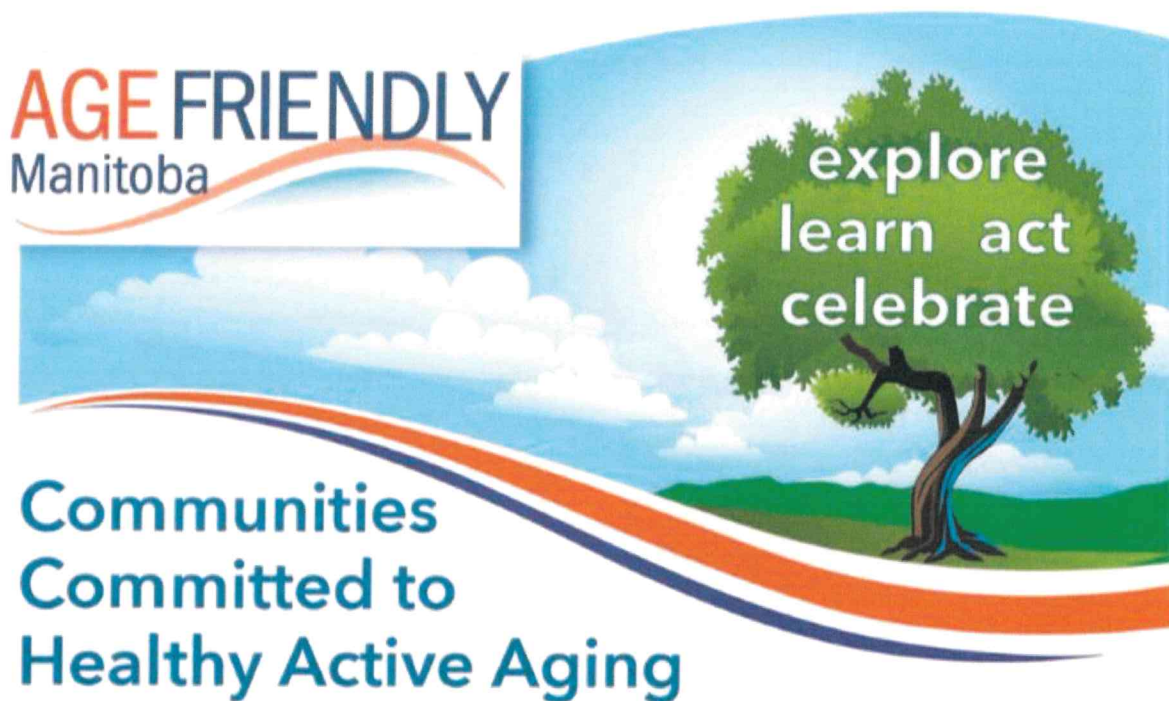

Funding Alert: Age Friendly Grant Info Session

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Attention Age Friendly Municipalities!

Want to unlock up to \$10,000 for your municipality?

Join the Community Collaboration Grant Info Session to find out how!

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH, 12 NOON

You're invited to join an informational Zoom session hosted by Age Friendly Manitoba to learn about the new **Community Collaboration Grant**—an

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This session will:

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- Share the background and objectives of this grant
- Spark inspiring collaborative ideas with examples and ideas from across the province
- Offer step-by-step guidance on filling out your grant application
- And provide you with an opportunity to ask questions

If this grant could benefit your Age Friendly municipality, we encourage you and other potential partners to join us. Whether you're well along the Age Friendly pathway or just curious, you're welcome to participate.

Not sure about your Age Friendly status? Reach out to us before the session – we're happy to help! You can also check out the Age Friendly Municipality listing by scrolling down on our [home page!](#)

Don't miss this opportunity to bring your community together! Click the button below to register...

[Click here to Register for Sept. 9th!](#)

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For a copy of the grant application visit our website agefriendlymanitoba.com or click the image below.





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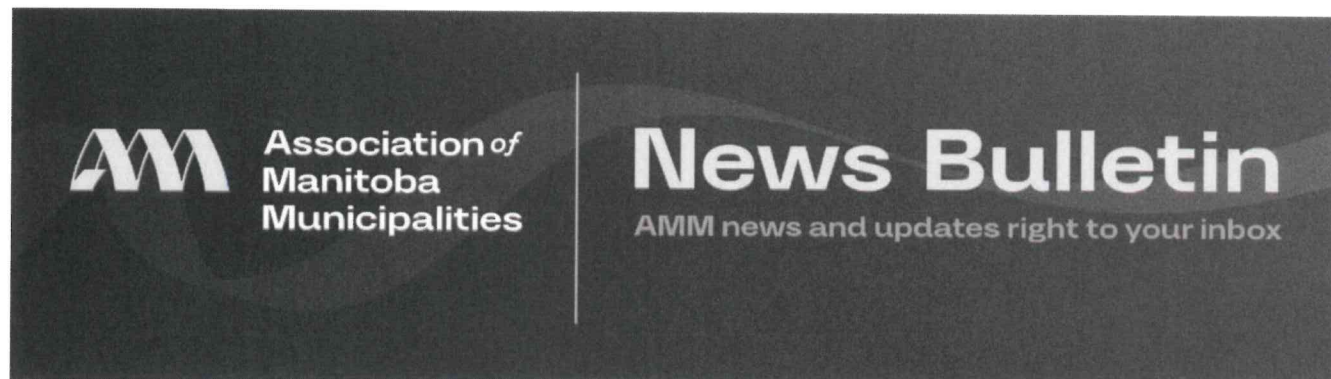
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May 23, 2025

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Manitoba Air Quality



Wildfire smoke continues to reduce air quality in many areas of Manitoba.

Stay up-to-date on local air quality: [Manitoba - Air Quality Health Index - Summary](#).

Learn what precautions you can take to help reduce the health effects of smoke exposure:
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Building Climate Resilience Funding Opportunities



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**From planning to
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New Funding now available to help Canadian municipalities build climate resilience, from planning to action.

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2025 Integrated Resource Plan – Project Information Session



The information session will provide an update on Manitoba Hydro's 2025 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP). It will focus on sharing progress and highlighting key observations from the development process as options are considered to meet Manitoba's growing energy needs over the next decade.

Links to register for the upcoming virtual sessions.

- [July 16 – 9:00am-10:30am](#)
- [July 22 – 9:00am-10:30am](#)
- [July 23 – 1:00pm-2:30pm](#)

Multiple sessions are being planned to accommodate schedules and will present the same information.

Decentralizing Food Waste in Manitoba: RM of Ritchot's FoodCycler Program



Food Cycle Science highlights the RM of Ritchot as one of the recent Manitoba municipalities to participate in the FoodCycler program, an innovative initiative aimed at tackling residential food waste. Using food recycling technology, households are empowered to manage their food waste right at the source of creation – in their own home.

100 homes in the community took part in the 12-week pilot last summer, diverting approximately 6.6 metric tonnes of food waste from their local landfill over that short span. On an annual basis, participating households are expected to save over 4000 standard bags of garbage from the local landfill. For context, this is equivalent to diverting 34.4 metric tonnes of CO₂ (which is the same amount of carbon sequestered by 41.6 acres of forest!).

Ritchot is one of 25 Manitoba municipalities to participate in the FoodCycler program, and they are now exploring ways to build on this success and extend the program's impact across more homes. These strong waste diversion results have driven other communities to act on

decentralizing food waste management, and your municipality could be next. To learn more about how the FoodCycler Municipal Program works, or our partnership with Canoe Procurement, please visit <https://foodcyclescience.com/pages/municipal-solutions> and <https://canoeprocurement.ca/program/food-recycling-program/>.

Additionally, to arrange a council presentation by one of our food waste experts, or to explore what a customized diversion program could look like for your community, reach out to Maddy at maddyf@foodcycler.com.

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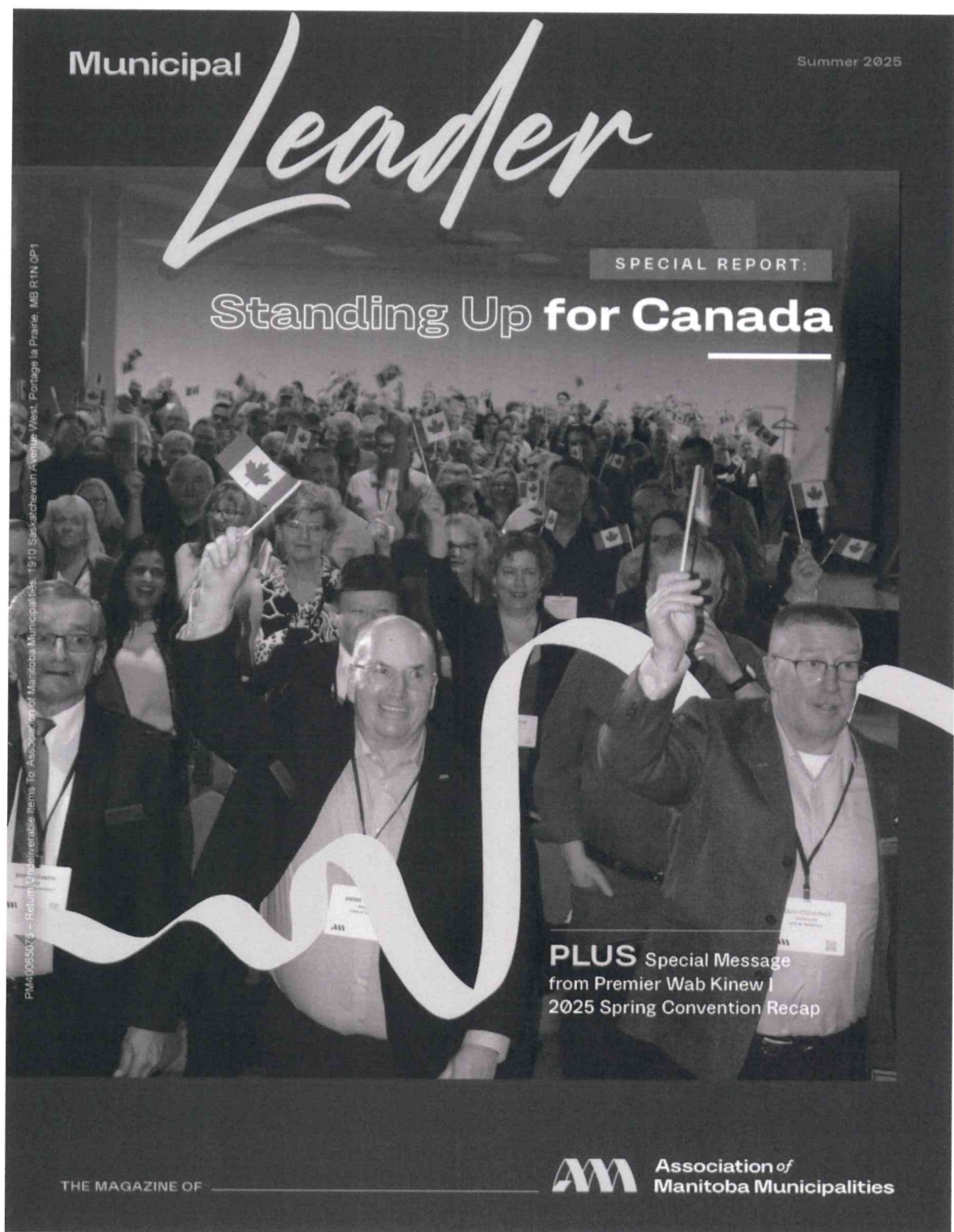
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To Norma Will <adminassist@oakland-wawanesa.ca>

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Contact Information for Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure Regional Liaison Officers

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July 16, 2025 – The Department of Transportation and Infrastructure has completed its organizational boundary changes and would like to introduce the newly established Regional Liaison Officers.

Please find attached an **information sheet** outlining the province's highway regional operations. This resource provides a brief overview of the Regional Liaison Officer role along with a breakdown of their respective coverage areas.

We have also initiated the recruitment process for the Parkland-Interlake Regional Liaison Officer. In the interim, the Northern and Eastern Regional Liaisons will provide coverage and support until the position is permanently filled.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to connect with your designated Regional Liaison Officer.

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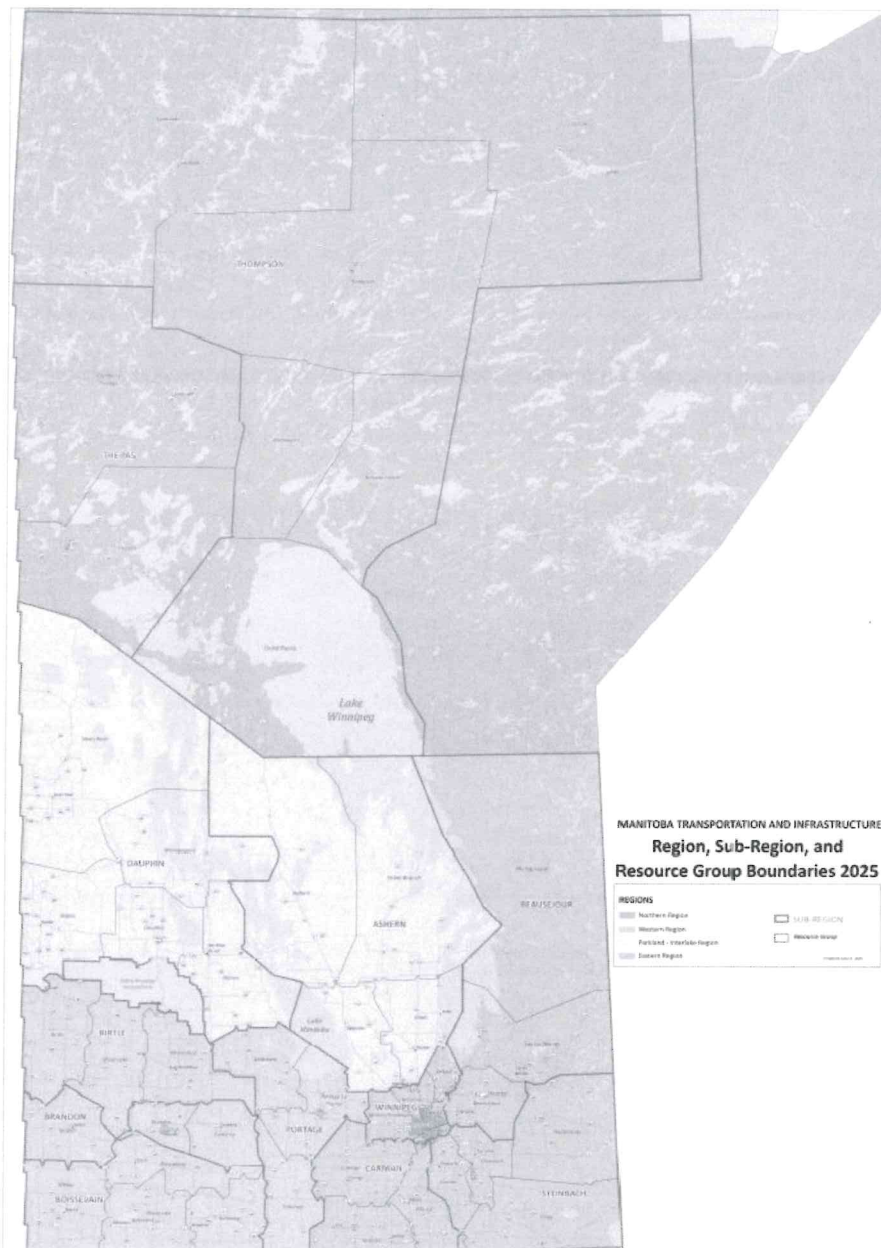
Denys Volkov

LIAISON OFFICER

Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure 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 below. A list of local governments for each region can be found on the next page.



Northern Region

Contact: Frances Cooper

P: 204-620-7231

E: frances.cooper@gov.mb.ca

Parkland-Interlake Region

To be announced

Western Region

Contact: Alyssa Montsion

P: 204-903-6696

E: alyssa.montsion@gov.mb.ca

Eastern Region

Contact: Sabrina Broesky

P: 204-905-9921

E: sabrina.broesky@gov.mb.ca

EASTERN REGION (Liaison Officer – Sabrina Broesky)		
CITY / TOWN	RM / MUNICIPALITY	
ALTONA	ALEXANDER	PINAWA
CARMAN	BEAUSEJOUR	PINEY
LAC DU BONNET	BROKENHEAD	REYNOLDS
MORDEN	CARTIER	RHINELAND
MORRIS	DE SALABERRY	RITCHOT
NIVERVILLE	DUFFERIN	ROLAND
POWerview-PINE FALLS	EAST ST. PAUL	ROSSER
SELKIRK	EMERSON-FRANKLIN	SPRINGFIELD
STE. ANNE	GREY	ST. CLEMENTS
STEINBACH	HANOVER	ST. FRANCOIS XAVIER
VILLAGE ST. PIERRE-JOLYS	HEADINGLEY	STE. ANNE
WINNIPEG	LA BROQUERIE	STANLEY
WINKLER	LAC DU BONNET	STUARTBURN
	MACDONALD	TACHE
	MONTCALM	VICTORIA BEACH
	MORRIS	WEST ST. PAUL
		WHITEMOUTH

WESTERN REGION (Liaison Officer – Alyssa Montsion)		
CITY / TOWN		
BRANDON	GLENBORO-SOUTH CYPRESS	PRAIRIE VIEW
CARBERRY	GLENELLA-LANSDOWNE	RIDING MOUNTAIN WEST
MELITA	GRASSLAND	RIVERDALE
MINNEDOSA	HAMIOTA	ROSEDALE
NEEPAWA	HARRISON PARK	ROSSBURN
PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE	KILLARNEY-TURTLE MOUNTAIN	RUSSELL-BINSCARTH
VIRDEN	LORNE	SIFTON
	LOUISE	SOURIS-GLENWOOD
RM / MUNICIPALITY	MINTO-ODANAH	THOMPSON
ARGYLE	NORFOLK TREHERNE	TWO BORDERS
BOISSEvain-MORTON	NORTH CYPRESS-LANGFORD	VICTORIA
BRENDA-WASKADA	NORTH NORFOLK	WALLACE-WOODWORTH
CARTWRIGHT-ROBLIN	OAKLAND-WAWANESA	WESTLAKE-GLADSTONE
CLANWILLIAM-ERICKSON	OAKVIEW	WHITEHEAD
CORNWALLIS	PEMBINA	WOODLANDS
DELORAINIE-WINCHESTER	PIPESTONE	YELLOWHEAD
ELLICE-ARCHIE	PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE	
ELTON	PRAIRIE LAKES	

PARKLAND-INTERLAKE REGION (Liaison Officer – To be announced)		
CITY / TOWN		
ARBORG	COLDWELL	MOUNTAIN
DAUPHIN	DAUPHIN	RIDING MOUNTAIN WEST
STONEMALL	ETHELBERT	ROBLIN
SWAN RIVER	FISHER	ROCKWOOD
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ALONSA	LAKE SHORE	WEST INTERLAKE
ARMSTRONG	MCCREARY	WOODLANDS
BIFROST-RIVERTON	MINITONAS-BOWSMAN	
	MOSSEY RIVER	

NORTHERN REGION (Liaison Officer – Frances Cooper)		
CITY / TOWN		RM / MUNICIPALITY
CHURCHILL	LEAF RAPIDS	
FLIN FLON	LYNN LAKE	KELSEY
GILLAM	SNOW LAKE	MYSTERY LAKE
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Member Advisory - REMINDER: Legacy Drainage Licensing Project

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Legacy Drainage Licensing Project

July 25, 2025 – In 2023, Manitoba Environment and Climate and the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) worked together on a Legacy Drainage Licensing Project to help municipalities take a coordinated approach to bringing older, unlicensed drainage works into compliance and achieve best value from the licensing system.

The AMM has confirmed that the project materials remain current and relevant. As a **reminder**, a summary of the Legacy Drainage Licensing Project process can be found at the links below:

- [**Manitoba Government News Release**](#)
- [**Manitoba Government-AMM Joint Letter - Legacy Drainage Licensing Project**](#)
- [**Water Control Works Application**](#)
- [**Drainage FAQ \(January 2021\)**](#)

The Legacy Drainage Licensing Project allows municipalities to submit a single application to provide permanent authorization for maintenance of an entire drainage network. **In order to defray applications costs, the single application fee (\$500) can be potentially spread over multiple drainage projects.**

At the present time, applications need to be submitted using a paper-based application form. Once received, the application will be

uploaded to your existing water licensing portal account. All of the work referenced in the application would need to be accompanied by survey data for all drainage works. This would also include non-contiguous works (if a contiguous survey is included) and would support a “whole watershed approach” to drainage.

Paper-based applications can also be obtained by contacting drainage@gov.mb.ca. If you need further assistance in submitting an application, please contact your local water resource office - www.gov.mb.ca/sd/pubs/water/water_rights/officer_aof_contact.pdf.

The AMM commends the provincial government for taking action to address long-standing municipal concerns related to drainage project approvals. This initiative will help streamline the approvals process and significantly reduce costs for municipalities.

Sincerely,

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Departmental position paper can be found [HERE](#).



AMM Executive met with MLA Obby Khan - Leader of the Official Opposition, MLA Trevor King - Critic for Municipal and Northern Relations, and MLA Jeff Breza - Deputy Leader and MLA for Portage la Prairie



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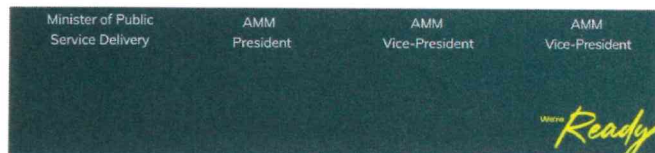
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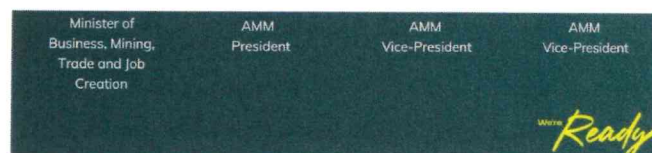
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New CRIS Opportunity for Manitoba Municipalities: Wildfire Resilience Support

Call for Projects: Wildfire Resilient Buildings

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What is the CRIS?

The [Climate Ready Infrastructure Service](#) provides free expert support to local governments across Canada. The expert-matching service connects local governments and communities with top climate experts to support the integration of low-carbon resilience into infrastructure projects. By providing expert guidance and technical advice, local governments gain the tools needed to reduce emissions and meet the challenges of climate change head-on.

About the opportunity:

With wildfire risks on the rise across Canada, the Climate Ready Infrastructure Service (CRIS) has launched a new stream of support to help local governments and Indigenous communities make public buildings safer and more resilient.

- Communities under 30,000 can now access up to \$20,000 in expert support, fully funded and coordinated by the CRIS team.
- Support includes tailored advice on fire-resilient design, materials, and indoor air quality for design or retrofit projects approved in a capital or work plan
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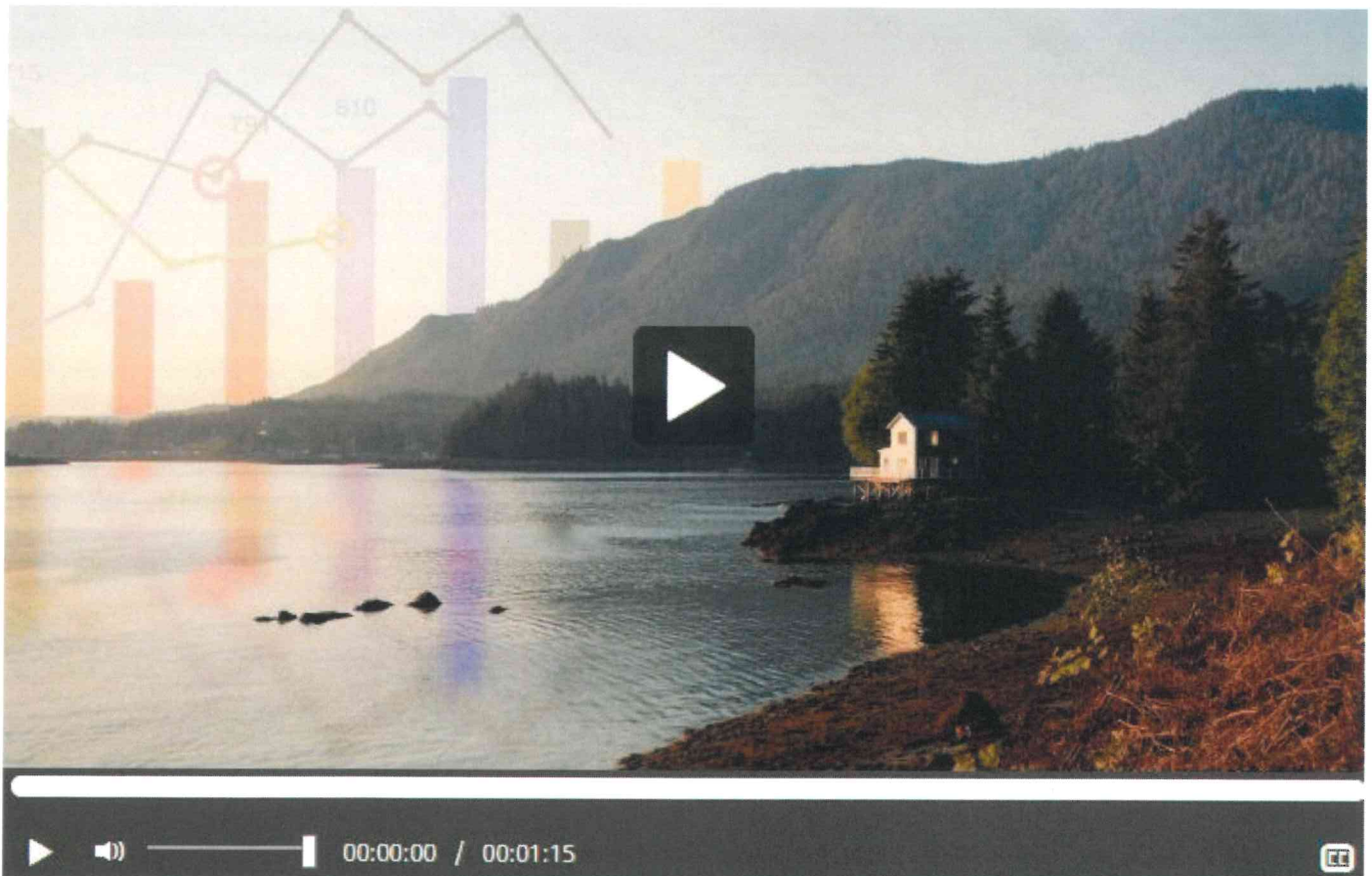
📄 The program output is a customized Technical Options Report with strategies and high-level cost estimates to help you determine the best-fitting solutions to incorporate wildfire resilience into the design or retrofit your infrastructure.

🌐 Submit your project in as little as 10-15 minutes: [Local Government Submission Form](#)
The CRIS is facilitated by the Canadian Urban Institute and funded by the government of Canada.

Applications are encouraged before **August 31, 2025**.

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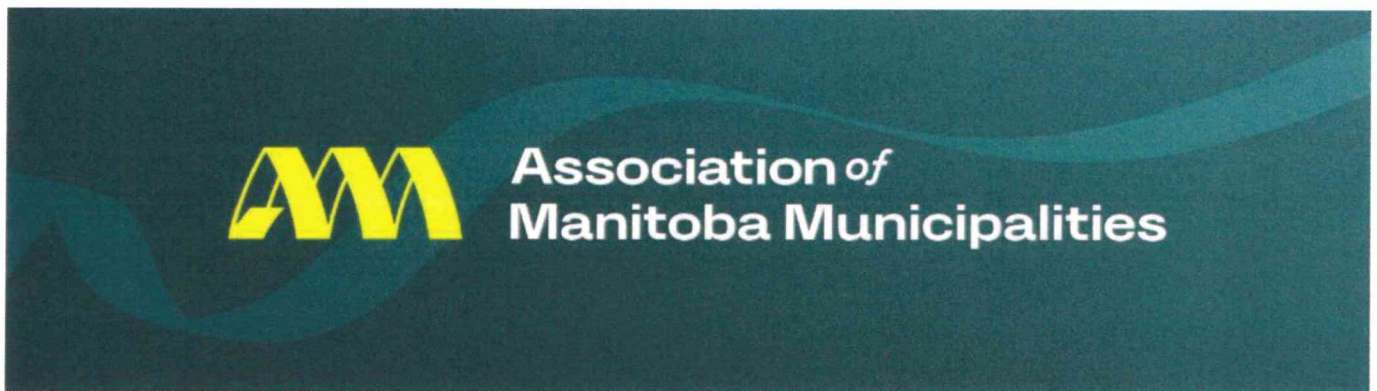
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With up to \$140,000 available Climate-Ready Plans and Processes funding can help you start where it matters most—with a solid plan. This is a strategic, cost-effective way to guide local decision-making, prepare for future funding opportunities and build long-term climate readiness into your community's priorities.

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Call for Applications: CEDI Phase IV

Application intake for CEDI Phase IV has been reopened. **Six additional First Nation – municipal partnerships to participate in Cohort 3** of the First Nation – Municipal

Community Economic Development Initiative (CEDI) Phase IV – Accelerated Program will be accepted.

This intake is best suited for partnerships with 1 First Nation and 1 municipality that have a pre-existing relationship and preliminary ideas for collaborative community economic development initiatives. **Joint applications must be completed by Friday, September 26th, 2025.**

contact the CEDI team (via daniel.nychuk@edo.ca) to request and informational presentation.

Dealing with Dry Conditions: Livestock Hay and Feed Options

The Department of Agriculture has shared the attached information to help address feed shortages resulting from dry conditions. It includes details on potential access to Crown lands for haying and grazing, along with links to weather and soil data, hay listings, seasonal reports, and other drought-related resources. A workshop is also being planned in the Interlake region to provide guidance on feed availability and cost of production.

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

Alcohol policy in Canadian Municipalities: Webinar registration now open

Registration is now open for the **first two webinars** of our upcoming series *Alcohol policy in Canadian municipalities*.

These webinars will be:

- 90 minutes in total including dedicated time for discussion and Q&A
- In English with simultaneous French interpretation
- Recorded (except Q&A portion)
- Open to the public

Can't make it to the live sessions? You will receive links to the recording a few days after the webinar.

Webinar 1: Introduction to Municipal Alcohol Policy

Wednesday, September 3

9:30am PT | 12:30pm ET | 1:30pm AT

Register here: <https://uvic.zoom.us/meeting/register/YtuuFqN3RZSgUCBAmlQM-Q>

Webinar 2: A Legal Framework for Developing a Municipal Alcohol Policy

Thursday, September 11

9:00am PT | 12:00pm ET | 1:00pm AT

Register here: https://uvic.zoom.us/meeting/register/BwzTmlEvQA2ggLaHt_jv0w

For more details and to register or learn about the webinars, [CLICK HERE](#).

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Whether you're seeking guidance on day-to-day HR issues or support for more complex challenges, this webinar will demonstrate how HR On Call provides expert advice and practical solutions when you need them most. Don't miss this opportunity to empower your organization with a trusted resource built to help you thrive.

Date: August 7, 2025

Time: 12:00 - 1:00 PM

Meeting Details: Microsoft Teams

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Municipal Leader - Summer 2025



Dive into the latest issue of *Municipal Leader*, where this season's theme, "Standing Up for Canada," takes center stage. As tariff tensions continue to ripple across the country, this timely edition highlights how Manitoba and leaders are defending Canadian interests, supporting local economies, and standing strong for fair trade. From policy insights to on-the-ground stories, this issue is a powerful reminder of the importance of resilience, unity, and leadership in challenging times.

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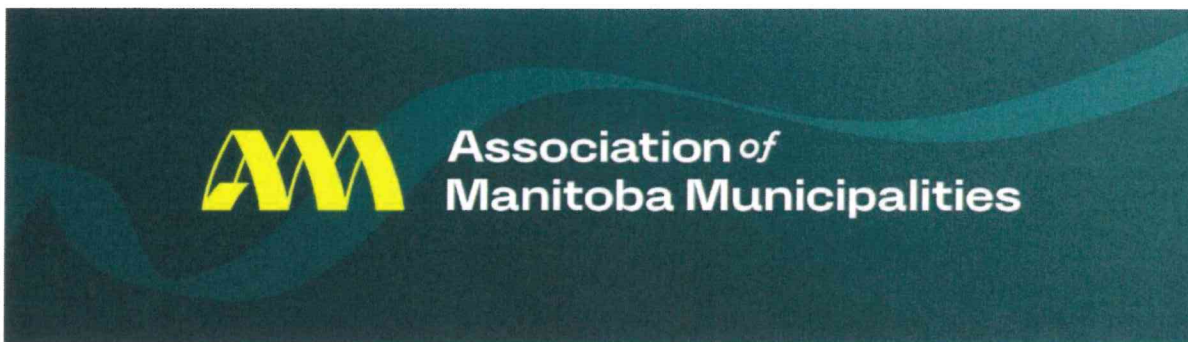
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Member Advisory: Upcoming Exclusive Webinar (October 23, 2025): Thriving Through Adversity

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

Date Mon 2025-08-11 11:54 AM

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



Member Advisory

Upcoming Exclusive Webinar (October 23, 2025): Thriving Through Adversity



NOTE: This message is being sent on behalf of People First HR Services.

August 11, 2025 - People First HR Services will be hosting an exclusive webinar titled *Thriving Through Adversity: Building Resilience and Practicing Self-Care*. How we navigate challenges affects both our own well-being and our teams. Learning how to support each other through difficult times helps teams not only survive adversity but *thrive* through it.

In Thriving Through Adversity: Building Resilience and Practicing Self-Care your team will learn:

- The impact and signs of stress and burnout
- The importance of a culture of empathy and support
- How to navigate change with greater ease
- Tips for practicing self-care in meaningful, realistic ways

Date: October 23, 2025

Time: 12:00 - 1:00 PM

Meeting Details: Microsoft Teams

Join the meeting now

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Outlook

Cleanfarms Unwanted Pesticides & Old Livestock/Equine Medications Collections are Approaching!

From Cleanfarms <info@cleanfarms.ca>

Date Tue 2025-07-15 1:05 PM

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

Tell your customers to save the date! Cleanfarms Unwanted Pesticides & Old Livestock/Equine Medications (UPLM) collections are coming to five regions this fall:

- Ontario - September 15 - 26
- Peace Region, Alberta & British Columbia - October 6 - 10
- Northern Alberta (North of Red Deer) - October 6 - 10
- *Newfoundland - October 21 - 24
- Manitoba - October 27 - 31

***NEW THIS YEAR!** Please tell Newfoundland farmers that they can also bring triple-rinsed and bagged crop input containers under 23L to UPLM collection events for recycling. For more information about what's accepted and how to prepare materials, visit cleanfarms.ca/newfoundland-recycling-pesticide-and-fertilizer-containers/.

Download this postcard to print and share with your customers:

DOWNLOAD THE POSTCARD

Thank you for sharing this message with your network. By spreading the word about safe disposal and recycling opportunities for agricultural products and packaging with farmers, you are contributing to a greener future for Canada.

Got questions? Reach out to the UPLM Program Coordinator, Heather Bradley, at bradleyh@cleanfarms.ca.



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YEARS

Got Unwanted Pesticides & Old Livestock/Equine Medications?



**SAVE THE
DATE!**

**Collection
events are
coming to
five regions
Fall 2025!**

Please store unwanted materials until a Cleanfarms collection event is held near you. We accept:

- Unwanted agricultural pesticides including seed treatment
- Commercial pesticides and pest control products
- Livestock/equine medications

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Got Unwanted Pesticides & Old Livestock/Equine Medications?

Keep this as a reminder to check [Cleanfarms.ca](https://cleanfarms.ca) to find the full list of collection events for September to November 2025.

Managing these materials by taking them to a Cleanfarms collection event will help you maintain a healthy and safe workplace.

Regions

Peace Region – Alberta & BC
Northern Alberta
Manitoba
Ontario
Newfoundland*

When

October 6 to October 10
October 6 to October 10
October 27 to October 31
September 15 to September 26
October 20 to October 24



* **Newfoundland farmers!** Rinsed and bagged pesticide and fertilizer containers under 23L will also be accepted at collection events in Newfoundland. For more information, visit cleanfarms.ca/materials/containers-up-to-23l/

For details, go to:

cleanfarms.ca/materials/unwanted-pesticides-animal-meds/

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Input on a Roadmap to Net-Zero

From +WPG725 - Climate and Green Initiatives Info <ccinfo@gov.mb.ca>

Date Fri 2025-07-25 3:23 PM

Good afternoon:

I am reaching out to invite municipal input into a provincial net-zero roadmap and the start of detailed action plans. We have reflected on past conversations, engagements and communications with you and other Manitobans. We would like to build on shared goals and identify key opportunities.

The Province of Manitoba is committed to a path to a net-zero future where we reduce greenhouse gas emissions while building a strong Manitoba economy for all. Addressing climate change has wide ranging benefits including the broader objectives of protecting the land, water and air. Getting to a net-zero emissions future will mean switching away from fossil fuels to low or zero emission energy sources, being more efficient with the energy we use, and adopting new production practices. As a province, we will need to invest in new skills training, technologies, systems and infrastructure across all sectors and communities to ensure that this shift results a prosperous economy.

Manitoba is examining ways we can reduce emissions over the next 25 years. At this time, we are identifying some key considerations and priorities that will be the framework for a Net-Zero roadmap. This Framework will lead to the development of Action Plans that will be reported on and updated regularly.

We invite you to provide your thoughts comments you may have that relates to framing the key considerations for Manitoba's roadmap to net-zero.

We would like your feedback on key elements of a net-zero pathway including:

- Investment in low-carbon technologies, fuel switching, waste management and sourcing more locally made products;
- Ensuring your workforce is positioned and trained to quickly adapt to new technologies and ways of doing business;
- Understanding what your community is currently doing to reduce emissions and becoming more energy efficient and the barriers that are being experienced; and
- Other measures.

If you have some thoughts, ideas or plans we would be pleased to receive a written submission to the contact listed below. We will be reaching out to for more in-depth discussions pertaining to a pathway to net-zero and near-term action plans at a later date

If you would like to discuss this further or wish to identify a preferred contact for this initiative, please feel free to contact Charles Daniels at 431-334-9605 or ccinfo@gov.mb.ca.

I look forward to meeting with you soon to discuss this exciting initiative.

Sincerely,
Leanne Shewchuk

Director, Climate Action and Low Carbon Government

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From PSCC <PSCC@cpkcpolice.com>

Date Mon 2025-07-28 11:20 AM

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

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[Public grade crossings \(canada.ca\)](https://www.canada.ca/public-grade-crossings)

Date: Monday, July 28, 2025	Time/Heure: 10:19 MT
Location: Street Name: HWY 10 / HWY 2 AND MILE 40N, OAKLAND, OAKLAND RM, MB, CA,	

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Date: Thursday, August 7, 2025	Time/Heure: 07:48 MT
Location: Street Name: MP 132.80, GLENBORO SUB, #22429, HWY 10 / HWY 2 AND MILE 40N, OAKLAND, OAKLAND RM, MB, CA,	

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July 14, 2025



FCM attends the National Association of Counties' Annual Conference

This past weekend, FCM's Rural Forum Chair Neal Comeau and Board Director Alysson Storey traveled to Philadelphia to attend the National Association of Counties' Annual Conference. Their visit was part of FCM's ongoing efforts to strengthen cross-border relationships with American counterparts.

Many of today's most pressing challenges—such as housing, infrastructure, and local economic resilience—are deeply felt in rural communities on both sides of the border. During the conference, FCM engaged with local leaders from across the United States, exchanging insights and building stronger ties.

As part of the program, Board Director Alysson Storey highlighted FCM's policy and programming work to protect the Great Lakes and Canada's water sources. Her presentation sparked meaningful dialogue and laid the groundwork for collaborative action on shared environmental priorities.

This visit reinforced the importance of international cooperation in addressing rural challenges and advancing solutions for communities across North America.

» **SEE OUR TEAM IN ACTION**

FCM ready to oppose new U.S. tariffs inc. on Canadian copper

Last week, U.S. President Donald Trump announced a new 50% tariff on all U.S. copper imports, plus broader 35% tariffs on Canadian goods that are non-CUSMA compliant, with both to be applied August 1.

Canada provides the overwhelming majority of U.S. copper imports, with mines and facilities in British Columbia, Ontario, Manitoba, Newfoundland and Labrador, Quebec and Yukon producing world-class copper and employing thousands of highly skilled Canadian workers.

Since the trade war began, FCM has stood shoulder-to-shoulder with provincial, territorial and federal leaders in opposing all unjust tariffs. In light of these new threats, we will redouble our efforts to ensure support for Canadian communities and oppose these tariffs with effective advocacy on both sides of the border.

» LEARN HOW FCM IS REINFORCING LOCAL PROSPERITY ACROSS CANADA AMID THE TRADE WAR

On the ground at the Calgary Stampede

Last week, FCM President Rebecca Bligh and CEO Carole Saab joined local leaders from throughout Western Canada at the Calgary Stampede.

While in Calgary, they had productive conversations and made impactful connections with many local leaders and federal politicians alike, including Prime Minister Mark Carney, several Cabinet Ministers and Conservative Party of Canada Leader Pierre Poilievre, as well as provincial associations including Alberta Municipalities and Rural Municipalities of Alberta.

On public safety, rural infrastructure, housing and ensuring resilient communities, FCM is a strong partner for our Western members. We will continue to listen and reflect local realities in our national advocacy work.

» CHECK OUT THE HIGHLIGHTS

Portal re-registration required for enhanced security

FCM's Portal is where members can access membership invoices and information, corporate discounts and funding applications, amongst other tools and services. As part of broad updates to FCM systems, we will soon be introducing an upgraded Portal which includes enhanced security measures to protect your information. As a result, members with an existing Portal account will be required to re-register to access the updated system. You will receive an email from portalregistration@fcm.ca with more information and guidance this week. For any technical issues or questions, please contact portalregistration@fcm.ca.

Funding now open for climate adaptation projects

Protect residents, services and local infrastructure—while reducing future recovery costs.

GMF is now accepting application for Adaptation in Action funding that helps municipalities deliver real-world climate solutions. Apply for up to \$1 million to implement projects like cooling corridors, shoreline restoration or back up power on

critical infrastructure.

Planning a project? Feasibility study funding is also available with up to \$70,000 to assess the viability of proposed adaptation strategies. This funding empowers your community to act now, stretch your budget further and build long-term resilience.

» **APPLY NOW: IMPLEMENTATION PROJECTS**

» **APPLY NOW: FEASIBILITY STUDIES**

Apply to become a non-board member for FCM's standing committees and forums

Non-board members are invited to apply for one of up to fourteen positions to serve on select policy committees and forums that contribute to the work of the FCM Board. FCM's President makes committee appointments based on applicants' experience, expertise and interests, as well as the need for regional, community size and demographic representation on each committee. New as of this year: pursuant to the *Non-Board Committee Member Appointment Policy* passed in May 2025, all appointments will take into consideration diversity factors that will contribute to ensuring Board committees are representative of Canada.

The deadline to complete the survey is **August 25, 2025**.

» **APPLY TODAY**

Changes coming to FCM Voice

Upcoming editions of this newsletter may look a little different!

As FCM and our members continue to grow together, we are reenvisioning this weekly newsletter to better serve the regional needs of our membership. In the coming weeks, we will start tailoring FCM Voice to have a more regional flavour, sharing stories that are local to your region while maintaining a focus on national priorities. Keep an eye on this space for updates!

EVENTS

Webinar: Develop an urban forest management plan

Urban forest management plans are critical to the resilience of trees, and trees are critical to the resilience of communities. Join our webinar on Thursday, July 17 at 1 p.m. ET to learn from a panel of experts and municipal leaders as they discuss the benefits of having an urban forest management plan for your community. Find out how an urban forest management plan can build climate resilience, what makes a high-quality urban forest management plan, and how to ensure the plan is suited for your community.

» REGISTER TODAY

Webinar: Community partnerships for equitable local climate action

Research shows that local governments that use a community partnership approach to advancing climate action show greater progress toward achieving their climate targets. The Municipal Net-Zero Action Research Partnership is offering support with a set of evidence-based recommendations on building strong community partnerships. Join us Thursday, July 24, at 2 p.m. ET for a free webinar about how your local government can work collaboratively to achieve climate targets and equity goals.

» REGISTER TODAY

RESOURCES

Discover funding sources to support your next affordable housing project

Building sustainable and affordable housing can be complex, particularly when it comes to financing. Many projects rely on external funding sources to implement energy-efficient retrofits or new builds. The Green Municipal Fund's Sustainable Affordable Housing initiative offers a funder list that's designed to streamline your search for financial sources at both provincial and national levels, and to serve as a strategic tool to simplify the decision-making process.

» [EXPLORE OUR LIST OF FUNDERS](#)

Understanding climate budgeting: A guide for Canadian communities

Climate action in local government takes planning and teamwork. Climate budgeting guides decision making on budgets and policies, and it distributes ownership, knowledge and accountability across departments and staff within your organization and in the community. The Municipal Net-Zero Action Research Partnership has created a new guide to support Canadian municipalities as they incorporate climate commitments into their decision making. The guide is designed to help municipal leaders and staff at a range of knowledge levels, as well as organizations and advocates in the community.

» [DOWNLOAD THE GUIDE](#)

Canada, Naturally –Celebrate Community Culture

Cultural tourism is a powerful force, strengthening local economies and fostering social connections while celebrating Canadian heritage. By showcasing unique traditions and stories, communities thrive. Explore Destination Canada's toolkits for actionable strategies and support. Let's collaborate—reach out to help build a vibrant, community-based tourism plan that highlights the richness of Canada's culture and benefits residents and visitors.

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FCM IN THE NEWS

» Parksville councillors return from Ottawa with call for modern funding tools | Parksville Qualicum Beach News

Two Parksville, B.C., elected officials attended FCM's 2025 Annual Conference and Trade Show to meet with counterparts and advocate for a new funding model for municipalities. "FCM provides municipalities with a loud voice that is built on a respectful discussion and providing data that helps back up local appeals to senior levels of government," said Coun. Sean Wood.

» Bill C-5 could open doors, but Ottawa needs a seat at the table: Tierney | Compass News

FCM's First Vice-President and Ottawa City Coun. Tim Tierney spoke with Compass News about Bill C-5 and the importance of municipalities being part of the solution when it comes to national projects. Coun. Tierney also discussed FCM's latest missions to the U.S. to engage with counterparts.

» Trump says 50 per cent copper tariff coming | CTV News

U.S. President Donald Trump announced his intention to impose 50% tariffs on copper imports, without specifying a date for their implementation. Canada's Finance Minister, François-Philippe Champagne, sent letters to the provinces, territories and FCM, urging them to support domestic steel and aluminum industries through "reciprocal procurement policies."

» Housing: Montreal increasingly unaffordable, despite a lull | CityNews

Tenants in the Montreal region are paying more and more for rent, according to a new report by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC).

» From rivals to allies: Steinbach and Winkler unite to tackle municipal challenges | SteinbachOnline.com

Manitoba elected officials from the City of Steinbach welcomed local leaders from the City of Winkler for a day of collaboration and discussion on shared challenges, including wastewater infrastructure, development approvals, and housing. The visit was sparked by conversations that took place earlier in Ottawa, when both councils attended FCM's Annual Conference and Trade Show.

» Canmore council to endorse sister city agreement with Sedona, Arizona | Rocky Mountain News

Canmore, B.C., and Sedona, Ariz., will officially be designated as sister cities. Mayor Sean Krausert said Canada-American relations are of "utmost interest and concern at this time" and praised an FCM panel that featured U.S. mayors. "They were talking about arrangements together and the importance of working together and the silver lining of this whole tariff debate is that relationships between municipalities in the United States and Canada have never been stronger."

» Chatham councillor elected to key FCM role | Simcoe Reformer

At FCM's recent Annual Conference and Trade Show, Chatham-Kent Coun. Alysson Storey was elected as vice-chair of the board's Ontario Caucus. Earlier this year, Coun. Storey was part of an FCM delegation to Washington, D.C., to represent local governments and participated in the bilateral meeting with the National Association of Counties at FCM's Annual Conference.

SOCIAL MEDIA

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#CanadaDay
#HappyCanadaDay
#CelebrateCanada

Jul 6: "We are at the Calgary Stampede, representing our prairie members, the issues that they care about: public safety, rural infrastructure, making sure that we're growing a strong local economy with resilient communities, and addressing the challenges related to housing and homelessness." FCM President @rebeccaleeblich and CEO @carolesaab are in Calgary, hearing from local leaders and ensuring Albertan priorities are reflected in our advocacy. #CDNMuni #cdnpoli | @CptGandam @JyotiGond ek

Jul 14: "If we can learn from the solutions and the challenges they're working on here in the U.S. or vice versa, that benefits all of us." —@Alysson4C, Councillor, Chatham-Kent, ON.
<https://ctvnews.ca/windsor/article/trade-tariffs-top-chatham-kent-councillors-talk-with-us-counterparts/>
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» **APPLY TODAY**

Homelessness Reduction Innovation Fund

The Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness is now accepting Expressions of Interest for the Homelessness Reduction Innovation Fund, which provides one-time grants for innovative projects aimed at achieving measurable reductions in homelessness in communities. Find out more about the process to apply and learn about the latest solutions emerging from the program as it rolls out.

» **SIGN UP HERE**

FCM IN THE NEWS

» **FCM brings friendly tone to intense Canada-U.S. discussions - Municipal World**

FCM's Forum Rural Chair, Neal Comeau, and FCM's Ontario Caucus Vice-Chair, Alysso Storey, participated in the latest Annual Conference of the National Association of Counties in Philadelphia to build relationships with American counterparts amid the trade war.

» **Feds dropped internal trade barriers, but provincial deals risk 'solving a patchwork with another patchwork' - The Hill Times**

Ontario is leading the pack, having signed 10 inter-provincial trade deals. One internal trade expert says the feds should have played a bigger role in harmonizing internal trade between the provinces.

» **Canadian Armed Forces hit the ground running in Saskatchewan to fight wildfires | CBC News**

About 300 Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) members, who arrived in Saskatchewan this weekend, are helping the province fight devastating wildfires in the north.

» **'Great wall' built to prevent Tuktoyaktuk, N.W.T., from falling into the ocean | CBC.ca**

It took approximately 200,000 tonnes of rock and \$50 million, but the 'Great Wall of Tuktoyaktuk' is complete. The wall will protect the Northwest Territories hamlet from further coastal erosion and possibly falling into the Arctic Ocean.

EVENTS

Workshop: How to create an urban forest management plan

Urban forests improve the health of your community. A management plan is key to ensuring your urban forests thrive and continue to provide benefits. Join our workshop on August 21 to learn how to build a high-quality urban forest management plan. This hands-on session will help you understand core urban forest management plan design principles and develop a plan that meets your community's needs.

» **REGISTER TODAY**

RESOURCES

Digital Connectivity: A Pillar of Rural Canada's Future

Digital connectivity is essential to our daily lives and to Canada's economic growth. Whether it's accessing healthcare, working remotely, or growing a business, reliable broadband internet and mobile connectivity are indispensable. Yet, a divide persists between rural and urban regions.

Our report, *The future of rural Canada*, underscores the importance of updating Canada's Connectivity Strategy, enhancing the Universal Broadband Fund and achieving cellular connectivity. These actions are critical to supporting economic development, improving quality of life and helping rural communities thrive.

Reliable digital connectivity helps retain talent, attract youth and enables communities to adapt to new technologies. Ensuring every Canadian has reliable internet access contributes to building a stronger, more resilient Canada.

» [READ THE REPORT](#)

Understanding climate budgeting: A guide for Canadian communities

Once your municipality adopts a climate plan, the hard work of putting it into action begins. For local governments, it's crucial to understand what actions are needed every year to stay on track with climate targets—and how much that will cost. That's where climate budgeting comes in.

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

» [DOWNLOAD THE GUIDE](#)

Strengthen your community's ecosystem by planting new trees

From restoring wildlife habitats to providing food sources for mammals, birds and insects, trees support local biodiversity—which in turn helps your community become more resilient to environmental stressors. You can enhance your community's ecosystem by applying for up to \$10M in funding for new tree planting projects. Learn more about the benefits of trees and the funding and support available.

» [APPLY TODAY](#)

Reimagining community buildings as resilience hubs

After Hurricane Fiona, a recreation centre in Pictou County, Nova Scotia, became a vital community lifeline—sheltering power crews and supporting local residents. Now, with energy and accessibility upgrades, it's evolving into a community-ready resilience hub to boost emergency preparedness and reduce local vulnerability.

» [READ THE FULL CASE STUDY](#)

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Canada, Naturally—Celebrate Community Culture

Cultural tourism is a powerful force, strengthening local economies and fostering social connections while celebrating Canadian heritage. By showcasing unique traditions and stories, communities thrive. Explore Destination Canada's toolkits for actionable strategies and support. Let's collaborate—reach out to help build a vibrant, community-based tourism plan that highlights the richness of Canada's culture and benefits residents and visitors.



» [DOWNLOAD THE TOOLKITS](#)

SOCIAL MEDIA

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July 15: Now that the Calgary [#Stampede2025](#) has come to a close, we're already looking ahead to our next major event in Western Canada.

We're looking forward to building on that momentum as Edmonton prepares to host FCM's 2026 Annual Conference and Trade Show.

We caught up with Edmonton Mayor [@AmarjeetSohiYEG](#) [#FCM2026AC](#) [#CDNMuni](#) [#cdnpoli](#)

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July 17: Last week, FCM's Rural Forum Chair Neal Comeau and Board member [@Alysson4CK](#) joined rural leaders at [@NACoTweets](#)'s Annual Conference in Philadelphia to continue strengthening Canada–U.S. ties. From infrastructure to climate resilience, rural communities from both sides of the border share common ground. As we engaged with county leaders across the U.S., one thing was clear: we're not facing these challenges alone. [#CDNMuni](#) [#cdnpoli](#) [#NACoAnn](#)

» [WATCH THE VIDEO](#)

July 23: A stronger Canadian economy begins with robust, empowered rural communities.

With modern infrastructure, reliable connectivity and updated fiscal tools, rural communities are ready to drive growth in key sectors and expand Canada's global trade.

More on FCM's advocacy for a stronger rural Canada: <https://t.co/FXeSe6rV64>



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FCM's recommendations for Budget 2025

With critical priorities like nation-building projects, rural and trade-enabling infrastructure and Arctic sovereignty in mind, municipalities throughout the Prairies and Territories know that a stronger, more resilient future for Canada starts in our hometowns.

Earlier this month, FCM submitted our pre-budget recommendations to the House of Commons Finance Committee. Budget 2025 comes at a pivotal time for Canadians, and local governments have a strategic role in Canada's success. These recommendations support the vision for a stronger Canada, from building 500,000 new homes a year, to putting in place major new infrastructure, boosting rural Canada and ensuring a strong and resilient economy.

» [READ THE SUBMISSION](#)

Across the Canadian Prairies, GMF is supporting local success stories

Communities in the Prairies are a major contributor to Canada's economy and are taking the lead on climate action. But they also face unique climate challenges such as drought, flooding and other extreme weather events that demand practical solutions.

GMF funding is helping municipalities plan and implement projects that reduce emissions, improve affordability and enhance local resiliency. With this new resource, you'll learn how GMF-supported upgrades could benefit your community.

» **DISCOVER GMF'S IMPACT IN THE PRAIRIES**

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NEW: Deadline to submit the supporting Council resolution is September 8.

» **APPLY TODAY**

Historic win for women's leadership in Zambia

At the recent joint Annual Conference of the Local Government Association of Zambia (LGAZ) and the Alliance of Mayors' Initiative for Community Action on AIDS at the Local Level (AMICAALL), a landmark amendment was adopted: a minimum of 30% women's representation across all LGAZ leadership structures will now be enshrined in the Association's constitution.

This historic milestone reflects the leadership of Zambian women councillors and administrators, and the momentum they've built over the years to ensure their voices are not just present, but influential. With support from FCM's Partnership for Municipal Innovation – Women in Local Leadership (PMI-WILL) project, funded by Global Affairs Canada, LGAZ advanced this change through dialogue, collaboration, and bold advocacy, both within and beyond its governing bodies.

This is an example of how Canadian municipal expertise, shared through PMI-WILL, is contributing to stronger, more inclusive local governance globally.

EVENTS

NEW webinar: Explore safe and sustainable railway operations

FCM's Collective webinar series is coming back this fall! In partnership with CN, the first webinar on September 16 will help community leaders to better understand the strategies, technologies and methods employed to ensure safe and sustainable railway operations in a constantly evolving industry. Participants will hear about CN's Fire and Suppression fleet, a custom-designed in-house fleet of five trains that can deploy firefighting resources to remote and inaccessible areas.

» REGISTER NOW

FCM IN THE NEWS

» Wildfires and what comes next | CTV News

Thompson Councilor and FCM's Second Vice-President Kathy Valentino talked to CTV Morning Live Winnipeg about the ongoing wildfire situation in her community and why all orders of government must work together regarding disaster responses.

» Emergency management challenges during wildfire season | Global Winnipeg

Kathy Valentino discussed the state of wildfires across Manitoba and FCM's calls for a coordinated approach among all orders of government to better adapt to emergency disasters.

» Humboldt, George Gordon First Nation join CEDI program | MBC Radio

The city of Humboldt, SK and the George Gordon First Nation have announced their participation in the Community Economic Development Initiative, a program delivered by FCM and the Council for the Advancement of Native Development Officers. They are one of eight partnerships across the country to embark on this three-year First Nation–municipal collaboration program.

» Federal government assumes control of Clinton Creek remediation in the Yukon | CBC News

The federal government is undertaking remediation work at the closed Clinton asbestos mine, close to Dawson City, Yukon. The government's goal is to close the site fully by 2036.

» Toronto study argues for getting Canadian mass transit costs back on track | Daily Commercial News

A recent study by the University of Toronto's School of Cities reveals that the cost of building new transit infrastructure in Canada has increased at a rate far beyond inflation. FCM's Vice-President Tim Tierney says FCM wants "stable, long-term federal investments," such as the Permanent Public Transit Fund.

» Canada 'disappointed' by Trump boosting tariffs to 35%, says Carney | CBC News

Prime Minister Mark Carney released a statement on Friday, August 1, saying he was "disappointed" following U.S. President Donald Trump's executive order increasing tariffs on Canadian goods that aren't included in the Canada-U.S.-Mexico Agreement to 35 percent.

» Federal appeal court rules in favour of Cold Lake in fighter base tax dispute | CBC News

The Federal Court of Appeal ruled in favour of the City of Cold Lake, Alberta, over the fact that the federal government undervalued the 4 Wing Cold Lake, Canada's busiest fighter base. FCM intervened at the Federal Court of Appeal on the side of the city.

Infrastructure and transportation: Strengthening and connecting Rural Canada

Essential assets like roads, bridges, potable water and wastewater systems, ports and airports enable the flow of goods, connect remote regions to urban centres and support local economies. However, rural municipalities, often constrained by limited fiscal resources, face significant challenges in maintaining and modernizing their infrastructure.

Our report, *The future of rural Canada*, highlights the need for a new municipal fiscal framework and a dedicated federal program to support rural municipal infrastructure. It also recommends expanding trade and export opportunities, improving passenger bus and rail connections and planning for the next generation of rural infrastructure.

» [READ THE REPORT](#)

Waste less, earn more: Funding available now

With long winters and high heating needs, your communities can benefit from GMF's Organic Waste-to-Energy funding. Turn food scraps, biosolids and agricultural byproducts into clean energy and valuable soil products. Cut costs, support energy independence and build local resilience. From assessments to implementation, we'll help you turn waste into opportunity.

» [LEARN MORE](#)

Funding for equitable tree planting projects

Equitable access to the benefits of trees is critical. If your municipality is planning for a tree planting project that is inclusive and benefits your communities, you can access up to \$10M to plant the right trees in the right places, ensuring they have the most impact. Our funding, which is open until September 18, supports ambitious and equitable planting projects in communities of all sizes, including small, northern and remote communities.

» [LEARN MORE](#)

Applications now open: Funding and support for GMF's safe and active school routes

GMF is now accepting applications for its Safe and Active School Routes accelerator initiative—a limited-time funding and learning opportunity to help Canadian communities improve school travel. Eligible communities can apply for up to \$125,000 (covering 50–80% of eligible project costs) for quick-build solutions like upgraded sidewalks, pedestrian crossings, bike lanes, lighting and more.

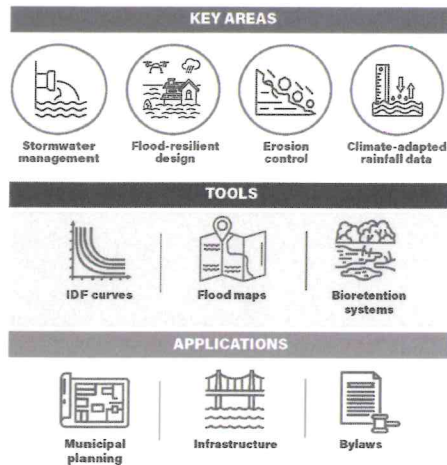
Participants will also join a national peer learning cohort—a valuable chance to connect with other communities and receive expert guidance. Applications are open until October 17.

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CSA Group standards for improved flood resilience



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Helping communities improve their flood resilience

CSA Group standards help communities reduce flood risks through guidelines for stormwater management, flood-resilient design, erosion control, flood mapping, and climate-adapted rainfall data. They help support the planning, construction, and maintenance of infrastructure using tools like rainfall intensity, duration, and frequency (IDF) curves and bioretention systems. Municipalities can integrate CSA Group standards into development plans and reference them in bylaws to build safer, more resilient communities.

» **USE CSA GROUP STANDARDS TO REDUCE FLOOD RISKS**



Unlock the Power of Your Visitor Economy

Did you know that as municipalities you can elevate your visitor economies by collaborating with your local destination marketing organizations and regional tourism advocacy groups? Aligning strategies and co-developing tourism initiatives help attract more visitors, foster local pride, and drive economic growth. Check out the new destination development tool kits for these essential resources and tips to empower your community through tourism development.

» **DOWNLOAD OUR DESTINATION DEVELOPMENT TOOL KITS**

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July 30: As wildfires continue in the Prairies, FCM's 2nd VP @valentinokathy joined @ctvwinnipeg to share how her city of Thompson is coping.

<https://t.co/LXGRGm1RHV>

In Thompson and across the country, all orders of government need to be at the table for effective disaster response and climate resilience efforts—and work together to find long-lasting solutions. #CDNMuni #cdnpoli

Aug 1: More tariffs will only hurt communities on both sides of the border. While a deal was not reached between Canada and the U.S. administration today, FCM remains committed to working across orders of government to support Canadian communities through this challenging time.

We all want the same things: to get Canadians to the other side of this trade war stronger, and to build a more resilient national economy.

We must work shoulder to shoulder across all orders of government to respond to these economic challenges. That includes diversifying our trading relationships, investing in municipal trade-enabling infrastructure, and procuring Made in Canada goods and materials.

A stronger, more resilient future for Canada starts in our hometowns. FCM will continue to advocate for local voices and priorities in a concerted Team Canada approach to this dispute—because Canada is at its best when we work together. #CDNMuni #cdnpoli

Aug 7: Through these challenging times, ties between local leaders on both sides of the border have never been stronger—or more important.

FCM will continue standing up for #CDNMuni to ensure a stronger, more resilient future for Canadian communities. We're getting through the storm of this trade war together—because that's what we do. #CDNMuni #cdnpoli

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From Leanne DeVliegere <l.devliegere@heritagecoop.ca>

Date Tue 2025-08-05 9:10 AM

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

Good morning Joni,

Thanks for reaching out directly for an update. I appreciate how supportive the community has been of the expanded services in our current location. We are in the process of working through a feasibility study to help determine next steps, and how we may be able to renovate/reconfigure our existing location to offer additional products and services in Wawanesa. At this time, we aren't actively looking to acquire any new property, however we'll have more information once we complete this initial phase of research.

We also want to ensure we have a strong understanding of our members' and community's priorities regarding offerings in Wawanesa, and we're currently exploring the best way to approach this.

I hope you find this update useful in ongoing communication with Council. If you have any further questions though, please reach out any time.

Thanks again for the support Joni, hope you had a nice long weekend,

Regards,

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Good afternoon,

Please see the attached enquiry from Council.

Thanks for whatever advice you can provide and have a wonderful long weekend.

Joni Swidnicki, CMMA (Hons)

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Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa
Mayor Dave Kreklewich
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Dear Mayor Kreklewich,

We are pleased to provide you with a copy of Multi-Material Stewardship Manitoba Inc.'s (MMSM) 2024 Annual Report, highlighting the results of Manitoba's residential recycling programs for packaging and printed paper.

The year had many highlights, with a large focus of our work geared toward the anticipated government approval of MMSM's draft transition plan to full Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR). The report highlights the 2023 recovery rates, community outreach and engagement, our continued efforts to engage and support First Nations and remote communities with their residential recycling programs, and the 2024 audited financials.

Other highlights of the report include:

- 74,888,843 kg of packaging and printed paper were collected in 2023, with a recovery rate of 71.8%.
- There were 148 participating communities and other partners.
- MMSM paid \$17,450,843 in funding to participating communities.
- 95% of Manitoba's population participates in their residential recycling program.
- There were 3,384 downloads of the Recyclepedia app and 146,459 material views.

We encourage you to read the report to discover more about the 2024 performance and our commitment to funding efficient and effective residential recycling programs in Manitoba. The online report can also be accessed from our website, stewardshipmanitoba.org.

Sincerely,

Karen Melnychuk
Executive Director
Multi-Material Stewardship Manitoba

Federal program offering up to \$20, 000 to Manitobans to switch from oil to heat pumps

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Good afternoon;

My name is Jelena Golic, I work at the Office of Energy Efficiency within Natural Resources Canada, and I am reaching out to share some information about a federal program that could benefit homeowners in Manitoba in hopes that you'd be able to disseminate this information or give us some advice on how to best reach eligible homeowners.

Through Manitoba's Affordable Home Energy Program, eligible households who heat their homes with oil can receive **up to \$20,000 upfront** by applying to the federal [Oil to Heat Pump Affordability \(OHPA\)](#) program co-delivered by Efficiency Manitoba. This offer is a great way to help **low- to median-income** households **connected to an integrated electricity grid** looking to upgrade their oil heating system to a more energy-efficient one.

Households that participate in the OHPA program:

- Receive a grant payment of up to \$15,000 in federal funding and up to \$5,000 through Manitoba
- Receive a one-time payment of \$250 to further assist with the costs associated in transitioning from oil heating to an electric heat pump
- Experience year-round comfort - an electric heat pump provides heating in the winter months and cooling in the summer
- Save \$1,337 on energy costs and 2.78 tonnes in greenhouse gas reductions on average, every year

Our goal is to get in touch with organizations on the ground that can help spread the word and reach eligible households that could benefit most from this offer.

Thank you so much for your time and let us know if you would be interested in collaborating with us to disseminate this information to eligible homeowners in Manitoba.

Jelena

Jelena Golic

Senior Programs Advisor

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- Announcing the launch of the *Small Towns, Big Stories Podcast!*
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- Highlighting Rural Researchers: [Nazir Mohammed Habibu](#) and [Xinyue Zhu](#)
- Announcing the newest episodes of the [ConnectedMB Podcast](#)
- Updates for the [CRRF 2025 Conference](#)
- Highlighting the newest issue of the [Journal of Rural and Community Development](#)

PODCAST *Highlight*



This week marks the launch of the
Small Towns, Big Stories Podcast Series!

In preparation for the **2025 Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation Conference**, the RDI team produced a 7-episode podcast series featuring conversations with community leaders from across southwestern Manitoba:

Economic Development Officers, educators, members of Community Development Corporations, and more!

This podcast explores how key rural development themes such as data use, emerging technologies, and capacity building. Each guest shares practical insights from their local work and highlights collaborative efforts shaping their communities.

Find us on [Spotify](#), [Amazon Music](#), [Apple Podcast](#), and [iHeartRadio](#)!

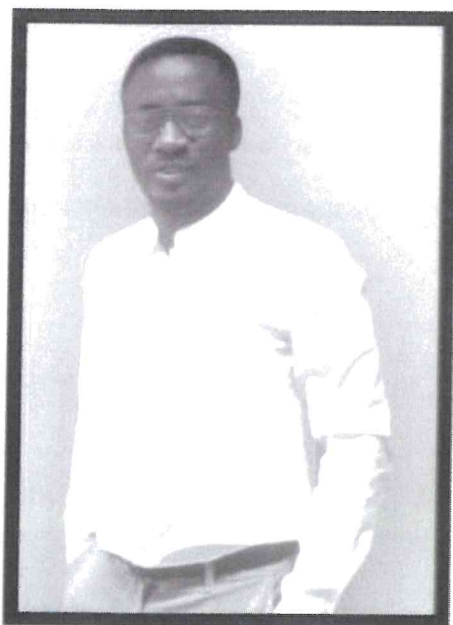


To learn more about the development of this series, make sure to see the newest post on the **Imagining Rural Futures Blog!**

Created by Melody Fagelogo (right) and Adwoa Kankam (centre), this brief piece outlines their experience in creating the podcast!

Small Towns, Big Stories Podcast Series: Community Experiences Through Conversations

Highlighting RURAL RESEARCHERS



Nazir Mohammed Habibu

Research Fellow | RDI



Xinyue Zhu

Mitacs Globalink Research Intern

This month, let's talk capacity!

Over the summer, RDI has been fortunate to host two amazing researchers, and welcome them to the Rural Capacity Research Pillar Team.

Nazir Mohammed Habibu is a Research Fellow visiting from the Catholic University of Sacred Heart, Italy, and **Xinyue Zhu** is an exchange Research Intern supported through the Mitacs Global Link Program!

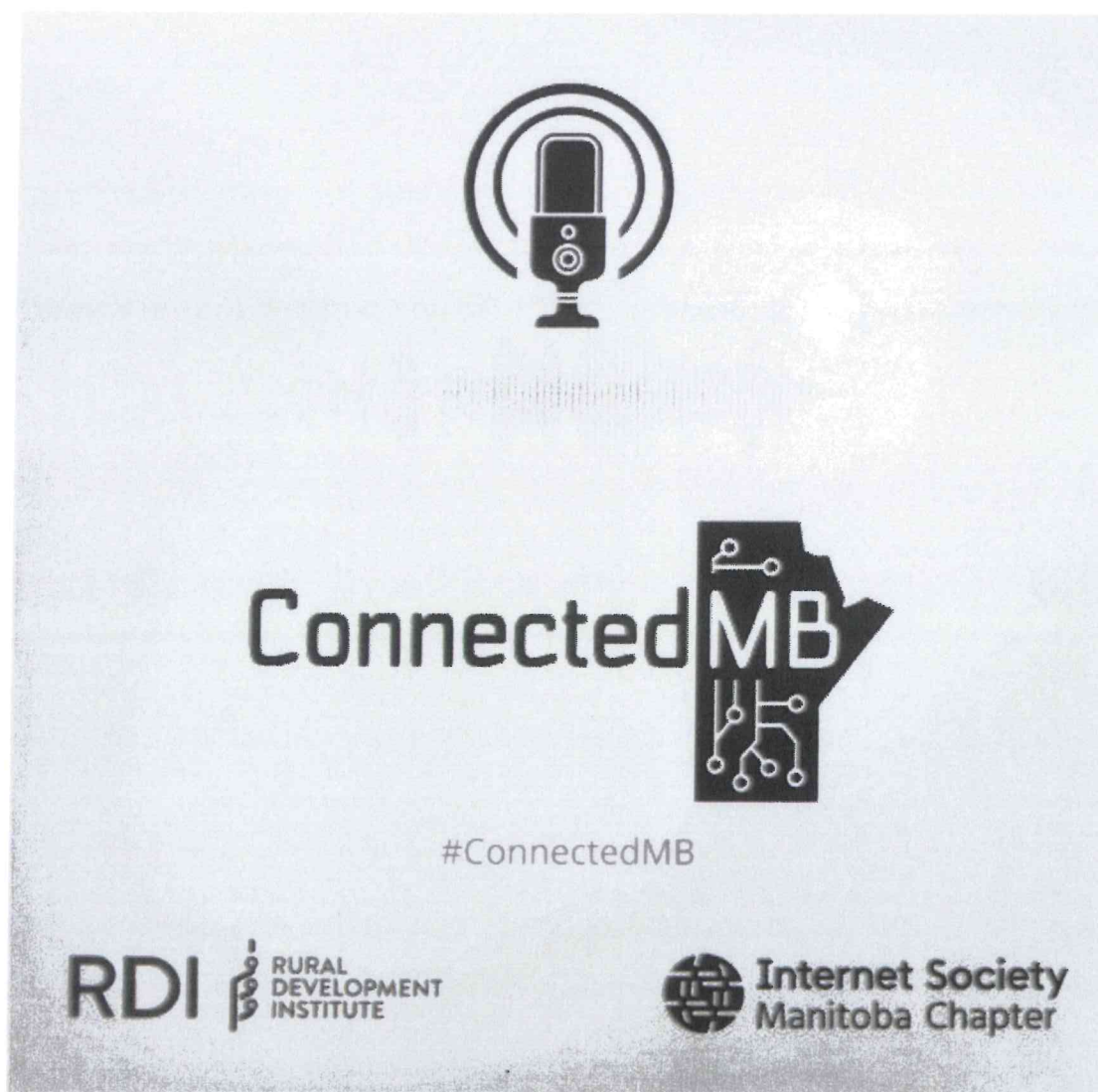
We are so grateful to have them engage in unique research projects, and invite you to learn more about their work through their issues in the **Highlighting Rural Researchers Series!**

PODCAST *Highlight*

Ready to dive into some community conversations?
Make sure to see the newest **ConnectedMB Podcast Episodes!**

Created in collaboration with the Internet Society (ISOC) - Manitoba Chapter, the **ConnectedMB** project aims to explore how rural and remote communities have adapted to ensure connectivity in their regions is accessible, exploring both the challenges and immense strengths of community efforts.

View Episode 5 and Episode 6 through the ISOC Webpage!



This & That

The Call for Abstracts is Officially Closed!

We are so excited to announce that we are in the final stages of abstract revisions as conference planning continues!

We will be announcing updates in the coming weeks,
and can't wait to see you all this fall!

Make sure to visit the [CRRF 2025 Conference Website](#) and our [Registration Page through Event Brite](#) for more information and details on abstract submission!

A Word from the CRRF President

"CRRF is delighted to be working with Brandon University and returning to Manitoba for our 2025 annual conference. We believe highlighting the importance of the foundations for the future of rural will collectively build the capacity, policy, and research agenda of our local, regional, national, and international colleagues and result in an exciting four days of dialogue and networking to enhance the quality of life for rural Canadians."

- Dr. Joshua Barrett

RESEARCH CENTER *Updates*



In the 20th Volume (No. 2) in the [Journal of Rural and Community Development!](#)

2025 marks the 20th year of publishing for the JRCD, and we are happy to announce a Special Issue to be published through the Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation Conference this September!

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Good afternoon,

I wanted to take a moment to share with the Council STARS Mission stats from 2024/25. It has been a busy year in Manitoba with our team completing 1,233 missions, providing critical care to those in need across our rural communities in Manitoba. Our work has been supported by amazing partners like your municipality, and we are so grateful for your support.

If there are any questions, please reach out.
Stay safe this summer.

Thank you,
Madeline

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STARS operates in the spirit of truth and reconciliation, acknowledging our Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba bases are located on traditional territory of First Nations and Metis People, including those in Treaties 1, 4, 6, 7, and 8. We honour the deep connection Indigenous communities have to the land and waters where we serve, always guided by our belief that everyone deserves equitable access to lifesaving care no matter who or where they are.

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2024/25 MISSION RECORD

Since 1985, STARS has flown more than **63,000 missions** across Western Canada. Below are **1,233 missions** carried out from our base in **Manitoba** in the past year.



Altamont, Altona 11, Anola, Arborg 5, Ashern 18, Austin, Bacon Ridge 2, Beausejour 8, B  lair, Beulah, Bird Lake, Bird River, Birds Hill, Birdtail Sioux, Black River First Nation, Bloodvein First Nation, Blumenort, Boissevain 2, Brandon 88, Bunibonibee Cree Nation 7, Caddy Lake 11, Carberry 4, Carman 4, Churchill 3, Clandeboye, Crane River 2, Cross Lake First Nation 13, Crystal City 4, Dauphin 65, Deloraine 2, Dog Creek 2, Domain, Dominion City, Dunnottar 2, East Braintree, East Selkirk 2, East St. Paul 2, Easterville, Ebb and Flow First Nation 3, Elie, Elm Creek 2, Emerson 2, Erickson 2, Eriksdale 6, Fairford 6, Fisher Branch 4, Fisher River Cree Nation 4, Flin Flon 20, Fortier, Fox Lake Cree Nation, Garden Hill First Nation 15, Gillam 3, Gimli 22, Giroux, Gladstone 4, Glenboro 4, Gnadenthal, God's Lake First Nation 5, Grahamdale, Grand Beach, Grand Marais, Grand Rapids 6, Grandview, Gregg, Grosse Isle, Grunthal, Gypsumville 3, Halcyon Cove, Hamiota 2, Hazelridge, Headingley 3, Hnausa, Hodgson 21, Hollow Water First Nation 3, Ile des Ch  nes 4, Ilford, Inwood 2, Island Lake, Keeseekoowenin Ojibway First Nation 3, Kenora 6, Killarney 9, Kinonjeoshtegon First Nation 8, Kirkness 2, Kleefeld 2, La Broquerie, La Salle, Lac Brochet 4, Lac du Bonnet 3, Lake St. Martin, Laurier, Lester Beach, Libau, Little Black River, Little Grand Rapids 11, Little Saskatchewan 6, Long Plain First Nation 6, Lorette 2, Lunder, Lynn Lake 5, Macdonald, Mafeking, Manto Sipi Cree Nation, Mathias Colomb Cree Nation 4, Meadows, Melita, Miami, Milner Ridge, Minnedosa 6, Mitchell, Molson, Morden 14, Morris 3, Narol, Navin, Neepawa 14, Netley 2, Ninette 2, Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation, Niverville 3, Norway House Cree Nation 22, Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes 2, Nutimik Lake, Oak Bluff 2, Oakville, O-Pipon-Na-Piwin Cree Nation, Pauingassi, Peguis 18, Pinawa 5, Pinaymootang First Nation, Pine Creek First Nation, Pine Dock, Pine Falls 26, Pipestone, Plum Coulee, Plumas, Poplar Point, Poplar River 4, Poplarfield, Portage la Prairie 54, Rapid City, Red Sucker Lake First Nation, Reynolds RM 3, Richer 4, Rivers 3, Riverton 2, Roland 2, Roseau River Anishinabe First Nation, Roseisle, Ross, Rosburn, Russell 12, Sandy Bay Ojibway First Nation 12, Sandy Lake, Sanford 2, Sayisi Dene First Nation, Selkirk 79, Seven Sisters Falls, Shamattawa First Nation 7, Shoal Lake, Somerset, Souris 3, South Junction, Sperling 2, St. Andrews, St. Eustache, St. Fran  ois Xavier, St. Jean Baptiste, St. Laurent 5, St. Malo, St. Martin, St. Theresa Point First Nation 2, Starbuck, Ste. Agathe, Ste. Anne 12, Ste. Rose du Lac, Steep Rock 2, Steinbach 43, St-Lazare, Stonewall 16, Stony Mountain 4, St-Pierre-Jolys 8, Stuartburn, Swan Lake, Swan River 49, Teulon, The Pas 48, Thompson 64, Traverse Bay, Treherne 2, Valley River, Victoria Beach 2, Virden 15, Vita 3, Vogar, Warren 2, Wasagamack First Nation 15, Waywayseecappo First Nation, West Pine Ridge, West St. Paul 3, Westbourne 3, Whitemouth 2, Winkler 21, Winnipeg 32, Woodridge, Woodside.

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July 31, 2025

Dear Mr. Kreklewich and Council,

I am honoured to have been selected as recipient of the 2025 Highest Academic Standing of An Oakland Wawanesa resident. I would like to say thank you for giving me the opportunity to further my education while still giving back to my community.

In the fall I will be attending Assiniboine College as a student-athlete working towards a diploma as a Civil Technician and playing volleyball with the ACC Cougars men's volleyball team. As a student-athlete my time will be dedicated to schoolwork, team practices, travel and training. Receiving this bursary will alleviate some of the financial stress and allow me to focus on my studies and team.

Thank you for your funding to rural students, like me, and for supporting us as we chase our dreams!

With gratitude,



Cayman Mushie

Re: Parade Route - Wawanesa MB

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

Date Fri 2025-08-08 9:43 AM

To Pyper Hollar <fundraiser@uofmaggies.ca>

Hi,

That starts to get trickier as we don't have a police or by-law presence in the town, our fire department is volunteer (and spread really thin during summer vacation and harvest time) and our staff don't work on weekends.

The best I could do would be to ask if there are any Council members who would volunteer (again, some are farmers and it will be harvest time).

I will ask at our next meeting which is August 19.

Joni

From: Pyper Hollar <fundraiser@uofmaggies.ca>

Sent: August 8, 2025 9:39 AM

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

Subject: Re: Parade Route - Wawanesa MB

Okay, is there someone I can talk to about an escort along the route? Then we can make a full plan together.

Pyper

Pyper Hollar

Charity Representative

*Faculty of Agriculture Students' Organization
(FASO)*

University of Manitoba

Contact information:

C: (204) 509 - 0150

E: fundraiser@uofmaggies.ca



On Fri, Aug 8, 2025 at 9:04 AM Joni Swidnicki <cao@oakland-wawanesa.ca> wrote:

Hi,

I think for the parades, they use the rink parking area to assemble. I am not sure if you need that, or would just follow the arrows from coming in off the highway.

I think when it is the Santa parade, it takes closer to an hour, as they travel slow, collect canned goods and hand out candy to the kids.

Joni

From: Pyper Hollar <fundraiser@uofmaggies.ca>

Sent: August 7, 2025 8:26 PM

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

Subject: Re: Parade Route - Wawanesa MB

Hi Joni that looks like a good route, I'm assuming the star is the starting and the ending point? I have planned out 20 minutes for us to walk through Wawanesa would that be about how long the route is?

Thank you,
Pyper

Pyper Hollar

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On Thu, Aug 7, 2025 at 4:06 PM Joni Swidnicki <cao@oakland-wawanesa.ca> wrote:

Hi Pyper,

Here is the parade route that was used for the santa parade as well as graduates' parade. Would that work for your purposes?

If so, we can post it on our website a week or so in advance of your event in September.

Joni Swidnicki, CMMA (Hons)
Chief Administrative Officer
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From: Tara Wilkinson <adminassist1@oakland-wawanesa.ca>

Sent: August 7, 2025 4:01 PM

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

Subject: Parade Route - Start/End at the star - Rink



Tara Wilkinson
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Congratulations! Your Grant Application Has Been Approved

July 19, 2025

Oakland-Wawanesa Volunteer Fire Department

Dear Dennis Gullett,

We are thrilled to inform you that your grant application has been approved! Your dedication to community development and protection resonated with our committee, and we are excited to support your endeavors.

The Wawanesa Community Foundation is committed to fostering impactful projects for the community, and we believe your work will make a significant difference in the Wawanesa school catchment area.

The total amount awarded is \$10,800. With half being granted this year and half next year, for \$5,400 each year for the next two years. and will be disbursed by cheque as soon as arrangements are made as to where the funds are to be received. Please note that these funds are to be used specifically for the purposes outlined in your grant application. Along with the receipt of funds, someone from the Wawanesa Community Foundation board of directors will be reaching out for a photo opportunity, either of presentation of funds, or of the project itself.

We kindly request that you review and sign the attached Grant Agreement. This agreement outlines the terms and conditions of the grant, including reporting requirements and timelines. Please return the signed agreement to wawanesacommunityfoundation@gmail.com at your earliest convenience.

We look forward to witnessing the positive impact of your project. If you have any questions or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us at (204)720-7804 or wawanesacommunityfoundation@gmail.com.

Congratulations once again on this approval! We are confident that your work will contribute positively to our community.

Sincerely,

Amanda Ellis,
The Wawanesa Community Foundation
(204)720-7804
wawanesacommunityfoundation@gmail.com



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Grant Agreement

This Grant Agreement ("Agreement") is made and entered into as of July 19, 2025, by and between The Wawanesa Community Foundation ("Grantor"), and the Oakland-Wawanesa Volunteer Fire Department ("Grant Recipient").

1. Grant Award

The Grantor hereby awards to the Grant Recipient a grant in the amount of **\$10,800. With half being granted this year and half next year, for \$5,400 each year for the next two years. for the purpose of Self Contained Breathing Apparatus replacement ("Project").**

2. Use of Funds

The Grant Recipient agrees to use the grant funds solely for the purposes described in the Grant Application submitted to the Grantor. Any deviation from the approved Project requires prior written approval from the Grantor.

3. Reporting Requirements

The Grant Recipient shall submit the following reports to the Grantor:

Report Type	Due Date	Description
Project Report	November 30, 2025	A summary of the completion, outcomes, and overall impact of the Project.
	(If project is not complete, a follow-up date will be set)	An accounting of grant funds expended, accompanied by supporting documentation (eg.receipts).

All reports shall be submitted to wawanesacommunityfoundation@gmail.com.

4. Acknowledgment

The Grant Recipient agrees to acknowledge the support of The Wawanesa Community Foundation in all publications, presentations, and promotional materials related to the Project.

5. Audit and Records

The Grant Recipient shall maintain accurate and complete financial records for the Project and make them available for audit by the Grantor upon reasonable request.

6. Termination

The Grantor may terminate this Agreement immediately upon written notice if the Grant Recipient fails to comply with any of the terms and conditions set forth herein. Upon termination, the Grant Recipient shall return any unexpended grant funds to the Grantor.

The Wawanesa Community Foundation

By: A Ellis

Name: Amanda Ellis

Title: Chair

Grant Recipient

By: _____

Name:

Title: