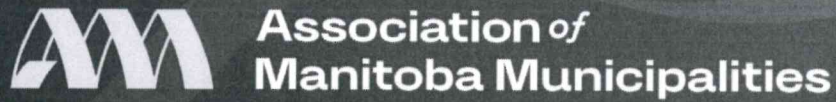


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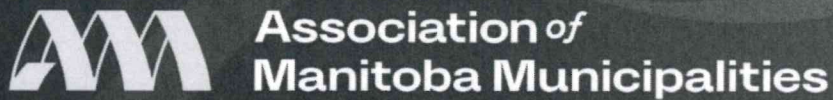
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Councillor Rhonda Coupland

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 **December 12, 2024**.

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.



Throne Speech and Provincial Funding Update

On November 28, 2024, the Province of Manitoba delivered the **Speech from the Throne**, opening the Second Session of the 43rd Manitoba Legislature. The speech outlined key priorities, including healthcare improvements, freezing Manitoba Hydro rates, opening two new Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation (MASC) offices, enhancing community safety, and giving municipalities the freedom to choose participation in regional planning groups. Notably, these priorities align directly with our **Let's Grow Manitoba Together** campaign, reflecting key AMM advocacy efforts.

Additionally, as part of the 26th Annual Fall Convention, Premier Kinew and Minister Simard announced the **One Manitoba Growth Revenue Fund**. The AMM welcomes this announcement but continues to advocate for a modernized funding model with an annual escalator to address the unique challenges faced by all municipalities, especially those with extensive road networks and smaller populations.

Public Safety Strategy

On November 14, 2024, the Manitoba government unveiled the new **Safer Neighbourhoods, Safer Downtowns Public Safety Strategy**, creating a roadmap for a safer Manitoba across all regions.

The AMM welcomes the Manitoba government's efforts in establishing a *Public Safety Strategy* as a critical step toward creating safer communities for all Manitobans, no matter where they live. We also thank the government for conducting provincewide consultations with our members to help inform the development of this strategy as well as committing to annual escalatory funding to support municipal law enforcement. As we move toward implementation, ongoing collaboration between the Manitoba government and municipalities will be key to ensuring safer, more secure communities across our province.

For more information regarding this announcement, visit:

<https://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?item=66177&posted=2024-11-14>

Bills 3 and 4 Update

On November 28, 2024, Minister Simard formally re-introduced **Bill 3: The City of Winnipeg Charter Amendment and Planning Amendment Act** and **Bill 4: The Planning Amendment Act**. With the Legislative Assembly set to resume in March, the AMM is actively preparing submissions for both Bills ahead of second reading and the Committee stage in 2025.

The AMM fully supports the proposed changes under Bill 3, which aim to increase the objector threshold for triggering Municipal Board hearings. The new thresholds would require:

- 300 eligible persons for municipalities or planning districts with populations of at least 6,000.
- The greater of 100 eligible persons or 5% of the population for municipalities or planning districts with populations below 6,000.

We also welcome the proposed changes under Bill 4, which would allow municipalities to voluntarily opt-in or opt-out of the Capital Planning Region through a clear and transparent process. Additionally, the AMM understands that the related proposed amendments are being made in respect to other planning regions that may be established in the future.

To strengthen our advocacy efforts, we encourage members to submit feedback to our office for inclusion in our written submissions. Members are also invited to submit their own feedback directly on the Bills. For more information on Manitoba's planning legislation and policies, please [CLICK HERE](#).

AMM Federal Lobbying

The AMM and Manitoba's Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) representatives held several meetings in early December with a wide range of federal officials in Ottawa to ensure Manitoba voices are heard before the next federal election.

These included formal meetings with the Prime Minister's Office, ministers of the Crown, numerous MPs from government and opposition, and with officials who will be working on election platforms for the various parties.

Our policy recommendations focused on three themes:

Responsive Development

- Work with municipalities to set homebuilding targets, responsively to local needs and pressures
- Avoid a one-size-fits-all policy that penalizes rural, smaller urban, or northern communities
- Reward municipal innovation that builds homes quickly and efficiently

Modernized Funding Model & Core Infrastructure Investments

- 21st century municipalities need 21st century funding
- Enhance the Canada Community-Building Fund to support municipal strategic investments for growth
- A new dedicated core infrastructure fund for water and wastewater
- Less red tape, and more flexibility for getting infrastructure projects off the ground

Public Safety & Sustainable Policing

- Reform the bail and parole systems to keep repeat offenders off the streets
- No more offloading of higher policing costs
- Consult with municipalities before policing changes that cost communities more
- Enhance social and mental health support to keep police focused on policing

AMM Board District Director Elections

The AMM Board of Directors reviewed a number of options and determined that elections for vacant positions in the Interlake, Western, and Midwestern Districts will take place during the 2025 June District Meetings to coincide with regular elections for all seven districts.

Voting will occur at your local District Meeting, with all elected officials and CAOs within the district eligible to cast a vote for Directors.

Details on meeting dates and locations will be posted on our website and shared as soon as they become available. Stay tuned for updates!

Season's Greetings from AMM

Together, we've achieved so much, and **We are READY** for 2025 with renewed energy and focus on moving Manitoba municipal interests across the finish line. The AMM team is wishing you a joyful holiday season and a prosperous New Year!

Missed the big reveal of our official rebranding at the AMM 26th Annual Convention? Check it out [HERE](#).



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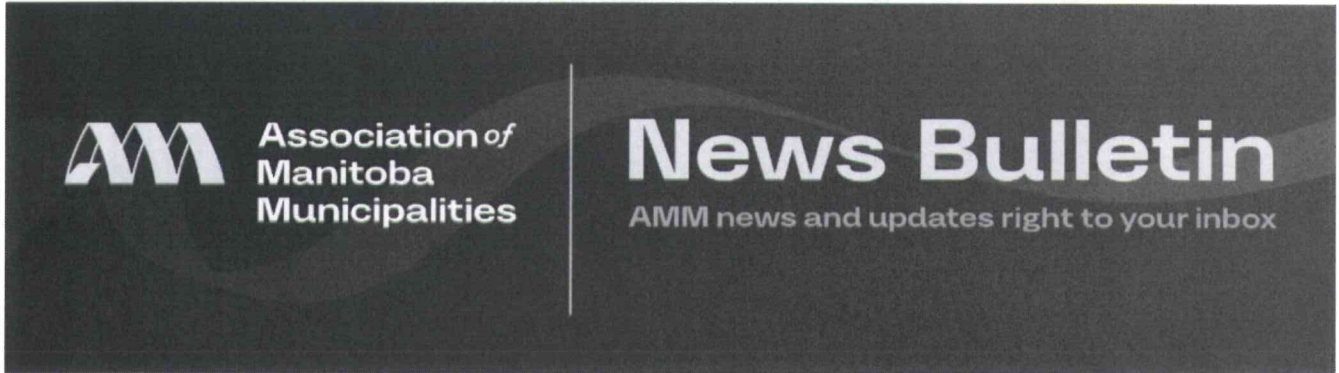
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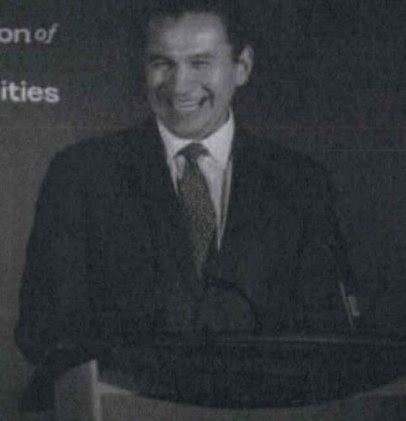
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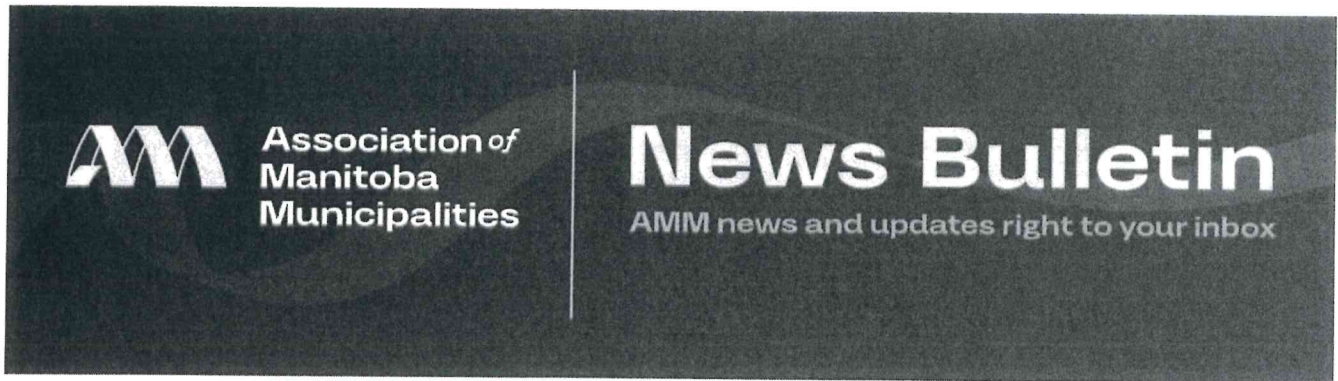
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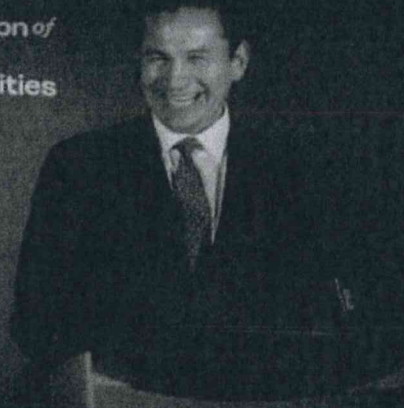
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January 22, 2025

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

January 2, 2025 – The Manitoba Government is currently planning an Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Virtual Summit to gather representatives from municipalities to discuss how Manitoba and local governments can collaborate to protect Crown waters by enhancing local, community-driven AIS prevention capacity. The virtual Summit is focused on understanding the pressures and needs that municipalities face regarding AIS.

A preliminary itinerary of the meeting follows. Currently, the meeting is being limited to up to two representatives per municipality. Communications with other partners will continue throughout the beginning of 2025.

Date: January 22, 2025

Time: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Format: Microsoft Teams

Agenda: TBD - which may include:

- Introductions
- 2024 AIS Update

- 2025 Next Steps Discussion
- Open Discussion

For interested participants, some discussion questions that may help in preparing for the virtual Summit include:

- *What are the main AIS concerns affecting your municipality?*
- *What are the geographic areas and waterbodies that are of the highest concern to your municipality?*
- *What is your municipality's interest and capacity to take on AIS prevention efforts?*
- *What type of support can the Province provide to your local area to help increase AIS prevention?*

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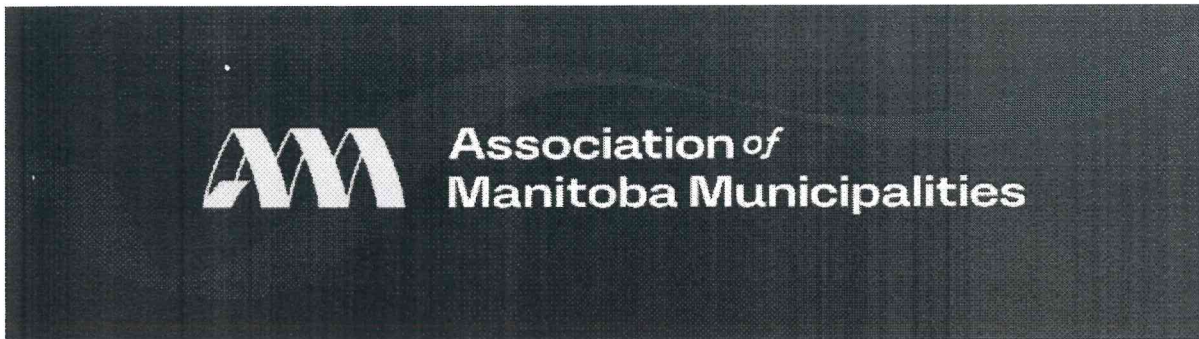
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January 30, 2025

NOTE: This message is being sent on behalf of the Manitoba Accessibility Office

January 3, 2025 – The Manitoba Accessibility Office is hosting a webinar to help municipalities enhance accessibility. The session will cover the requirements of the *Accessible Information and Communication Standard Regulation* and provide insights into unlocking the Manitoba Accessibility Fund to support accessibility improvements in your community.

Date: January 30, 2025

Time: 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Format: ZOOM (Register below)

Webinar Description:

Requirements under the Accessible Information and Communication Standard Regulation

*The Accessible Information and Communication Standard Regulation aims to remove and prevent barriers that exist digitally, in-print, or through interaction with technology or people. Providing accessible information and communication is important to ensure that all people have equal access to the information provided by organizations subject to *The Accessibility for Manitobans Act*. This presentation will cover the legal requirements of the regulation and what your municipality must do to comply.*

Speaker: Monika Bonsor, Senior Compliance Officer, Accessibility Compliance Secretariat

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Sincerely,

Denys Volkov
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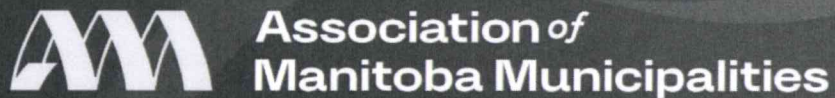


Member Advisory - AMM Convention Venue Locations 2024 Resolution Update

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

Date Wed 2025-01-08 11:28 AM

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



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AMM Convention Venue Locations 2024 Resolution Update

January 8, 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, AMM is pleased to announce that, beginning in November 2025, the AMM Fall Convention will be held in Winnipeg, while the AMM Spring Convention will take place in Brandon starting in April 2026.

We look forward to welcoming delegates to these updated locations and continuing to provide valuable networking and advocacy opportunities at both conventions. Stay tuned for further updates in February regarding the **2025 Spring Convention**, which will be held in Winnipeg.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more details on upcoming events.

Sincerely,

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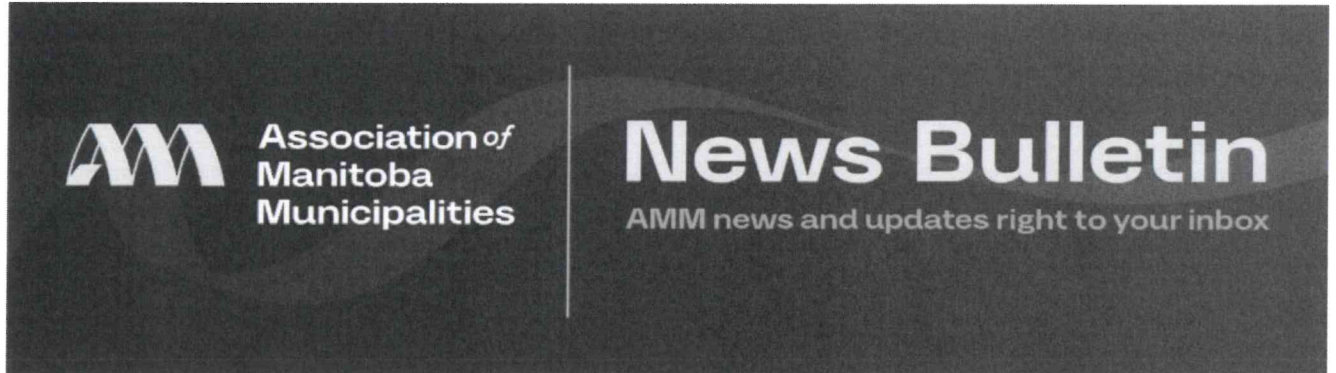
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JANUARY 10, 2025

Dear Subscriber,

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

Latest Updates

Newly Elected AMM Executive begins tour of Manitoba



January 6, 2025 - The newly elected AMM Executive team kicked off its annual round of municipal visits by meeting this week with several municipalities in the Eastern District.

The AMM Executive was joined by Eastern District Directors Loren Schinkel and Ray Schirle when meeting with the following Manitoba Municipalities: RM of Montcalm, RM of Piney, RM of La Broquerie, City of Steinbach, RM of Hanover, RM of De Salaberry, and Village of St-Pierre-Jolys.

Get Ready to Spot the Sock!



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1. Find the AMM socks in action!
2. Snap a pic and share it with us on Facebook or X using the hashtag **#AMMSockSpot!**
3. OR simply send your photos to the AMM office!

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

Climate Action Fund now OPEN

The 2024 intake of the Climate Action Fund (formerly known as the Conservation and Climate Fund) is open and now accepting applications.

The Climate Action Fund (the Fund) supports projects with up to a maximum of \$150,000 in grant funding to help businesses, communities and non-profit organizations address the challenges of climate change while building a low-carbon economy and making life more affordable for Manitobans.

The three priorities of the Fund are:

- Reducing greenhouse gas emissions in Manitoba
- Supporting enhanced resiliency to the impacts from a changing climate
- Increasing affordable and clean energy technologies in Manitoba

Deadline to submit applications - **January 25, 2025.**

For more information on the Fund including the guide and link to the online application form:
<https://www.gov.mb.ca/grants/index.html>

The Manitoba Accessibility Fund (MAF) 2024/2025

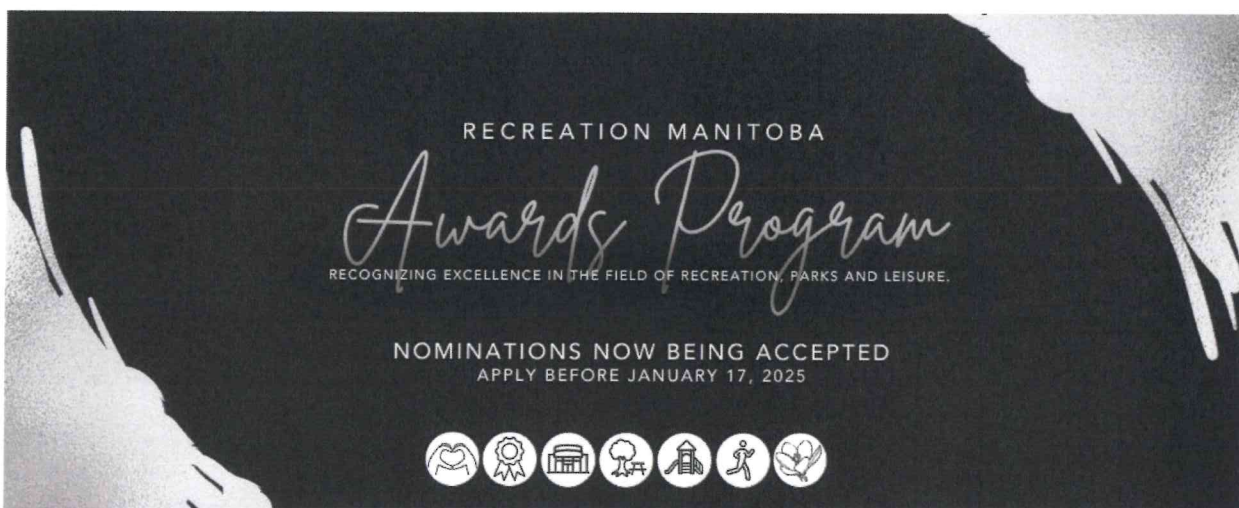


All eligible organizations are invited to submit a project application. Grant applications may request up to a maximum of \$50,000 from MAF to complete proposed projects. Organizations must have been in operation for one year prior to application to be eligible.

Organizations are limited to submit one application per intake, but may be listed as a partner on the applications of other project submissions. The application deadline is **February 14, 2025**.

Information about the 2025/26 MAF grant program and how to apply is available at [AccessibilityMB.ca](https://accessibilitymb.ca). Please contact MAF@gov.mb.ca if you have additional questions.

Recreation Manitoba Awards Program



Recreation Manitoba is hosting its President's Luncheon and Awards Ceremony on **Friday, March 7, 2025**, as part of the Connect 2025 Conference. The nomination period for these awards is now open and closes on **January 17, 2025**.

Requesting individuals across all municipalities to take the time to nominate a deserving individual, group, organization or facility for one of these distinguished awards. It recognizes the effort and dedication of individuals or groups of individuals who make an outstanding contribution towards the advancement of recreation, parks and leisure in Manitoba. The categories are People & Community, Facility, Nature, Health & Wellbeing alongside the Therapeutic Recreation Award of Excellence and the Prairie Crocus Award.

More information about each of the awards and the nomination form can be found online at <https://recreationmb.ca/Awards-Program>. If you have any questions about how to nominate, please contact info@recreationmb.ca

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When: January 20, 2025, 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM CST

Where: Virtual (Free)

What: Exclusive webinar featuring Jodie Parmar, Head of Project Development – Western Canada at the Canada Infrastructure Bank (CIB).

This session will dive into transformative infrastructure projects and share actionable insights on how local governments and economic development leaders can tap into funding opportunities to drive growth and sustainability in their communities.

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Jodie Parmar, CPA, CMA
Head, Project Development - Western
Canada Canada Infrastructure Bank

About the Speaker:
Jodie Parmar leads the Canada Infrastructure Bank's engagement with public and private project sponsors across Western Canada. With 30 years of experience in project finance and public-private partnerships, Jodie is a trusted advisor for transformative infrastructure projects.

Canada Infrastructure Bank - Delivering Tangible Outcomes for Manitoba

- ▲ **Date:** January 20, 2025
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Topic:
**CIB's investments in Manitoba
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AMM Programs



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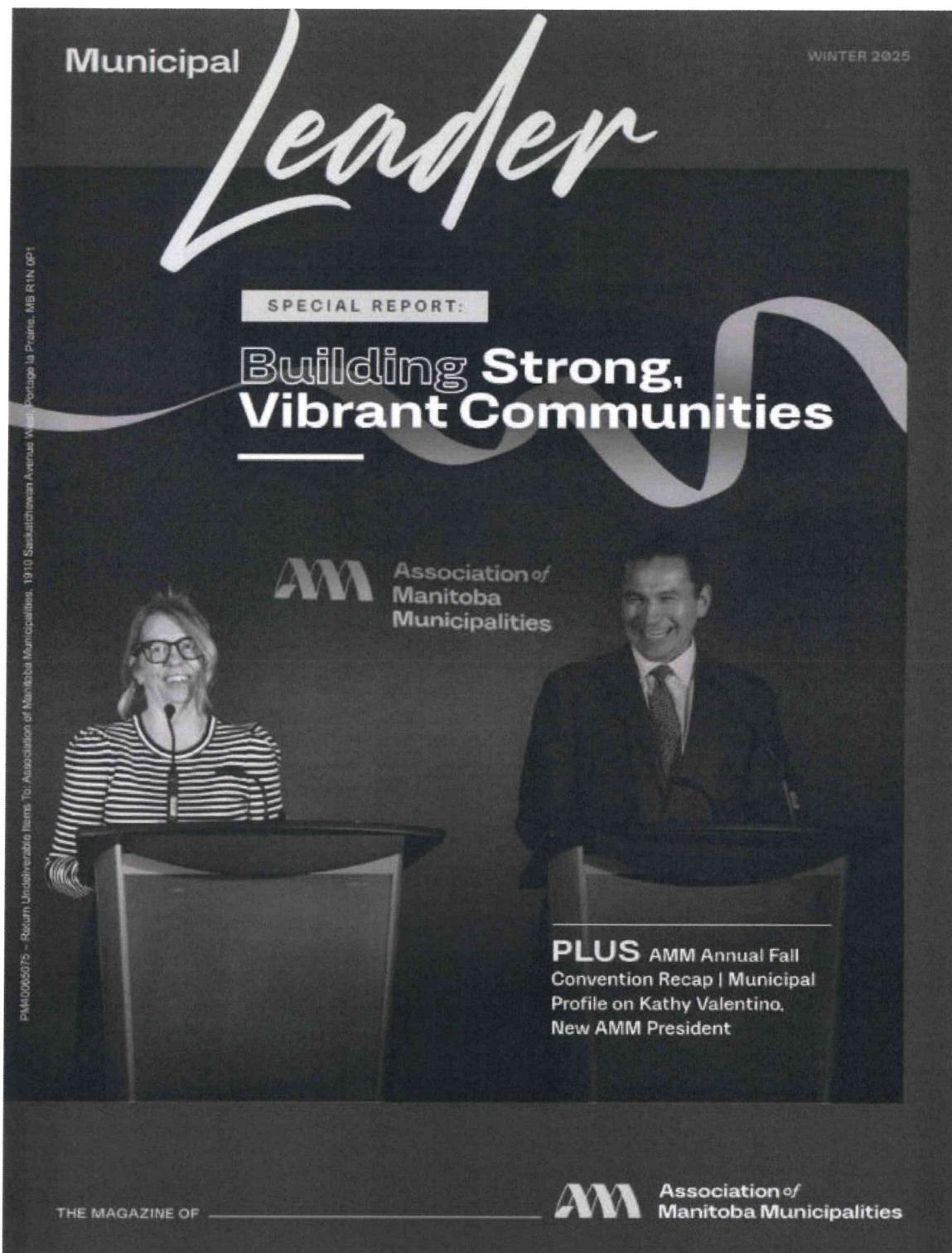
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Municipal Leader - Winter 2025



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 - REMINDER - WEBINAR INVITATION: The Accessible Information and Communication Standard Regulation

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REMINDER

WEBINAR INVITATION: The Accessible Information and Communication Standard Regulation and the Manitoba Accessibility Fund Grant Program

January 30, 2025

NOTE: This message is being sent on behalf of the Manitoba Accessibility Office

January 15, 2025 – The Manitoba Accessibility Office is hosting a webinar to help municipalities enhance accessibility. The session will cover the requirements of the *Accessible Information and Communication Standard Regulation* and provide insights into unlocking the Manitoba Accessibility Fund to support accessibility improvements in your community.

Date: January 30, 2025

Time: 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Format: ZOOM (Register below)

Webinar Description:

Requirements under the Accessible Information and Communication Standard Regulation

*The Accessible Information and Communication Standard Regulation aims to remove and prevent barriers that exist digitally, in-print, or through interaction with technology or people. Providing accessible information and communication is important to ensure that all people have equal access to the information provided by organizations subject to *The Accessibility for Manitobans Act*. This presentation will cover the legal requirements of the regulation and what your municipality must do to comply.*

Speaker: Monika Bonsor, Senior Compliance Officer, Accessibility Compliance Secretariat

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Fw: Introducing Professional Planning Services by Barnes & Duncan

From Jennifer Lim <jenniferl@barnesduncan.com>
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Dear Joni Swidnicki,

I hope this message finds you well. My name is Jennifer Lim, and I am the Director of Planning at Barnes & Duncan. I am reaching out to introduce myself and to share information about the professional planning services we offer to municipalities across southern Manitoba.

As a trusted partner to many local governments, Barnes & Duncan is well-known for our expertise in maintaining and updating local and regional municipal mapping, preparing and providing engineered drainage plan reviews, and delivering quality land surveying. In addition to these core services, we also provide a full suite of planning services, which I believe could support your community's growth and development.

Attached to this email, you will find a letter that outlines how our team can assist with services such as application reviews, by-law development, and planning support tailored to your municipality's unique needs. Municipalities operating in a planning district may want to consider securing our services regionally.

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss how we might assist your municipality in achieving its planning goals. Please don't hesitate to contact me at **204.284.5999 ext. 2024** or via email at **JenniferL@BarnesDuncan.com**.

Thank you for considering Barnes & Duncan as a potential partner in planning. I look forward to connecting with you.

Yours truly,



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January 15, 2025

Joni Swidnicki
Chief Administrative Officer
Rural Municipality of Oakland Wawanesa
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Dear Joni Swidnicki,

RE: Professional Planning Services Available by Contract

Many local governments and organizations already trust Barnes and Duncan with their municipal mapping systems, engineered drainage and servicing review, and land surveying needs. I am writing to introduce Barnes & Duncan as a trusted provider of professional planning services for municipalities throughout southern Manitoba. We are committed to offering expertise and tailored solutions to support your community's growth and development.

Our services include:

- **Application Review:** Thorough evaluations during intake and circulation for subdivisions, zoning by-law amendments, variance requests, and conditional use applications.
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- **Planning Support:** Direct assistance by phone, in-person, or at Council meetings to ensure informed decision-making and compliance with planning regulations.

We understand that every municipality has unique requirements, which is why we offer flexible service arrangements. Whether on an as-needed basis or for a set number of hours each month, we can tailor our services to align with your priorities through a contract that can be renewed annually. For added stability, we also provide the option to secure pricing for up to three (3) years with an extended contract.

As the Director of Planning, I would welcome the opportunity to discuss your municipality's planning needs and how our team can contribute to your goals. Please feel free to contact me directly at 204.284.5999 ext. 2024 or JenniferL@BarnesDuncan.com to arrange a meeting or for further details.

Thank you for considering Barnes & Duncan as your partner in planning. We look forward to supporting your community's success.

Yours truly,

Jennifer Lim, RPP, MCIP.
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APPENDIX 1.1: LETTER OF INITIAL CONTACT

Research Project: Assessing Climate Resilience and Mitigation in Manitoba: Aligning Municipal Strategies with Sustainable Development Goals.

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Dr. Wayne Kelly | Director, Rural Development Institute
Dany Robidoux | Executive Director, Eco-West Canada

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BUREC | Email: burec@brandonu.ca | Phone: 204-727-9712

I am writing to invite you to participate in our research study, "Assessing Climate Resilience and Mitigation in Manitoba: Aligning Municipal Strategies with Sustainable Development Goals." This study is a joint collaboration between the Rural Development Institute (RDI) and Eco-West Canada. It focuses on assessing the state of climate mitigation and adaptation/resiliency plans across Manitoban municipalities.

To date, the project has inventoried and mobilized knowledge to evaluate the climate action plans of 84 municipalities in Manitoba. Environmental scans were conducted to provide a clear understanding of each municipality's progress on climate mitigation and resilience. This process has helped us build an inventory that reflects these plans' diverse approaches and development stages. From this, we conducted a thematic analysis to identify gaps, trends, and issues at both the municipal and aggregate levels, using the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as an analysis framework to assess the current state of climate indicators.

We are now recruiting you to participate in an interview as part of a follow-up review. This review has been designed and implemented to conduct a deeper examination of selected municipalities based on the inventory analysis results. Your participation is essential in helping us gain further insights and create strategic recommendations for the next steps.

Your expertise will be invaluable in shaping the future of climate action in Manitoba. The information gathered through this interview will be crucial in improving climate mitigation and adaptation strategies and addressing municipalities' unique challenges and opportunities. This project is currently funded through Mitacs, a nonprofit national research organization that operates research and training programs in fields related to industrial and social innovation.

While every effort will be made to protect your identity and maintain confidentiality, please be aware that due to the small number of rural communities involved and the unique leadership roles of participants, there is a possibility that municipalities may be identifiable in any resulting publications or reports. We will take all reasonable precautions to minimize risk, but complete anonymity cannot be guaranteed.

If you have questions or concerns related to this study, please contact Dr. Wayne Kelly at (204) 872-0269 / kellyw@brandonu.ca, or have ethics-related questions or concerns about the study, contact the Brandon University Research Ethics Committee (BUREC) at (204) 727-9712 / burec@brandonu.ca before consenting to participate.

Thank you in advance for sharing your time and insights with us.

Sincerely,

Dr. Wayne Kelly

Invitation to Comment: Proposed Amendments to the Species at Risk Act (Red Knot & Aweme Borer)

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

Date Mon 2024-12-23 4:28 PM

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

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Good afternoon,

We invite you to:

- Review the proposed Order to amend Schedule 1 of the *Species at Risk Act* (SARA) for the Red Knot and Aweme Borer and **provide comments, if desired, by January 20, 2025**. Comments can be submitted online here: [Canada Gazette, Part 1, Volume 158, Number 51: Order Amending Schedule 1 to the Species at Risk Act \(Certain Wildlife Species of Red Knot and Four Other Wildlife Species\)](#) or by email to LEPreglementations-SARAregrulations@ec.gc.ca.

Full Details

On Saturday, December 21, 2024, a proposed Order to amend Schedule 1 of the *Species at Risk Act* (SARA) was published in Part I of the *Canada Gazette* for two wildlife species found in the Prairie Provinces: Red Knot and Aweme Borer. **This marks the beginning of a 30-day public comment period on the proposed Order.**

The proposed Order, and the Regulatory Impact Analysis Statement (RIAS) are in the **attached PDF**, and can also be found on the Species at Risk Registry here: [Canada Gazette, Part 1, Volume 158, Number 51: Order Amending Schedule 1 to the Species at Risk Act \(Certain Wildlife Species of Red Knot and Four Other Wildlife Species\)](#). The RIAS is a social and economic analysis of the comments received during the pre-listing consultation periods held previously, and informs the Minister's final recommendation on whether to amend Schedule 1 and either list/add a species, reclassify a species, or remove a species from Schedule 1 of SARA.

Here is where you can find information in the attached PDF (see p. 4066-4094):

- Regulatory Impact Assessment Statement (RIAS) begins on p. 4066
- Background on Species and their COSEWIC Assessment begins on p. 4067
- Consultation process for the pre-listing consultations begins on p. 4072
- RIAS Analysis begins on p. 4078
- Proposed Order begins on p. 4091

How to submit comments on the proposed amendments to Schedule 1:

- Review submission [instructions](#) and submit your comments through the online portal here: [Canada Gazette, Part 1, Volume 158, Number 51: Order Amending Schedule 1 to the Species at Risk Act \(Certain Wildlife Species of Red Knot and Four Other Wildlife Species\)](#) or by email to LEPreglementations-SARAregrulations@ec.gc.ca. **Comments are due January 20, 2025.** Note: Comments that comply with the *Canada Gazette's* terms of use will be posted verbatim on *Canada Gazette*, Part I after the consultation period is closed.

At the close of the comment period, the Minister of the Environment will take into consideration

comments and any additional information received and make a *final listing recommendation* to the Governor in Council for each species.

Species proposed for reclassification to Schedule 1 of SARA (Prairie species highlighted in yellow)

| Species Name | Currently protected under SARA as | Proposed Change | Range |
|---|-----------------------------------|--|--|
| Aweme Borer (<i>Papaipema aweme</i>) | Endangered | Strike from Schedule 1 (Data Deficient) | SK, MB |
| Cobblestone Tiger Beetle (<i>Cicindela marginipennis</i>) | Endangered | Special Concern | NB |
| Lakeside Daisy (<i>Tetaneuris herbacea</i>) | Threatened | Special Concern | ON |
| Seaside Centipede Lichen (<i>Heterodermia sitchensis</i>) | Endangered | Threatened | BC |
| Red Knot <i>islandica</i> subspecies (<i>Calidris canutus islandica</i>) | Special Concern | Delist | NU, NT |
| Red Knot <i>roselaari</i> type (<i>Calidris canutus roselaari</i> type) | Threatened | Separate into 3 separate populations | |
| | | Red Knot <i>roselaari</i> subspecies – Threatened | BC, YT |
| | | Red Knot <i>rufa</i> subspecies (Northeastern South America wintering population) – Special Concern | NU, NT, AB, SK, MB, ON, QC, NB, NS, PE, NL |
| | | Red Knot <i>rufa</i> subspecies (Southeastern USA/Gulf of Mexico/Caribbean wintering population) – Endangered | NU, NT, AB, SK, MB, ON, QC, NB, NS, PE, NL |
| Red Knot <i>rufa</i> subspecies (<i>Calidris canutus rufa</i>) | Endangered | Red Knot <i>rufa</i> subspecies (Tierra del Fuego Patagonia wintering population) – Endangered (name change only) | NU, NT, AB, SK, MB, ON, QC, NB, NS, PE, NL |

Thank you for your interest in species at risk.

Wishing you and yours a happy holiday season!

Kaytlyn Burrows (she, her, elle)

Species at Risk Consultation and Engagement Team
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Fall Economic Statement: A missed opportunity

Two days ago, amid a series of high-profile cabinet changes, the federal government's Fall Economic Statement (FES) was tabled.

FCM notes that the FES represents a disappointing missed opportunity to address Canada's outdated fiscal framework, an issue that underpins some of Canadians' most urgent priorities. The FES's underwhelming measures on tackling housing affordability amid

a nationwide homelessness crisis, and the lack of provisions for rural and northern Canada's unique and urgent needs are also concerning.

The FES did contain some positives for communities, including much-needed funding for wastewater facilities for metropolitan Vancouver and Winnipeg.

Amid the changes afoot in Ottawa and a looming election, FCM remains in collaboration mode, ready to work across orders of government, and with any party, so as to better tackle Canadians' urgent priorities.

Our commitment to building prosperous, well-serviced communities for all Canadians remains steadfast, and we look forward to advocating energetically for the resources and support necessary to achieve our shared goals—including a much-needed Municipal Growth Framework.

NEWS

SAVE THE DATE: Join us in Ottawa for AC2025

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Inclusive Climate Action for Tunisian Municipalities

FCM is recruiting member municipalities to take part in its international project *Inclusive Climate Action for Tunisian Municipalities* (ICATM). The project aims to strengthen climate adaptation and the resilience of municipalities in Tunisia, while promoting equity and inclusion for women, young people and vulnerable groups. The call for [expressions of interest](#) is open to all FCM members until January 21, 2025.

If you would like to know more about the ICATM project, a bilingual (English and French) information session, with simultaneous interpretation, will be held via Zoom on January 14, 2025 at 2-3 p.m. ET.

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EVENTS

Economic opportunities in climate action: Insights from local leaders at SCC 2025

At FCM's Sustainable Communities Conference (SCC) from February 10-13, in Fredericton, NB, a panel of elected municipal leaders and industry experts will highlight how climate action can be a powerful driver of Canada's economic future.

From green technologies to energy-efficient infrastructure, learn how innovative climate solutions can fuel economic growth, reduce the cost of living and create high-quality, sustainable jobs across various sectors.

A limited number of registrations are available at a lower price for students and members of small, rural, Northern and Indigenous communities. To inquire about availability, please contact us.

» EXPLORE THE SCC 2025 PROGRAM

RESOURCES

Applications for STREF now open

Applications are now open for the new federal Short-Term Rental Enforcement Fund (STREF). Municipalities with existing policies to regulate short-term rentals can submit a proposal by January 24, 2025 to receive funds under the new STREF. Funds are available over a three-year term with a minimum of \$100,000 and maximum of \$4.8 million annually to help enforce municipal short-term rental policies.

» READ MORE

GMF's Regional Energy Coaches program supports more affordable housing

The Green Municipal Fund's (GMF) Regional Energy Coaches program is expanding after a successful three-year pilot in collaboration with the Community Housing Transformation Centre. This growth marks a significant step towards enhancing energy efficiency in affordable housing across Canada. As we prepare to broaden our impact, we invite more housing providers to join us in our journey towards a sustainable future.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

FCM's seasonal holiday closure

As the end of the year approaches, we are filled with gratitude for the year that passed and the year to come. Here is to another year of providing programs and advocacy to respond to the unique needs of our member municipalities, big and small, urban and rural.

Our offices will be closed from December 24, 2024 until January 2, 2025. This will be the last edition of FCM Voice for 2024, but we will be back with more news, updates and funding opportunities on January 13, 2025.

Season's greetings and a happy new year from your FCM team.

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Dec 9: FCM is advocating for a fairer share of existing tax dollars so #CDNMuni can better support Canadians with the infrastructure and services they need and deserve.

Read our recommendations to the federal government here:
<https://t.co/Sq9bMbdVI9>

Dec 9: A well-deserved honour for Mayor Jyoti Gondek to be named @MunicipalWorld's first-ever Mayor of the Year!

<https://t.co/kqW9wJ9xpX>

Mayor Gondek is leading @cityofcalgary at a pivotal time, with downtown revitalization, public safety, infrastructure and affordable housing as key issues—not to mention seeing the city through the water crisis this spring. Congratulations, @JyotiGondek #CDNMuni

Dec 17: FCM is disappointed that yesterday's Fall Economic Statement did not provide a strong signal to address the outdated fiscal framework that underpins urgent challenges like housing affordability, community safety and aging infrastructure.

Additionally, #FES2024 does little to support the needs of rural and northern Canada. FCM will continue to advocate for a new Municipal Growth Framework ahead of #Budget2025.

FCM is ready to collaborate with a focus on improving lives of Canadians. #cdnpoli #CDNMuni



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Season's Greetings from FCM

Dear members,

As we approach the end of the year, we are filled with gratitude for your passion, collaboration and dedication to advancing municipal priorities in our shared efforts.

We want to extend our appreciation to every one of the unique municipalities that make up FCM's membership. What we've achieved this year, and what lies ahead in 2025, will rely on that collaboration, as we continue to strive to support the needs of communities of all sizes.

In that spirit, we extend our well wishes to you, your municipal colleagues, and your families.

Happy holidays!

Your FCM Team

Please note that our offices will be closed as of December 24 and we will be back and ready to support you on January 2.

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January 13, 2025



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

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

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NEWS

FCM Board vacancies in Nova Scotia and Saskatchewan: Nominations now open

Have you always been interested in serving on FCM's Board of Directors? Do you have a passion for driving change on a national scale? If so, you may want to consider submitting your nomination to join FCM's Board! This member-elected body sets the organization's policy priorities, ensuring that municipalities have the tools they need to do what's best for Canadians. Currently, there are vacancies for representatives from Nova Scotia and Saskatchewan. Nominations for these positions are open until February 17, 2025.

» **SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION TODAY**

FCM's Sustainable Communities Conference 2025 is sold out!

Thank you for your interest in FCM's Sustainable Communities Conference 2025. The conference and trade show are officially sold out and registration is now closed.

This conference is bringing together municipal practitioners and local leaders from across the country to share actionable solutions towards a more resilient and sustainable future. We'll see you in Fredericton, New Brunswick!

If you missed registration, our Connect newsletter will help you to stay connected and learn about future opportunities.

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Inclusive Climate Action for Tunisian Municipalities

FCM's international project, Inclusive Climate Action for Tunisian Municipalities, aims to strengthen climate adaptation and the resilience of municipalities in Tunisia, while promoting equity and inclusion for women, young people and vulnerable groups, and is looking for FCM members' participation.

Join us for a bilingual information session on January 14 at 2 p.m. ET to learn more about the application process.

» **REGISTER TODAY**

Active Transportation Fund: Capital Projects

The government of Canada has announced the launch of new capital project intakes under the Active Transportation Fund. Funding will be provided for capital projects that involve new construction or enhancement of existing infrastructure encouraging travel by active methods, including sidewalks, multi-use paths and bike lanes.

Applications for capital projects will be accepted through the Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada (HICC) **Funding Portal** until February 26, 2025. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to send an email to the Active Transportation Fund Team at HICC (ATF-FTA@infcc.gc.ca).

Rural Transit Solutions Fund: Capital Projects Stream

The Government of Canada has announced the launch of the Rural Transit Solutions Fund's Capital Projects stream intake under the **Canada Public Transit Fund**. Applications for the Capital Projects stream will be accepted through the Housing

Applications for the Capital Projects stream will be accepted through the Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada's **Applicant Portal**. Applications to the Rural Transit Solutions Fund will be accepted from all applicants until March 4, 2025 at 3 p.m. ET. Over the coming weeks, Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada will be hosting a series of webinars for potential applicants.

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EVENTS

Webinar on planning energy upgrades for community buildings in small municipalities

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

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RESOURCES

Integrating equity, diversity and inclusion into municipal climate action

Making equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI) core to your community's climate action planning is key to protecting residents who are most at-risk of experiencing extreme heat, flooding and other impacts of climate change.

Watch our webinar recording exploring the *Integrating Equity, Diversity and Inclusion into Municipal Climate Action* resource. You'll hear directly from the authors of the resource on what EDI is and how it can fit within your community's needs.

PCP is a partnership between the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability. PCP receives financial support from the Government of Canada and ICLEI Canada.

» **WATCH THE WEBINAR RECORDING**

TRCA opts for energy-efficient geothermal system

While building their new head office, the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) initially planned to install a closed-loop geothermal system for heating and cooling. However, during test drilling, engineers discovered a more energy-efficient and cost-effective option. With financial support from FCM, they conducted a feasibility study, which led them to install an open-loop system instead. Learn from their experience: always explore all your options before selecting a heating and cooling system!

» **READ THE FULL CASE STUDY**

Kickstart your sustainable affordable housing project with early support from GMF

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

» **APPLY FOR FUNDING**

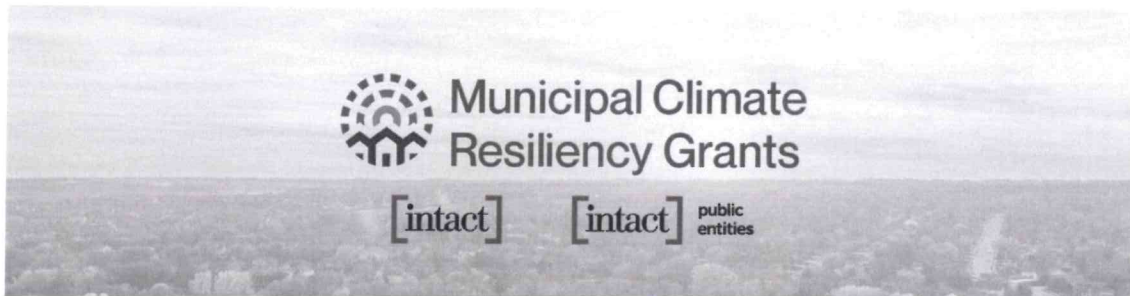
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January 31 deadline for Intact's Municipal Climate Grant

Intact's **Municipal Climate Resiliency Grant** program funds projects up to \$200,000 to help municipalities, registered charities and Indigenous communities protect against flooding and wildfires.

We're sharing our expertise to support you in creating a strong application for your community climate project. Join our free webinar January 14 at 10:30am EST: **register here!**

Visit our **website** or email intact.foundation@intact.net for more information.

Submit your grant application by January 31, 2025!

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Dec 31: Happy New Year!
We look forward to making meaningful impact together in 2025 on behalf of #CDNMuni across the country.

Jan 6: FCM thanks Prime Minister Justin Trudeau for his years of public service and dedication to improving the well-being of Canadians.

Jan 8: Local leaders work hard to improve quality of life in their communities. Amid political uncertainty, FCM will continue to have local voices heard.

Over the last decade, Prime Minister Trudeau consistently demonstrated his commitment to building an effective partnership with local governments and driving progress on critical priorities such as climate and infrastructure.

Become a member:
<https://t.co/1BA57bwQTR>

FCM will continue to engage actively with the federal government during this transitional period, and we look forward to advancing Canadians' top priorities – housing affordability, homelessness, public safety – with all federal political parties in the lead up to a federal election later this year.



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Wednesday, November 13, 2024

We are seeking your participation in a Canadian Municipal Solid Waste Management Study to inform solid waste management in First Nations communities in Canada.

Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) is requesting input from Canadian municipalities as part of the National Solid Waste Guidelines Review Project. The information you provide will be instrumental in ensuring proper disposal measures are taken to preserve our shared environment. Lack of effective waste management systems negatively affects both First Nations and Municipalities. ISC recognizes that a gap exists on & off reserve and the need to identify areas for improvement. As partners in mutual environmental protection, we are requesting your participation, to help ISC be better informed regarding future investments, funding needs and any further solid waste system requirements.

This survey, which should take about 20 minutes to complete, seeks to capture elements of your waste management system i.e. how the system functions, Operation and Maintenance costs, operator training requirements etc. This survey is completely optional, and ISC and its project partners appreciate any information you can provide through this process.

You can access the survey through this link: <https://forms.gle/poDnMuerr3a9AUth6>

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Heidi Manitowabi, Regional Solid Waste Specialist at the Ontario First Nations Technical Services Corporation at hmanitowabi@ofntsc.org or (519) 757-7834.

Sincerely,

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Invitation to Participate in Canadian Municipal Solid Waste Survey to inform the National Waste Standards Review Project

From Bradleigh Trudeau <btrudeau@ofntsc.org>

Date Mon 2025-01-13 3:01 PM

To Norma Will <adminassist@oakland-wawanesa.ca>; Kaira Avilla <adminassist1@oakland-wawanesa.ca>

Cc Heidi Manitowabi <hmanitowabi@ofntsc.org>

 1 attachment (217 KB)

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Aanii, Hello,

The Ontario First Nations Technical Services Corporation is undertaking a research project on behalf of Indigenous Services Canada's Lands and Environment Management Branch titled *The Third-Party Review of Existing Provincial and Municipal Waste Regulations within Canada for the First Nations Solid Waste Management Initiative*, herein referred to as the National Waste Standards Review Project.

The purpose of the National Waste Standards Review is to inform national waste standards for First Nations communities in Canada.

The Project Team invites Oakland-Wawanesa to participate in this survey. Please see attached formal letter of invitation. The attached letter contains the link to the survey.

The survey includes questions on:

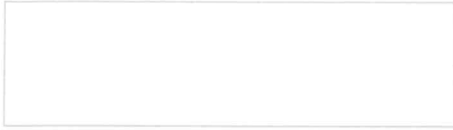
- the size of the municipality
- waste management plan/strategy
- by-laws / policies regarding solid waste management
- types of waste management facilities and assets
- collection
- accepted waste materials and waste diversion programs
- operations and maintenance activities and costs
- staffing, training
- community education

Please reach out to let me know if someone at Oakland-Wawanesa is interested.

Contact Heidi Manitowabi at hmanitowabi@ofntsc.org at any time for any questions and to address any concerns.

Miigwech / Thank you,

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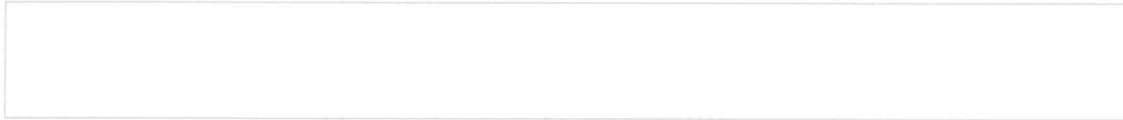


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We acknowledge that our work takes place within the ancestral and traditional territories of the Anishinaabeg (Ojibwe, Odawa and Pottawatomi nations), Hodinohso:ni (Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga, Seneca, Cayuga and Tuscarora nations), Algonquin, Mississauga, Delaware and Cree.

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Norma Will

From: Peterniak, Kayla <Kayla.Peterniak@gov.mb.ca>
Sent: Friday, December 20, 2024 9:52 AM
Cc: Long, Jeff
Subject: Assiniboine River Zebra Mussel Detection - Follow-up Notice #1

Good morning,

This message is a follow-up to the message you received last week regarding the detection of Zebra Mussels in the Assiniboine River.

As new information becomes available, we plan share information with priority parties of interest, such as yourself. At this time there is no new information regarding the detection, however, the Province's AIS Unit has stood up an incident command structure and we continue to organize and plan for upcoming follow-up monitoring and containment measures.

You can expect additional follow-up notices in the new year.

Please circulate this notification within your organization as appropriate. If there is a contact within your organization who is better suited to receive these messages, please inform us so we may update our distribution list.

If you no longer wish to receive these updates, please reply to this email and we will remove you from the distribution list.

Happy Holidays!

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Norma Will

From: Peterniak, Kayla <Kayla.Peterniak@gov.mb.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, December 11, 2024 4:17 PM
Subject: Assiniboine River Zebra Mussel Detection

Good afternoon,

I am contacting you to report the detection of zebra mussels in the Assiniboine River.

Multiple zebra mussel veligers (larval stage) have been detected in the Assiniboine River at the Brandon Generating Station as part of Manitoba Hydro's routine zebra mussel monitoring program.

In Manitoba, Zebra Mussels are designated as an aquatic invasive species (AIS). They are a concern to Manitoba because if they establish in a water body they can:

- negatively impact aquatic ecosystems and native fish populations;
- clog water intake systems increasing costs to communities and industries;
- litter beaches and shorelines with sharp shells;
- block watercraft engines cooling systems possibly causing engine damage.

The Province's AIS Unit has initiated a rapid response protocol which includes:

- communicating to interest holders, such as yourself;
- developing and implementing a detection-specific monitoring plan to better understand this detection; and
- developing a containment plan based on information gained from monitoring.

We are still in the very early stages of this response and so we will endeavour to update you as we obtain new information.

This detection is a reminder of the importance to remain vigilant against the spread of AIS. All water users play a critical role in protecting Manitoba's waterbodies from the introduction and spread of aquatic invasive species.

AIS regulations are in effect year-round. Continued diligence is required throughout the remaining open water season and in preparation for the ice-covered season, refer to the winter checklist to help stop the introduction and spread of AIS at: <https://www.manitoba.ca/stopais/checklist/winter.html>

For more information on aquatic invasive species and to view Manitoba's Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention and Response Plan, visit: www.gov.mb.ca/stopais/index.html.

Please circulate this information within your organization as appropriate. If you have any questions about this detection or the response please contact the Information Officer – Kayla Peterniak at 204-791-3809 or kayla.peterniak@gov.mb.ca.

Thank-you for your assistance.

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MUNICIPAL AND NORTHERN RELATIONS

Important Notice to All Elected Officials and Chief Administrative Officers

Property Assessment Services Levy Increase

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FAQs: Property Assessment Levy Increase

What is the Property Assessment Levy?

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

Why was the Levy established?

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

How are the Levy funds managed?

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

Why was the Levy frozen?

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

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

What is the current balance in the Trust Account?

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

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

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

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

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

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

How soon will municipalities receive their 2025 Levy amounts?

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

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

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

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

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

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

What is the MAVAS system and why is it important?

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

How long will it take to replace the software?

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

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

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

Will municipalities receive assessment data before the fiscal year begins?

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

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

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

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

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

Will the public be informed about the Levy increase?

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

Are municipalities involved in advising on system upgrades?

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

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

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

Bulletin #2024-30 - Municipal and Northern Relations - Payments in Lieu of Taxes Shortfall

From +WPG139 - MGAS, Municipal Governance and Advisory Services <MRMAAS@gov.mb.ca>

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MUNICIPAL AND NORTHERN RELATIONS

**Important Notice to
Chief Administrative Officers**

PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES SHORTFALL

The Manitoba School Tax Rebate was applied directly to property tax statements in 2024. Similar to previous years, federal government agencies and departments have withheld some Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) owing to municipalities, equivalent to the School Tax Rebate.

Manitoba is committed to ensuring municipalities do not experience a loss in revenue due to the shortfall in PILT payments from the federal government.

The process for Manitoba to reimburse municipalities for the reduced federal 2024 PILT is as follows:

- Your municipality will receive a letter from Municipal and Northern Relations with the estimated 2024 PILT shortfall for review.
- Municipalities will be required to confirm the accuracy of the estimate. Information about reporting the confirmations or any concerns regarding the estimate will be provided in the letter.
- Municipalities will also be required to confirm that 2024 school taxes to school divisions and Manitoba are paid in full. Municipalities must remit the provincial Education Support Levy and school division Special Levies by January 31 of each year.

Once all confirmations have been received, the department will start issuing payments.

If you have any questions about the process, please contact mrmaas@gov.mb.ca.

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MUNICIPAL AND NORTHERN RELATIONS

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

**Rates for Railway Roadway, Pipeline, and Gas
Distribution Systems**

The Railway Roadway Property, Pipeline Property and Gas Distribution Systems Regulation under The Municipal Assessment Act has now been updated and will come into effect on January 1, 2025. The department of Municipal and Northern Relations updates the rates by creating a new regulation during each reassessment cycle (every 2 years) to reflect changes in market conditions.

The new regulation prescribes assessment rates for railway roadways, pipelines and gas distribution systems. It can be viewed at: <https://web2.gov.mb.ca/laws/regs/annual/2024/148.pdf>.

The regulation maintains the fixed cost assessment methodology for pipeline properties in Manitoba similar to the 2023 Reassessment. Municipalities can continue to use the tax impact reports provided in April 2024 and final assessment rolls to determine the impacts to their ratepayers.

The department would like to thank municipalities for providing feedback on the study of a potential volumetric pipeline assessment framework earlier this year.

If you have any questions, please contact assessment@gov.mb.ca.

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Bulletin #2025-01

MUNICIPAL AND NORTHERN RELATIONS

Important Notice to Chief Administrative Officers

Climate Action Fund

The 2024 intake of the Climate Action Fund (formerly known as the Conservation and Climate Fund) is open and now accepting applications. This also can help leverage funding from Canada and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

The Climate Action Fund supports projects with up to a maximum of \$150,000 in grant funding to help businesses, municipalities, Northern Affairs Communities, Indigenous communities and non-profit organizations address the challenges of climate change while building a low-carbon economy and making life more affordable for Manitobans. The Climate Action Fund's priorities include:

- Reducing greenhouse gas emissions in Manitoba
- Supporting enhanced resiliency to the impacts from a changing climate
- Increasing affordable and clean energy technologies in Manitoba

This intake of the Climate Action Fund has also created specific opportunities for municipalities, as well as Northern Affairs Communities, and Indigenous communities, including:

1. Up to \$15,000 for the development of local climate adaptation and net-zero plans. This funding can be stacked with available grants offered through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Green Municipal Fund, including funding for Climate-Ready Plans and Processes.
2. Up to \$100,000 for electric vehicle (EV) chargers and related infrastructure in communities near Manitoba travel corridors or in communities with limited EV chargers. Municipalities can also apply for funding to install EV chargers for their own fleet vehicles.

The deadline for applications is January 20, 2025 at 12:00 pm Central Standard Time.

For more information on the Fund including, the guide and link to the online application form, please visit Manitoba Grants Online at:

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

A French Language version of this memo will be posted to follow.

Department of Municipal Relations
600 – 800 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg MB R3G 0N4

Bulletin #2025-02

MUNICIPAL AND NORTHERN RELATIONS

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

2025 Manitoba Planning Conference

The Manitoba Professional Planners Institute (MPPI) is hosting the 2025 Manitoba Planning Conference from March 5 – 7, 2025 at the Victoria Inn in Brandon.

The conference theme is *Building the Knowledge to Shape Our Shared Future*. The term “Planning” is often associated with “Building”. From the municipalities and organizations that provide planning services to the job descriptions of planners, “building” represents the multifaceted approach of our work to build the communities of today and tomorrow. Register now for the 2025 Manitoba Planning Conference to build the knowledge needed to help shape our shared future.

Keynote speakers include:

Somia Sadiq, Certified Environmental Professional (EP), Registered Professional Planner (RPP), Fellow of Canadian Institute of Planners and Founder of Narratives Inc.

Topic: Reconciliation-Based Approaches to Municipal and Indigenous Relations: Walking Together for Sustainable Communities.

Tim Caulfield, Professor, BSc, LL.B., LL.M., CM, FRSC, FCAHS, Faculty of Law and School of Public Health; and Research Director, Health Law Institute

Topic: Infodemic! Is Information Killing Us?

For registration and more information, visit: <http://www.mppi.mb.ca/manitoba-planning-conference.asp>

The early bird registration deadline is January 31, 2025.

A French Language version of this memo will be posted to follow.

Department of Municipal and Northern Relations
600 – 800 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg MB R3G 0N4

Attention CAO - RE: Shared Health-fire sprinkler installation update

From Billedeau, Neil <Neil.Billedeau@gov.mb.ca>

Date Tue 2025-01-07 12:32 PM

Cc Winder, Grant <Grant.Winder@gov.mb.ca>; +WPG112 - OFCExec <OFCExec@gov.mb.ca>; Billedeau, Neil <Neil.Billedeau@gov.mb.ca>

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Shared Health fire sprinkler installations.pdf;

Good day,

As previously discussed at the last Municipal Administrators meeting on December 12, 2024, please find attached the information relating to locations managed by Shared Health for personal care homes and hospitals requiring the installation of fire sprinkler systems by January 1, 2026.

This information is to bring awareness to local authorities of properties managed by Shared Health located within your municipality requiring the installation of sprinkler systems. Shared Health has informed our office that in some cases, the completion of retrofitting on buildings located in a number of municipalities may not be completed by January 1, 2026.

Please refer to the attached PDF document for full details.

Sincerely,

Neil Billedeau
Office of the Fire Commissioner
Municipal and Northern Relations
Program Manager - Fire Safety Inspections
Ph. 204-918-7781

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January 7, 2025

Shared Health Fire Sprinkler Installation Update

Attention:

Municipal, Chief Administrative Officer,

On January 23, 2014, a fire occurred at the Résidence du Havre nursing home in L'Isle-Verte Quebec, Canada, killing 32 people and injuring 15. Since that time, measures have been put in place to ensure our most vulnerable citizens are protected to the highest fire and life safety standards and ensure their well-being is top priority.

In 2016, Manitoba Fire Code (MFC) legislation was enacted requiring all hospitals and personal care homes to be retrofitted with building fire sprinkler systems no later than January 1, 2026.

This letter is to bring awareness to local authorities of properties managed by Shared Health located within your municipality requiring the installation of sprinkler systems. Shared Health has informed our office that in some cases, the completion of retrofitting on buildings located in a number of municipalities may not be completed by January 1, 2026.

The Office of The Fire Commissioner (OFC) has informed representatives of Shared Health that compliance with the MFC is mandatory for all buildings.

The Fires Prevention and Emergency Response Act (FPERA) requires the local authority to enforce the MFC within their boundaries. Further, hospitals and personal care homes are required to be inspected annually by the local authority in compliance with the Fire Safety Inspections Regulation.

Shared Health buildings requiring inspection in your municipality are identified in appendix 'A' of this letter.

The OFC encourages local authorities to be proactive in addressing compliance issues by:

- Ensuring local fire inspector conducts an inspection of the identified location/s and determine if the building is compliant with current MFC requirements (recommend timeline 1st quarter 2025).

- Ensuring any corrective actions required on non-compliant building deficiencies are addressed in a timely manner by means provided for in the FPERA (reference appendix 'B').
- Determining status of required sprinkler installations and ability to meet January 1, 2026 requirements. Consider risk assessment hazards based on fire inspection results.
- Conduct fire inspection (1st quarter 2026) and determine compliance with MFC requirements and any non-compliance issues are assessed and acted on as allowed for in the FPERA (reference appendix 'B').

The continued protection of our vulnerable segment of society is a priority and being proactive with inspections and engaging building representatives will enhance life safety.

The Office of the Fire Commissioner would also like to offer our assistance to the local authorities as well as fire inspectors with any questions they may have during the inspections process.

Please contact us at firecomm@gov.mb.ca or 1-800-282-8069.

Sincerely,



Neil Billedeau
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Office of The Fire Commissioner
Program Manager, Fire Safety Inspections
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neil.billedeau@gov.mb.ca

Appendix 'A'

| Site | Address Number | Town | Expected Completion Date |
|---------------------------------|--|---------------|--------------------------|
| Ashern PCH | 1 Steenson Ave, Ashern, MB R0C 0E0 | Ashern | 01-Jan-26 |
| Baldur District Hospital | 531 Elizabeth St, Baldur, MB R0K 0B0 | Baldur | 31-Mar-26 |
| Baldur Manor PCH | 531 Elizabeth St, Baldur, MB R0K 0B0 | Baldur | 31-Mar-26 |
| Benito PCH | 1 St E, Benito, MB R0L 0C0 | Benito | 31-Mar-27 |
| Birtle HC | 843 Gertrude St, Birtle, MB R0M 0C0 | Birtle | 31-Mar-27 |
| Westview Lodge | 200 Struthers St, Boissevain, MB R0K 0E0 | Boissevain | 31-Dec-26 |
| Boissevain HC | 305 Mill Rd, Boissevain, MB R0K 0E0 | Boissevain | 31-Dec-26 |
| Evergreen Place | 305 Mill Rd, Boissevain, MB R0K 0E0 | Boissevain | 31-Dec-26 |
| Carberry PCH | 340 Toronto St, Carberry, MB R0K 0H0 | Carberry | 31-Mar-27 |
| Davidson Memorial Health Centre | 345 Davidson St, Cartwright, MB R0K 0L0 | Cartwright | 31-Mar-27 |
| Rock Lake Health District HC | 115 Brown St, Pilot Mound, MB R0G 1P0 | Crystal City | 31-Dec-26 |
| Dauphin PCH | 625 3 St SW, Dauphin, MB R7N 1W9 | Dauphin | 31-Mar-27 |
| Bren Del Win | 103 Kellett St, Deloraine, MB R0M 0A7 | Deloraine | 30-Jun-26 |
| Deloraine HC | 109 Kellett St, Deloraine, MB R0M 0A7 | Deloraine | 30-Jun-26 |
| Delwynda Court | 109 Kellett St, Deloraine, MB R0M 0A7 | Deloraine | 30-Jun-26 |
| Elkwood Manor (Elkhorn) PCH | 12 Antrim St, Elkhorn, MB R0M 0N0 | Elkhorn | 31-Mar-27 |
| Erickson HC | 60 Queen Elizabeth Ave, Erickson, MB R0J 0P0 | Erickson | 01-May-25 |
| Erickson PCH | 60 Queen Elizabeth Ave, Erickson, MB R0J 0P0 | Erickson | 01-May-25 |
| Flin Flon General Hospital | 50 Church St, Flin Flon, MB R8A 1N2 | Flin Flon | 31-Mar-27 |
| Gillam Hospital | 15 Gillam Dr, Gillam, MB R0B 0L0 | Gillam | 31-Mar-27 |
| Gladstone (Seven Regions) HC | 24 Mill St, Gladstone, MB R0J 0T0 | Gladstone | 31-Mar-28 |
| Glenboro HC | 219 Murray Ave, Glenboro, MB R0K 0X0 | Glenboro | 31-Dec-26 |
| Glenboro PCH | 219 Murray Ave, Glenboro, MB R0K 0X0 | Glenboro | 31-Dec-26 |
| Birch Lodge PCH | 177 Birch Ave, Hamiota, MB R0M 0T0 | Hamiota | 31-Mar-27 |
| Hamiota HC | 177 Birch Ave E, Hamiota, MB R0M 0T0 | Hamiota | 31-Mar-27 |
| Tri Lake HC | 86 Ellis Dr, Killarney, MB R0K 1G0 | Killarney | 31-Mar-26 |
| Lac Du Bonnet PCH | 75 McIntosh St E, Lac du Bonnet, MB R5G 1G9 | Lac Du Bonnet | 31-Mar-28 |
| Lynn Lake Hospital | 640 Camp St, Lynn Lake, MB R0B 0W0 | Lynn Lake | 31-Mar-27 |
| MacGregor HC | 87 Grafton St, MacGregor, MB R0H 0R0 | MacGregor | 31-Mar-26 |
| MacGregor PCH | 87 Grafton St, MacGregor, MB R0H 0R0 | MacGregor | 31-Mar-26 |
| Pembina-Manitou PCH/HC | 232 Carrie St, Manitou, MB R0G 1G0 | Manitou | 01-Jan-26 |
| McCreary Alonsa PCH | 613 MB-50, McCreary, MB R0J 1B0 | McCreary | 31-Mar-27 |
| Melita HC | 147 Summit St, Melita, MB R7A 7W6 | Melita | 31-Mar-26 |
| Melita PCH | 147 Summit St, Melita, MB R7A 7W6 | Melita | 31-Mar-26 |
| Minnedosa PCH | 138 3rd Ave SW, Minnedosa, MB R7N 1T1 | Minnedosa | 01-Jan-26 |

| Site | Address Number | Town | Expected Completion Date |
|----------------------------------|--|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Minnedosa HC | 334 1 St, Minnedosa, MB R0J 1E0 | Minnedosa | 31-Mar-26 |
| Red River Valley Lodge | 136 Ottawa Ave, Morris, MB R0G 1K0 | Morris | 01-Jan-26 |
| Morris General Hospital | 215 Railroad Ave, Morris, MB R0G 1K0 | Morris | 31-Mar-26 |
| Neepawa HC | 500 Hospital St, Neepawa, MB R0J 1H0 | Neepawa | 31-Mar-28 |
| Reston HC | 523 1st St W, Reston, MB R0M 1X0 | Reston | 30-Sep-26 |
| Willowview Home PCH | 523 1st St W, Reston, MB R0M 1X0 | Reston | 30-Sep-26 |
| Riverdale PCH | 512 Quebec St, Rivers, MB R0K 1X0 | Rivers | 31-Mar-26 |
| Rivers HC | 512 Quebec St, Rivers, MB R0K 1X0 | Rivers | 31-Mar-26 |
| Crocus Court (Roblin) | 15 Hospital St, Roblin, MB R0L 1P0 | Roblin | 31-Mar-27 |
| Roblin District HC | 15 Hospital St, Roblin, MB R0L 1P0 | Roblin | 31-Mar-27 |
| Rosburn HC | 166 Parkview Dr, Rosburn, MB R0J 1V0 | Rosburn | 30-Sep-26 |
| Rosburn PCH | 166 Parkview Dr, Rosburn, MB R0J 1V0 | Rosburn | 30-Sep-26 |
| Russell HC | 427 Alexandria Ave, Russell, MB R0J 1W0 | Russell | 31-Mar-27 |
| Sandy Lake | 106 1st St SW, Sandy Lake, MB R0J 1X0 | Sandy Lake | 31-Mar-27 |
| Betel PCH Selkirk | 212 Manchester Ave, Selkirk, MB R1A 0B7 | Selkirk | 31-Mar-27 |
| Morley House PCH (Strathclair) | 526 Mary St, Shoal Lake, MB R0J 1Z0 | Shoal Lake | 01-Jan-26 |
| Souris District Hospital | 155 Brindle Ave, Souris, MB R0K 2C0 | Souris | 12-Apr-27 |
| Souris District PCH | 155 Brindle Ave, Souris, MB R0K 2C0 | Souris | 12-Apr-27 |
| Dr Gendreau | 515 Mission St, Sainte Rose du Lac, MB R0L 1S0 | Ste Rose Du Lac | 31-Mar-27 |
| Ste Rose Hospital | 480 3 Ave E, Sainte Rose du Lac, MB R0L 1S0 | Ste Rose du Lac | 31-Mar-27 |
| Bethesda Hospital | 316 Henry St, Steinbach, MB R5G 0P9 | Steinbach | 31-Mar-27 |
| Rosewood Lodge | 513 1 Ave N, Stonewall, MB R0C 2Z0 | Stonewall | 31-Mar-27 |
| Lorne Memorial Hospital HC | 9 Second St, Swan Lake, MB R0G 2S0 | Swan Lake | 31-Mar-26 |
| St Anthony's Hospital | 67 1 St W, The Pas, MB R9A 1K4 | The Pas | 31-Mar-27 |
| Tiger Hills HC | 64 Clark St, Treherne, MB R0G 2V0 | Treherne | 01-Jan-26 |
| Tiger Hills Manor PCH | 64 Clark St, Treherne, MB R0G 2V0 | Treherne | 01-Jan-26 |
| Westman PCH | 427 Frame St E, Virden, MB R0M 2C0 | Virden | 31-Dec-26 |
| Virden HC | 480 King St E, Virden, MB R0M 2C0 | Virden | 31-Dec-26 |
| Vita & District General Hospital | 217 First Ave, Vita, MB R0A 2K0 | Vita | 31-Mar-27 |
| Whispering Pines (Vita) | 217 First Ave W, Vita, MB R0A 2K0 | Vita | 31-Mar-27 |
| Wawanesa HC | 506 George St, Wawanesa, MB R0K 2G0 | Wawanesa | 31-Jul-26 |
| Wawanesa PCH | 506 George St, Wawanesa, MB R0K 2G0 | Wawanesa | 31-Jul-26 |
| Salem Home | 165 Fifteenth St, Winkler, MB R6W 1K8 | Winkler | 31-Mar-27 |

Appendix 'B'

| Fire Prevention and Emergency Response Act – Actions and Orders | |
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| <p style="text-align: center;">Immediate actions may be taken</p> <p>11(1) During the course of or after investigating a fire or carrying out a fire safety inspection, the fire commissioner or designate may take any of the following actions that he or she considers necessary, with respect to the land or premises, for the immediate protection of persons and property:</p> <p>(a) cause the land or premises to be closed immediately and persons on the land or premises to be removed;</p> <p>(b) post a fire watch, make repairs to existing fire safety systems and install temporary safeguards, including fire extinguishers and smoke alarms;</p> <p>(c) eliminate ignition sources and remove combustible or explosive material or anything that may constitute a fire menace, and dispose of that material or thing in accordance with any directives issued by the fire commissioner under clause 2(3)(g);</p> <p>(d) do any other thing that the fire commissioner or designate reasonably believes is immediately required to remove or reduce the threat to life or property.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Orders re investigation or inspection</p> <p>12(1) During the course of or after investigating a fire or carrying out a fire safety inspection, the fire commissioner or designate may, in writing, order the owner, the occupant or both</p> <p>(a) to do one or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) remove buildings, structures, combustible or explosive material or any other thing that may constitute a fire hazard from the land or premises, (ii) demolish or make structural and other repairs or alterations, including material alterations, to buildings or structures on the land or premises, (iii) install or modify things relating to the containment of a possible fire, means of egress, fire alarms, and the detection and suppression of fires, (iv) install and use specified equipment or devices to contain hazardous material on the land or premises and, in the event of a fire, to remove or transport the material, (v) discontinue manufacturing, producing or fabricating any material, device or other thing that creates or poses an undue risk of fire or explosion, (vi) take any other measure necessary to remedy any contravention of this Act or the regulations; <p>(b) to close the land or premises and prevent persons from entering until the corrective actions ordered under clause (a) have been completed; or</p> <p>(c) to take any other measure necessary for fire safety on the land or premises.</p> |

January 14, 2025

All Municipally Owned Water and/or Wastewater Utilities

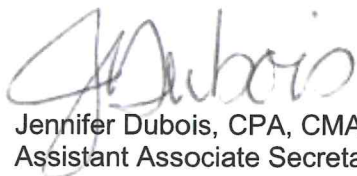
**Re: An Order Respecting Water and/or Wastewater Utilities –
Impact of Asset Retirement Obligation Reporting Standards on the
Calculation of Working Capital for Rate Setting Purposes**

I am pleased to enclose a certified copy of the Public Utilities Board Order No. 5/25. Please review the Board Order for full details.

In summary, the Board revised the working capital calculation previously set out in Board Order No. 93/09 to include Asset Retirement Obligation.

Should you have any questions regarding the attached Order, please contact our office by emailing publicutilities@gov.mb.ca.

Yours truly,



Jennifer Dubois, CPA, CMA, CTAJ
Assistant Associate Secretary

JD/dv

cc : Association of Manitoba Municipalities
Manitoba Municipal Administrators
Manitoba Municipal Board

Order No. 5/25

**AN ORDER RESPECTING WATER AND/OR WASTEWATER UTILITIES
IMPACT OF ASSET RETIREMENT OBLIGATION REPORTING STANDARDS
ON CALCULATION OF WORKING CAPITAL FOR RATE SETTING PURPOSES**

January 14, 2025

BEFORE: Shawn McCutcheon, Panel Chair
Robert Gabor, K.C., Board Chair
Irene Hamilton, K.C., Panel Member
Jim Hrichishen, B.A. (Hon), M.A., Panel Member
Patrick Ireland, MBA, Panel Member
Marilyn Kapitany, B.Sc. (Hon), M. Sc., Panel Member
Kim Sharman, Panel Member

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1.0 Executive Summary

By this Order, the Public Utilities Board (Board) sets out a revised calculation of working capital for rate setting purposes:

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| Accumulated Fund Surplus/Deficit (Schedule 8) |
| Deduct tangible capital assets (Schedule 8) |
| Add asset retirement obligation (Schedule 8) |
| Add long term debt (Schedule 8) |
| Add utility reserves (Schedule 6) |
| Equals Working Capital Surplus/Deficit |
| |
| Utility expenses (Schedule 9) |
| 20% of utility expenses (target) |

Further details are under Board Findings.

2.0 Background

In Board Order No. 93/09 the Board established a requirement that the working capital surplus must be equal to or greater than 20% of annual expenses. The working capital surplus is defined as the utility fund balance excluding any capital related items plus utility reserves.

New accounting standards (PS 3280) for asset retirement obligations (AROs) are in effect for municipal audited financial statements beginning with the 2023 audit. These standards are established and introduced by the national Public Sector Accounting Board, which establishes consistent accounting standards for all levels of government.

An ARO is any legal obligation that comes from a future requirement to permanently retire a capital asset, such as a wastewater lagoon.

In preparing the 2023 audit, municipalities were required to review capital assets and identify any AROs. This process was completed with the cooperation of municipal staff and its auditors. AROs associated with utilities should have been identified, recorded in the 2023 year end and detailed in the notes and Schedule 8 audited financial statements.

The journal entry to record ARO is:

Debit: Capital asset account

Credit: ARO account

3.0 Board Findings

The Board considered the impact of recording ARO for utilities on its processes and metrics. The working capital calculation is a metric used by the Board to assist in determining the financial health of the utility.

It is intended to reflect the utility fund balance excluding capital related items. The Board finds the new ARO account would therefore appropriately be treated in the same manner that long term debt is treated in its calculations, by adding back into surplus.

The Board will direct municipalities to use the following revised calculation in determining working capital surplus or deficit, for regulatory purposes:

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|---|
| Accumulated Fund Surplus/Deficit (Schedule 8) |
| Deduct tangible capital assets (Schedule 8) |
| Add asset retirement obligation (Schedule 8) |
| Add long term debt (Schedule 8) |
| Add utility reserves (Schedule 6) |
| Equals Working Capital Surplus/Deficit |
| |
| Utility expenses (Schedule 9) |
| 20% of utility expenses (target) |

4.0 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The working capital calculation previously set out in Board Order No. 93/09 is revised to include Asset Retirement Obligation.

Fees payable upon this Order - waived

Board decisions may be appealed in accordance with the provisions of Section 58 of *The Public Utilities Board Act*, or reviewed in accordance with Section 36 of the Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure. The Board's Rules may be viewed on the Board's website at www.pubmanitoba.ca.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD

"Shawn McCutcheon"

Panel Chair

"Jennifer Dubois, CPA, CMA, CTAJ"

Assistant Associate Secretary

Certified a true copy of Order No. 5/25
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Assistant Associate Secretary

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From RDI Admin <rdi+brandonu.ca@icontactmail3.com>

Date Mon 2025-01-13 11:52 AM

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

BRANDON UNIVERSITY



Hello 2025!

RDI is so grateful for this new year, with all of it's new projects,
partnerships, and opportunities!

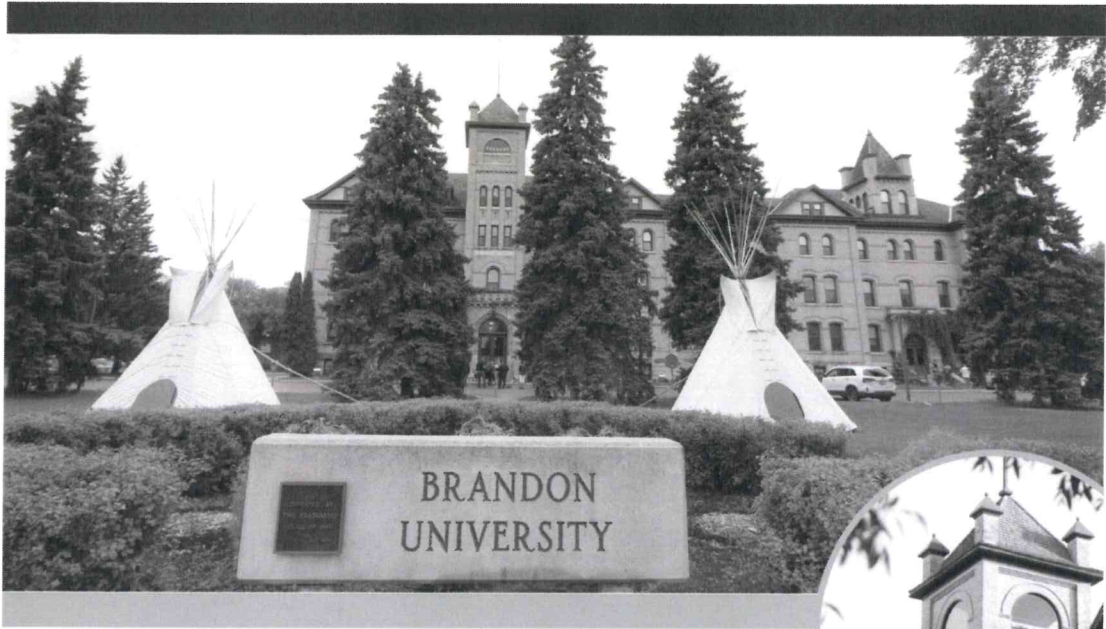
RESCHEDULING ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

This year, Rural Development Institute is working with the Journal of Rural and Community Development to host the 2025 Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation Conference here at Brandon Manitoba, and we wanted to announce the rescheduling of the abstract submission!

Exploring themes of **Technology, Data Governance, and Capacity Building**, we're hoping to facilitate conversations, panels, and workshops that build deep connections.

We know that there is data being generated within and across communities that highlight rural realities. We *now* want to explore opportunities to utilize this data for sustainable community development!

250 Word Abstracts are to be received by February 28 and March 28 and can be done through the CRRF 2025 Conference Website



**Foundations for the Future of Rural:
Technology, Data Governance, and Capacity
Building in Rural Canada**



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and make sure to visit us online!



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There are many intersections that arise when exploring rural and remote community life! We encourage researchers, educators, leaders, community members, policymakers, and practitioners to submit proposals for oral presentations, poster presentations, workshops, and panel discussions that relate to the following themes:

Technology

- Digital Infrastructure and AI: Transforming Rural Communities
- Applications of Community Data through Knowledge Sharing
- Emerging Technologies and Fostering Community Development

Data Governance

- Indigenous Data Sovereignty and Embedding OCAP Principles in Practice
- Rural, Remote, and Northern Data: Storage, Access, and Use
- Leveraging Data and Informing Policy

Capacity Building

- Building Skills and Showcasing Strengths
- How Governing Boards Work: Strategic Community Planning
- Economic vs. Social Development

Abstracts to be received by
February 28th and March 28th



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Expect RDI research updates and partnership highlights
coming regularly in the months to come

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December 12, 2024

Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa
Box 278, 106 Fourth Street
Wawanesa, Manitoba R0K 2G0

Attention: Joni Swidnicki, CAO

Dear Joni:

We conducted an interim audit of the affairs of the municipality for the period of January 1, 2024 to October 31, 2024 and report as follows:

Cash in Bank

A review of the bank statements verified that the bank reconciliation and the general ledger were in balance as of October 31, 2024. The outstanding cheques were reviewed by month to verify that the cheques were not stale dated. This also showed that cheques are usually not outstanding for more than two months.

Tax Assets and Receivables

Tax and utility transactions were tested and verified that the correct amounts were used in calculating penalties. Tax, utility and general receivables were found to be in balance with their corresponding sub-ledgers.

Monthly Statement

We have reviewed the balance sheet and income statement for October 31, 2024 and found it to be in agreement with the records of the municipality. We have not performed a complete audit at this time and we are unable to express an opinion on that financial statement. We will be expressing an opinion on the year end statements upon completion of the final audit. We are pleased that complete monthly statements including balance sheet and income statement are prepared and approved by council as this provides additional internal control and provides up to date financial knowledge of the municipality to assist in decision making.

General

The accounts were found to have been very well maintained for the period under review. We take pleasure in acknowledging the cooperation extended to us by municipality's employees during the course of our audit. We are not aware of any other matters which need to be brought to the attention of council at this time. If the council or staff wishes to discuss any of the forgoing or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Yours truly,
SENSUS Chartered
Professional Accountants Ltd.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kyle Paul', is written over a white background.

Kyle Paul, CPA, CA

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c.c. Head of Council and Councilors

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Wawanesa Heritage Website

From Kenneth Storie <storiekw@gmail.com>

Date Fri 2025-01-10 2:23 PM

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

Greetings

About 12 years ago the Manitoba Heritage Grants Program financed the creation of the Wawanesa Heritage Website. Over the years I have added Heritage Projects to the site and hosted the material on my Virtual Manitoba site. As I am well past retirement age I thought it prudent to locate my entire history collection to a more permanent location. The Manitoba Historical Society agreed to host it as part of their website.

The Wawanesa information is here...

<https://www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/virtualmanitoba/wawanesaheritage/index.html>

I'm just letting you know that this free resource is available, accessible, and ad-free.

For the benefit of schools, museums and citizens who might be interested in the history of your community you might want to consider placing a link on your municipal website.

I am happy to answer any questions.

Ken Storie

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