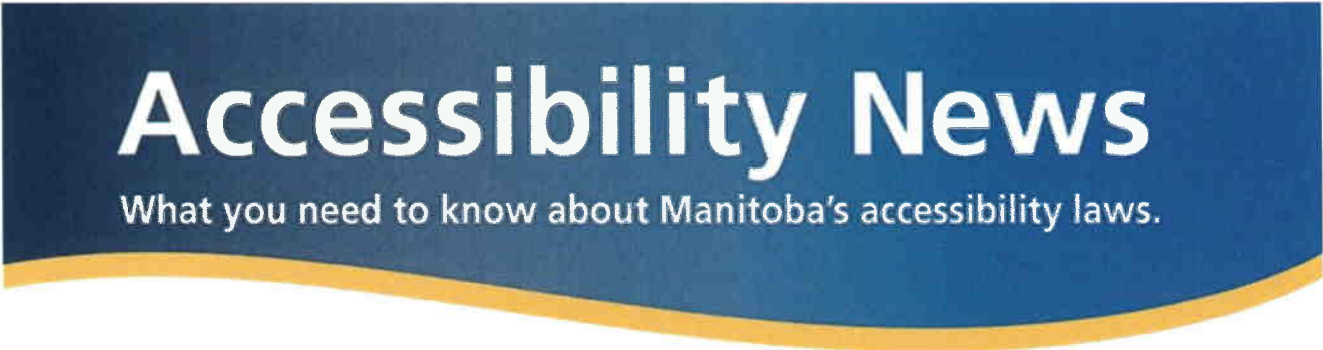

Accessibility News - October 2026

From Manitoba Accessibility Office <mao@gov.mb.ca>

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

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Accessibility News

What you need to know about Manitoba's accessibility laws.

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October is Disability Employment Awareness Month



The Manitoba government [proclaims](#) Disability Employment Awareness Month (DEAM) each October. This month-long celebration is part of a national effort, with provinces across Canada participating in activities to raise awareness, promote the benefits of inclusive hiring and foster inclusive workplaces. Throughout October, organizations across Canada celebrate Disability Employment Awareness Month through awareness activities, training opportunities and community events.

Light It Up! For NDEAM

On October 15, many buildings across Canada will light up in purple and blue to show their commitment and leadership as a part of the [Light It Up! For NDEAM™](#) national campaign.

Free Webinar: Supporting Mental Health and Accessibility in the Workplace

Join the Manitoba Accessibility Office and the [Canadian Mental Health Association Across Manitoba](#) to celebrate Disability Employment Awareness Month. This presentation will share practical tips for employees, supervisors and employers on how to support mental health in the workplace. Participants will learn to recognize and respond to mental health needs, support accommodation conversations, build stronger workplace

connections and contribute to psychologically safe and inclusive work environments where everyone can participate, contribute and thrive equitably.

Webinar Details:

- **Date:** October 21, 2026
- **Time:** 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- **Where:** Virtual via Zoom

Register to Attend

This webinar will have accessibility measures such as American Sign Language interpretation (ASL) and live closed captioning.

The webinar recording will be made available to those unable to participate in real-time on [AccessibilityMB.ca](https://www.accessibilitymb.ca).

Welcoming the New Minister Responsible for Accessibility

On September 28, the Premier of Manitoba announced Carla Compton, MLA for Tuxedo and a registered nurse, will serve as the minister responsible for accessibility.

Minister Compton will lead work across government to make services easier to navigate for Manitobans living with disabilities, their families and caregivers. Her mandate includes improving service co-ordination, creating a clearer path to supports and working with Manitobans with lived experience to help shape a more accessible and dignified system.

The Manitoba Accessibility Office welcomes Minister Compton into her new role and looks forward to working closely with her to advance accessibility initiatives across the province.

[Read the Full News Release](#)

2027 Manitoba Accessibility Fund Intake Opens October 5



Applications open October 5 for one-time grants that help remove barriers and improve accessibility in Manitoba

The Manitoba Accessibility Fund opens its next intake on October 5, 2026. Manitoba organizations, municipalities and businesses can apply for one-time grants for projects that remove barriers and support The Accessibility for Manitobans Act.

Projects must support at least one targeted accessibility standard: customer service, employment, information and communication or transportation. Project examples include those related to training, awareness activities, accessibility resources, communication supports and accessible transportation.

Application deadline: November 27, 2026. All applicants, including returning applicants, must submit the standard application form online.

Apply online: Review the program information and gather your project details before applying.

Apply by November 27, 2026 using the Manitoba Accessibility Fund application [webpage](#).

There's Still Time to Have Your Say!



**Provide feedback on the
Accessible Customer
Service Standard
Regulation before October
9th**

Manitoba's Accessibility Advisory Council is completing a 10-year review of the Accessible Customer Service Standard Regulation and wants to hear from you before the **October 9, 2026 deadline**.

What's working well? What's not working? What barriers are people still experiencing?

Your feedback helps the Accessibility Advisory Council better understand people's experiences and identify opportunities to improve customer service for Manitobans with disabilities. There are several ways you can share your feedback.

By Survey:

Share feedback on the Accessible Customer Service Standard Regulation by completing the survey in English or French. This survey takes about five

minutes and asks specific questions about the law.

Ten-Year Review of the Accessible Customer Service Standard Regulation: 2026

[Click to take the survey \(English\)](#)

[Cliquez pour répondre au sondage \(en français\)](#)

By Written Submission:

Submit your comments to access@gov.mb.ca. Discussion questions can be found in the [10-Year Review of the Accessible Customer Service Standard Regulation: Consultation Document](#).

Reminder to submit your feedback by October 9, 2026.

If you have any questions or concerns about this review, or would like to provide your comments in another way, please contact the Accessibility Advisory Council through the Manitoba Accessibility Office at access@gov.mb.ca or 204-945-7613

[Click for More Information on the 10-Year Review](#)

Spotlight on an Accessibility Project in our Community

Featured Project: YWCA Westman

YWCA Westman operates the Westman Women's Shelter which offers safe, emergency accommodations for women and children fleeing domestic violence. The shelter is staffed 24-hours a day 365 days a year and can accommodate 24 women and children. Trained counsellors offer counselling, education, protection planning, and assistance with legal, medical and housing issues.

The shelter also offers group counselling, follow up support, non-residential services, children's programs (including counselling for children and youth), public education and a 24-hour crisis phone line and crisis text line for anyone experiencing abuse in Southwestern Manitoba.

With generous support from the Manitoba Accessibility Fund, we have been able to expand outreach initiatives across the region, helping more people learn how to access our 24/7/365 crisis line and services when they need safety, support and hope. We set out with an informational and awareness campaign of the services that we provide regionally to the people of Southwestern Manitoba to help support survivors of gender-based violence. From the MB/SK border to Highway 34, and from the Canada/U.S. border to Highway 16 we delivered resources to sports facilities, libraries, hospitals, medical clinics, service stations, restaurants and community resource centers. We also launched a digital campaign that shared the message that our services are accessible to all of Southwestern Manitoba with all the information on how to connect with our 24/7/365 crisis line and services.

We continued this good work again this year, hitting the road with resources to continue sharing with Southwestern Manitoba. From Carberry to Melita, and from Virden to Killarney, we are building awareness and strengthening connections so that individuals and families know help is within reach. We are deeply grateful to the many communities that welcomed us so warmly, opened their doors and embraced this important work. That encouragement has meant so much and has reinforced how strong our region can be when we work together to support safety and wellbeing for all.



Compliance Corner

Employee Responsibilities for Individualized Accommodation Plans

Manitoba's [Accessible Employment Standard Regulation](#) has been in force for all sectors since May 1, 2022. While the regulation requires organizations subject to [The Accessibility for Manitobans Act](#) to identify, prevent and remove accessibility barriers that could impact Manitoba's labour force, employees also have responsibilities for individualized accommodation planning that are identified in the regulation.

Employees who are disabled by one or more barriers in the workplace can request reasonable accommodations through the development and implementation of an individualized accommodation plan. This is a document, developed collaboratively by the employee and employer, that outlines the specific accommodations required by an employee with a disability to remove barriers and ensure they can perform their job duties effectively.

What is an individualized accommodation plan?

An individualized accommodation plan is a written document that explains:

- the barriers that the employee is facing at work
- what reasonable accommodations will be provided by the employer to remove those barriers
- how the employer and employee will put the accommodations in place
- individualized accommodation plans can support employees with temporary, permanent or episodic disabilities

What are employee responsibilities for individualized accommodation plans under section 12(3) of the regulation?

An employee must, in good faith, cooperate in the development and implementation of their own individualized accommodation plan. In this regard, employee responsibilities found under section 12(3) of the regulation include:

1. **Provide relevant information:** employees need to share information that helps to identify appropriate accommodations with their employer, such as medical documentation, if needed.
2. **Follow the plan:** employees need to carry out the agreed-upon individualized accommodation plan while performing their work.
3. **Provide feedback:** employees need to update their employer with information on how the requirements of their individualized accommodation plan are working out.
4. **Participate and cooperate:** employees need to work with their employer to ensure the accommodation is successful, and let their employer know if their needs change, or the accommodation is no longer required.
5. **Take part in evaluations:** when requested by their employer, employees need to participate in an evaluation to help identify reasonable accommodations for their job.

Remember: Employers also have requirements that they need to meet when developing and implementing an employee's individualized accommodation plan. Employer requirements, which apply to organizations of all sizes, are identified under [section 13\(2\)](#) of the Accessible Employment Standard Regulation.

Want more information?

Read the [Compliance Corner article from September 2026 in Accessibility News](#) to review employer responsibilities associated with individualized accommodation plans. Additionally, you may want to visit pages 9 -11 of the Manitoba [Accessibility Office's Accessible Employment Standard Regulation Handbook](#). Stay tuned next month for the circumstances that may require updates to individualized accommodation plans.

Manitoba government Invests in New American Sign Language Interpretation Micro Credentials for Indigenous Women

Funding Through Mino'Ayaawag Ikwewag: All Women Doing Well Strategy Will Increase Accessibility and Inclusion on First Nations

The Manitoba government is investing \$146,000 in new American Sign Language (ASL) training opportunities for Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Manitobans through a partnership with RRC Polytech, Families Minister Nahanni Fontaine, minister responsible for accessibility, women and gender equity, announced on September 22, 2026.

"Members of the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing community should be able to access the services and supports they need to participate fully in their communities no matter where they live," said Fontaine. "We've received

feedback directly from Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Manitobans about the longstanding lack of ASL education and ASL interpretation in First Nations and rural communities. This investment is a step toward helping to close that gap while empowering Indigenous women to build valuable, in-demand skills to provide much-needed services in their own communities.”

The Manitoba government is providing a total of \$146,000 through the Mino’Ayaawag Ikwewag: All Women Doing Well strategy to support the initiative. The funding includes \$18,000 for the development and delivery of three ASL micro credentials providing ASL education directly on reserve, and \$128,000 over three years to fund four seats specifically for Indigenous women in RRC Polytech’s existing ASL-English Interpretation program.

The ASL micro credentials will introduce ASL and Deaf culture for all participants and will be equivalent to ASL 1, one of the prerequisites for entry into RRC Polytech’s ASL-English Interpretation program, the minister noted. Training will be delivered in community to help reduce barriers to participation and will accommodate up to 15 learners per cohort. In addition to increasing access to ASL education on reserve and in rural Manitoba, the curriculum will incorporate Indigenous perspectives and approaches and be developed in partnership with Indigenous communities to ensure the training reflects local needs and experiences, a longstanding request directly from Indigenous Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Manitobans.

“RRC Polytech welcomes this important partnership with the Manitoba government, which reflects our shared commitment to creating more inclusive communities and expanding educational opportunities for Indigenous learners,” said Fred Meier, president and CEO, RRC Polytech. “By increasing access to ASL education through new micro credentials and fully funded seats in our ASL-English Interpretation program, we are helping remove barriers, strengthen representation in the ASL interpretation profession and build capacity to support Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing individuals in Indigenous communities across Manitoba.”

Graduates of the ASL-English Interpretation program will be equipped to provide more culturally responsive ASL-English interpretation in Indigenous

communities, including at community gatherings, ceremonies and other events.

To learn more about Mino'Ayaawag Ikwewag: All Women Doing Well strategy, Manitoba's \$20-million provincial strategy to support the safety, protection and empowerment of Indigenous women, girls, two-spirit and gender-diverse people, visit <https://www.gov.mb.ca/wage/minoayaawag-ikwewag.html>.

Public Engagement: Manitoba Building Code, Manitoba Plumbing Code, Manitoba Energy Code for Buildings and Manitoba Fire Code – Amendments (2025 National Model Codes)

The Manitoba government is proposing regulatory changes to the Manitoba Building Code, Manitoba Plumbing Code, Manitoba Energy Code for Buildings and Manitoba Fire Code.

These changes will set the 2025 National Model Codes, published by the National Research Council on December 22, 2025, into provincial regulations. All provinces and territories committed to adopting these codes within 18 months of publication.

The proposed changes will:

- Update Manitoba's regulations to match the 2025 national standards used across Canada.
- Add or remove exceptions to the National Model Codes where necessary.
- Help make sure buildings are safe, modern, and built using up to date technical requirements.
- Advance energy efficiency requirements in buildings to reduce energy use and utility costs over time.

- Provide clear rules and timelines so builders, designers, and inspectors understand what is required.

These amendments ensure Manitoba remains harmonized with the other Canadian jurisdictions, implement the Regulatory Reconciliation and Cooperation Table (RCT) Agreement on Construction Codes and assist Manitoba in meeting its carbon emission reduction goals.

[Click to Learn about the Engagement](#)

Accessibility Training Opportunities

There are several informative and engaging events planned for this fall. Participate in the upcoming webinars and explore a wide range of accessibility topics designed to support organizations, employers and community members.

Join the Webinars!

October 21: **Disability Employment Awareness Month Webinar - Supporting Mental Health and Accessibility in the Workplace** - [Register to Attend](#)

November 17, 2026: **Driving Inclusion: Understanding Manitoba's Accessible Transportation Standard Regulation** - [Register to Attend](#)

Upcoming Awareness Dates

- [Disability Employment Awareness Month](#) (October)
- [Light It Up for NDEAM](#) (Oct 15)
- [Dwarfism Awareness Day](#) (October 25)

- [AAC \(Augmentative and Alternative Communication\) Awareness Month](#) (October)

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Your September AF Connections Newsletter is here! - Small Connections, Big Impact

From Brenda Tonn, Consultant <bltonnwrk@118489890.mailchimpapp.com>

Date Mon 2026-09-14 11:40 AM

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



Hello,

The September issue of **AF Connections** is here!

This month, we're highlighting the people, partnerships and community efforts helping to build stronger, healthier communities across Manitoba.

Inside this issue:

- **Ripples of Goodness** and the impact of small acts of connection
- **Age-Friendly Manitoba** and opportunities for newly elected councils
- **Social Prescribing in Action** in Interlake-Eastern RHA
- Helping communities stay safe and informed about **fraud and elder abuse**
- **Community Transportation** and Altona's successful transportation pilot
- A **Partnership Highlight** featuring AMM and Manitoba Municipal Administrators

We hope you enjoy this issue and the stories of connection, collaboration and community happening across Manitoba.

Enjoy the read!

Preview....

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CONNECTIONS

Working together for stronger, healthier communities.

**AGE-FRIENDLY
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MASC
Manitoba Association of Senior Communities

COLLABORATION IS CENTRAL TO A HEALTHY COMMUNITY

RIPPLES OF GOODNESS

Celebrating The People Who Make Our Communities Stronger

As we look toward October and the celebration of older Manitobans, it is a wonderful opportunity to recognize the many ways older adults continue to shape and strengthen the communities we call home, often in ways that happen quietly and without recognition.

Across Manitoba, older adults are leading organizations, volunteering, mentoring younger generations, serving on boards, caring for neighbours, sharing knowledge and helping communities respond to local challenges. Much of this happens quietly, without recognition.

And those contributions create ripples.

One person who volunteers creates an opportunity for someone else to participate. One neighbour who offers a ride helps someone stay connected. One person who shares their experience can help shape a better community decision. One invitation can lead to a new friendship.



“ Small acts of connection can create lasting change. ”

Age-friendly communities recognize older adults not simply for the services they may need, but for the experience, leadership, ideas and connections they bring.

This fall, we invite communities across Manitoba to notice those ripples. Celebrate the people who are making a difference, the partnerships that are bringing people together and the simple acts of kindness that are strengthening community life.

**SHARE
YOUR
STORY**

Have a story you'd like to share? We'd love to hear it! [Click here to submit yours!!](#)

Click the button below to read...

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Manitoba Association of Senior Communities (MASC)

MASC is dedicated to fostering healthier, more connected communities. Our work recognizes that age-friendly communities, member centres, social prescribing, and community transportation are all a part of a shared vision.



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Funding Available to Help Older Manitobans Stay Safe at Home

From Connie Newman - MASC <info@manitobaseniorcommunities.ca>
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To Joni Swidnicki <cao@oakland-wawanesa.ca>



Helping Older Manitobans Stay Safe at Home

Funding Opportunity • March of Dimes Canada

Safe and Healthy Home for Seniors Program

March of Dimes Canada offers funding to help eligible older Manitobans make their homes safer and more accessible, supporting independence and aging in the right place.

\$5,000

Maximum funding per eligible application period

\$6,500

For eligible northern or remote applicants

Funding is available every three years, up to a lifetime maximum of \$15,000. Specific geographic criteria apply to the higher amount.

Who may qualify?

- Manitoba residents aged 65 or older

- Combined net household income under \$60,000
- An ongoing or recurring mobility-related condition or limitation that substantially affects daily living or essential access outside the home

What could be funded?

Grab bars, modular ramps, stair lifts, accessible showers, door widening and other essential accessibility adaptations.

How to apply

Applications require proof of income, verification of a condition or limitation, price quotes and other supporting documents as applicable.

Learn more and access application forms

Website: [March of Dimes Canada – How to Apply](#)

PH: 1-866-906-6006

Email: SHHS@marchofdimes.ca

Please share this opportunity with older adults in your community who may benefit!

Help spread the word! The Safe and Healthy Home for Seniors Program offers financial assistance for essential devices and home adaptations that help eligible older Manitobans stay safe and independent.

Please share this opportunity with seniors, families and community partners who may benefit.

Questions? Call March of Dimes Canada at 1-866-906-6006.





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Member Advisory - Proposed AMM By-Law Change

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



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Member Advisory

Proposed AMM By-Law Change

September 9, 2026 - Please be advised that the AMM Board of Directors has reviewed the by-law regarding the composition of the Western District as well as the Municipality of Louise's request to switch from the Central District to the Western District and has agreed to propose the following changes.

Currently By-law 1998 provides for the Municipality of Louise to be part of the Central District. The Municipality of Louise has asked to be moved from the Central District to the Western District. The AMM Board of Directors are in agreement with the request. It is proposed that the Municipality of Louise be part of the Western District.

The AMM Board of Directors agreed to the following changes:

- (1) The Municipality of Louise be removed from the Central District and included in the Western District.

(2) This amendment is effective immediately following the 2026 annual convention.

Debate and voting for this proposed by-law change will take place at the Fall Convention during the resolutions session.

Should you have any questions regarding this proposed by-law change, please do not hesitate to reach out to myself via email at dvolkov@amm.mb.ca.

Sincerely,

Denys Volkov
Executive Director

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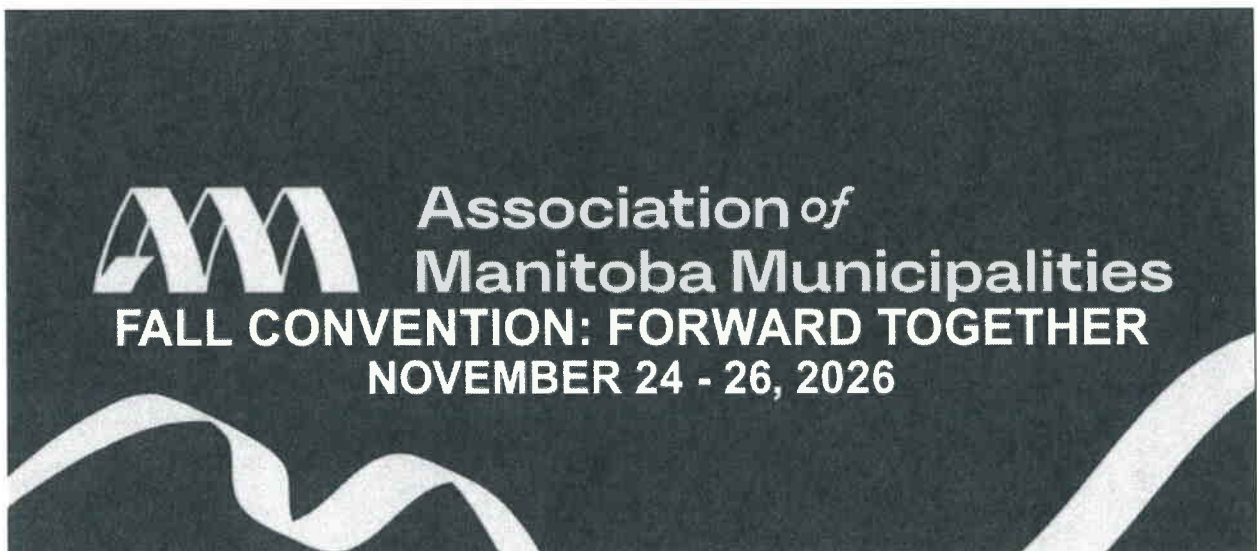
AMM news and updates right to your inbox

Dear Subscriber,

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

Latest Updates

REGISTRATION OPEN - 2026 Fall Convention & Trade Show



Registration is now open for the 2026 Fall Convention & Trade Show, taking place November 24 - 26, 2026 at the Keystone Centre in Brandon.

The AMM is READY. We are ready to serve our members, ready to engage with communities, ready to collaborate with partners, and ready to move Manitoba forward. We look forward to gathering together!

REGISTER NOW - 2026 Fall Convention:

<https://amm.mb.ca/events/event/2026-fall-convention-brandon/>

SECURE YOUR BOOTH - 2026 Fall Trade Show:

<https://amm.mb.ca/events/event/2026-fall-trade-show-brandon/>

Facilitators Needed for LEAD Manitoba Professional Development Series



The Lead Manitoba courses are designed to strengthen municipal leadership capacity throughout Manitoba by providing practical, relevant, and engaging learning opportunities for elected officials, municipal administrators, and community leaders.

We are seeking experienced facilitators interested in delivering these courses throughout Manitoba. Facilitators will be engaged on a contract basis to deliver courses. As a Facilitator for the Lead Manitoba course(s), you will play a key role in supporting municipal leaders through engaging, applied, and learner-focused professional development experiences. Facilitators will work collaboratively with the team to deliver high-quality programming that reflects current municipal practices, governance principles, and leadership challenges. These courses may be delivered in-person, virtually, or in hybrid formats.

View Posting [HERE](#).

2026 AMM Infrastructure Grant

APPLICATION OPEN UNTIL OCTOBER 31!



INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT



Applications are now open for the **2026 AMM Infrastructure Grant** from the Western Financial Group Communities Foundation. We're offering up to five \$5,000 grants to support infrastructure projects in communities across Manitoba.

How to Apply

AMM Infrastructure Grants are open to members of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM). Submit an [online application](#) by **midnight, October 31, 2026**, for a current infrastructure project that:

- Involves upgrading, enhancing, renovating, or constructing a publicly owned asset.
- Contributes to climate resilience, sustainability, accessibility or community health and safety.

Only **one application per municipality** will be accepted.

Learn about the [Western Communities Foundation Infrastructure Grants Program](#), including eligibility requirements, funding streams, application guidelines, and the review process.

Email the [Western Communities Foundation](#) for any questions.

MTI Liaison Officer Information Sheet

Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure (MTI) has recently created the Liaison Officer position for each highway region. The purpose of these Liaison Officers is to provide an initial/primary point of contact for local governments, ensuring a consistent and reliable conduit for information to and from the department.

Representatives from local governments can reach out to their respective Liaison Officer for any issues, questions or requests that might arise, especially in instances where there is uncertainty who to ask or where to go. The department's goal is to create a smoother process for all parties involved. Ultimately, Liaison Officers are here to help.

Contact information for your regional Liaison Officer can be found [HERE](#).

Forms & Guidelines for Attachments to Manitoba Hydro Infrastructure



Manitoba Hydro is committed to *Energy for Life* and supporting municipalities, towns and cities across the province. Further to the advisory note you may have received in June 2025, we are pleased to share important updates and guidance now available on hydro.mb.ca regarding the safe installation of accessory attachments on Manitoba Hydro infrastructure.

Communities and organizations that currently have non-compliant banner holders, banners or planters installed will have until **December 31, 2026** to update or remove them. We will begin removing non-compliant installations, workload permitting, starting **January 2027**.

Public safety and the safety of our infrastructure is our top priority. Accessory attachments such as flowerpots, banners, banner holders and holiday lighting on utility infrastructure can create additional wind loading that can exceed design limits. This kind of added stress may lead to premature infrastructure wear and potential failures, posing risks to public safety and service reliability.

Please review the up-to-date guidance and specifications for all installations, along with application information, on our website at this link: hydro.mb.ca/service/permits/utility-pole-decoration/. This webpage outlines the application process and details the requirements in place to protect Manitoba Hydro infrastructure and the communities we serve.

If you have questions or would like to discuss further, please reach out to [your local Customer Service Centre](#).

Click [HERE](#) for Guide.

Efficiency Manitoba Business Lighting Program



Your building's indoor and outdoor lighting can use a considerable amount of energy. The **Business Lighting Program** can help you lower your energy bills and reduce your maintenance costs, and is available to larger municipally-owned buildings and recreation facilities. When you upgrade to energy-efficient LED lighting and occupancy controls, you can receive incentives covering up to 100% of your lighting material costs. LEDs use significantly less energy than traditional lighting and can be easily customized and controlled for your building's needs and schedule.

**CPWA Winter Maintenance Certificate Programs
(October 20 & 22, 2026)**



SAVE THE DATE



Canadian Public Works Association (CPWA) Manitoba Chapter

WINTER MAINTENANCE CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS 2026

INVEST IN YOUR WINTER OPERATIONS TEAM



Join public works professionals from across Manitoba for nationally recognized training that builds safer, more efficient, equitable and environmentally responsible winter operations.



BOTH PROGRAMS • BOTH LOCATIONS • MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN!

Both the Winter Maintenance Supervisor Certificate Program and Winter Maintenance Operator Certificate Program will be offered in both locations.



THOMPSON, MANITOBA



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2026

&



RUSSELL, MANITOBA



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2026



**WINTER MAINTENANCE
SUPERVISOR CERTIFICATE PROGRAM**



**WINTER MAINTENANCE
OPERATOR CERTIFICATE PROGRAM**

Both programs are designed to enhance knowledge, skills and best practices to improve winter operations, promote public safety, and protect our communities and environment.

PROGRAM LEARNING OBJECTIVES

SUPERVISOR CERTIFICATE PROGRAM
After completing this program, participants will be better able to:

- ❑ Plan and prepare effective winter maintenance programs.
- ❑ Understand winter weather and its operational impacts.
- ❑ Utilize traditional and alternative snow and ice control materials.
- ❑ Evaluate equipment requirements and maintenance practices.
- ❑ Apply effective snow and ice control techniques.
- ❑ Understand environmental impacts of winter maintenance activities.
- ❑ Implement responsible application procedures and best practices.

OPERATOR CERTIFICATE PROGRAM
After completing this program, participants will be better able to:

- ❑ Apply essential winter operations principles.
- ❑ Understand snow and ice control materials and how they work.
- ❑ Identify winter maintenance equipment and proper upkeep requirements.
- ❑ Improve communication between operators and their personnel.
- ❑ Enhance operational efficiency and safety during winter events.



**REGISTRATION OPENS
JULY 2026**



**REGISTRATION FEES
TO BE ANNOUNCED
IN JULY**

*More information
coming soon!*

Watch for details on registration, course agendas, meals and accommodation options.

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**FOR FUTURE
REGISTRATION LOG**

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?









CPWA Manitoba Chapter | www.manitoba.cpwa.net | info@manitoba.cpwa.net

Join public works professionals from across Manitoba for nationally recognized training that builds safer, more efficient, equitable and environmentally responsible winter operations.

Manitoba Building Code Courses (Fall 2026 & Winter 2027)



Building code courses provide essential knowledge and skills for understanding and applying construction regulations and standards. These courses typically cover topics such as structural

integrity, safety protocols, accessibility requirements, and energy efficiency. They are designed for building officials and professionals in the construction industry, including architects, engineers, and contractors, to ensure compliance with local and national building codes.

Click [HERE](#) for available courses.

Click [HERE](#) for course descriptions.

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Election Supply Order Form

Election Supplies are now available to purchase through Staples.

Click [HERE](#) for order form.

The Deadline to order election supplies is **October 20, 2026**.

Please send order forms directly to Catharine Beattie, catharine.beattie@staples.ca

Feminine Hygiene Solutions

- Manitoba is the 1st to pass a province-wide law requiring most employers to provide free menstrual products in workplaces.
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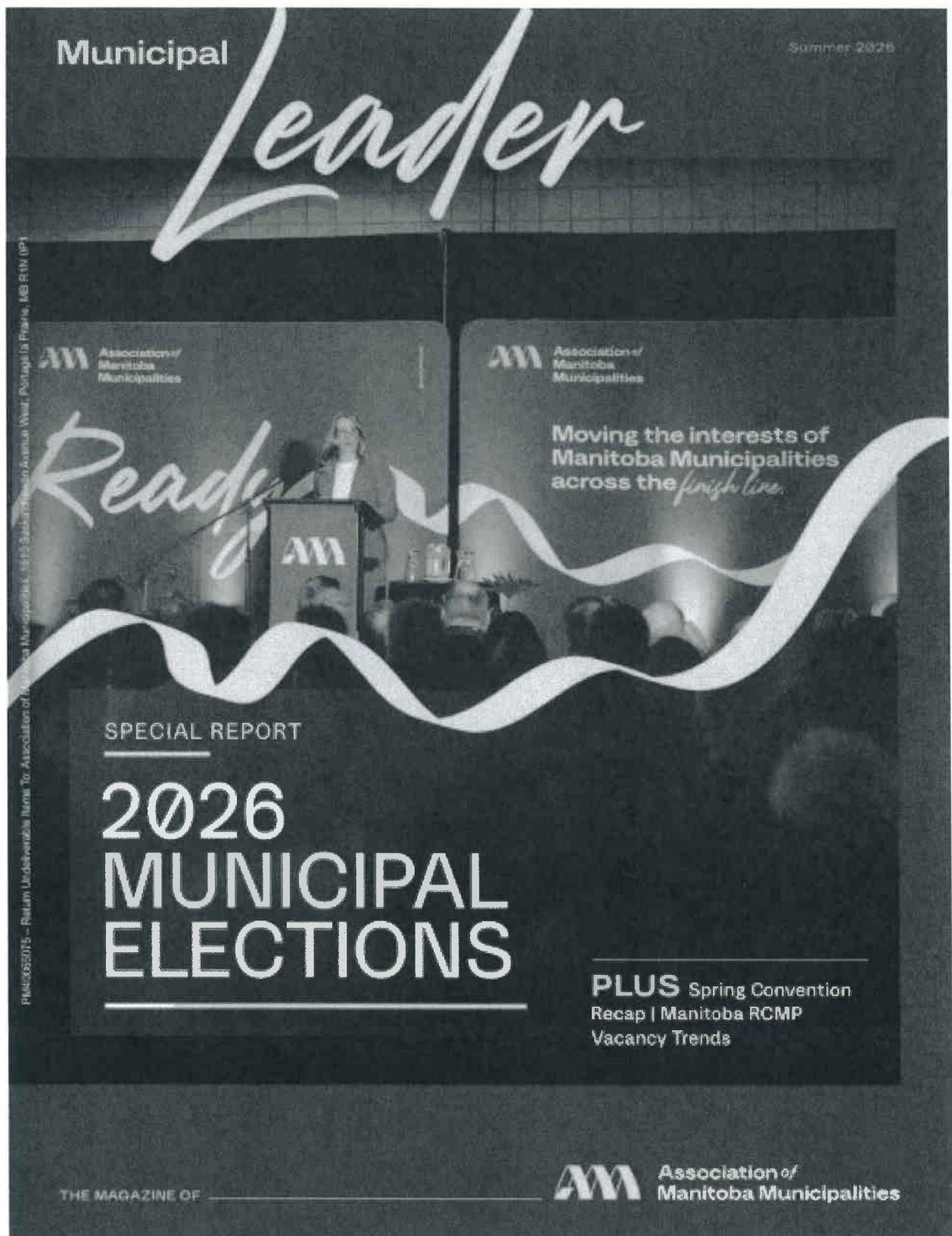
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Member Advisory - Municipal Climate Preparedness Survey

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



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Municipal Climate Preparedness Survey

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

September 22, 2026 - The Climate Preparedness and Communications (CPC) Branch of Manitoba Environment and Climate Change is undertaking a province-wide assessment to better understand the current state of climate hazard planning across Manitoba municipalities.

The survey takes approximately 10 - 15 minutes to complete and will remain open until **October 19, 2026**.

Survey Link: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/AXYadJYJW2>

This survey will help identify existing strengths, challenges, and support needs, and will inform the development of future programs,

tools, and resources aimed at strengthening municipal climate resilience. The findings will contribute to provincial efforts to support communities in preparing for and adapting to climate-related risks.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact us at ccinfo@gov.mb.ca.

Sincerely,

Denys Volkov
Executive Director

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Senior Election Officers (SEOs) - Entering Candidate Information

September 23, 2026 – Please be advised that all SEO accounts have been created for the **AMM Municipal Elections Website**. You should have received an automatically generated email with your login credentials.

The subject line of the email will read **"Your new MBVotes.ca account"** from the email **noreply@mbvotes.ca**.

- Please monitor your email and double-check your junk/spam folders if necessary.

As you are aware, the formal nomination period for candidate registration has ended.

- Please enter all candidate/ward information for your respective municipality by **Thursday, October 1**.

- Please enter all candidates for all positions, including positions with only one candidate.
- If your candidates are acclaimed for all positions, please let us know and we can declare the results from our end at this point in time. If you have both acclamations and elections for your municipality, you will be able to declare the results on **October 28**.

View the 2026 SEO Guide [HERE](#).

If you encounter any technical issues or have any questions/concerns, please contact myself, Nick Krawetz (AMM Director of Policy and Communications) at nkrawetz@amm.mb.ca.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Nick Krawetz
Deputy Executive Director and Director of Policy and Communications

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Member Advisory - Manitoba Growth, Renewal, and Opportunities for Municipalities (Manitoba GRO) Program

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Manitoba Growth, Renewal, and Opportunities for Municipalities (Manitoba GRO) Program

NOTE: This message is being sent on behalf of Manitoba Municipal and Northern Relations.

September 24, 2026 - The Government of Manitoba is accepting applications under the 2026/27 Manitoba Growth, Renewal and Opportunities for Municipalities Program (Manitoba GRO), providing municipalities with an additional opportunity to advance critical infrastructure projects that will support growing and sustainable communities. Program funding is being made available through Manitoba's Rural Strategic Infrastructure Basket, delivered under the Strategic Municipal Investment Fund.

The application-based Manitoba GRO is available to all Manitoba municipalities located outside the City of Winnipeg. The program will

support infrastructure projects under the key investment themes of **Renewal, Innovation, and Climate Resiliency**, and the following strategic investment categories:

- Public Safety
 - Disaster Prevention, Mitigation and Climate Resiliency
 - Fire Stations and Related Capital Purchases
- Roads, Bridges and Active Transportation
- Community Infrastructure
- Multi-Modal Transportation
- Solid Waste Management and Organic Waste Diversion

Projects that provide regional benefits by serving multiple municipalities or communities, and projects involving municipal partnerships to achieve regional benefits are strongly encouraged.

Manitoba GRO will provide funding for up to 50% of total eligible project costs, to a maximum provincial contribution of \$5 million per project. Municipalities are responsible for securing the remaining funding through direct municipal contributions and other funding sources. All funding approvals are subject to the availability of funds within the program's approved budget.

HOW TO APPLY

Municipalities can access the Manitoba GRO program guide and e-form application through [**Manitoba Municipalities Online**](#).

Supporting documents can be uploaded through MMO under the heading "Submit/View Municipal Report," and selecting 2026 Manitoba GRO Grant Supporting Documents. The Manitoba GRO supporting documents must include a scanned copy of a resolution from Council approving the project and request for provincial support under Manitoba GRO, including identifying the source of the municipality's 50% cost-share of the project.

The deadline for submitting a complete Manitoba GRO e-form application is **Friday, October 23, 2026**. Applications received after this date will not be considered for funding.

Manitoba GRO Program Guide [**HERE**](#).

Manitoba GRO Program [**FAQs**](#).

Assistance:

Should you require additional information on Manitoba GRO please contact Municipal Funding Policy and Programs at MFPP@gov.mb.ca. Program information can be found at <https://www.gov.mb.ca/mr/mfpp/mgro>.

Sincerely,

Denys Volkov
Executive Director

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REMINDER: Member Advisory - Nomination Information: 2026 Executive Committee Election

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Nomination Information: 2026 Executive Committee Election

REMINDER - October 1, 2026 - The annual **AMM Fall Convention** will take place in Brandon from **November 24-26, 2026**. There will be elections at this year's convention for the AMM Executive Committee, consisting of the President and two Vice-Presidents. The term of office for the President and Vice-Presidents is two years. The President and Vice-Presidents can be elected to an Executive Committee position in multiple terms.

Executive Committee Nominations:

Municipalities can nominate a municipal official for the President position, Vice-President position, or both, but the official can only accept nomination for and be elected to one position. Nominations for positions on the Executive Committee must be by resolution of

Council. Each nomination must be supported by a separate resolution.

Only elected officials of member municipalities are eligible to be President or Vice-President of the AMM Executive Committee.

Nominations for candidates for a position on the Executive Committee must be submitted in writing, accompanied by a supporting Council resolution, to the Executive Director of the AMM. Nominations must be received **no later than 21 days** prior to the opening day of the AMM Fall Convention, for this year's elections, by no later than **November 3, 2026** at:

**1910 Saskatchewan Avenue W
Portage la Prairie, MB R1N 0P1
Attention: Denys Volkov, Executive Director
dvolkov@amm.mb.ca**

No nomination for an Executive Committee position is effective unless the nominee accepts the nomination by giving written notice to the Executive Director of the AMM **no later than 14 days** before the opening day of the AMM Fall Convention. For this year's elections, accepted nominations must be received by no later than **November 10, 2026**.

Any member of the AMM Board of Directors who accepts a nomination for an Executive Committee position vacates their position on the Board effective as of the date the member accepts the nomination.

Executive Committee election:

President: A candidate for President must receive 50% plus 1 of the total number of votes cast to be elected as President.

Vice-Presidents: The 2 candidates for Vice-President who receive the highest number of votes are elected as Vice-Presidents. There will be a further ballot at the Convention if there is a tie, involving only the tied candidates.

Following the general municipal elections in October, we encourage all newly elected and returning officials and municipal delegates to attend this year's Fall Convention.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Denys Volkov, Executive Director
204-856-2362
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More Candidates, More Women Step Forward Ahead of October 28 Municipal Elections

October 1, 2026 – The Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) is pleased to announce that preliminary candidate and election data has been entered into [MBVotes.ca](https://mbvotes.ca) ahead of Manitoba's October 28 general municipal elections.

Compared to 2022, preliminary 2026 data show an increase in the overall number of candidates (**1420**, up from 1380) and female candidates (**340**, up from 289), while acclamations are expected to decrease to approximately 30 per cent, down from 37 per cent.

"It is encouraging to see more Manitobans – and especially more women – put their names forward to serve their communities. The AMM has made promoting greater gender parity on municipal councils a priority, and we are pleased to see heightened interest in municipal leadership. We commend everyone stepping forward to serve and

encourage Manitobans to get informed, get involved and make their voices heard on October 28th,” noted AMM President Kathy Valentino.

The bilingual MBVotes.ca website features candidate information, an interactive map and a data dashboard aggregating election information from across Manitoba, with Election Night results available as they are reported on October 28.

The AMM encourages all Manitobans and members of the media to visit MBVotes.ca to explore election information and follow results on Election Night.

Election Resources:

- [AMM Municipal Elections Resource Hub](#)
- [AMM Toward Parity in Municipal Politics webpage](#)
- [AMM Municipal Elections website – MBVotes.ca \(results and data dashboard\)](#)
- [Municipal Leader – Special Report on 2026 Municipal Elections](#)

For media inquiries, please contact:

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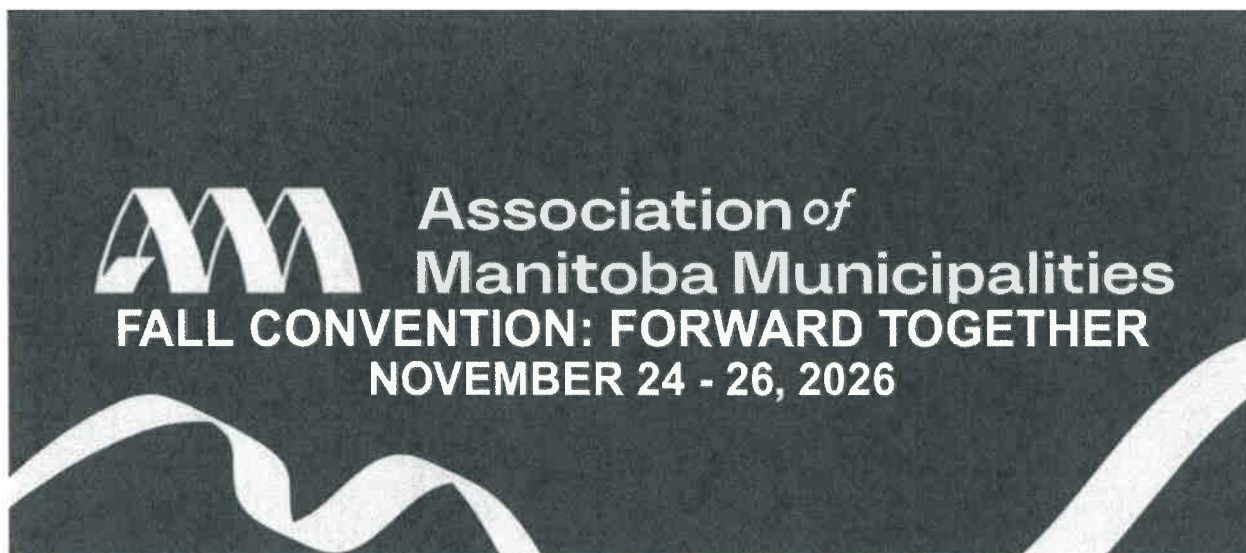
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Latest Updates

REGISTRATION OPEN - 2026 Fall Convention & Trade Show



Registration is now open for the 2026 Fall Convention & Trade Show, taking place November 24-26, 2026 at the Keystone Centre in Brandon.

The AMM is READY. We are ready to serve our members, ready to engage with communities, ready to collaborate with partners, and ready to move Manitoba forward. We look forward to gathering together!

REGISTER NOW - 2026 Fall Convention:

<https://amm.mb.ca/events/event/2026-fall-convention-brandon/>

SECURE YOUR BOOTH - 2026 Fall Trade Show:

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Pre-Conference Seminar for New and Returning Elected Municipal Officials (Nov. 23, 2026)

A Pre-Conference Seminar for new and returning elected municipal officials will take place **November 23, 2026, from 12:00 pm to 4:45 pm**. The session will include an overview of your membership with the AMM, the role and functions of the AMM and its programs and services, followed by a comprehensive presentation from Municipal Services Officers (MSOs) with Manitoba Municipal and Northern Relations outlining key roles and responsibilities of elected officials. **No formal pre-registration is required.** A formal agenda will follow in the coming weeks. At the event, printed copies of the 2026 Council Members Guide: Once Elected, What's Expected? will be distributed to delegates.

2026 Municipal Elections Website - MBVotes.ca



2026 Manitoba Municipal Elections

MBvotes.ca compiles election information from all of Manitoba's 137 incorporated municipalities. Website visitors are able to view elected officials and candidates through an interactive map of Manitoba.

The 2026 general municipal elections will be held on **October 28, 2026**. Election results will be voluntarily reported by municipalities across the province on Election Day following the closure of voting locations.

View News Release [HERE](#).

Facilitators Needed for LEAD Manitoba Professional Development Series



The Lead Manitoba courses are designed to strengthen municipal leadership capacity throughout Manitoba by providing practical, relevant, and engaging learning opportunities for elected officials, municipal administrators, and community leaders.

We are seeking experienced facilitators interested in delivering these courses throughout Manitoba. Facilitators will be engaged on a contract basis to deliver courses. As a Facilitator for the Lead Manitoba course(s), you will play a key role in supporting municipal leaders through engaging, applied, and learner-focused professional development experiences. Facilitators will work collaboratively with the team to deliver high-quality programming that reflects current municipal practices, governance principles, and leadership challenges. These courses may be delivered in-person, virtually, or in hybrid formats.

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2026 AMM Infrastructure Grant

A dark gray banner with white text and logos. At the top, it says 'APPLICATION OPEN UNTIL OCTOBER 31!'. Below this, on the left, is the '2026 AMM' logo, where '2026' is in a large sans-serif font and 'AMM' is in a stylized, bold font. To the right of this, separated by a vertical line, is the text 'INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT' in a large, bold, sans-serif font. On the far right is the logo for the Western Financial Group Communities Foundation, which includes a stylized circular icon and the text 'Western FINANCIAL GROUP' and 'Communities Foundation'.

Applications are now open for the **2026 AMM Infrastructure Grant** from the Western Financial Group Communities Foundation. We're offering up to five \$5,000 grants to support infrastructure projects in communities across Manitoba.

How to Apply

AMM Infrastructure Grants are open to members of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM). Submit an [online application](#) by midnight, **October 31, 2026**, for a current infrastructure project that:

- Involves upgrading, enhancing, renovating, or constructing a publicly owned asset.
- Contributes to climate resilience, sustainability, accessibility or community health and safety.

Only **one application per municipality** will be accepted.

Learn about the [Western Communities Foundation Infrastructure Grants Program](#), including eligibility requirements, funding streams, application guidelines, and the review process.

Email the [Western Communities Foundation](#) for any questions.

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**Manitoba Building Code, Manitoba Plumbing Code, Manitoba
Energy Code for Buildings, and Manitoba Fire Code-Amendments
(2025 National Model Codes)**

Manitoba



The Manitoba government is proposing regulatory changes to the Manitoba Building Code, Manitoba Plumbing Code, Manitoba Energy Code for Buildings, and Manitoba Fire Code. These changes will set the 2025 National Model Codes, published by the National Research Council on December 22, 2025, into provincial regulations. All provinces and territories committed to adopting these codes within 18 months of publication.

The proposed changes will:

- Update Manitoba's regulations to match the 2025 national standards used across Canada.
- Add or remove exceptions to the National Model Codes where necessary.
- Help make sure buildings are safe, modern, and built using up to date technical requirements.
- Advance energy efficiency requirements in buildings to reduce energy use and utility costs over time.
- Provide clear rules and timelines so builders, designers, and inspectors understand what is required.

These amendments ensure Manitoba remains harmonized with the other Canadian jurisdictions, implement the Regulatory Reconciliation and Cooperation Table (RCT) Agreement on Construction Codes and assist Manitoba in meeting its carbon emission reduction goals.

Feedback

National Water Security Strategy



The Government of Canada is inviting Canadians to share their views to inform the development of Canada's first **National Water Security Strategy**.

Canada is home to some of the world's most significant freshwater systems. Water security affects everyone, from coast to coast to coast. This is why it is so important to hear perspectives from across the country, including people and organizations from all regions and sectors. **You do not need technical expertise to participate.**

Your feedback will inform the National Water Security Strategy, which could include elements such as a vision, priorities, and key actions.

This engagement is not a consultation on specific legislative or regulatory changes.

We invite participants to focus their responses on **fresh water**, which would be the primary focus of the Strategy, though we recognize that all waters are connected and flow. To learn more about the water facts presented in this survey, please consult the following web version which includes references and sources: [*Public Engagement Toward a National Water Security Strategy: Strengthening Water Security in Canada, Together - Canada.ca*](#)

Responses are welcome from September 9, 2026 until October 25, 2026.

Manitoba Building Code Courses (Fall 2026 & Winter 2027)



Building code courses provide essential knowledge and skills for understanding and applying construction regulations and standards. These courses typically cover topics such as structural integrity, safety protocols, accessibility requirements, and energy efficiency. They are designed for building officials and professionals in the construction industry, including architects, engineers, and contractors, to ensure compliance with local and national building codes.

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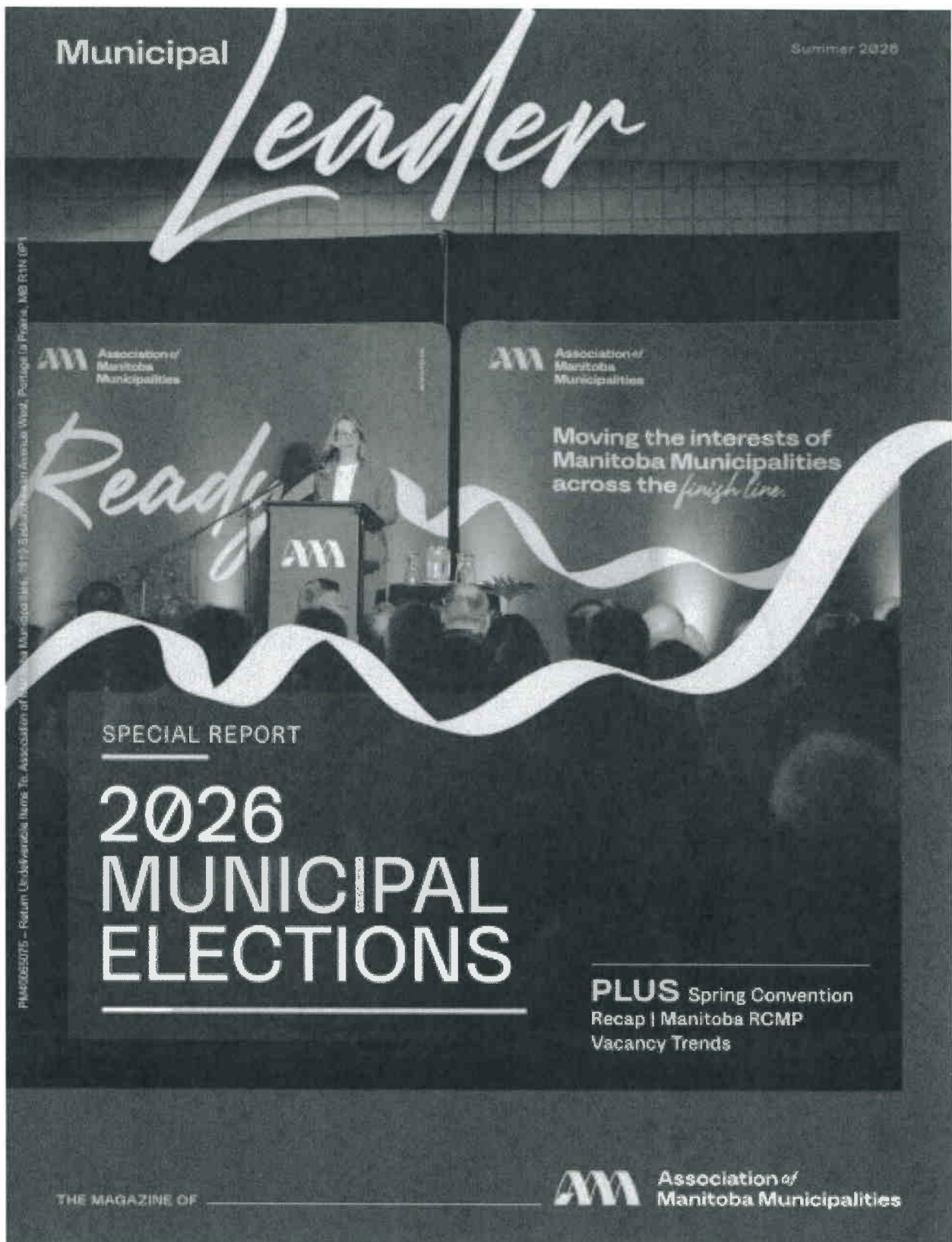
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E-waste pickup service

From Velemir Rodic <velemir@era.ca>

Date Thu 2026-10-08 3:21 PM

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

Hello,

My name is Velemir and I represent the Electronic Recycling Association (ERA) - an award winning, ISO 9001, 14001, 45001 & 27001 certified Not For Profit Organization active for 22 years. Our mission is to reduce the unnecessary environmental impact caused by retiring electronic/IT equipment where possible – and after stringent data security procedures have been met – we help other Not for Profits/Charities/Community Groups etc through “reuse” donation activities.

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- Environmental & community benefits - The ERA has been recognized and applauded for years for our donation activities. This is at the core of our organization, and is a great way to have a real demonstrable community impact. "Reuse" is the most ecologically sound approach to retiring computing equipment - why destroy something unnecessarily when there are still productive use possibilities?
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<https://www.electronicrecyclingassociation.ca/blog/>

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<https://www.electronicrecyclingassociation.ca/imperial-oil-hears-non-profits-plea-for-laptops-during-covid-19/>

Feel free to contact me directly if you are interested in working with our organization or if you need any further information about our services.

Thank you and have a nice day!

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September 14, 2026



**New data: Municipal infrastructure investments
strengthen Canada's economy**



FCM has unveiled new research that finds investments in local infrastructure are among the most effective ways to boost Canada's economy, create jobs and increase long-term productivity in the face of uncertainty and a trade war with the United States. The findings show that every dollar spend on municipal infrastructure generates about \$1.05 in Gross Domestic Product and more than \$2 in overall economic activity.

Equipped with this new data, FCM will continue pushing the federal government for infrastructure investments in Budget 2026 that strengthen economic resilience, create jobs and support housing growth amid ongoing trade uncertainty.

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NEWS

Building Canada's sustainable advantage

For 26 years, FCM's Green Municipal Fund (GMF) has been a trusted delivery partner for the Government of Canada, turning federal investments into local action with national impact. Through a proven federal-municipal platform, GMF helps communities build resilient infrastructure, advance clean energy solutions and strengthen Canada's competitiveness.

With the \$950 million federal investment entrusted to GMF in 2019 now nearing full allocation, the fund continues to deliver results at scale and speed. GMF-supported projects have contributed \$5.6 billion to Canada's GDP, generated \$3.1 billion in wages and salaries, and mobilized more than \$270 million in private capital.

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Municipal role in strengthening Canada's defence a priority in FCM advocacy

Following a strong mandate from local governments across the country, FCM has developed a comprehensive advocacy approach highlighting the role municipalities play in Canada's national defence, which includes calling for the federal government to leverage Budget 2026 to significantly expand municipal funding for multi-use infrastructure that supports Canada's defence expansion.

At FCM's recent Board of Directors meeting, Councillor Will Cole-Hamilton of Courtenay, British Columbia and co-chair of the FCM Defence Task Force, provided a substantive update on FCM's activities.

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Identify public land for non-market housing – deadline extended

From the Ground is a national, mayor-driven movement, led by FCM, of municipalities identifying publicly owned or underused land for non-market housing.

Thank you to those who have already joined the movement. Your leadership is foundational to solving homelessness in our communities by building a stronger pipeline of housing-ready sites and connecting local opportunities to the partners, financing and policy tools needed to move projects forward. We have heard from many of you that more time is needed to bring this commitment through local councils to identify land. The deadline has therefore been extended to January 22, 2027.

» [LEARN MORE AND JOIN THE MOVEMENT](#)

PS – Are you already signed on? Encourage your municipal peers to do the same—send them to fcm.ca/ground/!

Provide your telecommunications feedback

The opportunity to provide reply comments is open until September 22 for ISED's consultation on amendments to the tower siting process and decision on roaming, tower sharing and annual reporting requirements for terrestrial licenses (DGSO-001-26).

FCM's July submission underlined that municipalities are essential partners in the deployment of various types of antenna systems to provide Canadian communities improved coverage and services that meet the requirements of the latest technology.

Please contact Rachel Rizzuto for a copy of FCM's submission or for other related inquiries.

» [READ THE FIRST ROUND OF COMMENTS](#)

Amendments to fisheries regulations come into force

Amendments to the Authorizations Concerning Fish and Fish Habitat Protection Regulations will come into force on October 15. These regulatory changes are intended to simplify approaches to low-risk and routine projects and streamline the approach to higher-risk and major projects, while upholding environmental standards and respecting the rights of Indigenous Peoples, reflecting FCM's advocacy for a more efficient authorization process.

These changes are relevant to local governments undertaking infrastructure, drainage, flood mitigation, water, transportation and other projects that may require Fisheries Act approvals. Fisheries and Oceans Canada will be releasing additional guidance over the coming months to help local governments understand the new requirements.

» [LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE CHANGES](#)

VIA Rail announcement

On September 3, the Prime Minister announced that the federal government is investing more than \$4.7 billion for VIA Rail to acquire and maintain 313 new passenger rail cars from Alstom Canada. The cars will be manufactured and assembled in Thunder Bay, Ontario, and La Pocatière, Québec, with design and engineering work taking place in Saint-Bruno-de-Montarville, Québec.

This fleet will serve VIA Rail's eight long-distance, regional, and remote routes outside the Québec City-Windsor Corridor, providing essential transportation across eight provinces – particularly for communities where affordable alternatives are limited or unavailable.

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EVENTS

Last chance: Solving homelessness through the power of community data

Last chance to register for our first Collective webinar of the season on September 16. In partnership with CN, we'll explore a proven, data-driven approach that is helping communities across North America prevent and reduce homelessness through continuous improvement, coordinated local action, and evidence-based decision-making.

Gain practical strategies to build local data capacity, connect housing, economic and social data for more effective policymaking, and access tools and best practices that are driving change across Canada.

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Note: a session will be delivered in French on September 17.

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FCM IN THE NEWS

» FCM President Tim Tierney on the trade dispute | CNN

FCM President Tim Tierney discussed the ongoing trade dispute amid new tariffs imposed by the U.S. Administration and the federal government's counter-tariffs. Tierney said FCM will continue working with its members and its American counterparts to protect the strong economic ties that support communities on both sides of the border.

» Want to build a data centre in Canada? These are the federal government's new expectations | CBC News

The federal government announced a new framework for building data centres nationwide, for which FCM provided input.

» Ottawa, Alberta pledge to build 1,460 affordable houses | CityNews

The federal and Alberta governments pledged to build more than 1,400 affordable housing units across the province, including supportive and transitional units.

RESOURCES

NRCan guidebook for adaptation in forest-based communities now available

Natural Resources Canada's Climate change adaptation guidebook for forest-based communities is now available.

This guidebook is intended to empower residents of small forest-based communities to undertake a climate change vulnerability assessment for their community and surrounding forests. Using the approaches, resources and examples described in this guidebook will help Canadians understand which specific climate changes are predicted for their region, how those changes could affect the places and things valued by local people, and then develop a realistic plan to address the top priority potential impacts (positive or negative). It includes links to resources and examples from across Canada.

» **DOWNLOAD THE GUIDE**

Reliable, lower-cost heating with district energy systems

With GMF support, the City of North Vancouver, BC, built a district energy system that delivers heating to multiple buildings using energy-efficient boilers and underground hot-water distribution. This system provides cleaner, more affordable heat than electric baseboard heaters. GMF funding can be used to heat multiple buildings or entire neighbourhoods with clean energy.

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Strengthen climate adaptation through an equity lens

Climate adaptation is about more than infrastructure—it starts with people, partnerships and trust. GMF's latest article, *Equitable Climate Adaptation Starts with Community*, shares how municipal leaders and adaptation experts are strengthening climate adaptation through community partnerships and collaboration, illustrated with real-world examples. It's a practical resource for communities looking to advance equitable climate adaptation.

» **READ THE ARTICLE**

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Turn Tourism Potential into Local Investment

Destination Canada's new Tourism Investment Attraction Module is here! Designed to help municipalities unlock new tourism opportunities, it offers practical guidance on assessing readiness, understanding financing options, and engaging with investors. The new module is for communities of all sizes to advance economic development priorities, create jobs, and strengthen their local economies.

» [DOWNLOAD THE TOURISM INVESTMENT ATTRACTION MODULE](#)

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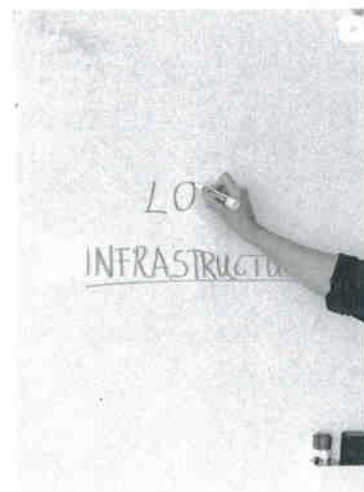
At a time of uncertainty amid the trade war with the United States, investments in local infrastructure are among the most effective ways to boost Canada's economy, create jobs and increase long-term productivity. It must be a central pillar of the upcoming fall federal budget.

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Join FCM President Tim Tierney as he brings you the latest on what FCM and municipalities across Canada have been working on these past few weeks.

[WATCH THE VIDEO](#)



Municipalities know that strong communities start with strong infrastructure.

As the federal government develops Budget 2026, you'll hear a lot of terms like housing-enabling infrastructure, trade-enabling infrastructure and multi-use infrastructure.

But what do they actually mean?

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Parliament returns: A look ahead to Budget 2026



As Parliament resumes and the tariff war continues, the federal government faces a busy fall ahead with advancing economic resilience, trade diversification and preparing Budget 2026. Over the past few months, municipalities have been doing their part: meeting trade challenges with local innovation, drawing on their knowledge and community partnerships. Now they need federal action to match that momentum.

FCM's pre-budget submission outlines where federal action is needed: stronger infrastructure investment, a renewed National Housing Strategy, expanded use of the Green Municipal Fund, improved community safety and more diversified municipal revenue streams. With Parliament back, FCM is driving a focused advocacy effort to secure real progress and ensure that building Canada starts locally.

» EXPLORE FCM'S FULL PRE-BUDGET SUBMISSION

NEWS

Canada Investment Summit: Unlocking municipal growth

The inaugural Canada Investment Summit brought together major global investors and pension funds in Toronto to mobilize long-term private capital into the country's strategic industries. This summit secured nearly \$500 billion in commitments for infrastructure, critical minerals, clean energy and digital technology across the country.

Major investments like these all depend on the infrastructure and services around them, requiring local partnership. As a result of this summit, FCM will engage with the federal government and advocate for the municipal conditions required to enable these projects, ensuring the communities receiving that investment has the infrastructure and capacity required to support it.

Share your thoughts on a new National Water Security Strategy

The Government of Canada is inviting Canadians to share their views to inform the development of Canada's first National Water Security Strategy. Make sure to provide your feedback before October 25!

Canada is facing growing challenges that affect the quality, quantity, and availability of fresh water. At the same time, water security is not just about managing risks; it is also about harnessing significant opportunities to support nature, our quality of life, and the economy.

» [TAKE THE SURVEY](#)

Opportunity for municipalities to engage with First Mover Cities

Green procurement within cities is a critical lever for industrial decarbonisation. The Government of Canada (Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada, Clean Technology Clean Growth) is looking for Canadian municipalities interested in joining an initial cohort of First Mover Cities, a World Economic Forum (WEF) initiative. Participation could help cities to leverage WEF's international network to share practical knowledge, collaborate with global peers and industry, and strengthen municipal purchasing approaches to meet net-zero and low-carbon goods and services purchasing targets. Cities must typically have at least 500,000 inhabitants and be looking to take steps to procure low-emissions goods and services.

For more information, please reach out [here](#).

Creating jobs and unlocking local economic potential

Canada's economic strength starts in communities where people live, work and invest. Through Community Efficiency Financing, FCM's Green Municipal Fund (GMF) helps municipalities scale energy-saving retrofits that lower costs, create jobs and strengthen Canada's competitiveness.

In Saskatoon, nearly \$11 million in GMF funding helped launch Saskatchewan's first PACE program, making home energy upgrades more accessible. Across Canada, GMF-supported retrofit programs have enabled more than 16,000 home upgrades while supporting approximately 3,000 jobs demonstrating the power of a scalable municipal delivery model for home energy retrofits.

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EVENTS

Local action, shared advantage: Conference for municipalities

Building prosperity and resilience doesn't happen overnight. At FCM's Sustainable Communities Conference, discover how municipalities are creating the conditions for people and businesses to thrive—providing stronger infrastructure, reliable local energy systems, and protection from extreme weather to their communities. Join us in Ottawa, Ontario, from February 8-11, 2027, for world-class speakers, practical workshops and networking events.

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NEW: Advancing municipal procurement and infrastructure development in times of trade uncertainty

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FCM IN THE NEWS

» **Municipalities hoping to cash in on potential Canadian investment deals | CTV News**

New research from FCM finds that investments in local infrastructure across the country can boost the economy and create jobs. FCM President Tim Tierney, alongside the Canadian Construction Association, spoke about that matter.

» **Canadian cities brace for tariff pain as trade becomes local election issue | The Globe and Mail**

The trade war is starting to affect municipalities directly, prompting them to assess how it could create holes in their budgets. "Municipalities are bracing for this," FCM President Tim Tierney said. A spokesperson for Finance Minister François-Philippe Champagne added that the federal government is always looking for ways to better support municipalities.

» **Tariffs add \$1 million to Regina transit budget, other impacts unknown | 980 CJME**

Regina Mayor Chad Bachynski says the city will need to consider how tariffs will affect its budget. Calgary Mayor Jeromy Farkas shared this sentiment and plans to work with FCM's Big City Mayors' Caucus on a proposal to help cities.

» **Infrastructure spending packs hidden economic punch, FCM says | Portage Online**

FCM Board Member Joe Masi says new FCM research on infrastructure strengthens the case for federal cost-sharing for Portage's planned \$118 million water treatment plant expansion. "Local infrastructure creates jobs today and gives municipalities and businesses the foundation so they can grow and bring more economic growth to their area," said Councillor Joe Masi.

RESOURCES

ECCC staff available to support WSER compliance

Following the 2024 amendments to the Wastewater System Effluent Regulations (WSER), the Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) has developed resources to increase awareness and understanding of the regulatory requirements and support communities in compliance efforts including how to apply for a transitional authorization to receive extended timelines to upgrade treatment systems, as well as factsheets, guidance documents and training materials to facilitate monitoring and reporting.

- Regular updates are posted on the group's **webpage**
- Factsheets: **The Effluencer series**
- **Training and guidance materials** developed by ECCC, MNL, and the Province of NL

To subscribe for compliance tips, reporting reminders and regulatory updates as well as to schedule meetings, email eu-ww@ec.gc.ca

Contribute to valuable research on climate action in Canadian communities

The Municipal Net-Zero Action Research Partnership (N-ZAP) is undertaking a new survey of the current state of local climate action in Canada. The insights from this survey will help municipalities achieve ambitious targets for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. No matter where you are in your climate action journey, we want to hear from you.

Participants will be entered into a draw to win a full-access pass to GMF's Sustainable Communities Conference in February 2027 in Ottawa. The deadline to complete the survey is Wednesday, Sept. 30. This is your chance to contribute to important research and be part of a cleaner, healthier future.

» **TAKE THE SURVEY**

Electric cruisers, fire trucks and collection vehicles: Funding your way forward

From police cruisers and fire trucks to garbage and compost collection vehicles, municipalities are electrifying their fleets with GMF funding to save on fuel and maintenance, create local jobs, and deliver cleaner, quieter streets.

Access up to \$200K to plan and \$10M to get to work. And don't forget you can stack GMF offers with federal and provincial incentives to stretch budgets further.

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Building Canada starts locally. FCM is advocating for the investments needed to keep communities strong in BC and across the country.

Past President @rebeccaleeblich is representing FCM at #UBCM26 This week in Vancouver.

FCM will continue to bring local issues—like those represented in this room—to the federal government.

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Some people count down to back-to-school season. FCM President Tim Tierney counts down to the return of Parliament.

The House of Commons is back in session on Monday, and FCM is ready to bring municipal priorities to the Hill: more housing, stronger infrastructure, safer communities, climate resilience, and sustainable funding for municipalities.

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“You spend a billion dollars on infrastructure, it’s going to translate back into another billion dollars of GDP” – @timtierneyottawa, President of FCM

Infrastructure investments create jobs, support local businesses, boost GDP and build stronger communities.

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Where Trade is Felt: Canadian Municipalities and U.S. Trade Disruption



Alongside the Lawrence National Centre for Policy and Management at the Ivey Business School and the City of London, FCM just released a new report, providing the first national benchmark of how Canadian communities are experiencing trade-related pressures and responding on the ground.

The report shows that between delayed investments, rising project costs and growing pressure on local businesses, municipalities are the first order of government to see the local effects of economic disruption.

» [EXPLORE THE REPORT](#)

NEWS

FCM is heading to Parliament Hill

Building Canada starts locally. From building infrastructure, addressing homelessness, strengthening community safety or improving affordability, local governments turn national priorities into tangible results.

Next week, a group of FCM leaders will be taking to Parliament Hill to deliver FCM's pre-budget recommendations to federal decision-makers. Budget 2026 is an opportunity to invest in community solutions that strengthen our economy while improving the everyday lives of Canadians.

Stay tuned for updates!

» [READ OUR PRE-BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS](#)

Summit on housing and the Canadian economy

On September 23, FCM, the Canadian Housing and Renewal Association and the Canadian Chamber of Commerce co-hosted a national summit exploring the link between a strong economy and housing affordability in Ottawa where FCM CEO Carole Saab moderated a panel called *Local Solutions, National Impact: Housing and Community Prosperity*, featuring Mayor Michelle Boileau of Timmins, Mayor Chad Bachynski of Regina and Mayor Andy Fillmore of Halifax. Their discussion focused on the rapid rise of major national projects, defence initiatives and population growth, and the pressures it places on Canadian municipalities. The summit's message was clear: national ambition requires sustained investment in local housing and infrastructure.

» [SEE PICTURES FROM THE SUMMIT](#)

FCM welcomes launch of Canada Rental Protection Fund

Last week, the federal government launched the Canada Rental Protection Fund, a key element of a multi-faceted approach needed to tackle homelessness and affordability in Canada.

FCM has long called for a national fund to protect affordable housing in Canada, prevent people from falling into homelessness and shield renters from renoviction. As a community-led approach, the announcement on this fund is a positive step in the right direction and a direct response to FCM's advocacy.

With members' priorities at the heart of our advocacy to the federal government, we will continue pushing for a renewed National Housing Strategy in Budget 2026, which should incorporate the Canada Rental Protection Fund and create and preserve non-market housing.

» [LEARN MORE](#)

Powering Canada's clean energy future

Clean, reliable and affordable power is essential to Canada's economic future. Through its partnership with the Government of Canada, FCM's Green Municipal Fund (GMF) has helped municipalities become leaders in local, clean energy: from electrifying community buildings to building local energy systems that strengthen energy security and drive new investment opportunities.

Markham's district energy system demonstrates that impact. Early GMF support helped unlock a project that has since attracted \$270 million in additional capital.

Across Canada, GMF has invested \$232 million in clean energy projects, supporting 311 initiatives, including 101 district energy projects that generate and manage clean energy close to home.

» LEARN ABOUT OUR IMPACT

EVENTS

This week: Advancing municipal procurement and infrastructure development in times of trade uncertainty

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Integrating equity into climate adaptation planning

Join GMF's webinar on Thursday, October 8 at 1 p.m. (ET) to explore how to embed equity considerations into municipal climate adaptation planning. Learn how planning frameworks can help you incorporate community input, strengthen climate risk and vulnerability assessments, and inform adaptation priorities. You will also hear how the Town of Canmore approached inclusive community engagement.

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Conversation with European municipal sector: Preparing for rising climate and natural disaster costs

On October 6, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. (ET), join European local governments for a discussion on rising climate and natural disaster costs and their impact on local governments. Louise Wallace Richmond, Councilor for the City of Salmon Arm, B.C., will join the panel to share a Canadian municipal perspective. The session will also explore the changing insurance landscape, financial risks, and how climate resilience investments can strengthen financial preparedness.

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Foreign Influence Transparency and Accountability Act: Information session for municipalities

Please note this session has been rescheduled to October 6. Municipal staff and elected officials are invited to learn more about the *Foreign Influence Transparency and Accountability Act*, including its purpose, key requirements, and relevance to municipalities. Participants will learn about the Office of the Foreign Influence Commissioner of Canada, the new regime, and registration obligations. The session will conclude with a Q&A period, providing an opportunity for participants to ask questions and seek clarification where needed.

A session will also be delivered in French on October 7.

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FCM IN THE NEWS

» **Feds' tariff response requires a 'Team Canada' approach, expert says | Global News**

Canada's tariff response must ensure that no community is left behind, according to a new FCM report, conducted in partnership with the City of London and Ivey Business School. The impacts of the ongoing trade war are felt across Canada, but to different extents.

» **FCM lead calls on housing front | Politics This Morning | The Hill Times**

FCM co-hosted a conference on housing in the nation's capital with the Canadian Housing and Renewal Association and the Canadian Chamber of Commerce. FCM CEO Carole Saab told The Hill Times that the federal government's Housing Accelerator Fund is a hit with municipalities nationwide and must be renewed.

» **A snapshot of Canada's climate vulnerabilities, from Grise Fiord to the place where you live | The Globe and Mail**

In a major new assessment released last month, federal scientists show how every part of Canada is already experiencing the effects of a warming climate, with Northern, coastal and Indigenous communities among the most vulnerable. Grise Fiord, Nunavut, is among the 13 case studies in the report on First Nations, Inuit or Métis communities on the front lines of climate change, already adapting.

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RESOURCES

Turn waste into local energy

Organic waste is an overlooked source of local energy. With GMF funding, you can assess and implement projects that generate energy from landfills, wastewater and composting. These systems can lower landfill operating costs and waste disposal fees, while also creating new revenue through energy and useful byproducts.

» [EXPLORE OUR FUNDING](#)

Managing wildfire hazards while growing community canopies

Wildfires pose a growing threat for communities, nearby infrastructure and urban forests. Identifying and managing wildfire hazards protects your community and effective urban forest management plays a critical role. From learning how to assess wildfire risks in your community to exploring real-life examples, our latest factsheet: *Managing wildfire hazards while growing community canopies*, will help you create wildfire-resilient urban forests.

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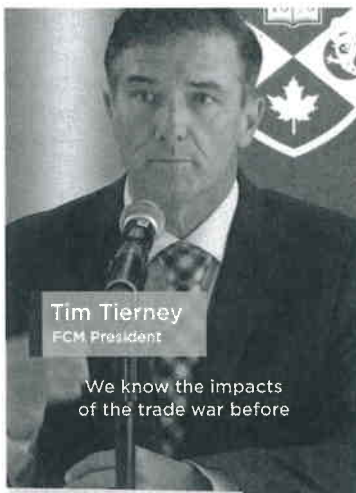




A significant moment for Canada–Viet Nam cooperation. Today, Canada and Viet Nam elevated their relationship to a Strategic Partnership, with the joint statement highlighting the Viet Nam Climate Resilient Municipalities (VNCRM) project, implemented by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM).

VNCRM brings Canadian municipalities together with Vietnamese urban counterparts to exchange expertise on climate-resilient infrastructure and waste management, while creating opportunities to showcase Canadian technologies and solutions to shared climate challenges.

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"While the impacts of trade disruptions are felt in communities, resiliency is also built very locally."

FCM President
@timtierneyottawa on our new report, 'Where Trade is Felt: Canadian Municipalities and U.S. Trade Disruption,' developed with the @iveybusiness and the @cityoflondonont.



FCM's 2nd VP, Marc Doret, is in Quebec City connecting with local leaders from across the province at @FQMenligne's Annual Conference.

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» **FOLLOW ALONG**

NEWS

Reminder: Changes to FCM's resolution submission deadlines

The deadline to submit resolutions for consideration at FCM's March 2027 Board of Directors meeting and the 2027 Annual Conference and Trade Show has been moved to November 9, 2026.

FCM members are invited to submit resolutions on issues of national municipal interest that fall within the jurisdiction of the federal government. Members can learn more about the resolutions process, including eligibility and submission requirements, on FCM's website.

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SCC keynote speaker announced: Nobel Peace Prize nominee Sheila Watt-Cloutier

We are thrilled to announce our first keynote speaker for FCM's Sustainable Communities Conference (SCC): Sheila Watt-Cloutier, a globally recognized environmental, cultural, and human rights advocate, and Nobel Peace Prize nominee.

Drawing on insights shaped by her Inuit heritage and global advocacy work, Watt-Cloutier will explore how the environment, the economy, foreign policy, global health and sustainability are deeply interconnected. Her keynote will offer valuable insights for municipal leaders and partners working to build stronger, more resilient communities. Join us in Ottawa from February 8-11, 2027.

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NEW: Shaping stronger housing and infrastructure plans

Canada's housing and infrastructure challenges are often measured through supply-side indicators such as housing starts, building permits and transit investments. Better insight based on demand-side indicators can help municipalities plan for sustainable growth and deliver the housing, infrastructure and services communities need to thrive.

Join us on October 28 for a Collective webinar that looks beyond the numbers. Hosted in partnership with Environics Analytics, learn how balancing demand-side and supply-side insights can support better planning decisions and stronger communities across Canada.

» REGISTER

Build wildfire resilience in your community

Is your community located near forests or other natural areas? As wildfire risk grows across Canada, municipalities can take practical steps to strengthen their resilience.

Join GMF's webinar on Thursday, October 15 at 2 p.m. (ET) to discover easy wins to reduce wildfire risk, learn from real-world community examples and explore resources and GMF funding opportunities to help advance your wildfire resilience projects.

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FCM IN THE NEWS

» Trade war hits local economies as businesses delay investment: Report | Toronto Sun

Based on input from 31 municipalities, an FCM, Ivey Business School and City of London report says the trade war is pressuring local governments nationwide. As a result, 42 percent of municipalities reported investment delays or outright cancellations of new projects.

» West Coast oil pipeline becomes 1st project designated in national interest | CBC News

The federal government has designated the proposed West Coast Pacific Link oil pipeline, which would link Alberta to the B.C. coast, as the first project in the national interest.

» Edmonton's reconciliation with Indigenous people includes tangible, symbolic steps | CBC News

The City of Edmonton has been implementing several calls to action outlined in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's final 2015 report. In June, FCM also passed a resolution at its conference in Edmonton to develop a multilateral strategy among all orders of government and Indigenous groups to address reconciliation and related issues, such as homelessness and mental health.

RESOURCES

Resident stories: Home energy upgrades from coast to coast to coast

Homeowners from across the country are seeing the difference that local home energy financing programs can make. In Saanich, BC, Purnima accessed funding to replace her oil furnace with a heat pump system. She now enjoys a healthier, more comfortable and affordable home. In Calgary, AB, Zeynin and her husband turned to solar power to keep their home comfortable and future-proof while managing costs.

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By including the impacts of climate risks and opportunities in financial reports, Canadian municipalities create transparency that drives accountability at the pace and scale needed to confront the climate crisis. These are called climate-related financial disclosures, and they've become a key part of local governance and strategic decision making.

Using data collected from six focus groups and 48 interviews with participating Canadian municipalities, the Municipal Net-Zero Action Research Partnership has published a new guide containing resources to support Canadian municipalities as they navigate this emerging strategy. Explore this guide to find out how climate-related financial disclosures can make local climate action easier, more efficient and more effective.

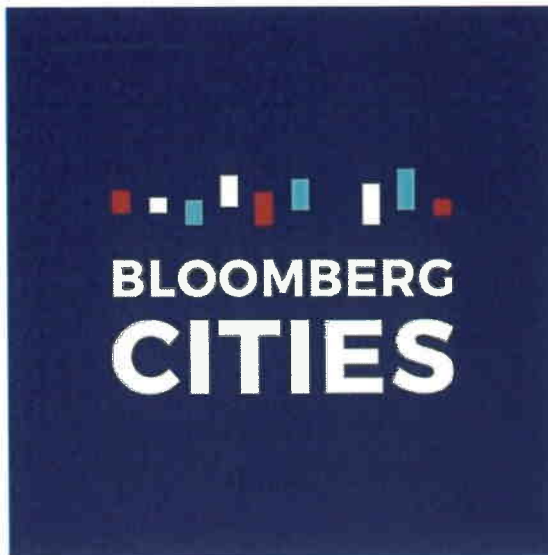
» DOWNLOAD THE GUIDE

Making local climate adaptation projects happen

GMF's latest article, *From Climate Plans to Projects*, shares key insights from municipal leaders and climate adaptation experts on how to prioritize projects, build buy-in, overcome funding hurdles and develop funding partnerships. It's a practical resource for communities looking to move local adaptation projects from planning to implementation.

» READ THE ARTICLE

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Months to minutes: Improving affordable housing searches

What if residents could find affordable housing in minutes? Through the **Bloomberg Cities Idea Exchange**, cities can centralize affordable housing listings and applications in one place. Residents find available units, determine eligibility, and apply easier and faster. Get hands-on coaching open-source tools, and peer support—all at no cost. Download a fact sheet [here](#), and express your interest by October 23.

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Strengthening women's leadership and local services in Ghana.

At the PMI-WILL results celebration in Ghana, partners highlighted how women's leadership and responsive local services should advance together to address women's needs and strategic interests.

Five partner assemblies showcased services shaped by community priorities, while [National Association of Local Authorities of Ghana - NALAG](#) strengthened its institutional commitment to gender equality through a new Gender Strategy and Gender Department.

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Canada's big ambitions are only as strong as our ability to deliver them in communities. FCM is an essential partner to make that happen.

Today, FCM's CEO [Carole Saab](#) and President [Tim Tierney](#) are at [Canada 2020's](#) From Ambition to Action summit in Ottawa, joining leaders from government, industry and other sectors to discuss how Canada can move from ambitious plans to real results.

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Municipal leaders are in Ottawa this week to meet with federal decision-makers ahead of Budget 2026.

Municipalities are essential delivery partners that turn national ambition into tangible results. Canada is facing a consequential moment—and to meet it, we need sustained leadership, strong investments and collaboration between all orders of government.

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Member Update

Prepared September 2026



Dear HBRA Members, Partners and Friends,

It has been a busy few months for the Hudson Bay Route Association. Between a first-of-its-kind trade mission to Churchill, continued advocacy for the northern corridor, and the planning now well underway for our Annual General Meeting, there is a great deal to share — and one important date to put in your calendar.

Our 2026 Annual General Meeting takes place November 5–6 at the Coronet Hotel in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, under the theme “Building Canada’s Northern Trade Corridor: Partnerships, Investment and Action.” Registration is now open, and we would very much like to see you there.

[REGISTER FOR THE 2026 AGM](#)

LOOKING BACK

The Tri-Chamber Trade Mission to Churchill

July 20–23, 2026



July 20th - July 23rd, 2026

It was a privilege to join business and community leaders from Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta for the inaugural Tri-Chamber Trade Mission to Churchill.

The delegation gathered in Winnipeg before travelling north to Churchill, where we toured the Port of Churchill, met with local organizations and businesses, and learned more about the region's unique opportunities and challenges. Seeing the infrastructure first hand and hearing directly from those who live and work in the North provided valuable perspective on Churchill's role in Canada's transportation network and its potential to support future economic growth.

What stood out most wasn't just the facilities we visited, it was the conversations. Bringing together leaders from across Western Canada created opportunities to share ideas, build relationships, and explore how greater collaboration can strengthen our economy and create new opportunities for businesses and communities alike.

Thank you to everyone who helped organize this first Tri-Chamber Trade Mission and to all those who welcomed us to Churchill. I look forward to seeing where these new connections and conversations lead.

Jim Berscheid
PRESIDENT
HUDSON BAY ROUTE ASSOCIATION



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Churchill is more than Canada's Arctic Gateway. It's a reminder that some of our greatest opportunities begin with bringing people together.



ADVOCACY UPDATE

The Port of Churchill and the Hudson Bay Railway

HBRA's core work continues: advocating for the Port of Churchill and the Hudson Bay Railway as a critical, sustainable corridor for prairie exports. Through the spring and summer, we have kept that case in front of municipal, provincial and federal decision-makers, and in front of the producers, shippers and communities the corridor exists to serve.

The argument has not changed, but the moment has. As Canada looks harder at trade diversification, supply chain resilience and northern development, a functioning route to tidewater through Churchill is being taken more seriously than it has been in years. Our job is to make sure that interest turns into investment and action — which is exactly what this year's AGM theme is about.

If your municipality, business or organization has been part of that conversation locally, we would like to hear from you. Member voices carry weight in the rooms where these decisions get made.

COMING UP

2026 AGM planning is well underway

The AGM planning committee has been meeting weekly since the summer, and the program is coming together. Invitations have gone out to speakers from across the corridor — rail, port and airport operators, agricultural and fertilizer producers, municipal associations, and economic development leaders from all three prairie provinces. We will confirm the full agenda and speaker lineup in a follow-up notice as details are finalized.

Expect two days of substantive discussion on where the northern trade corridor goes next, plenty of room for questions from the floor, and the Thursday evening banquet — which, as members know, is often where the most useful conversations happen.

HBRA 2026 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Building Canada's Northern Trade Corridor: Partnerships, Investment and Action

Thursday, November 5 – Friday, November 6, 2026

Coronet Hotel, 3551 2nd Avenue West, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan

We encourage members to book early and mention HBRA when reserving.

[**RESERVE YOUR SEAT ON EVENTBRITE**](#)

Sponsorship opportunities are open

Sponsoring the AGM puts your organization in front of the people shaping northern economic development and logistics — municipal leaders, producers, shippers, rail and port operators, and government representatives from across the prairies. We expect 75 to 125 delegates in Prince Albert this November.

Three tiers are available:

BRONZE PARTNER \$500	SILVER PARTNER \$1,000	GOLD PARTNER \$2,000
• Logo recognition on the HBRA event webpage and program • Verbal acknowledgment during opening and closing remarks • 1 complimentary AGM registration pass	• Everything in Bronze, plus: • Logo in promotional email blasts and social media shoutouts • Prominent logo on the rolling banner at the Prince Albert venue • Dedicated table/display space in the networking area • 2 complimentary AGM registration passes	• Everything in Silver, plus: • Premium logo placement on the main stage rolling banner and event programs • Opportunity to deliver a 3-minute welcome address or introduce a keynote speaker • Promotional collateral in attendee welcome packages • 4 complimentary AGM registration passes

Tailored opportunities

If your organization would rather support a specific element of the conference — the lunch, a keynote session, or the Thursday evening banquet — we are glad to build a partnership around that. Just get in touch and we will work out the details with you.

How to confirm your sponsorship

- Email admin@hbra.ca or call 306-596-9905 to confirm your level.
- Send your organization's logo to admin@hbra.ca for inclusion in event materials.
- Pay by e-transfer to info@hbra.ca, or by cheque payable to HBRA, Box 629, The Pas, Manitoba, R9A 1K7.

The full sponsorship package, including the commitment form, is attached to this email — please pass it along to anyone in your network who may be interested.

Thank you for your continued support of the Hudson Bay Route Association. The corridor has our attention — and increasingly, the country's. We hope to see you in Prince Albert in November.

Sincerely,

Jim Berscheid

President, Hudson Bay Route Association

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- Registration link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/building-canadas-northern-trade-corridor-hbra-agm-tickets-1991886958513?aff=oddtcreator>

The Lions Club of Wawanesa
Box 338
Wawanesa, MB
R0K 2G0



September 2, 2026

Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa
Box 278
Wawanesa, MB R0K 2G0

Dear Oakland-Wawanesa Council:

On behalf of the Wawanesa Lions Children's Fair committee, we would like to thank you for your donation, as well as providing a grader in the Touch-a-Truck display. It was a very successful event and your continued support is sincerely appreciated.

Thank you for being part of making memories for the children of our community and surrounding area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Carla Jefferies'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Carla Jefferies
Committee Chairperson

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Wawanesa Lions Children's Fair

Thank you for participating in the Touch-a-Truck event at the
Children's Fair in Wawanesa on August 15, 2026.
Your support means a lot to our community!



Thank you for your support!



Wawanesa Lions Children's Fair

Thank you for supporting
the Children's Fair held in Wawanesa on August 15, 2026.
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Thank you for your support!





Fwd: 2026 AC Emmett Award Nomination Form

From Manitoba Good Roads Association <info@mgra.ca>

Date Mon 2026-10-05 11:23 AM

To RM of Ellice-Archie <mcauley@rmofellicearchie.ca>; RM of Lac du Bonnet <clerk3@lacdubonnet.com>; RM of Sifton <cao@rmofsifton.com>; RM of Prairie Lakes <admin@rmofprairielakes.ca>; Municipality of Mossey River <assistantcao.mrm@outlook.com>; Municipality of Grassland <cao@mglgov.ca>; RM of Dauphin <info@rmofdauphin.ca>; Municipality of North Norfolk <office@northnorfolk.ca>; RM of Whitemouth <cao@rmwhitemouth.com>; Municipality of Louise <fina@louisemb.com>; RM of Reynolds <cao@rmofreynolds.com>; RM of Cartier <CAO@rm-cartier.mb.ca>; RM of Rockwood <info@rockwood.ca>; Grandview Municipality <grandviewcao@mymts.net>; RM of Wallace-Woodworth <info@wallace-woodworth.com>; RM of Kelsey <rmkelsey@mts.net>; RM of St. Laurent <acao@rmstlaurent.com>; RM of Rosedale <admin@rmrosedale.com>; RM of Montcalm <cao@rmofmontcalm.com>; RM of Dufferin <info@rmofdufferin.com>

Good morning,

CAA Manitoba and the Manitoba Good Roads Association (MGRA) are pleased to announce that nominations are now being accepted for the 2026 A.C. Emmett Award.

Named in honour of A.C. Emmett, a founder of CAA Manitoba and a champion of Manitoba's highway system, the award recognizes municipalities that demonstrate leadership in transportation infrastructure investment, road safety initiatives, community engagement, and collaboration.

In 2025, the City of Portage la Prairie received the inaugural A.C. Emmett Award in recognition of its Saskatchewan Avenue West reconstruction project, which incorporated innovative road safety and active transportation features for all road users.

Municipalities will be evaluated on efforts such as:

- Integrating road safety into planning and infrastructure decisions
- Implementing practical safety improvements such as pedestrian crossings, traffic calming measures, and school zone enhancements

- Engaging residents and businesses on transportation and safety priorities
- Promoting road safety awareness through local programs and campaigns
- Collaborating with partners and advocating for infrastructure funding

To be eligible, municipalities must be members of the Manitoba Good Roads Association (MGRA) and complete a short nomination form.

Submission Deadline: February 28, 2027

Nomination Form: [2026 AC Emmett Nomination Form – Fill out form](#)

Alternatively, you can fill out the PDF copy, scan and email it to:
mk15@caamanitoba.com.

The link will also be on the MGRA website:
www.manitobagoodroads.ca.

The winning submission will be recognized at the annual MGRA Awards Banquet on April 13, 2027,

We encourage municipalities of all sizes to apply and showcase the work being done to improve transportation infrastructure and road safety in their communities.

Congratulations again to last year's winner, Portage la Prairie. To learn more, see blog and media links below!

[CAA Blog - 2026 AC Emmett Winner](#)

[Portage Online - A.C. Emmett Award](#)

Have a great week!

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September 21, 2026

Claim Number : 200209031

Dear **Melissa Sturgeon**,

This letter confirms your request for Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA) is accepted under the 2026 June 28 - July 1 Heavy Rains DFA Program. Acceptance into the DFA program does not guarantee financial assistance will be provided. All claims are subject to eligibility requirements, program criteria, and assessment of the damages and costs submitted.

Manitoba Emergency Management Organization (EMO) will arrange for a contracted Engineering Service Provider (ESP) to inspect the damaged sites. If you plan to repair any damages or dispose of damaged items before the inspection, please complete the Site Repair Worksheet before the inspection. The Site Repair Worksheet is found on our website at https://manitoba.ca/asset_library/en/emo/site_repair_worksheet.xlsx. You must take clear photographs of all damages and any other damage-related expenses associated with temporary and permanent repairs. These documents will be reviewed during the inspection.

The ESP will prepare Individual Site Damage Reports (ISDRs) for minor damaged sites and engineering reports for major damaged sites. You will receive a copy of the ISDRs at the end of the inspection. The receipt of these ISDRs does not guarantee site eligibility for DFA. Manitoba EMO will review the ISDRs to determine site eligibility. After Manitoba EMO's review, you will receive a final copy of the ISDRs indicating if the damaged sites are eligible for DFA or not.

You must track all disaster-related expenses separately (response vs. recovery) to maximize cost-sharing. Expenses related to the disaster must be separated from your regular operating costs.

In recognition of financial pressures a disaster can cause, **advance and progress payments are available to reduce carrying costs.** You can request an advance payment now. The advance payment will be based on inspection reports or your known disaster-related costs. Please contact Manitoba EMO for further information about this process and any other questions by email at dfa@gov.mb.ca. Don't forget to include your claim number in the subject line.

Further information on the DFA program can be found on our website at <https://www.gov.mb.ca/emo/funding/dfa/local-authorities.html>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Phoenix Nguyen', with a stylized, cursive script.

Phoenix Nguyen
Supervisor of Recovery and Assessments

Letter from Minister Bushies Office Regarding Peguis TLE Claim on WMA Lands

From Dennis Schindler <Dschindler@mwf.mb.ca>

Date Fri 2026-09-25 10:01 AM

To Dennis Schindler <Dschindler@mwf.mb.ca>

Cc Carly Deacon <cdeacon@mwf.mb.ca>; Chris Heald <cheald@mwf.mb.ca>; Brad Porath <BPorath@mwf.mb.ca>; Fisher CAO <fishercao@mymts.net>; Tom Nevakshonoff <tom.nevakshonoff2012@gmail.com>; reeve@grahamdale.ca <reeve@grahamdale.ca>; cao@rmofarmstrong.com <cao@rmofarmstrong.com>

 1 attachment (160 KB)

ADM Response to MWF_2026 09 24.pdf;

I have attached the response received from Manitoba Conservation regarding our enquiries on Peguis First Nations TLE Claim on WMA lands.

Below you will also find a link to a map that shows all TLE land claims in Manitoba as published by the government. Note that potential claims may predate present council knowledge. If memory serves correctly, some could date back prior to 2000, therefore existing RM staff and councils may not be aware of them.

https://geoportal.gov.mb.ca/datasets/07e0c19ea11443c6aa1f3d785eb02955_0/explore?location=50.290737%2C-97.003273%2C11

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Dennis Schindler
Senior Land Conservation Specialist
Manitoba Wildlife Federation
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September 24, 2026

Carly Deacon
Managing Director
Manitoba Wildlife Federation
cdeacon@mwf.mb.ca

Dear Carly Deacon:

Thank you for your correspondence of August 18 and 26, 2026, regarding Treaty Land Entitlement (TLE) selections located within or adjacent to the Interlake Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs), addressed to the Honourable Ian Bushie, Minister of Natural Resources and Indigenous Futures. As Assistant Deputy Minister, I am pleased to respond on the Minister's behalf.

Manitoba recognizes the important role that WMAs play in conserving wildlife habitat and supporting public use, recreation, and local communities. Manitoba is also committed to fulfilling its obligations under the Peguis Treaty Land Entitlement, an important component of reconciliation and the implementation of treaty obligations.

Under the Peguis Treaty Entitlement Agreement, all proposed TLE Selections are subject to provincial review and assessment. Peguis selected lands within WMAs in 2014. With respect to your request for information for these Peguis TLE Selections that overlap with existing WMAs in the Interlake Area, Manitoba's review in 2014 concluded that these parcels are not eligible to proceed to Reserve (**Attachment 1**).

General information on Manitoba's WMAs, including mapping resources, is available through the [Wildlife Management Area Map](#). Additional information may be obtained from the Wildlife and Fisheries Branch at Wildlife@gov.mb.ca or 204-945-3744. It may also be helpful to note that [Data MB](#) displays TLE Selections across Manitoba, including both eligible and ineligible parcels. The inclusion of a parcel on Data MB is intended to provide transparency regarding lands submitted to Manitoba by First Nations as part of their Treaty Land Entitlement and should not be interpreted as confirmation of eligibility.

Thank you again for taking the time to share your concerns and perspectives. Manitoba appreciates the Manitoba Wildlife Federation's ongoing interest in the stewardship and conservation of the province's natural resources and values its engagement on matters of public interest. Should you have any further questions for Treaty Land Entitlement, please contact Mariana Rodriguez Valencia at Mariana.RodriguezValencia@gov.mb.ca or 204-792-8213.

Sincerely,

Don Hallett

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Don Hallett
Assistant Deputy Minister

- c. The Honourable Wab Kinew, Premier of Manitoba
Honourable Ian Bushie, Minister of Natural Resources and Indigenous Futures
Mariana Rodriguez Valencia, Manager, Consultations and Agreements Branch

Attachment 1. List of Peguis Treaty Land Entitlement Selections on Manitoba's Wildlife Management Areas.

Wildlife Management Area	Peguis TLE Selection	Peguis TLE Selection legal description and approx. acres	Manitoba's Position
Mantagao Lake	1-16	Not available 2,931 acres	Ineligible for reserve creation
Little Birch	5-14	3 N1/2 13-24-04 WPM 320 acres	Ineligible for reserve creation
Little Birch	6-14	NE1/4 14-24-04 WPM 160 acres	Ineligible for reserve creation
Little Birch	7-14	NE1/4 22-24-04 WPM 160 acres	Ineligible for reserve creation
Little Birch	13-14	SW1/4 6-24-03 WPM 164 acres	Ineligible for reserve creation
Little Birch	8-14	23-24-04 WPM 640 acres	Ineligible for reserve creation
Little Birch	9-14	24-24-04 WPM 640 acres	Ineligible for reserve creation
Little Birch	10-14	25-24-04 WPM 640 acres	Ineligible for reserve creation
Little Birch	11-14	26-24-04 WPM 647 acres	Ineligible for reserve creation
Little Birch	14-14	30-24-03 WPM 647 acres	Ineligible for reserve creation

Little Birch	5-16	LS 4 in 25-25-06 WPM 37 acres	Ineligible for reserve creation
Little Birch	4-14	N1/2 3-24-04 WPM 647 acres	Ineligible for reserve creation
Sleeve Lake	3-14	N1/2 2-24-04 WPM 320 acres	Ineligible for reserve creation
Sleeve Lake	2-14	All 1-24-04 WPM 640 acres	Ineligible for reserve creation
Broad Valley WMA	There are no Peguis TLE Selections within this WMA		N/A

Bulletin #2026-31

MUNICIPAL AND NORTHERN RELATIONS

Important Notice to All Elected Officials and Chief Administrative Officers

Council Members' Code of Conduct Training New Learning Management System

The Council Members' Code of Conduct mandatory training will be migrated to a new Learning Management System (LMS) on October 21, 2026. The new platform will enhance the user experience with role-based registration and streamlined certificate distribution.

User accounts, training records, and certificates within the existing LMS will not be transferred to the new system.

The LMS and training content are both available in English and French.

It is recommended that any learners currently completing the training finish the course and download their completion certificates prior to (same date as above), when the existing platform will be deactivated. This information may be particularly useful for the Town of Winnipeg Beach, the Rural Municipality of Victoria Beach, and the Village of Dunnottar, which held their municipal elections on July 24, 2026.

Any users who require a copy of their completion certificates must log into the LMS prior to (same date as above), as the certificates will no longer be accessible after the old system is deactivated.

The new system will continue to be accessed through the same URL:
<https://manitobamunicipallearning.ca/>.

At this time, there are no changes to the course content. This transition is timely, occurring ahead of the general municipal election on October 28, 2026.

All municipal elected officials are required to complete Council Members' Code of Conduct training within six months of being elected or re-elected.

The development of this new LMS benefited greatly from the valuable feedback provided by the Association of Manitoba Municipalities and the Manitoba Municipal Administrators.

Should you require additional assistance, please email mrmaas@gov.mb.ca, or phone 204-945-2572 to speak to a Municipal Services Officer.



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October 07, 2026

Heads of Council and Chief Administrative Officers
Manitoba Municipalities

Dear Head of Council and Chief Administrative Officer:

Re: Next Generation 9-1-1 transition and the Bell NG9-1-1 Authority Service Agreement

Manitoba Justice and Manitoba Municipal and Northern Relations are writing jointly about Manitoba's transition to Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1).

The current Enhanced 9-1-1 network will be decommissioned nationally on March 31, 2027. Municipalities must sign Bell Canada's NG9-1-1 Authority Service Agreement to receive NG9-1-1 service. For municipalities outside Winnipeg, 9-1-1 access depends on the Brandon Public-Safety Communication Centre's migration to NG9-1-1. That migration is not tied to the March 31, 2027 deadline and operations may switch over sooner.

Municipalities and the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) have raised concerns and questions about the GIS requirements of the agreement including cost, staff capacity, timelines and their relationship to ESRI Canada's assessment for the Province.

Over the coming months, the Province will continue working with municipalities, AMM, Bell Canada, Public Safety Answering Points and other partners to support the NG9-1-1 transition. This includes assessing options for long-term GIS governance, coordination and data aggregation. The Province will engage municipalities before making any decision that could materially change their responsibilities and service.

Approximately 75 per cent of Manitoba municipalities and communities receiving 9-1-1 service have signed the agreement. Remaining municipalities should not delay signing the agreement while longer-term GIS questions are resolved. A signed agreement allows the Brandon centre to include your municipality in onboarding and migration.

Signing does not require NG9-1-1 compliant GIS data or resolution to future GIS issues before transitioning. Existing addressing and Master Street Address Guide (MSAG) data will be used in the early stages of NG9-1-1. Signing the agreement preserves a

municipality's ability to participate in the NG9-1-1 transition and maintain access to 9-1-1 service, while the Province works collaboratively with municipalities and stakeholders to address future GIS requirements.

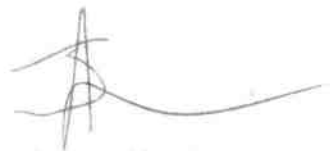
Municipalities that do not sign in time will be responsible for establishing and administering their own local 10-digit emergency number.

Questions about this letter can be directed to Maurice Bouvier, Deputy Minister of Manitoba Municipal and Northern Relations, 204-945-5568, minmnr@manitoba.ca.

Sincerely,



Maurice Bouvier
Deputy Minister
Manitoba Municipal and Northern Relations



Jeremy Akerstream
Deputy Minister
Manitoba Justice

c: Association of Manitoba Municipalities

Next Generation 9-1-1 in Manitoba

Background for Municipalities

- Canada is replacing the Enhanced 9-1-1 (E9-1-1) network with Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1), an IP-based system.
- The CRTC has set March 31, 2027 as the national deadline to decommission E9-1-1 networks. **Telecom Decision CRTC 2025-67**
<https://crtc.gc.ca/eng/archive/2025/2025-67.htm>
- The Brandon Public-Safety Communication Centre answers 9-1-1 calls for Manitoba municipalities outside Winnipeg and is the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) those municipalities will migrate with.
- About 75 per cent of Manitoba municipalities and communities receiving 9-1-1 service have signed Bell's NG9-1-1 Authority Service Agreement.

The Bell NG9-1-1 Authority Service Agreement

- The agreement is required to take part in the move from E9-1-1 to NG9-1-1. It establishes the contractual relationship needed to receive NG9-1-1 service and allows onboarding and migration planning through the Brandon Public-Safety Communication Centre to proceed.
- Signing does not require a municipality to already hold NG9-1-1 compliant GIS data, or to resolve every future GIS issue before the transition.
- Existing addressing information and Master Street Address Guide (MSAG) data will continue to be used during the initial stages of NG9-1-1.
- Signing does not depend on the ESRI Canada assessment. The two are related but are not sequential steps.
- Signed municipalities are included in transition planning, future communications and discussions on GIS readiness, provincial coordination and implementation.
- A municipality that signs may terminate the agreement at any time.

Migration timing

- The Brandon Public-Safety Communication Centre decides when onboarding and migration take place. The Province works with the Centre and other partners but does not make these operational decisions.
- Access to 9-1-1 is tied to the Centre's migration date, not the national decommissioning date. Municipalities should not assume current 9-1-1 service will remain available until March 31, 2027.
- The Centre advises that a significant portion of onboarding work is complete and that a decision to proceed with migration could come as early as late October 2026. No migration date has been finalized.
- Once migration proceeds, municipalities with an executed agreement will transition to the new network.

If a municipality does not sign in time

- It risks not being included in the NG9-1-1 transition and may lose access to 9-1-1 service, possibly before March 31, 2027.

- It would be responsible for establishing and administering its own local 10-digit emergency numbers. This includes deciding how calls are received, triaged and routed to fire, ambulance or police, communicating the arrangements to residents and keeping them operational.
- Ten-digit emergency lines do not automatically provide caller location and may delay the connection to the right emergency service.
- The Province does not operate municipal emergency call-answering systems and would not establish, administer or fund local emergency calling arrangements.
- Ten-digit emergency calling is already in place in some Manitoba communities, including the City of Thompson.
- Joining NG9-1-1 at a later date may be possible. The timelines, operational requirements and approach would depend on circumstances at the time and are likely to be more complex than taking part in the planned transition.

The ESRI Canada GIS readiness assessment

- The assessment is a provincial readiness and planning exercise on the future GIS requirements of NG9-1-1. Those requirements have not yet been implemented nationally.
- It will examine the availability and quality of existing GIS data, current data management practices and options for future provincial coordination and governance.
- It will assess the collective readiness of municipalities, First Nations, PSAPs and other partners.
- It will not determine whether an individual municipality is eligible to transition to NG9-1-1, and it is not a detailed on-site gap analysis of each municipality.
- One of its main objectives is to understand differences in GIS capacity, staffing and technical expertise, to inform decisions on governance, coordination, support and data aggregation.
- Municipalities remain responsible for the local addressing information that supports 9-1-1 today. The Province recognizes that future GIS requirements may present new challenges for some communities and will use the assessment to determine how it can support municipalities during the transition and over the longer term.

Why timing matters

- The Centre makes that operational decision. It advises that much of the onboarding work is complete and that a decision to proceed could come as early as late October 2026. No migration date has been set.
- When migration proceeds, municipalities with a signed agreement will move to the new network. Those without one may lose 9-1-1 service, possibly well before March 31, 2027. They would then be responsible for setting up, running and publicizing their own 10-digit emergency numbers. Ten-digit lines do not automatically provide caller location and can delay the connection to fire, ambulance or police. The Province does not operate municipal call-answering systems and would not establish, administer or fund local alternatives.



Outlook

Joint Letter – DM Bouvier & DM Akerstream – Regarding Next Generation 9-1-1 – October 9, 2026

From Deputy Minister of Municipal and Northern Relations <dmmnr@manitoba.ca>

Date Fri 2026-10-09 11:22 AM

Cc amm@amm.mb.ca <amm@amm.mb.ca>

 2 attachments (182 KB)

Joint Letter – DM Bouvier & DM Akerstream – October 9, 2026.pdf; Next Generation 9-1-1 in Manitoba.pdf;

Good day,

Please see attached letter on behalf of Maurice Bouvier, Deputy Minister of Municipal and Northern Relations. No hard copy to follow.

Thank you,

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It Only Takes One Person to Make a Difference at Work

From Recycle Everywhere <info@recycleeverywhere.ca>

Date Thu 2026-09-17 2:37 PM

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



Start Recycling in Your Workplace

You drink it. You bin it.



Want to start recycling at work?

Answer a few quick questions about your workplace and we'll show you what to do next, whether that's free bins, multilingual signage, setup support or simple ways to improve the recycling program you already have.

Not sure what your workplace needs? Find out in 30 seconds.

Whether you're starting from scratch or already have recycling in place we'll help identify practical ways to make it work better.

You might need more bins, clearer signage, help getting employees on board, or just a few simple changes to what you're already doing.

See What Your Workplace Needs

Quick. Free. Built for Manitoba workplaces.

The Right Setup for Your Workplace

Every workplace is different. Recycle Everywhere can help you build a recycling program that works for yours or improve the one you already have. Depending on your needs, we can help with:

- **Free recycling bins** for your workplace
- Signage available in **18+ languages**
- Choosing the right bins and locations
- Resources to help employees recycle correctly
- Guidance and support when you're not sure what comes next

And because every bottle, can, carton and juice box recycled in Manitoba helps support beverage container recycling, a better workplace setup also helps keep more recyclable material out of the landfill.

Request Free Bins and Signage For Your Workplace

Small changes become everyday habits.

The best workplace recycling programs don't rely on constant reminders. They make recycling the obvious choice.

When bins are located where people need them, signage answers questions before they're asked, and someone keeps the program running smoothly,

recycling quickly becomes part of the daily routine. Those small improvements happen thousands of times each day across Manitoba workplaces—and together they help recover millions of beverage containers each year.

If you've ever looked around your workplace and thought, "We could do this better," you're probably already the right person. Getting started is easy, and we'll help every step of the way.

[Learn More](#)

Learn Something New and Enter to Win a Manitoba Staycation

The Recycle Everywhere team attends more than 375 events annually, spreading the recycling message through games and education. From Bin Champ (can you beat the score of Nic Demski from the Winnipeg Blue Bombers?) to Get Real with Recycling, where you determine whether or not an item is recyclable just by feel, enter to win the grand prize – awarded quarterly – of a Manitoba staycation at Elkhorn resort (valued at over \$1250). Want to know where to find us next? Look for us at:

Princess Auto Stadium
St. Vital Park
Nuit Blanche
Roblin Park Fall Festival
Transcona Community Cleanup
And many more!

You Drink It. You Bin It.



No matter where your fall adventures take you, from the backyard BBQ to the far corners of cottage country, Recycle Everywhere has you covered.

Visit recycleeverywhere.ca to learn more about Recycle Everywhere programs, province-wide initiatives, and how we're helping make recycling part of everyday life across Manitoba.

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Business and Community Newsletter



September 2026

A successful 2026 Census will bring new insights in 2027

Thanks to outstanding support and participation of households across Canada, the 2026 Census was a success!

With collection complete, starting **February 10, 2027**, Statistics Canada will begin releasing the 2026 Census of Population results through seven releases scheduled throughout the year.

Census data provide businesses, communities and organizations with valuable insights into Canada's changing population. These results help inform planning and decision-making on everything from services and infrastructure to programs and economic opportunities.

To learn more about the release schedule and the topics covered in each release, visit statcan.gc.ca/census-release-plans.



Feature

Canadian business counts, June 2026

In June, there were 1.37 million employer businesses in Canada and 3.78 million non-employer businesses with annual revenues greater than \$30,000.

Commercial rents in key Canadian economic markets, second quarter 2026

Data from the Commercial Rents Services Price Index are now available for the second quarter of 2026.

Canadian Housing Statistics Program, 2024

These findings are from new data combining 2024 information on residential properties and their owners with 2023 information on home sales and buyers.

Monthly estimates of business openings and closures, May 2026

Monthly estimates of business openings and closures for May 2026 are now available.

Quarterly rent statistics, second quarter 2026

The average asking rent for a two-bedroom apartment across all census metropolitan areas (CMAs) combined was \$2,130 per month in the second quarter of 2026, down 3.6% from the second quarter of 2025.



Labour Force Survey, August 2026

Highlights

Employment declined by 42,000 (-0.2%) in August and the employment rate fell 0.1 percentage points to 60.8%. The unemployment rate was unchanged at 6.4%.

Employment fell among youth aged 15 to 24 (-19,000; -0.7%) and edged down (-16,000; -0.1%) among people in the core-age (25 to 54 years old).

While the overall unemployment rate was unchanged in August, it increased among core-aged men (+0.2 percentage points to 6.0%) and fell for core-aged women (-0.2 percentage points to 5.0%). The unemployment rate was little changed for youth (12.9%) and people aged 55 and older (5.1%).

Every month, Statistics Canada conducts the Labour Force Survey to gather vital information about employment, unemployment, and labour market trends across the country. If you are selected, your voice matters because your response represents hundreds of Canadians. Your answers are confidential and combined with others so no one can be identified. Whether you are employed, looking for work, retired, or a student, your participation helps paint an accurate picture of Canada's economy. It helps inform decisions on job creation, education, pensions, and income support, and is used by governments, businesses, and researchers to improve the lives of Canadians. Completing the questionnaire is mandatory, but it's also simple, secure, and a meaningful way to contribute to your community and country. [Here are a few examples](#) of how your participation in the Labour Force Survey contributes to vital insights that benefit us all.

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[Labour Force Survey in brief:
Interactive app](#)

[Labour Statistics](#)



Did you know...

[Study: Residential properties and homeowners in high flood hazard areas, 2022](#)

This study examines the characteristics of residential properties located in high flood hazard (HFH) areas, as well as information on the profile of the owners of those properties.



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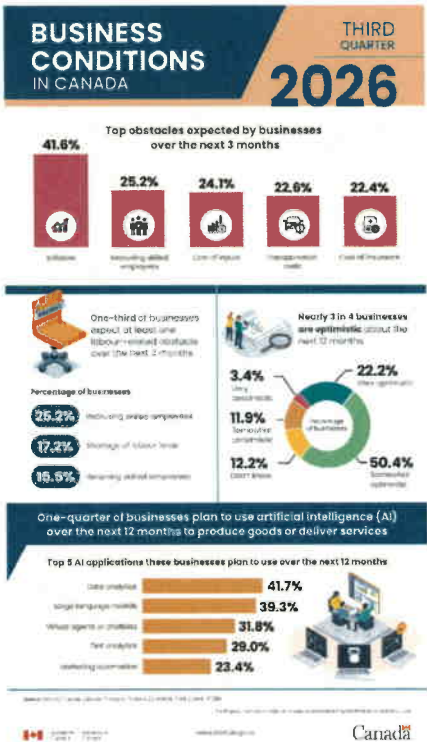
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Infographics

Business conditions in Canada, third quarter of 2026

From July 2 to August 6, 2026, Statistics Canada conducted the Canadian Survey on Business Conditions. The purpose of this survey is to collect information on businesses in Canada related to emerging issues. This infographic presents key results from this survey.



Police-reported crime in Canada, 2025

Key statistics about crime in Canada are presented in this infographic. Findings on changes to the Crime Severity Index (CSI) at the national and provincial, territorial levels are presented. Also included are the categories of crime which were reported in 2025.

