adaptation, and resilient local economies—while also advancing Reconciliation and anti-racism, equity and inclusion.

With inspiring keynotes, dynamic presentations and innovative solutions, the conference ignited the drive for urgent, impactful action. One message stood out: local governments must lead the charge for a sustainable future with hope, courage and an unwavering commitment to action.

Thank you to everyone who joined us.

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## GMF Council is seeking an elected municipal official from Atlantic Canada

FCM is looking for an elected municipal official from Atlantic Canada to join the Green Municipal Fund Council, recognized as an environmental champion within their municipality or region. The ideal candidate will be a visionary leader with expertise in organizational governance, a deep understanding of the region's political, economic, social, and cultural landscape, and a commitment to environmental sustainability. The candidate will bring strong decision-making and management expertise, and a passion for sustainability to guide projects in energy, water, land use, transportation, circular economy, and integrated community planning. Join us to lead change and strategically influence municipal sustainability.

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## **Webinar: Urban forestry for every community**

Urban forests are critical for a resilient, healthy and equitable community. Join our webinar and learn from a panel of experts on how communities of all sizes can build a robust urban forest management plan. This webinar will help you prioritize and develop an urban forest management program, provide you with practical insights on strategies that work for your community and share urban forest management best practices from municipalities in Canada.

» [REGISTER TODAY](#)

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## **RESOURCES**

### **Sustainability projects worth replicating: Key takeaways and winning strategies**

FCM recognized nine municipalities and partners for their outstanding sustainability projects at the Sustainable Communities Conference 2025. These initiatives highlight bold visions and equity-focused strategies across areas like affordable housing, clean energy, resilient transportation systems and waste diversion. Their success stories offer valuable lessons for municipalities facing similar challenges.

» [DRAW INSPIRATION FROM THEIR STORIES](#)

### **Learn how to finance local climate action in your community**

Financing municipal sustainability initiatives is a significant challenge for cities and communities of all sizes. FCM and ICLEI Canada's Partners for Climate Protection program created a guide that explains how to develop new types of financing to drive climate action on a large scale. You'll learn about group purchasing and community-owned renewable power, how to break the capital barriers with local improvements and energy performance contracts and how to create green revolving funds and green bonds.

» [READ THE GUIDE](#)

### **Build climate-resilient infrastructure today**

Strengthen your community with infrastructure designed to stand the test of time. The new Resilient Infrastructure factsheet provides steps to assess risks, protect essential systems and create durable, equitable designs that serve your municipality for years to come.

Learn how to save costs, ensure continuous service and build a solid foundation that supports safety, accessibility and long-term success.

» [DOWNLOAD THE FACTSHEET](#)

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## **FCM IN THE NEWS**



### » Josh Morgan in D.C. to talk tariffs | CTV News

The Mayor of the City of London and FCM's Big City Mayors' Caucus Chair, Josh Morgan, was in Washington, D.C. from February 11 to 12 as part of an FCM and Canadian delegation to prevent the U.S. administration from imposing tariffs on Canadian goods.

### » Calgary is Canada's second most vulnerable city to U.S. tariffs, says report | CBC News

A new analysis conducted by the Canadian Chamber of Commerce lists the Canadian cities that would be the most impacted if tariffs were imposed by the U.S. President Donald Trump. Of Canada's 41 biggest cities, the three most vulnerable are Saint John, Calgary and Windsor.

### » Vancouver council unanimous in fighting Trump's tariffs | Burnaby Now

The City of Vancouver's municipal council wants to explore a series of measures to help businesses fight back against an expected economic blow coming from potential tariffs imposed by U.S. President Donald Trump. Vancouver City Councillor and FCM's President, Rebecca Bligh, was in Washington, D.C., from February 11 to 12 to meet with U.S. counterparts and government officials to talk about the ongoing trade war.

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## SOCIAL MEDIA

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**Feb 12:** #CDNMuni are essential partners on Team Canada in the face of a tariff war with the United States, and we'll always stand up for our communities. That's the message FCM reinforced with @CanEmbUSA officials this morning in Washington. #cdnpoli

**Feb 13:** #CDNMuni are central to Team Canada. FCM CEO @CaroleSaab, President @rebeccaleeblich Big City Mayors' Caucus Chair @MayorMorgan and Rural Forum Chair Neal Comeau met with U.S. senators, mayors and business leaders in Washington this week to underscore the vital relationships that make our Canada-U.S. partnership strong. #CDNMuni #cdnpoli

**Feb 15:** Happy #CanadianFlag Day! Our flag represents core values that unite us all, from coast to coast to coast – democracy, inclusion and equity. Now more than ever, Canadian communities stand together behind the red and white banner. We are all #TeamCanada.



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**FCM Voice: AC2025 registration opening soon | Resources to amplify municipal energy initiatives | and more**

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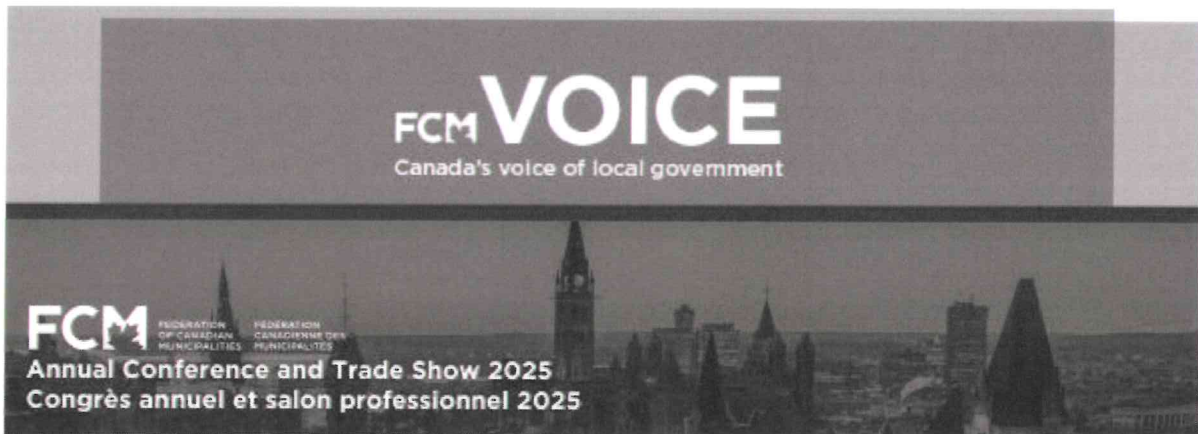
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## AC2025: Registration opening soon

Registration for FCM's 2025 Annual Conference and Trade Show will be opening soon! An official launch date will be sent to your inbox shortly, so keep an eye out for FCM's upcoming communications!

Join us for the largest pan-Canadian gathering of elected officials from May 29th to June 1st. Our exciting program offers an excellent networking opportunity, as well as valuable tools and insights on how to address and embrace new challenges. Prepare for registration by browsing the **AC section** of our website and read through our **travel resources** and **accommodation options** as you start planning your upcoming trip to our Nation's Capital.

It's an event not to be missed!

NEWS



## **Deadline extended: Accelerating community energy systems**

GMF's Accelerating community energy systems deadline is now extended to March 31st! Don't miss out on up to \$200K in funding and a two-year peer learning opportunity to amplify your municipality's energy initiatives. Build sustainable, impactful solutions and drive local climate action. This is your chance to scale up efforts and create long-lasting change.

» [APPLY NOW](#)

## **Strengthening local governance through international partnerships**

So far this year, over 100 volunteers from Canadian municipalities have been engaged in the Partnerships for Municipal Innovation - Women in Local Leadership (PMI-WILL) project.

The Association Nationale des Communes du Bénin, led by Executive Director Dr. Sègla Lihoussou, recently completed a knowledge exchange in Canada with the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association, represented by Executive Director Jean-Marc Nadeau. This exchange focused on strengthening local governance through shared learning and collaboration.

On the other side of the globe, Kathy Jeffery, Councillor for Collingwood, was in Ghana exchanging with the National Association of Local Authorities of Ghana's Women's Caucus on leadership and conflict management skills to equip them to sustain the growth and empowerment of their network.

Facilitated through the PMI-WILL project, funded by Global Affairs Canada, these collaborations reinforce the importance of international partnerships in strengthening democratic institutions and increasing women's leadership in local government.

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- Learn urban forest management best practices from municipalities in Canada.

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## **RESOURCES**

## **N-ZAP's database reveals the state of climate action in Canada municipalities**

On the route to net-zero emissions, Canadian municipalities need to know where they stand today. The new database and report from the Municipal Net-Zero Action Research Partnership (N-ZAP) provide an important snapshot of the state of climate action in local governments across Canada. These survey findings can guide your decision-making as you set ambitious targets for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and continue to move forward on the route to net zero.

» [EXPLORE THE DATABASE](#)

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## **FCM IN THE NEWS**

» [Canada and FCM invest \\$30 million to build resilient communities – ReNew Canada](#)

The federal government and FCM announced \$30 million for climate change adaptation initiatives in municipalities across the country.

» [County of St. Paul renews membership with Canadian Federation of Municipalities - Lakeland News](#)

The County of St. Paul, in Alberta, renewed its FCM membership. The Municipal Councillor Kevin Wirsta said that FCM seems familiar with some challenges facing municipalities in Western Canada.

» [Hearing Trump aide reinforce annexation plans 'chilling': N.L. premier | National Post](#)

The Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador Andrew Furey said it was “chilling” to hear a top White House adviser say U.S. President Donald Trump is serious about annexing Canada. Regarding tariff threats, an all-hands-on-deck approach is critical, said Rebecca Bligh, President of FCM. Rebecca Bligh was in Washington, D.C., where she pushed the U.S. Conference of Mayors and the National League of Cities to rally against the threats.

» [Greater Sudbury council to consider motion on responding to U.S. tariff threats | CBC News](#)

In light of multiple tariff threats from the U.S. administration, the Greater Sudbury City Council is asking the other orders of government for guidance on municipal procurement and to provide funding to industries that would be impacted by potential tariffs.

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## **LOCAL DATA**

## StatsCan Plus: The labour market outcome of immigrants in the Francophone communities of Edmundston and Hawkesbury

Statistics Canada has released the first of a series of municipal data stories in StatsCAN Plus based on the wealth of disaggregated municipal data found in **Statistics Canada's Municipal Data Dashboards**. This is the result of a brand-new course, the Analytical Sprint, where analysts took up a research and writing challenge focused on municipal and local data. We invite you to discover this first story here, as well as the next four articles coming out over the next few weeks!

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**Feb 20:** "With ongoing uncertainty in global markets, now is the time for a united Team Canada approach." - @LefebvrePaul

<https://t.co/0IXW3IQi8I>

As the national voice of #CDNMuni, FCM is actively collaborating with federal and provincial partners as we work together to face this economic challenge. Local governments are crucial players in a Team Canada response. #cdnpoli

**Feb 20:** Municipalities power Canada's economy – and they'll feel the impacts of a trade war with the United States deeply.

This week, FCM is connecting with member municipalities of all sizes and from every region of the country to hear their insights on the impact tariffs would have on them, and to ensure FCM's advocacy reflects local realities.

Thanks to all who have already participated in the British Columbia and Prairies and Territories meetings.

We look forward to hearing from members in Atlantic Canada today and Ontario and Quebec tomorrow.  
#CDNMuni #cdnpoli  
@randygoulden

**Feb 21:** Today in Phoenix, Mayor of Winnipeg @ScottGillingham spoke with @usmayors representatives on behalf of FCM, highlighting the importance of a relationship between our two countries based on mutual prosperity and shared values.  
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**Update on the FCM virtual listening tour and "Buy Canadian" procurement policies**

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# COMMUNIQUÉ



## Update on the virtual tour and procurement policies

Dear members,

Last week, FCM concluded its Canada-wide Virtual Listening Tour, providing a platform for all members to voice their concerns and insights regarding the impacts of U.S. import tariffs on local economies.

In these regional sessions, you have shared openly how these tariffs would affect many different aspects of your communities. Increased pressure on the lumber and tourism industries in British Columbia, the energy and resource sectors as well as concerns about public safety in the Prairies and Territories. The impact on small businesses and steel companies in Ontario, economic growth for Quebec or interprovincial trade barriers, and agriculture in Atlantic Canada. It is clear that these tariffs will have a tremendous effect on Canadians across the country. We took note of these very real concerns and have begun the important task of incorporating them into our advocacy and engagement strategy.

### **"Buy Canada" procurement options**

One of the key concerns raised during our Canada-wide Virtual Listening Tour was the need for a resource on "Buy Canadian" procurement policies. To address this, we are providing you today with an update on the legal implications and considerations to keep in mind as you examine such measures in your local jurisdiction.

FCM recently engaged a law firm to provide initial guidance on procurement strategies, trade compliance, and the risks associated with "Buy Canadian" policies. The document below summarizes key takeaways and includes a legal memo outlining high-level considerations. Notably, each province and territory has specific rules and regulations affecting municipal procurement. We encourage you to contact your provincial or territorial association for further analysis.

*Please note these resources are intended for a municipal audience and should not be distributed widely. They are provided for informational purposes only and do*

*be distributed widely. They are provided for informational purposes only and do not constitute legal advice.*

## DOWNLOAD THE DOCUMENT

Municipalities are advised to wait to implement changes to their procurement policies until after US-imposed tariffs come into effect. As it stands, FCM is actively working with the federal government and with the provinces/territories vis-à-vis our U.S. counterparts to prevent tariffs from coming into effect. Should tariffs be imposed, FCM will continue to support a coordinated Team Canada response, including on counter-tariffs and non-tariff retaliatory measures such as those related to procurement. You can follow FCM's advocacy work with our U.S. counterparts in real time on our social media channels.

### More resources to come

Lastly, members expressed a need for more resources for Canada-US relations as you advocate for your municipalities. As a result, FCM is currently developing helpful tools that will be distributed in the upcoming weeks, so please keep an eye on your inbox.

If you have any questions, we encourage you to reach out to us via:  
[canada-usa@fcm.ca](mailto:canada-usa@fcm.ca).

Thank you,

**- Your FCM Team**



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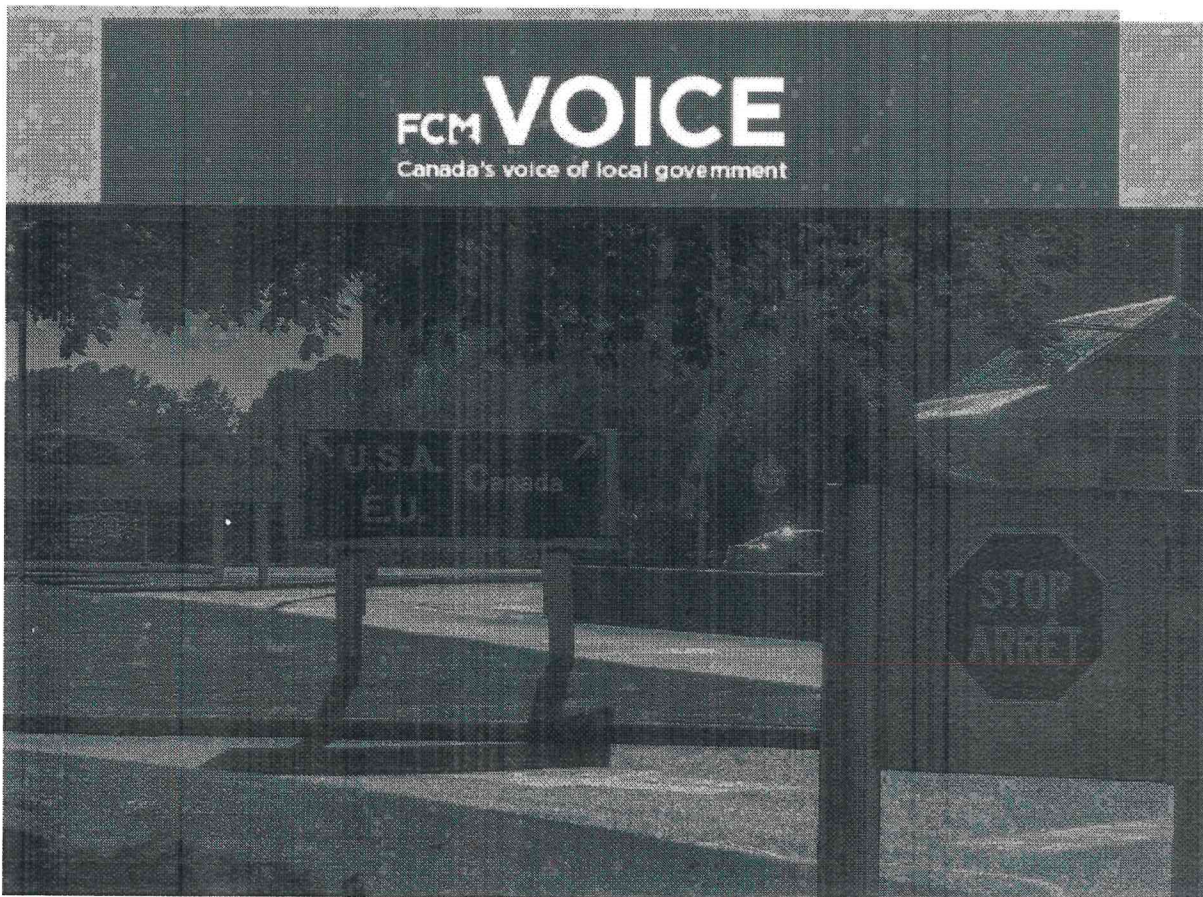
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## **FCM highlights rural municipal impact of U.S. tariffs**

FCM's 2nd VP Kathy Valentino, Rural Forum Chair Neal Comeau and Board member Alysson Storey are currently in Washington connecting with local leaders at the National Association of Counties' Legislative Conference.

With 25% U.S. tariffs expected to come into effect tomorrow, community leaders on both sides of the border must use their unique position to convey the true impact these tariffs will have on communities, businesses and workers – particularly those in rural, northern and remote regions.

This mission is one of a series aimed at strengthening engagement with our American counterparts. Through FCM, municipal voices are core to a coordinated, Team Canada response to the threat of a trade war and the potentially devastating impacts it could have on local economies.

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**NEWS**



## **AC2025: Registration opens March 11**

Registration for FCM's Annual Conference and Trade Show opens March 11!

Don't miss out on Canada's largest gathering of elected officials, taking place from May 29 to June 1 in Ottawa. Join over 1,500 elected officials from across the country as they share ideas and perspectives on their communities' realities.

Our program includes networking sessions, learning opportunities and plenary sessions that will provide you with valuable tools and insights on how to address and embrace new challenges.

Prepare for registration by browsing the **AC section** of our website and read through our **travel resources** and **accommodation options** as you start planning your upcoming trip to our nation's capital.

Mark your calendar and take advantage of our early bird discount!

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## **Last chance: GMF Council is seeking one municipal official from Atlantic Canada**

FCM is accepting nominations for one elected municipal official from Atlantic Canada to join the Green Municipal Fund (GMF) Council. This is an exciting opportunity for an environmental leader passionate about driving sustainable change. As a GMF Council member, you'll guide the allocation of a \$2.4 billion fund to support transformative projects across Canada, helping shape the transition to resilient, net-zero communities. Don't miss this last chance and apply today to lead impactful change! Applications are open until March 9, 2025.

» **APPLY TODAY**

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## **Strengthening Gender-Responsive Climate Action in Tunisia**

The Inclusive Climate Action in Tunisian Municipalities (ICATM) project team invited Gabrielle Blatz, Councillor for the City of Wetaskiwin and Vice-Chair of the Green Municipal Fund Council, and Angela Danyluk, Climate Adaptation and Equity Manager at the City of Vancouver, to participate in the FemParl Maghreb Conference, organized by the Embassy of Canada in Tunisia.

Hosted by Her Excellency Lorraine Diguier, Ambassador of Canada to Tunisia, and Her Excellency Isabelle Savard, Ambassador of Canada to Libya, the conference brought together women leaders to discuss gender-responsive water governance. Gabrielle Blatz and Angela Danyluk shared their experiences on integrating climate resilience and equity into local water management, emphasizing the key role of local governments in developing inclusive and sustainable solutions.

The ICATM project is funded by Global Affairs Canada and implemented by FCM with the aim to strengthen the capacity of Tunisian municipalities to integrate inclusive climate action into their policies and services.

» **LEARN MORE**

## **GMF's Regional Energy Coaches program supports more affordable housing**

The Green Municipal Fund's (GMF) Regional Energy Coaches (REC) program is an innovative initiative dedicated to enhancing energy efficiency and sustainability in Canada's affordable housing sector. In collaboration with the Community Housing Transformation Centre, the program is at the forefront of promoting healthier, more sustainable living environments. The REC initiative provides comprehensive support to affordable housing providers, including tailored guidance, strategic planning and hands-on coaching. Find out how a REC can help you plan energy-efficient retrofits or new builds.

**» LEARN MORE**

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## **Deconstruction over demolition to boost sustainability and savings**

Reducing construction waste is key to sustainability and cost savings. Traditional demolition often sends valuable materials to landfills, while strategic deconstruction recovers resources and lowers costs.

Our Deconstruction for Reuse factsheet outlines actionable steps to implement circular economy principles and showcases real-world success stories. Learn how communities like Grande-Rivière and Chandler are leading the way.

**» READ THE GUIDE**

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**FCM IN THE NEWS**

» **Water infrastructure | “These homes need to be connected to something” | La Presse**

Municipal councillors across the province of Quebec are calling for more help to tackle the housing crisis and accelerate construction given that water infrastructures are outdated and underfunded.

» **Mayor Colleen Smook provides updates on the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Sustainable Communities Conference | Thompson Online**

The Mayor of the City of Thompson, Colleen Smook, provided updates on FCM's Sustainable Communities Conference in Fredericton, New Brunswick. The mayor is glad to share that the city has completed or is working on several projects to make the community more sustainable.

» **Gondek forms advisory group in 'Team Calgary' approach to potential tariffs | CBC News**

Calgary Mayor's Jyoti Gondek laid out a plan to protect the city's economy and support local businesses amid potential tariffs on all Canadian goods imposed by the U.S. administration. Mayor Gondek also said she'll be advocating for the removal of interprovincial trade barriers through FCM's Big City Mayors' Caucus.

» **HodgePodge Lodge receives national praise | Stony Plain Reporter**

Strathcona County's HodgePodge Lodge, in Alberta, was acknowledged in the Waste category for the 2024 Federation of Canadian Municipalities Sustainable Communities Awards, which were presented at the 2025 Sustainable Communities Conference in Fredericton, New Brunswick.

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**Win a free pass to the 2025 FCM Annual Conference and Trade Show by completing this survey from Destination Canada**

To better understand the needs of our members, Destination Canada is seeking feedback on its newly-launched collaboration with FCM. Complete this short survey to enter a prize draw for a free 2025 FCM Annual Conference registration. The Destination Canada and FCM collaboration was launched in 2023 to assist member municipalities leverage the economic, social, cultural and environmental contributions of tourism for communities.

» **COMPLETE THE SURVEY TO ENTER**

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**Mar 1:** Today, FCM Rural Forum Chair Neal Comeau spoke with the National Association of Counties Community, Economic and Workforce Development Steering Committee with an important message in the face of a potential tariff war:

need to keep working together and engaging productively – as neighbours. This is true for communities large and small, urban and rural, Canadian and American.

Our thanks for having us, @NACoTweets. #NACoLeg #CDNMuni #cdnpoli

**Mar 2:** Collaboration is key to protecting communities of all sizes from the economic fallout that a tariff war would cause – particularly for rural communities. That's what FCM Rural Forum Chair Neal Comeau, 2nd VP valentinokathy and Board member Alysson4CK are in Washington to discuss with our American counterparts, @NACoTweets.

#NACoLeg #CDNMuni #cdnpoli

**Mar 2:** Today in Washington, FCM had productive meetings with local leaders from across the United States about the critical role we all play in preventing a tariff war and protecting our communities, businesses and workers from the devastating impacts it could have.

Our bonds are strong. Let's keep helping each other.

#NACoLeg #CDNMuni #cdnpoli @NACoTweets @valentinokathy @Alysson4CK



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## FCM's impact on rural municipalities across Canada

As the national voice of municipalities, FCM knows that the solutions to Canada's biggest challenges can be found in local communities. We are municipalities' best partner in delivering what matters most to Canadians: more affordable housing, renewed infrastructure, an end to homelessness and safer communities. Please find below the many ways in which FCM supports members from rural, northern or remote communities.

### Supporting rural realities

FCM is a member-based organization. As such, we are dedicated to advocating for the priorities of municipalities of all sizes across the country. Over the years, our work has brought significant benefits to rural communities, strengthening their economic sustainability and development:

- The one-time doubling of the Canada Community-Building Fund in 2019 and 2021, along with its renewal in 2024. This funding was proved essential to rural municipalities as they manage over 30% of Canada's municipal infrastructure, much of which is aging.
- The continued advocacy for the next generation of infrastructure programs demonstrates FCM's commitment to ensuring rural municipalities receive their fair share of resources.
- The creation of a rural stream to the Housing Accelerator Fund.
- Securing the Universal Broadband Fund, which is helping connect rural and remote communities to high-speed internet - an essential service in today's digital economy.
- The announcement of the Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund, which includes an additional \$500 million over five years for urgent community infrastructure like water and wastewater systems.

### Championing all municipalities

FCM is also continuously advocating for the priorities of rural, remote and northern



priorities, particularly in the lead-up to the federal budget and the upcoming election. This is reflected in the measures and recommendations below:

- **Canada-U.S. relations:** Protecting local economies through our [work with our American counterparts](#) on trade and tariffs.
- **Infrastructure:** The federal government should invest at least \$250 million annually for 10 years in core rural and northern infrastructure to address acute needs and high construction costs.
- **Disaster mitigation:** Increasing investments to adapt infrastructure, protecting single-access corridors and improving disaster preparedness, response and recovery in rural and northern communities.
- **Transportation:** The creation of a dedicated funding to support small-urban and rural/regional transit services, facilitating intercommunity passenger bus services in partnership with other orders of government and increasing investments to ensure rail safety at grade crossings.
- **Digital connectivity:** FCM is calling for a digital affordability target, enhanced rural cellular coverage, a municipal capacity-building program and a streamlined process for accessing federal broadband funding.
- **Housing and homelessness:** Increasing non-profit housing, prioritizing public lands for housing solutions and boosting investments to tackle homelessness in rural and northern communities.
- **Public safety:**
  - Expanding **community-based mental health and substance use care** to ensure timely support and reduce pressure on police services.
  - Strengthening efforts to ensure optimal **RCMP staffing and service levels in communities** by addressing vacancy rates, officer burnout and staffing gaps.
  - Consulting municipalities on decisions affecting the **future of RCMP contract policing** and considering local governments' ability to pay for new costs before implementing changes.

## Ensuring a strong rural municipal voice is at the table

FCM remains unwavering in its mission to secure the tools rural municipalities need to succeed, as rural-focused advocacy is a core priority. Key efforts currently underway include:

- Consistent dialogue with board members and staff across provincial and territorial associations in all regions to address rural priorities.
- Developing *The Future of Rural and Northern Canada*, a comprehensive policy paper to strengthen and guide our rural advocacy, which will be launched at this year's annual conference.
- Expanding FCM's Table Officer and Board presence at PTA conferences and directly engaging at PTA board meeting.
- Delivering tailored content at our annual conference that directly addresses rural municipalities' needs through its own rural stream.
- Updating our communications to better reflect rural issues, positioning FCM as a national leader ahead of the next federal election.

## Real tangible benefits

FCM delivers direct and measurable benefits to its members. By being part of a unified municipal front, members gain exclusive access to:

- **Tools, tips and analysis** from our policy, government relations and communications experts to help you serve your community and your residents.



- **Informative updates on key federal-municipal issues**, as well as on federal budgets, elections and legislation, all done through our regular e-communications.
- **The support of thousands of municipal colleagues**, all working together to tackle local challenges like yours—making your communities better.
- **Valuable networking opportunities** with a wide range of FCM corporate partners that offer products, services and resources to municipalities.
- **Insider information and discounted rates** on FCM's ever-popular annual conference and trade show.
- **The opportunity to shape FCM's work** by electing our Board of Directors and table officers, as well as by voting at our annual general meeting.

See all benefits for rural members

## A true partner for rural municipalities

FCM is not only an advocacy powerhouse: it is municipalities' best partner to strengthen local capacities. Our trusted national and international programs, along with the Green Municipal Fund, support the development of resilient infrastructure designed to meet demographic changes, foster initiatives to enhance community safety and aim to reduce homelessness. Our events, including the Annual Conference and Trade Show, offer valuable opportunities for rural leaders to collaborate and share best practices.

In these uncertain times, FCM is the partner municipalities need to shape a future where rural, remote and northern communities thrive. We are here to secure the resources and policies that help build stronger, more prosperous communities.

We understand the unique challenges rural municipalities face: managing limited budgets and staff resources while driving innovation, economic growth, and quality of life across vast geographic areas. That is why we are advocating for tailored solutions, better funding and expanded programs designed to meet your needs. With an ever-looming election and a tariff war, now is the time to come together and ensure your priorities are heard. Strong rural municipalities are the backbone of Canada's economic prosperity. By working together, we can drive real and lasting change.

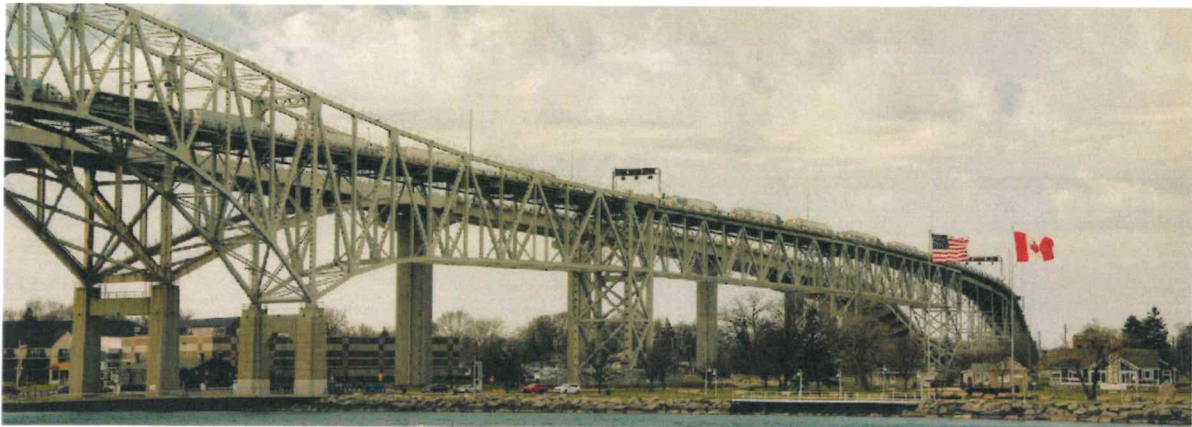


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## Update on U.S. tariffs from FCM

Earlier this week, the long-anticipated U.S. tariffs were implemented by the American administration, prompting Canada to retaliate with measures of its own.

We know that our members hoped for a better outcome. We heard you loud and clear during last month's virtual listening tour. You openly shared how these tariffs would affect many different aspects of your communities, such as small businesses, jobs, grocery bills or the cost of housing.

In recent weeks, FCM has incorporated your valuable input into its strategy, and it has been tirelessly advocating to ensure that your priorities are heard. As part of Team Canada, we have engaged in strategic partnerships through various channels, including the federal and provincial governments, the Canada-U.S. Trade Council and Global Affairs Canada. Throughout all our efforts, we have shared your concerns and made it abundantly clear that any retaliatory measures that affect local governments must be discussed with municipalities through FCM.

We have also led several municipal delegations to engage with our American counterparts, notably the National League of Cities, the U.S. Conference of Mayors, and the National Association of Counties. We explained the consequences of tariffs to them and asked them to share this information with their Senators and Members of Congress in the hopes of a resolution to the issue. So far, the U.S. Conference of Mayors has already released a [statement on U.S. tariffs on Canada and Mexico](#).

Now that some tariffs have been implemented, the work does not stop—we simply pivot. We will continue advocating for the end of these tariffs, and at the same time, we are taking steps to ensure that the right supports are in place to help municipalities weather this crisis. This storm will prove challenging, but it is critical that we keep our communities resilient. In the coming weeks and months, we will be continuously providing you with the tools you need to advocate for your community.

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### Resources

For now, you will find a few resources below to equip you, should you have already planned conversations with counterparts or put initiatives in place. These include:

- Key messages
- Downloadable leave behind
- Social media posts to share

### Key messages

Below, you will find key messages, which reflect the most recent tariffs news and work that FCM has done.

- **The Canada-U.S. trade relationship is the envy of the world, our markets are interconnected and residents on both sides see the benefits.** Unfortunately, this



trade dispute impacts our communities and residents, not only in Canada, but on both sides of the border.

- **Canada has fulfilled its commitment to keeping its border secure with a Canada-U.S. Joint Strike Force to combat organized crime, fentanyl and money laundering.** These measures include an additional \$1.3 billion to bolster border security and the appointment of a Fentanyl Czar.
- **The U.S. import tariffs on Canadian goods, and Canadian counter tariffs, will hurt local economies on both sides of the border.**
  - \$ 2.5 billion USD worth of goods and services cross the Canada-U.S.-border every day as 36 states have Canada as their top export market.
  - 8 million U.S. jobs are tied to trade with Canada and about 70% of U.S. imports from Canada are used to manufacture goods in the U.S.
  - Excluding energy, the U.S. has had a trade surplus with Canada since 2007, valued at \$28.6 billion USD in 2023.
- **FCM has regularly shared the insights of its members with federal decision-makers to support municipalities during this economic downturn.** Using the feedback shared during the virtual listening tour, FCM is ensuring that municipalities' voices are heard so that various government entities can provide the best support for your communities throughout this tariff war.
- **Municipal leaders have a crucial role to play in protecting local economy and enabling economic diversification.**
- **In this time of economic uncertainty, FCM is calling all orders of government to accelerate and increase investment in growth sustaining infrastructure.**

The prosperity of our communities now and into the future is critical. As we navigate this difficult period, we must take the measures that ensure a stronger Canada emerges from this crisis. Investing in a Municipal Growth Framework and public infrastructure is a straightforward way to create local jobs and enable the economic growth and diversification we need across Canada.
- **A concerted Team Canada approach ensures that all orders of government work together to seek a resolution to this dispute.** Not only one that will support workers on each side of the border but will also see our communities continue to thrive.

### Leave behind

For those who have already created these relationships, you may share this document with your colleagues or your U.S. counterparts. You will find updated information on the current situation as well as a link to the [Connect2Canada website](#). This website can provide you with key data sets that will help you explain and demonstrate the effects of this tariff war, not only on your municipality, but also for American ones.

DOWNLOAD LEAVE BEHIND

### Social media posts

To amplify the work we have done on your behalf, we encourage you to reshare and interact with the following social media posts from our channels.

- [Statement on March 4 tariffs on X](#)
- [Listening Tour recap on Instagram](#)
- [National Association of Counties engagement recap on LinkedIn](#)



As this delicate and fluid situation unfolds, we encourage you to send us your ideas, comments, or initiatives to [canada-usa@fcm.ca](mailto:canada-usa@fcm.ca).

You are all a crucial part of Team Canada. As municipal leaders, you have an important role to play in protecting local economies and enabling economic diversification. And by standing together, we are going to get on the other side of this stronger.

Thank you,

**- Your FCM Team**



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**FCM Voice: FCM mission in Washington | AC2025 registration opens tomorrow | Budget 2025 | and more**

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## **U.S. tariffs: a new FCM mission in Washington**

With some tariffs now implemented and more to come in April, it is clear that this trade dispute will hurt communities, businesses, workers and supply chains on both sides of the border. Canadian and American local leaders must continue to work together and engage productively, as partners and neighbours do.

FCM's 1st VP and Ottawa City Councillor Tim Tierney and Board members Pam Mood, Mayor of Yarmouth and President of the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities, and Marc Doret, Mayor of Dorval, are in Washington to connect with our American counterparts at the National League of Cities. This trip is a part of our ongoing efforts to engage with local leaders in the U.S., highlighting the deep impact that tariffs will have on Canadian and American municipalities.

**» LEARN MORE**

**NEWS**



## Annual Conference: Registration opens tomorrow!

Register for FCM's Annual Conference and Trade Show 2025 starting at 1pm tomorrow.

This year, the theme Stronger Together: Local Strength, National Prosperity highlights the essential role that municipalities play as pillars supporting our country and as drivers of our economic prosperity. The 2025 Annual Conference, to be held from May 29 to June 1 in Ottawa, is the ideal opportunity to join forces and find concrete solutions for the future of our communities.

Discover our **program** and **plan your trip** today by consulting the **dedicated webpage**. You can also choose one of our planned **study tours** to discover a fascinating new aspect of our country's capital and host city.

Be sure to take advantage of the early-bird discount starting tomorrow!

## FCM advocates for local priorities in Budget 2025

FCM President Rebecca Bligh wrote to Finance Minister Dominic LeBlanc last week to share FCM's submission for the 2025 pre-budget consultation process. This document advocates for the priorities of local communities and the Canadians they serve from coast to coast to coast.

Our six recommendations call on the federal government to:

- Support Local Economic Growth and Resilience
- Invest in Infrastructure Renewal
- Achieve Housing Affordability
- End Homelessness
- Keep Communities Safe
- Invest in Climate-Resilient Infrastructure

These priorities support our call for a National Prosperity Partnership to ensure that municipalities—which constitute the foundation for economic growth—can reinvest in building a stronger, more resilient Canada.

» [READ THE FULL LETTER](#)

## NEW WEBINAR: Advancing transit standards

Frequent and reliable public transit services are the lifeblood of economic growth in Canadian communities of all sizes. They offer effective solutions for many of the challenges faced by Canadians. As our population continues to grow, expanding and maintaining transit systems and their supporting infrastructure pose an increasingly urgent priority.

On March 26, join us and the Canadian Standards Association for a free webinar focused on how transit standards can support municipalities to enhance the efficiency, safety and sustainability of transit systems across the country.

» [REGISTER NOW](#)

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## EVENTS

### **Webinar: Building for the future with better community housing**

Is your municipality looking to build community housing that's affordable and energy-efficient? Join our webinar on Thursday, March 27, at 2 p.m. ET to:

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

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

» **SIGN UP TODAY**

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## RESOURCES

## **Discover your options for energy-efficient affordable housing with GMF funding**

GMF's Sustainable Affordable Housing initiative funds studies to support the integration of leading-edge deep energy efficiency measures and onsite renewable energy generation in existing affordable housing retrofit and new build projects. Housing providers can use a study grant of up to \$250,000 to assess the approaches needed to implement an eligible pilot or capital project in detail.

» [LEARN MORE](#)

## **A self-sustaining way to finance energy upgrades**

The Town of Caledon's Corporate Energy Revolving Fund finances energy upgrades through solar revenue, energy incentives and savings from past projects. Established in 2015, it grows over time, funding new initiatives without taxpayer dollars or the annual budget. You can start something similar in your municipality with an initial energy upgrade investment from GMF's Community Buildings Retrofit initiative.

» [READ THE FULL CASE STUDY](#)

## **Driving community benefits with a e-bike incentive program**

Looking for a cost-effective way to provide residents with green transportation? The FCM Sustainable Communities Award-winning e-bike incentive program in Saanich, B.C., has already distributed over 380 incentives, offering affordable, eco-friendly transportation and reducing reliance on traditional vehicles.

This proven model is being adopted across B.C. and North America.

» [LEARN MORE](#)

## **Ville de Longueuil's bold vision for natural area protection**

In 2023, Ville de Longueuil adopted a plan to expand its protected natural areas by 1,500 hectares, aiming to protect 21% of its territory by 2030. The initiative focuses on enhancing regional biodiversity, building resilience to climate impacts, and providing citizens with greater access to green spaces.

This forward-thinking project won an FCM 2024 Sustainable Communities Award in the natural assets category.

» [READ MORE](#)

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**FCM IN THE NEWS**



» **FCM's CEO Carole Saab | March 4, 2025 | CPAC's PrimeTime Politics**  
FCM's CEO Carole Saab did an interview with CPAC, where she spoke about the economic impact U.S. tariffs will have on Canadian municipalities, local governments "Buy Canadian" initiatives and the organisation's work with American counterparts, including in Washington, D.C. [20:06-27:45]

» **Cross Border Network | Municipal Affairs | FCM Delegation Advocates in Washington**

FCM's second Vice President Kathy Valentino, FCM's Rural Forum Chair Neal Comeau, and Board of Directors Member Alysson Storey talked to Christopher Brown from Cross Border about their trip to Washington, D.C., where they had discussions with representatives of the National Association of Counties.

» **Storey part of last-ditch Canadian effort to turn tide on tariffs | Chatham Daily News**

Chatham's (Ontario) Municipal Councillor Alysson Storey went over her Washington, D.C., trip as part of an FCM delegation to help inform U.S. municipal politicians and representatives of the National Association of Counties about the impact of tariffs implemented by the U.S. administration.

» **According to Mayor Bruno Marchand, the tariff crisis could be an 'opportunity' | JDQ**

Quebec City Mayor Bruno Marchand said that the trade war with the United States represents an 'opportunity' for the province of Quebec and for Laval University in particular to recruit American researchers. During his mission to Washington, D.C., Mayor Marchand met with Republican elected officials to explain the undesirable effects of tariffs on American citizens.

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## SOCIAL MEDIA

### Connect with us on social media

Follow FCM on social media to keep up to date with the latest municipal news, resources, and more! Find us on:



**Mar 9:** Congratulations to @MarkJCarney, new leader of the @liberal\_party.

In these times of economic uncertainty, Canadians are looking to all orders of government to work together with urgency to protect local economies in a sustainable and resilient way. It's critical for national prosperity that municipalities across the country come out of the current economic challenge with sure footing. We look forward to working together to achieve this goal and more.

Our thanks to Prime Ministe @JustinTrudeau for nearly a decade of strong partnership with local governments. #CDNMuni #cdnpoli

**Mar 9:** Municipal leaders are uniquely positioned to convey the true impact of tariffs on both sides of the border. That's what FCM representatives VP TimTierney, Mayor Pam Mood and Mayor Marc Doret are focused on in Washington this weekend.

Thanks to @leagueofcities for the engaging and productive day. Stay tuned for more tomorrow. #CCC25 #CDNMuni #cdnpoli

**Mar 10:** Productive meetings continue for FCM representatives VP @TimTierney, Mayor Pam Mood and Mayor Marc Doret in Washington.

Tariffs will hurt communities of all sizes in Canada and the United States. Municipal leaders are uniquely positioned to convey the true impact of tariffs – on both sides of the border. #CCC25 #CDNMuni #cdnpoli



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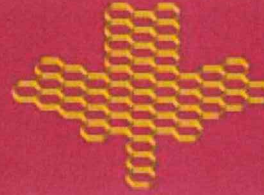
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Together**

Annual Conference  
and Trade Show

May 29 to June 1, 2025  
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## Join more than 1,500 elected municipal officials from May 29 to June 1 in Ottawa

In an ever-changing economic and political landscape marked by tensions between Canada and the U.S., we must unite to share our challenges and implement solutions that will make a real difference within our communities.

**This is why we invite you to join us at FCM's 2025 Annual Conference and Trade Show, which will take place May 29 to June 1 in our Nation's Capital, Ottawa.**

In the coming months, major decisions will influence Canada's future. Municipal governments must ensure their voices are heard. With the theme ***Stronger Together—Local Strength, National Prosperity***, our conference will highlight the essential role local governments have as the heart of our country and key drivers of economic growth.

This year's FCM conference will also feature a captivating **rural stream** component highlighting the unique challenges and opportunities faced by rural, northern and remote communities. Whether you represent a large city or a small town, our comprehensive program will offer tailored ideas and resources to address your reality.

Before registering:

- **Explore the 2025 conference program:** browse through the workshop themes and wide selection of activities.
- **Discover our study tours:** As you register, make sure to reserve your spots on one of our many exciting **study tours**. During these visits, you will discover municipal projects and facilities in Ottawa and find inspiration on how to tackle the challenges in your community. Please note that space is limited.
- **Plan your trip to Ottawa:** check out the various **travel** and **accommodation** options available and enjoy special discounted offers.

**Don't miss the opportunity to be at the heart of the action during this crucial time for our municipalities!** Make sure to register before April 23 to take advantage of the early bird discount.

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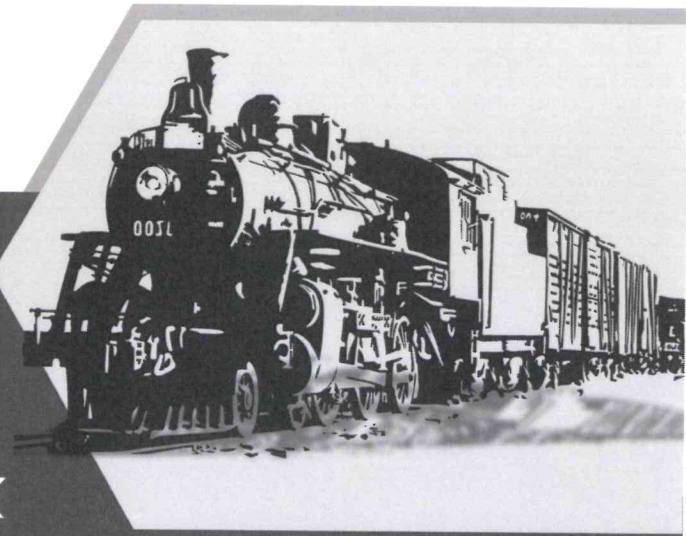
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# HUDSON BAY ROUTE ASSOCIATION

» IT'S TIME TO DOUBLE DOWN «  
ON OUR CANADIAN PORT

MARCH 2025

As the Hudson Bay Route Association reflects back on the years work, we are proud to share the news of the enhancement of the Port of Churchill and the Hudson Bay Railway. Arctic Gateway Group reported 2024 construction season set new records of investment and progress.

With the ever-changing relationship between Canada and the United States, there is a huge demand for change. With the Port being at a pivotal geological location, we see vast unrealized opportunities for Canada, and our access to international Markets.



## 2024 HIGHLIGHTS

### » SPOT SURFACING

2.3 MILLION FEET OF SPOT SURFACING WAS COMPLETED. THIS IS CRITICAL TO KEEPING THE TRACK LEVEL AND SAFE FOR HEAVY LOADS. THIS IS A SIGNIFICANT ADVANCEMENT UP FROM 1.28 MILLION FEET IN 2023.

### » RAILWAY TIE INSTALLMENT

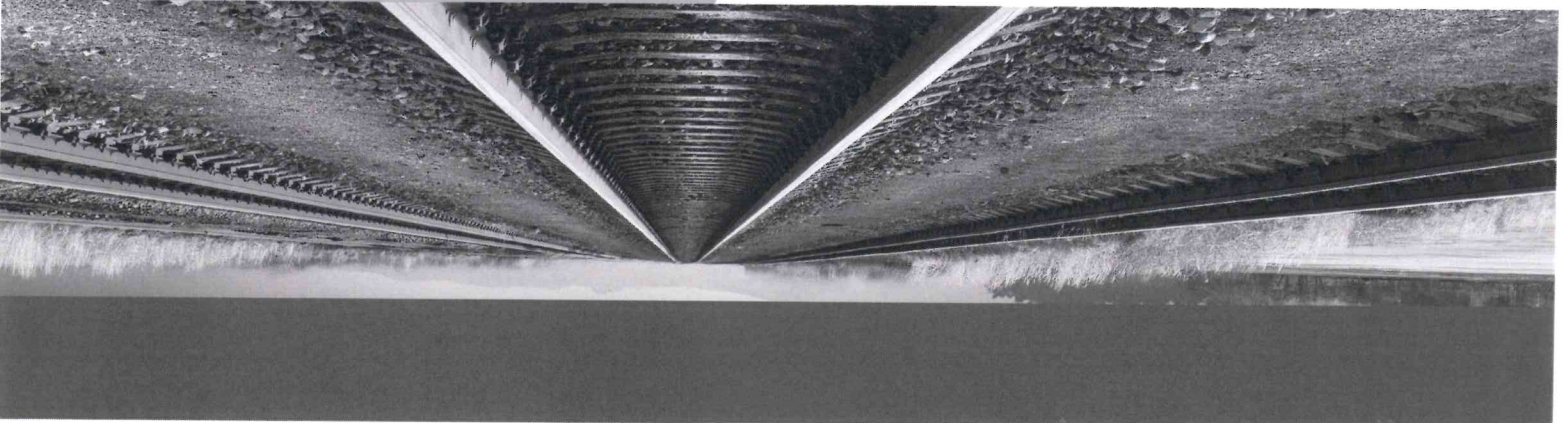
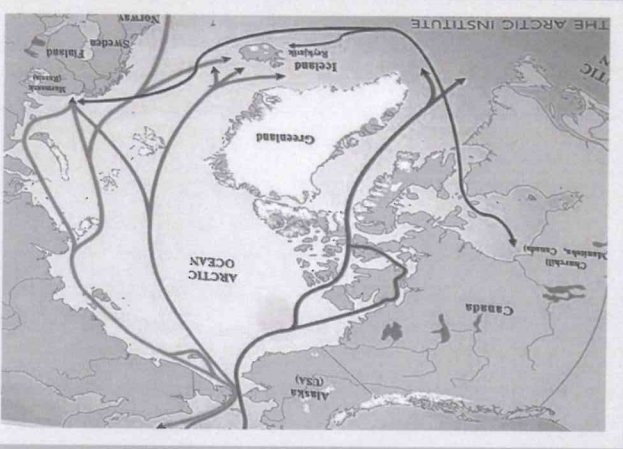
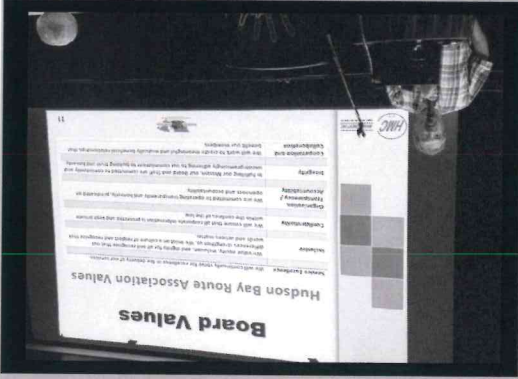
199,965 NEW RAILWAY TIES WERE INSTALLED IN 2024. THIS IS A GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENT, SURPASSING THE 105,687 TIES INSTALLED IN 2023. THIS IS ESSENTIAL MAINTENANCE FOR THE RAILWAY THAT ENABLES WEIGHT TO BE DISTRIBUTED EVENLY AND SAFELY.

### » BALLAST UNLOADING

BALLAST UNLOADED: THIS YEAR, HBR UNLOADED OVER 1,600 CARS OF ESSENTIAL BALLAST, FOR MAINTAINING THE STABILITY AND RELIABILITY OF THE RAILWAY. WE CONTINUED TO SEE EXPONENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS IN THE RAILS ASSET ITSELF, WHICH IS THERE TO SERVICE CANADIAN CUSTOMERS.







- » Presented at the Thompson Transportation Symposium Sept/24 as part of the railway speaking panel.
- » Attended the Northern Perspectives Conference in Winnipeg. Discussions were positive around Northern Development and Bayside communities. Premier Wab Kinew delivered a key note presentation!
- » Worked very closely with Agriculture Producers of Saskatchewan (APAs) on agriculture policy and marketing opportunities.
- » Began creating a professionally developed strategic planning process. This included a review of the constitution and articles of incorporation.
- » Met with key political figures to discuss infrastructure upgrades and investment opportunities, and potential capacity increases for the Port.



# MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

The HBRA President, Jim Berscheid attended the Deputy Ministers Dinner for the second year focused on bringing “together business and community leaders to connect directly to action drivers in the Manitoba Government, the Deputy Ministers.” Significant discussions with the newly elected Minister and MLA for the Saskatchewan government have also taken place. We view Saskatchewan and Manitoba as the principal provinces that will be utilizing the Port of Churchill. The advocacy work we do is focused on education, awareness and enhancement of this Northern Trade Corridor!

We are very pleased with the AGM results we recently had in Yorkton Saskatchewan. The event was very well attended with speakers from across the Prairies

We are very excited to report HBR attended the “First Ship In” where we saw a 10,000 metric ton shipment of Zinc concentrate destined for Belgium and loaded by Hudson Bay Mineral out of Snow Lake. We also witnessed many of the upgrades that have been done to the rail bed assets and efficient Transportation infrastructure. We’ve also had significant meetings with individuals and governments from Alberta who are keenly interested in Manitoba’s prairie asset for moving products out to the world. Other Canadian ports, including Prince Rupert, have similar business models, which have resulted in exponential, shipping growth and prosperity to their regions.



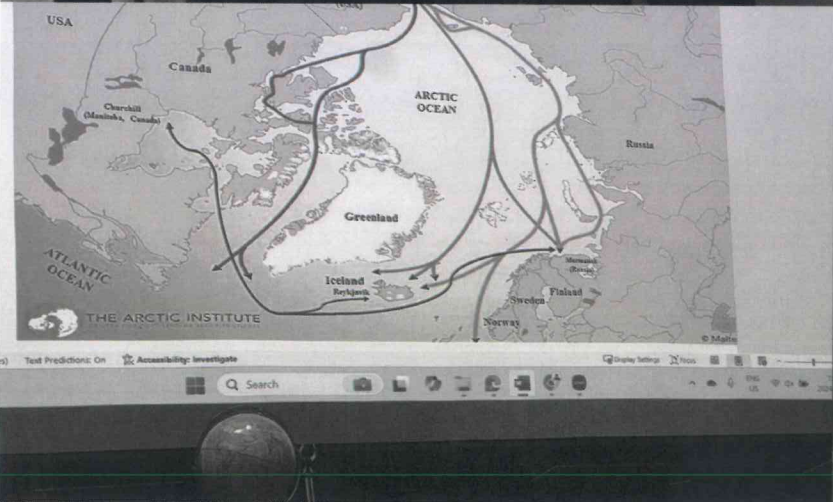
We are proud of the Association’s work and look forward to your ongoing support and loyalty to the Hudson Bay Route Association. Together we can see the success of our local port and rail come to fruition! Memberships and additional information are detailed in the accompanied attachment for anyone interested. Please take a moment to appreciate the pivotal moments and pictures attached. For those who are keenly interested, more pictures and information can be found at [hbra.ca](http://hbra.ca).

Best Regards,  
 Jim Berscheid  
 President  
 Hudson Bay Route Association

I’d like to welcome and acknowledge HBRA board members as follows:  
 Jim Berscheid President  
 Bill Ward – 1st Vice President  
 Wayne Bacon – Second Vice President  
 Eldon Boone – Past President  
 Board members: Brian Roque, George Haas, Roman Charko, Marcel Enns, Ian Allan, Mike Bignell, Larry Bohdanovich, Orest Romanchuk, Myron Kopec, Leonard Gluska, Barry Dilts, Dan Davie, Sinclair Harrison, Colleen Smook, Peter Dubek.







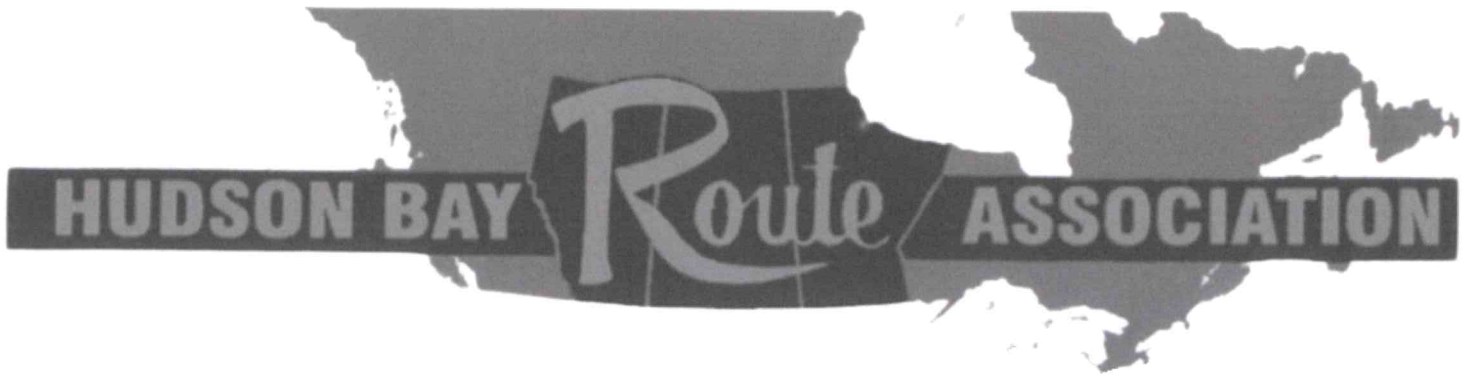
## Board Values

### Hudson Bay Route Association Values

<b>Service Excellence</b>	We will continually strive for excellence in the delivery of our services.
<b>Inclusive</b>	We value equity, inclusion, and dignity for all and recognize that our differences strengthen us. We insist on a culture of respect and recognize that our words and actions matter.
<b>Confidentiality</b>	We will ensure that all corporate information is protected and kept private within the confines of the law.
<b>Organization Transparency / Accountability</b>	We are committed to operating transparently and honestly, predicated on openness and accountability.
<b>Integrity</b>	In fulfilling our Mission, our Board and Staff are committed to consistently and uncompromisingly adhering to our commitment to building trust and honesty.
<b>Cooperation and Collaboration</b>	We will work to create meaningful and mutually beneficial relationships that benefit our members.

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# BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!

## MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2025

AS ALWAYS, YOUR SUPPORT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO HBRA'S ONGOING ENDEAVOURS TO PUT CHURCHILL AT THE FOREFRONT AS A MAJOR ARCTIC SHIPPING PORT. THE MEMBERSHIP STRUCTURE FOR 2025 IS AS FOLLOWS:

RM'S, CITIES, FIRST NATION, CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS..... 300 PER YEAR  
INDIVIDUAL.....20 PER YEAR

INTERAC E-TRANSFERS ARE WELCOME AND MAY BE SENT TO [PAYMENTS@HBRA.CA](mailto:PAYMENTS@HBRA.CA)

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If you would be interested in supporting our association, a donation/Sponsorship would be very welcomed. Please use the same remittance methods as above and put the word donation in the message so that we may acknowledge your support.



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## Manitoba Communities in Bloom Community Development Program 2025 Registration Now Open

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2025 Community Participation Guide .pdf; 2025 MB CiB Basic Information.pdf; 2025 MB CIB Community registration form.pdf;



### **Manitoba Communities in Bloom 2025 Program - it's more than just plants!**

Since 1995, the MB CIB program has engaged over 70 Manitoba communities in this community development program. The program encourages all sectors of the community to work together to develop best practices to achieve clean, green, sustainable communities that celebrate their heritage and unique potential. By participating, they have made a commitment to work toward a sustainable future for their communities.

MB CiB judges four participating communities providing an evaluation which focuses on beautification, environmental and heritage conservation efforts. The comprehensive evaluation provides specific feedback on community successes and constructive suggestions for challenges that are beneficial to community development. The program is open to all towns, cities and municipalities in Manitoba and is an opportunity to recognize the work of our community volunteers.

#### **The Benefits of participating in Manitoba Communities in Bloom program:**

#### **Interview with the Mayor of Niverville - The Benefits of the MB Communities in Bloom**

**Program:** [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QXaY60J9NZfRTdctFXxIQ2D4AOEip3QX/view?usp=drive\\_web](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QXaY60J9NZfRTdctFXxIQ2D4AOEip3QX/view?usp=drive_web)

- Increases community involvement and civic pride. Communities have witnessed mobilization of citizens, groups, businesses and municipality working together through program participation
- Promotes excellence and leadership in environmental action such as recycling, composting, water conservation and other climate change mitigation measures which are an integral part of the program evaluation
- Provides opportunities to learn best practices and exchange information with other Manitoba communities and affiliated associations through the Annual Provincial Conference and Awards, newsletters, website and Facebook

- Offers information on grants, funding initiatives and MB CiB sponsor discounts
- Promotes your community visibility provincially and nationally through media, trade shows, conferences and marketing opportunities
- Provides an opportunity to participate in the National Communities in Bloom program

The Board of Directors would like to invite your community to join in the 2025 program. Attached is additional information on the MB CIB Program, a detailed Participation Guide and the 2025 Registration Form.

**Early Registration Deadline March 31 - entered to win a Scott's Miracle-Gro Gift basket. Final Registration Deadline is April 30th.**

Regards  
Cathy Shaluk  
Program Coordinator  
Manitoba Communities in Bloom  
[coordinator@mbcommunitiesinbloom.ca](mailto:coordinator@mbcommunitiesinbloom.ca)

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## What is Manitoba Communities in Bloom?

### The Program

The *Manitoba Communities in Bloom* program provides a comprehensive evaluation beneficial to community development.

It encourages all sectors of the community to work together to develop best practices to achieve clean, green sustainable communities that celebrate their heritage and unique potential.

CiB judges tour participating communities providing an evaluation which focuses on beautification, environmental and heritage conservation efforts.

Communities are divided into categories according to population and evaluated on the accomplishments of their whole team (municipal, private, corporate and institutional).

Evaluated communities are provided with a bloom rating (1 to 5), a special mention (community highlight), and an Evaluation Report. This report provides specific feedback on community successes and constructive suggestions for challenges. The Evaluation assess the following six categories:

- ⊗ **COMMUNITY APPEARANCE:** Maintenance of buildings and structures, removal of litter, weeds and graffiti
- ⊗ **ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION:** Waste reduction, sewage disposal, recycling, composting, integrated pest management (IPM) and water conservation
- ⊗ **HERITAGE CONSERVATION:** Efforts to preserve built heritage; natural and cultural heritage
- ⊗ **TREE MANAGEMENT:** Existence of long and short term planning, by-laws and standards for planting suitable trees, appropriate care practices
- ⊗ **LANDSCAPED AREAS:** Community efforts to make plants an element of surroundings; colour, texture, regional suitability, native species and maintenance
- ⊗ **PLANT AND FLORAL DISPLAYS:** General beautification with beds, containers and ornamental displays

**Inspiring communities to be their best!**

### Board of Directors

The MB CIB Board of Directors is made up of volunteers who have several years experience involved in the Communities in Bloom program and contributing to the successful administration of the program.

### Judges

MB CiB qualified volunteer judges have experience ranging from horticulture professionals and Parks administrators to personal CIB involvement in their hometowns.

### Participants

Since 1995 over 60 Manitoba communities have experienced the benefits of Communities in Bloom. By participating, they have made a commitment to work toward a sustainable future for their communities.

It is due to our many volunteers and the financial and in-kind support of our sponsors and partners that MB CIB can offer this valuable and worthwhile community development program.



**For more information on  
Manitoba Communities in Bloom**

[coordinator@mbcommunitiesinbloom.ca](mailto:coordinator@mbcommunitiesinbloom.ca)

[www.mbcommunitiesinbloom.ca](http://www.mbcommunitiesinbloom.ca)



## Manitoba Communities in Bloom

### PROGRAM BENEFITS

- Receive a 16 page Evaluation Grid, completed by qualified volunteer judges, which provides valuable information and suggestions on their community in six judging criteria: Community Appearance; Environmental Action; Heritage Conservation; Tree Management; Landscaped Areas; and Plant and Floral Displays
- Experience increased community involvement and civic pride through program participation
- Network with other Manitoba communities and affiliated associations through the Annual Provincial Conference and Awards, quarterly newsletter, web site and Facebook
- Informed on grants, funding and MB CiB sponsor discounts
- Opportunity for provincial and national visibility through CiB media, tradeshow and marketing campaigns

### COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION RESPONSIBILITIES

- Pay a program registration fee based on population size
- Organize a one day judges tour which highlights community accomplishments in the six judging criteria; to take place on a predetermined date between mid July to mid August.
- Provide lodging for two judges for one or two nights and all meals (bed & breakfasts and billets are acceptable)
- Plan to attend the Annual Provincial Conference and Awards Ceremony in September to receive bloom rating, certificate and evaluation grid

### Manitoba Communities in Bloom is made possible by:

The commitment of local or provincial volunteers  
The support of elected officials and municipal staff  
The dedication of board members, judges and staff  
The contribution of sponsors and partners





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# Manitoba Communities in Bloom

## 2025 PROVINCIAL EDITION REGISTRATION FORM

Early Registration deadline March 31 / Final deadline April 30th

COMMUNITY INFORMATION			
Community Name		Population	
Mailing Address		Postal Code	
Contact #1 Name		Home Phone	
E-mail		Cell	
Mailing Address		Postal	
Contact #2 Name		Home Phone	
E-mail		Cell	
Mailing Address		Postal	

**How to Register**  
 Select a category   
 Complete the registration process on the other side

<b>1. Provincial – Evaluated</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Registration fee is based on population</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Community is evaluated by 2 judges using an evaluation grid</li> <li>* Community is provided with a written report &amp; a bloom rating</li> <li>* Communities from this category scoring 5 plus blooms may be invited to participate in the National CiB Competition in future years (although not obligated)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Population up to 500 = <b>\$250.00</b></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Population 501-1000 = <b>\$250.00</b></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Population 1001—3000 = <b>\$300.00</b></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Population 3001—5,000 = <b>\$400.00</b></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Population Over 5,000 = <b>\$500.00</b></li> </ul>
<b>2. Provincial – Non - Evaluated</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Registration fee is 1/2 of the evaluated fee</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Available to communities who have participated and have been evaluated in the last three years</li> <li>* Community is not judged by MB CiB judges</li> <li>* Communities are included in all networking opportunities (i.e. CiB quarterly newsletter, sponsor information, grants/funding information, participate in the Annual Conference and Awards)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Population up to 500 = <b>\$125.00</b></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Population 501-1000 = <b>\$125.00</b></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Population 1001—3000 = <b>\$150.00</b></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Population 3001—5,000 = <b>\$200.00</b></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Population Over 5,000 = <b>\$250.00</b></li> </ul>
<b>3. Special Attraction</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Registration Fee</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Available to Manitoba green attractions such as parks, living history museums and public gardens.</li> <li>* Criteria focuses on management, planning, maintenance, improvement and innovation in 6 criteria (2 judges, written report &amp; bloom rating provided)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> \$300.00</li> </ul>



## Manitoba Communities in Bloom 2025 PROVINCIAL EDITION REGISTRATION FORM

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### PROGRAM BENEFITS

Communities will:

- Receive a Community Participation Guide that provides helpful tips and suggestions
- Receive a 18 page Evaluation Grid, completed by qualified volunteer judges, which provides valuable information and suggestions on their community in six judging criteria: Tidiness; Environmental Action; Heritage Conservation; Urban Forestry; Landscaped Areas; and Floral Displays.
- Receive a Bloom Rating certificate (2 to 5 blooms)
- Experience increased community involvement and civic pride through program participation
- Have the opportunity to network with other Manitoba communities and affiliated associations through the Annual Provincial Conference and Awards, quarterly newsletter, web site and Facebook
- Be the first to be informed of grants, funding and MB CiB sponsor discounts
- Experience provincial and national visibility through CiB media, tradeshow and marketing campaigns

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### Registration Information

**Early Registration Deadline March 31— entered to win a gift basket from Scott's Miracle Grow**

**Final Registration Deadline April 30th**

**Please send completed registration form *and* cheque made out to “Manitoba Communities in Bloom” to:**

**Mail:** 494 Stalker Bay, Winnipeg, MB R2G 0C8

**Email:** Scan registration form and email to [coordinator@mbcommunitiesinbloom.ca](mailto:coordinator@mbcommunitiesinbloom.ca)  
Mail registration fee to 494 Stalker Bay, Winnipeg, MB R2G 0C8

**For more information:** Contact the program coordinator at [coordinator@mbcommunitiesinbloom.ca](mailto:coordinator@mbcommunitiesinbloom.ca)



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2025 MGRA Annual Awards Banquet - The Delta, Winnipeg, April 14, 2025

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From dtvan <dtvan@mymts.net>

Date Fri 2025-02-28 2:20 PM

To Cartwright-Roblin Municipality <colleen.mullin@cartwrightroblin.ca>; R.M. of Fisher <rmoffisher@mymts.net>; Gilbert Plains Municipality <gpcao@mymts.net>; Grandview Municipality <grandviewcao@mymts.net>; Hamiota Municipality <info@hamiota.com>; Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton <bifrost@mymts.net>; Municipality of Boissevain-Morton <admin@boissevain.ca>; Municipality of Brenda-Waskada <waskadan@mymts.net>; Municipality of Deloraine-Winchester <pamela@delowin.ca>; Municipality of Emerson-Franklin <info@emersonfranklin.com>; Municipality of Ethelbert <rmethelbert@inetlink.ca>; Municipality of Glenboro-South Cypress <caormsc@mts.net>; Municipality of Glenella-Lansdowne <rmofglen@glenella.ca>; Municipality of Grassland <cao@mglgov.ca>; Municipality of Harrison Park <admin@harrisonpark.ca>; Municipality of Killarney - Turtle Mountain <info@killarney.ca>; Municipality of La Broquerie <cao@rmlabroquerie.ca>; Municipality of Lorne <rmlorne@mymts.net>; Municipality of Louise <fina@louisemb.com>; Municipality of Minitonas-Bowsman <cao@minitonas-bowsman.ca>

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Invitation to Banq with order form.doc;

Please find attached your invitation to MGRA's 2025 Annual Awards Banquet that will take place on

April 14,

2025 at the Delta in Winnipeg. Please use the attached form to order tickets. I will invoice after the banquet because there are usually last minute changes to orders. Tickets will all be mailed one week prior to the banquet to also allow for changes.

The AGM will take place on the same day at 3:30 at the Delta in Winnipeg. An agenda will be emailed closer to the date.

If you entered someone who won a category in the 2024 judging competition, it is customary that the Municipality purchase tickets for the winner. If you are purchasing winner's tickets, please include them in your banquet ticket order and make a note on the the form that you are ordering tickets for them. I will be mailing the family winner invitations in the next couple of days.

If you have a plaque to return from the 2023 competition, I will be emailing you the specifics in the next week or so and I will also be mailing letters to the previous family winners to return their plaque.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email the office.

Have a great weekend!

Terra

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Executive Director

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***YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND***  
***THE 113<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BANQUET AND AWARDS PRESENTATION***  
***of the***  
***MANITOBA GOOD ROADS ASSOCIATION***

***on***

***MONDAY, April 14, 2025***

***at the***

***THE DELTA WINNIPEG***  
***350 ST. MARY AVE***  
***WINNIPEG, MANITOBA***

***COCKTAILS 5:30 P.M.***

***DINNER 6:00 P.M.***

***PLEASE ORDER YOUR TICKETS BY APRIL 10, 2025***

***TICKETS \$65.00***

***\*\*TICKETS MUST BE ORDERED USING THE ORDER FORM\*\****





*113<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet and Awards Program*  
*Monday, April 14, 2025*  
*Delta Grand Ballroom, The Delta*  
*Winnipeg, Manitoba*  
*Cocktails 5:30 p.m.*  
*Banquet 6:00 p.m.*

**BANQUET TICKET ORDER FORM**

NAME OF RM/COMPANY \_\_\_\_\_

*NUMBER OF TICKETS* \_\_\_\_\_

*SIGNATURE* \_\_\_\_\_

**All tickets must be ordered using this form. Please order your tickets by April 10, 2025. If you do not require the tickets you ordered, please contact Terra at 239-1035 by April 10, 2025. MGRA pays for the number of plates ordered, NOT by how many plates are served at the banquet.**

**Unused tickets must be cancelled by April 10, 2025 by PHONE or you will be charged for them. Before you submit your order, please make sure you are accurate to avoid any confusion with numerous changes. There is plenty of time to get your order in before the banquet. Thank you for your cooperation! I will invoice after the banquet.**

**\*\*Please email this banquet ticket order form to [mgra@mts.net](mailto:mgra@mts.net) or fax to 239-1054\*\***

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## PSCS - APX radio model update

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**From** +WPG969 - Manitoba Public Safety Communications Service <pscssupport@gov.mb.ca>

**Date** Thu 2025-02-20 10:52 AM

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Hello PSCS users,

Due to changes in the Motorola APX radio product line, Motorola and Bell recently presented the attached to the PSCS Team which includes information on the following:

- APX Subscriber Family
- APX N30 / N50
- APX N70 / NEXT
- Audio & Remote Speaker Mics
- Mobiles & Control Heads
- Smart Applications
  - Smart Connect
  - Smart Messaging
  - Smart Locate
  - Smart Mapping

Note that not all of the radio models and Smart Applications referenced are currently available for use on the PSCS Network. Please ensure you confirm availability before ordering any hardware or software applications.

Pricing for the new radios and accessories is not yet available but will be made available in the near future and will be sent to the PSCS user group.

Please let the PSCS Team know if you have any additional questions.

Regards,

PSCS Team

Public Safety Communications Service

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\*\*Please visit the [PSCS page](#) on the Government of Manitoba website for frequently asked questions, standard operating procedures, and additional useful information\*\*

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February 28, 2025

ATTN: Chief Administrative Officers

**RE: 2025 PROPERTY ASSESSMENT SERVICES LEVY**

Attached is an invoice for your municipality's 2025 Assessment Levy for property assessment services, in accordance with The Municipal Assessment Act. Although the department previously indicated in Bulletin #2024-28 that the levy would increase by 2.175% over 2024, the increase has been revised to 2%. Individual levy changes by municipality vary depending on the formula summarized below.

Your municipality's Assessment Levy is a share of the total Provincial cost of delivering property assessment services for municipalities. As with prior years, this amount is determined on the basis of the methodology comprised of:

- A base charge paid by all municipalities that reflects:
  - your municipality's proportionate share of the total 2025 municipal assessment; and,
  - a flat rate based on population and amount of supplementary taxes.
- A personal property charge, paid by municipalities that maintain a personal property assessment roll, based on your municipality's proportionate share of personal property assessment; and,
- A business assessment charge, paid by municipalities that maintain a business assessment roll.

Changes to your Assessment Levy from last year will depend on how the methodology's specific elements apply to your municipality.

The Department of Municipal and Northern Relations remains committed to providing municipalities with efficient and effective assessment services. The Property Assessment Services Branch continues to examine processes to improve the delivery of services and ensure assessments are up-to-date and accurately reflected on municipalities' assessment rolls.

The due date by which Levy payment should be made is November 30, 2025. Cheques should be made payable to the "Minister of Finance" and sent to 500-800 Portage Ave., Winnipeg, MB R3G 0N4.

If you have any questions about your 2025 Assessment Levy, please contact me at 204-232-3861 or [lloyd.funk@gov.mb.ca](mailto:lloyd.funk@gov.mb.ca) or your Property Assessment Services District Supervisor.

Sincerely,

Lloyd Funk  
Director of Property Assessment Services

Attachment



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Your Municipal World Daily+ for Feb. 26, 2025

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## Top Stories

The City of Fort St. John is responding to a “cyber incident” that was discovered Tuesday. The city says as soon as the breach was identified, its staff took action to limit unauthorized activity. [Read more...](#)

The Halifax Regional Municipality has led the country in downtown recovery out of the pandemic years, with experts saying the secret to success has been the area's diverse economy. [Read more...](#)

A small First Nation on British Columbia's Central Coast is taking the attorney general of Canada to court, arguing its Charter rights have been violated because the RCMP refuses to enforce its bylaws. [Read more...](#)

Earlier this week, Cambridge made the surprise move of ending its presence on X, citing concerns over the platform's “viability as a trusted place for public communication.” It now appears

Lethbridge city council has re-committed its opposition to any and all coal developments that risk damage to the Oldman Watershed. The motion brought forward by Coun. Belinda Crowson

Orillia Mayor Don McIsaac has publicly endorsed Doug Ford and his Progressive Conservative (PC) government in the days leading up to Thursday's provincial election. His public endorsement drew

the City of Waterloo is considering a similar move. [Read more...](#)

asked council to reconfirm its opposition. [Read more...](#)


harsh criticism on social media. [Read more...](#)

Surrey Mayor Brenda Locke is leading a revolt by municipalities south of the Fraser River against what she considers an unaffordable and unaccountable Metro Vancouver regional district. [Read more...](#)

As Calgary prepares for a possible trade war between Canada and the United States, the municipality appears to be in a good position should tariffs and countermeasures go into effect next week. [Read more...](#)

Yellowknife councillors are again considering options to address the municipality's aging drinking water infrastructure. In 2019, the city received nearly \$26 million in federal funding to support replacement. [Read more...](#)

## Featured Job Listings

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### **Communications & Grant Writing Specialist (12-Month Contract) – Town of Lincoln**

Application Deadline: March 9, 2025

### **Capital Works Technologist – Clearview Township**

Application Deadline: March 10, 2025

### **Project Manager, Capital Inspections – Town of Caledon**

Application Deadline: March 19, 2025

### **Senior Administrative Officer – Village of Fort Simpson**

Application Deadline: March 28, 2025

### **Engineering Technologist - Transportation – Township of Centre Wellington**

Application Deadline: March 30, 2025

## Daily+

### **Mayor Ken Johnston: Reflections on pragmatism, peace, gratitude**

After 12 years in public service, Red Deer Mayor Ken Johnston announced in January he wouldn't be standing for re-election this fall. Despite his love for the role of mayor, Johnston said he is at peace with his decision.

[Read more](#)

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## Share your municipal career announcements

Career announcements are a powerful way to celebrate promotions and new hires. They highlight key staff and profile your organization within the municipal community. And they're free for Executive Members.

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## 2025 NOMA Annual Conference & AGM

Register today for the Annual NOMA Conference, held April 23-25, at the Superior Inn Hotel in Thunder Bay. Our theme this year is Innovation. Check out the program and registration details on our website: [www.noma.on.ca](http://www.noma.on.ca). [Read more...](#)

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## Right-Sized Software for Small Municipalities

CityReporter's MuniPro Suite streamlines inspections, permits, and asset tracking – built for municipalities under 20,000. Affordable, easy to use, and built to fit your needs. Book a demo today. [Read more...](#)

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## Unlock the Power of Neuroscience for Change

Discover the PEPE Model and Agile Change strategies to drive transformation effectively. Join our expert-led Neuroscience for Change at Work program from April 21-28. [Read more...](#)

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## Win \$10,000 Sponsorship for Your Municipality

Introducing the Call2Recycle Municipal Sponsorship Challenge. Submit a strong proposal to pitch live at the WSC Municipal Sponsorship Summit. Two municipalities with the best pitches will each win a



\$10,000 sponsorship from Call2Recycle Canada. [Read more...](#)

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## Coming Events

**17th National Conference on Navigating Risk in Construction Contracts & Projects**

Start Date: Feb. 27, 2025

End Date: Feb. 28, 2025

**NWT Association of Communities (NWTAC) Annual General Meeting**

Start Date: Feb. 27, 2025

End Date: March 1, 2025

**Intelligent Community Forum (ICF) Smart21 Summit**

Start Date: March 5, 2025

End Date: March 6, 2025

**2025 Alberta Municipalities Spring Municipal Leaders' Caucus**

Start Date: March 6, 2025

End Date: March 7, 2025

**SWOxTO Con 2025: Data and Privacy in the Digital Era**

Start Date: April 8, 2025

End Date: April 8, 2025

**Canadian Institute 7th Annual Conference on First Nations Housing & Infrastructure West**

Start Date: April 30, 2025

End Date: May 1, 2025

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Wednesday, March 5, 2025



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### Today's Top Story

## FCM, local governments continue Trump tariff fight

U.S. President Donald Trump has threatened a 25 per cent tariff on Canadian goods since his January inauguration. Since that time, municipal officials have worked behind the scenes to mitigate the impact of a potential trade war.



## Top Stories



Allan MacEachern is the mayor for St. Stephen, the New Brunswick town located next to Calais, Maine. The two towns share many things, including fire services, but MacEachern fears the new U.S. tariffs have thrown a wrench into that unity. [Read more...](#)



The Municipality of Chatham-Kent is getting down to business to find ways it can fight back against across the tariffs imposed by U.S. Donald Trump. Chatham-Kent Mayor Darrin Canniff is calling on Canadians to come together and fight back. [Read more...](#)



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Now that tariffs are taking effect, the city is “assessing the potential impact on municipal operations and significant projects. Collaboration between all levels of government is essential in presenting a unified strategy.”  
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American flags are coming down across Barrie facilities. Mayor Alex Nuttall ordered the flags removed as American tariffs began, signalling a trade war between the two nations. [Read more...](#)



You will not see any more posts from the City of Saint John on the social media platform X. The city has become the latest municipality to stop using the platform, formerly known as Twitter. [Read more...](#)



Cape Breton Regional Municipality is considering creating a task force to support the increasing number of offshore wind turbine installation ships visiting the harbour in Sydney, N.S. [Read more...](#)



West Kelowna's mayor is expressing disappointment after the city revealed its share of the cost of its new city hall has come in more than 34 per cent over budget. [Read more...](#)

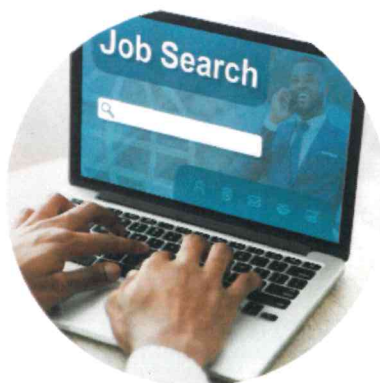


Alberta's 2025 budget has some positive signs for municipalities, but other areas of funding are still behind and local governments and ratepayers left are having to fill the gap. [Read more...](#)



The City of Gatineau has received hundreds of tips about drivers with out-of-province licence plates in the first two weeks of a crackdown on residents with non-Quebec plates. [Read more...](#)

## Featured Job Listings



### **Fire Chief – City of Prince George**

Application Deadline: March 24, 2025

### **Manager, Budgeting & Taxation – City of Yellowknife**

Application Deadline: March 25, 2025

### **Director of Transportation & Engineering – Town of Oakville**

Application Deadline: March 28, 2025

### **Town Clerk – Town of Oakville**



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**Associate Medical Officer of Health (2) –  
Niagara Region**

Application Deadline: March 31, 2025

## Daily+



### Procurement and Group Purchasing Made Easy

Municipal World members can take advantage of new resources from Kinetik GPO. By leveraging Kinetik GPO's national buying power, compliant competitions, and knowledge of industry best practices, the team does all the heavy lifting when it comes to procurement.

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### Brampton councillor releases music video for International Women's Day

Brampton Regional Councillor Rowena Santos, her band Point of Order, and some special guests, recently re-recorded Pink's 2021 hit, "All I Know So Far," in support of the 2025 International Women's Day.

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**Topic: How to do business with Canada's largest municipality**

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## Coming Events

**Intelligent Community Forum (ICF)**

**Smart21 Summit**

Start Date: March 5, 2025

End Date: March 6, 2025

**Women Leading Change: Turning Challenges into**

**Opportunity**

Start Date: March 6, 2025

End Date: March 6, 2025

**2025 Alberta Municipalities Spring Municipal**

**Leaders' Caucus**

Start Date: March 6, 2025

End Date: March 7, 2025

**Neuroscience for Change at Work Program**

Start Date: March 5, 2025

End Date: March 26, 2025

**SWOxTO Con 2025: Data and Privacy in the**

**Digital Era**

Start Date: April 8, 2025

End Date: April 8, 2025

**Canadian Institute 7th Annual Conference on First**

**Nations Housing & Infrastructure West**

Start Date: April 30, 2025

End Date: May 1, 2025

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March 3, 2025

Greetings from the University of Manitoba's Department of Family Medicine!

The Department of Family Medicine (DFM) Resident Retreat will be held September 19-21, 2025 in Brandon, Manitoba, and we cordially invite you to participate in this retreat through sponsorship.

In addition to welcoming our incoming residents and reaffirming support for our second-year residents, your sponsorship of the 2025 Resident Retreat includes the opportunity to provide more information about your organization to residents who are planning the next steps in their career paths.

All sponsorship levels include the option for advertising of varying sizes in the digital 2025 Family Medicine Resident Retreat program, and the opportunity to include promotional materials at the welcome table where each resident checks in.

Sponsorship at the gold or platinum levels includes the opportunity to have a booth for your organization at the Career and Opportunities Fair, which will be held the evening of Friday, September 19, 2025 at the Victoria Inn Brandon Hotel and Conference Centre. Space at the Career and Opportunities Fair is limited. Sponsorships and booth space will be accepted only until we reach capacity. New for 2025, we are also offering organizations the opportunity to sponsor meals at the Resident Retreat!

You are also welcome to provide sponsorship at a lower monetary level, to provide promotional items from your company to be handed out at the resident welcome table, or to provide prizes for the raffle draw that occurs at the retreat. Information about the different sponsorship levels and a link to the Sponsorship Pledge Form are available on the next page.

We hope you will join us in supporting our family medicine residents and showing them why Manitoba is the best place to choose to practice medicine!

On behalf of the Department of University of Manitoba Family Medicine Residents,

Dr. Amanda Condon  
Head, Department of Family  
Medicine  
Max Rady College of Medicine  
University of Manitoba

Dr. Tamara Buchel  
PGME Program Director,  
Department of Family Medicine  
Max Rady College of Medicine  
University of Manitoba

Dr. Brian Milligan  
Family Medicine Education  
Director, Neepawa Stream  
Max Rady College of Medicine  
University of Manitoba

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## 2025 Department of Family Medicine Resident Retreat Sponsorship Packages

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### **Platinum Sponsorship is \$4,000.00 and includes:**

- Public recognition during the retreat
- Opportunity to insert promotional materials of your choice into participant retreat packages
- Full-page colour (8.5"x11"h) advertisement in the digital event program. Sponsors will have the opportunity to provide us with links to any websites, promotional videos, email addresses, or other digital resources to include in the digital program.
- Booths/tables with prime locations at the exhibition with priority access to electrical outlets
- Logo on official retreat t-shirt

### **Gold Sponsorship is \$2,500.00 and includes:**

- Opportunity to insert promotional materials of your choice into participant retreat packages
- Half-page colour (8.5"x5.5"h) advertisement in the digital event program. Sponsors will have the opportunity to provide us with links to any websites, promotional videos, email addresses, or other digital resources to include in the digital program.
- Booths/tables at the exhibition event

### **Silver Sponsorship is \$1,750.00 and includes:**

- One-quarter page colour (4.25"x5.5"h) advertisement in the digital event program. Sponsors will have the opportunity to provide us with links to any websites, promotional videos, email addresses, or other digital resources to include in the digital program.

### **Bronze Sponsorship is \$500.00 and includes:**

- One-eighth page colour (4.25"x2.75"h) advertisement in the digital event program. Sponsors will have the opportunity to provide us with links to any websites, promotional videos, email addresses, or other digital resources to include in the digital program.
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## 2025 Department of Family Medicine Resident Retreat Meal Sponsorships

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### Meal Sponsorships

As this year's sponsoring region, Prairie Mountain Health is generously sponsoring the full cost of the Saturday, September 20, 2025 meal. However, we are offering other organizations the opportunity to be sponsors of other meals at the event. Opportunities for meal sponsorship are limited, and will be provided to organizations in the order that they were received. Please find the details below:

#### **Sponsorship of Friday, September 19, 2025 lunch is \$1000 (three sponsorship spaces available) and includes:**

- Your organization's name and logo, along with a welcome message and QR code linking to your organization's website, will be displayed on a large sign (30" x 20") at the entrance of the meal venue.
- Your organization's sponsorship of the lunch will be noted at the start and end of the meal, with a brief informational plug for your organization read by an emcee during the event.

#### **Sponsorship of Friday, September 19, 2025 dinner is \$500 (ten sponsorship spaces available) and includes:**

- Your organization's name and logo, along with a brief message and QR code linking to your organization's website, will be displayed on a small sign (8.5" x 11") at the buffet stations and tables. Please note that this meal takes place during the Career and Opportunities Fair.

#### **Sponsorship of Saturday, September 20, 2025 lunch is \$1000 (three sponsorship spaces available) and includes:**

- Your organization's name and logo, along with a welcome message and QR code linking to your organization's website, will be displayed on a large sign (30" x 20") at the entrance of the meal venue.
  - Your organization's sponsorship of the lunch will be noted at the start and end of the meal, with a brief informational plug for your organization read by an emcee during the event.
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In order to help us better prepare for the retreat and save space for you in the retreat program and/or the job fair, please complete the [2025 Department of Family Medicine Resident Retreat Sponsorship Form](#).

Upon receiving your sponsorship pledge, the Department of Family Medicine Finance Team will send you an invoice for your sponsorship.

Direct deposit can be arranged in advance. Alternately, cheques can be made payable to the University of Manitoba (please include 2025 DFM Resident Retreat on the memo line), and mailed to:

Department of Family Medicine  
c/o Elizabeth Anna, Manager, Finance and Administration  
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Advertisement art for the 2024 Resident Retreat program can be sent to [FM.Residents-Retreat@umanitoba.ca](mailto:FM.Residents-Retreat@umanitoba.ca). Ad art must be received by no later than September 5, 2025.