

AGE FRIENDLY Manitoba

Mission: To facilitate healthy aging by providing leadership and encouraging collaboration in creating age-friendly places (communities) that optimize the ability of all older Manitobans to do the things they feel are important.

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AGE FRIENDLY 2.0

The World Health Organization and the United Nations launched the Decade of Healthy Aging in 2021 – **Manitoba is on the right track.**

With the development and launch of the Manitoba Senior Strategy in February 2023, MASC followed the outline of the WHO, which stated we need to change how we think, feel and act towards age and ageing, including:

- develop communities in ways that foster the abilities of older people;
- deliver person-centred, integrated care and primary health services that are responsive to older people; and
- provide older people access to long-term care when they need it.

As communities (cities, towns, villages) continue on the path of becoming more age-friendly, there is a recognition that success is a shared responsibility. Working together, collaboration, partnerships and intergenerational solidarity are key ingredients in developing new resources and breaking down existing barriers.

Age Friendly communities will be eligible to apply for a Community Collaboration Grant! Up to ten grants of up to \$10,000.00 each will be offered annually, with enhanced eligibility for Milestone communities or Indigenous representative organizations and their communities.

Grants will be considered for projects that bring local government and three or more community organizations together in a project that impacts two or more Age-friendly domains.

As a reminder, to reach the Milestone recognition, a municipality must:

- host a community engagement meeting and establish an Age Friendly Committee
- secure a municipal council resolution to actively support, promote and
- work towards becoming more age friendly. Many communities are already doing many age friendly projects/activities
- establish an action plan that includes community consultation
- publicly post the action plan
- commit to measuring activities and report publicly on the action plan with its outcomes.

Our consultants are available to assist communities on their age friendly path.

AND, do you know that if your municipality accomplishes the Milestones, that could result in WHO/PHAC/ Manitoba Government recognition, a \$2,500.00 AF grant and enhanced eligibility for a Community Collaboration Grant.





Two of the Eight Pillars of an Age Friendly Community



Civic Participation

Older people are an asset to the community, and they continue contributing to their communities after retirement. An age-friendly community provides ample opportunities for older people to do so, be it through voluntary or paid employment, and keeps them engaged in the political process.

Older people can gain fulfilment from active involvement in voluntary activities or work, as it provides satisfaction and keeps them socially engaged. A wide range of volunteer and employment opportunities caters to seniors' diverse preferences, needs and skill sets, and awareness on the vacancies available connects seniors to these opportunities. Age-friendly urban and transport infrastructure removes any physical barriers seniors may face in accessing the volunteer or job opportunity. Continued training for seniors also helps them remain relevant and connected. Entrepreneurial opportunities are another way to support seniors' participation in the workforce and ensure their sustained self-sufficiency.

There have been reports of age discrimination in the workplace. Building up employers' positive attitude towards retaining and recruiting older workers would help to ensure employment opportunities for seniors. The workplace can continue to be made more welcoming for seniors to put their experience and expertise to good use.

Older people's participation in the political process must be facilitated. Seniors may be involved through platforms to voice their concerns and views to government officials, or through participating in interest groups. They should also be involved in decision-making on issues that may impact them.

Housing

The housing conditions of older people are often linked to their quality of life and whether they are able to age independently and actively in their community. Appropriate housing design and its proximity to community and social services allow older residents to live comfortably and safely, while housing affordability gives them peace of mind.

The cost of housing and related utilities influences where older people live. High housing costs can discourage older people to move to more appropriate, age-friendly housing.

A home with age-friendly features, such as elevators, wide passages to accommodate wheelchairs, etc, allows older residents to live comfortably. Conversely, a home layout impeding mobility, such as stairs and uneven floors, can be barriers for seniors. In these cases, the ability to modify one's home through affordable and accessible home modification would ensure that seniors are able to continue living well in their current place of residence. It is also important that seniors feel safe and secure in their own homes.

Locating social and health facilities close to seniors' homes is crucial in ensuring seniors have access to such services when they need it. Older people also wish to remain close to their family and community. Providing a range of housing options would cater to seniors' diverse needs.



Age-friendly World - adding life to years!



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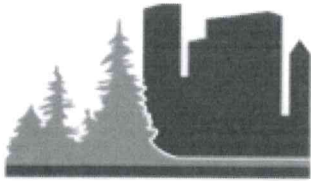


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June 9, 2023

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Together!*

Manitoba Municipalities Provincial Election Priorities

Municipal Priorities for Election 2023

1. Fair and Predictable Municipal Funding
2. Invest in Core Infrastructure

3. Invest in People
4. Public Safety

Visit our [*Election 2023*](#) to learn more.

Rural Manitoba Workforce Development Summit

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE

Rural Manitoba Workforce Development Summit

MONDAY, JUNE 19TH, 2023

Join Honourable Jon Reyes, Minister of Labour and Immigration, the Rural Manitoba Immigrant Employment Council (RMIEC), business leaders, industry representatives, and community stakeholders.

This will be an opportunity to better understand how to connect immigrant talent with rural labour market needs and build stronger communities across Manitoba.

Registration is required for this invitation only free event.

The Rural Manitoba Immigrant Employment Council (RMIEC) with the support of



is hosting the Rural Manitoba Workforce Development Summit to help employers attract, hire, and retain immigrant talent and grow rural Manitoba.

When: Monday, June 19th, 2023

Times: 12:00pm-4:30pm (Doors open 11:30am)

Location: Keystone Centre, Brandon

Lunch is included at no cost, this is a free event by invitation only.

A formal agenda will be sent to all registered participants before the event.

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Tourism Awards



Tourism Winnipeg and Travel Manitoba Celebrate the Best of 2022 !
One winner from Winnipeg and one winner from Rural Manitoba will be selected for each category.

- Volunteer of the Year
- Employee of the Year
- Event of the Year
- Indigenous Tourism
- Sustainable Tourism
- Business of the Year - Small (fewer than 20 employees)
- Business of the Year - Large (more than 20 employees)
- Marketing Campaign of the Year (under \$2,500)
- Marketing Campaign of the Year (over \$2,500)
- Business excellence in Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

You must register an account to submit a nomination for the Tourism Awards. Specific criteria for each award category can be found when you log in and begin the nomination process.

Awards luncheon will be held this fall.

Nomination forms close at midnight on **Wednesday, July 19, 2023**.

[Visit page to learn more and register.](#)

Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Fund



Municipalities are eligible applicants under the federal government's Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Fund. The application portal is OPEN and applications will be accepted until **August 31, 2023** for projects set to occur from **April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2027**.

[Learn more](#)

[Apply for Funding](#)

NOTE: Priority will be given to projects that have letters of support from the Province identifying their priority species.

**Public engagement launch for the
Building a Green Prairie Economy Act**

Prairies Economic Development Canada (PrairiesCan) is leading engagement efforts for the **Building a Green Prairie Economy Act**. This legislation, which was championed by the Honourable Jim Carr, late Member of Parliament for Winnipeg South Centre, calls for the development of a framework that promotes clean economic growth and stronger collaboration between federal and Prairie partners. This framework must reflect the voices of provincial, Indigenous and municipal governments, industry and labour representatives, as well as Prairie Canadians.

To hear from as many people as possible, PrairiesCan has launched an **engagement site** with information about the Act, a discussion paper and questions, and options for providing input by **June 30, 2023**. If you or your organization would like to arrange a conversation on this initiative, contact Chris Minaker, Director of Policy and External Relations for Manitoba Region (**Chris.Minaker@prairiescan.gc.ca**) would be happy to explore potential opportunities.

AMM PROGRAMS & SERVICES



In memory of Doris Klippenstein (nee Friesen)

Doris is a retired UMM/AMM Employee

Funeral Announcement

AMM Events

2023 June District Meetings Overview

June 14, 2023 - 9:30 am – June 26, 2023 - 2:15 pm

Meetings from June 14 through to June 26, 2023.

Please click on each District link for details of each meeting.
Mark your calendars!

Midwestern District: June 14 – Municipality of Westlake-Gladstone

Central District: June 15 – City of Portage la Prairie & RM of Portage la Prairie

Eastern District: June 16 – RM of Ste. Anne

Interlake District: June 19 – Town of Stonewall

Parkland District: June 22 – Municipality of Roblin

Western District: June 23 – RM of Sifton

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Cybersecurity is increasingly important, and the cost/impact of a cybersecurity incident continues to rise. A cybersecurity assessment allows organizations to identify areas where they are weakest, and provides a clear roadmap to addressing the risks and gaps that could be exploited and cause a significant issue.

AMM has negotiated an agreement with **Bloom Software Co.** to offer cybersecurity audits to AMM municipal members.

Bloom's assessment model addresses the key areas that are of greatest concern, discusses and defines them in plain language, and provides organizations the ability to make informed decisions about their own priorities to set an implementation plan.

- **[Click here to learn how your municipality can benefit.](#)**
- **[Click here to view the Cybersecurity Audit Service webinar presentation for AMM members.](#)**

Visit **[AMM Cyber Security Audit webpage](#)** for more info.

Insurance Program



TogetherAll – a mental health platform for all AMM members.

Western Financial Group in partnership with the AMM are proud to provide access through to the TogetherAll platform – a powerful mental health support resource for all members, **premium free**.

TogetherAll is an online mental health platform and provides access to community and professional support 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The service is proven to help those who are struggling with stress, isolation, anxiety, and other common mental health issues.

Click the link below to learn more about this valuable resource and to register yourself and your employees: **www.togetherall.com**

For further information, contact:

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PLUS: Women Municipal Head of Council Members • A Strategy for Manitoba's Water Future

While it doesn't quite look like Spring outside, the Spring issue of the Municipal Leader is here! Flip open this issue to read more about our Spring Convention in Winnipeg – which is just around the corner!

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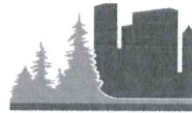
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MEDIA ADVISORY

AMM to hold District Meetings, Members to Elect District Directors and Vote on Resolutions

June 12, 2023 – The Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) will hold its annual District Meetings over the next two weeks. Delegates will elect District Directors and vote on resolutions.

2023 District Meetings Overview

District Meetings:

- **June 14 – MIDWESTERN – Hosted by Municipality of WestLake-Gladstone - RESOLUTIONS HERE**
- **June 15 – CENTRAL – Hosted by City of Portage la Prairie and RM of Portage la Prairie - RESOLUTIONS HERE**
- **June 16 – EASTERN – Hosted by RM of Ste. Anne - RESOLUTIONS HERE**
- **June 19 – INTERLAKE – Hosted by Town of Stonewall - RESOLUTIONS HERE**
- **June 22 – PARKLAND – Hosted by Municipality of Roblin - RESOLUTIONS HERE**

- June 23 – WESTERN – Hosted by RM of Sifton - RESOLUTIONS HERE
- June 26 – NORTHERN – Hosted Town of The Pas- RESOLUTIONS HERE

District Director Elections:

Midwestern

- Reeve Ian Drul, Municipality of Harrison Park - Acclaimed
- Mayor Merv Starzyk, RM of Yellowhead – Acclaimed

Central (3 candidates)

- Councillor Nancy Penner, City of Morden
- Councillor Marvin Plett, City of Winkler
- Reeve Christa Vann Mitchell, RM of Cartier

Eastern (5 candidates)

- Reeve Loren Schinkel, RM of Lac du Bonnet
- Councillor Paul Gauthier, RM of La Broquerie
- Mayor Ray Schirle, Town of Beausejour
- Reeve Michelle Gawronsky, RM of Stuartburn
- Councillor Jason Einarson, Town of Ste. Anne

Interlake (4 candidates)

- Mayor Sandra Smith, Town of Stonewall
- Reeve Wes Taplin, RM of Rockwood
- Councillor Kelly Cook, City of Selkirk
- Councillor Laurie Hunt, RM of St. Andrews

Parkland

- Mayor Lance Jacobson, Town of Swan River – Acclaimed
- Reeve Jim Manchur, Gilbert Plains Municipality – Acclaimed

Western (3 candidates)

- Councillor Scott Phillips, RM of Sifton
- Councillor Rhonda Coupland, Municipality of Boissevain-Morton
- Reeve Clayton Canart, RM of Wallace Woodworth

Northern

- Mayor Andre Murphy, Town of The Pas – Acclaimed
- Councillor Louis Fitzpatrick – Acclaimed

Media are welcome to attend the meetings and will be asked to register at the door.

For media inquiries, please contact:

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MEMBER ADVISORY

Legacy Drainage Licensing Project

June 15, 2023 – Manitoba Environment and Climate and the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) are working 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.

A summary of the Legacy Drainage Licensing Project process is enclosed in the following 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](http://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 new initiative will not only help streamline the approvals process but also significantly reduce costs for municipalities.

Sincerely,

Denys Volkov
Executive Director

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MEMBER ADVISORY

Tragic Accident Near Carberry

June 16, 2023 – Please be advised that AMM President Kam Blight issued the following statement in regard to yesterday's tragic accident near the Town of Carberry.

AMM Statement

- *"On behalf of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM), I wish to offer our deepest condolences to everyone impacted by the tragic accident near the Town of Carberry. The thoughts of municipal Manitoba are also with all affected municipalities whose communities are feeling unspeakable pain and heartbreak. We thank all emergency personnel and health care professionals who are assisting with this devastating tragedy." - Kam Blight, AMM President.*

Mental Health Supports

- Regional and provincial crisis response services have been mobilized and are available to first responders, families, and impacted individuals (including public servants) and in the directly affected communities.

- Mental health staff are available and providing services in affected communities including Dauphin, Carberry, Neepawa, and Brandon.
- There are also mental health staff at the Dauphin Curling Rink and will be there all weekend.
- Mental health staff are in a different location with RCMP and Families.
- Crisis workers are also providing supports as needed at HSC.
- Critical incident stress responses has occurred and continues to be available in each of the impacted communities for first responders, health care workers and impacted individuals (including public servants).
- Provincial crisis lines are available to anyone in need. If you require assistance, please contact Klinik Crisis Line at (204) 786-8686 or 1-888-322-3019 (or Kids Help Phone 1-800-668-6868 or text "CONNECT" to 686868).
- Trauma counselling is also available through Klinik (counsellingintake@klinik.mb.ca or by calling 204-784-4059 to book a telephone intake appointment).
- Many Manitobans have been impacted by this tragic event in different ways. Free counselling and other supports are available through Strongest Families Institute, Wellness Together Canada (1-866-585-0445), and CBTm <https://www.gov.mb.ca/mh/mh/care.html>.
- EFAP is also available for public servants and health care workers.
- If you or anyone you know is struggling and is in need of support, please know there is help available. See Shared Health Mental Health Resource Finder for additional information <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/services/mental-health/mental-health-and-wellness-resource-finder/>.

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MEMBER ADVISORY

Let's Grow Manitoba Together Mini-Campaign #4 - Social Media Posts

June 21, 2023 – On May 5th, the AMM launched its pre-election campaign titled ***Let's Grow Manitoba Together*** ahead of the 2023 provincial election. The AMM has identified four priority pillars that aim to address the key policy concerns of Manitoba's 137 municipalities. These priorities include:

- Funding fairness and predictability;
- Investing in core infrastructure;
- Investing in people (social infrastructure); and
- Public safety

Over the past few weeks, the AMM has launched three social media mini-campaigns, which focused on municipal funding, physical and social infrastructure. From **June 19 to June 30**, our fourth mini-campaign will focus on public safety.

To help spread the word on social media, please click **HERE** to see sample social media posts for **Mini Campaign #4**. Please share our content as well as use these messages on your social media channels and/or create your own

posts! Don't forget to tag the AMM on Facebook and/or Twitter so that we can repost your content.

To read more about our campaign launch, click [HERE](#).

Let's Grow Manitoba Together!

Sincerely,

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MEMBER ADVISORY

Upcoming TLE and Airbnb Informative Webinars

June 26, 2023 – Please be advised that the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) has partnered with the Department of Indigenous Reconciliation and Northern Relations and Airbnb to present two exclusive webinars.

We encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities to share your local feedback and insights during these sessions. Your valuable input can play a crucial role in fostering productive discussions and shaping the outcomes of these sessions. Please refer to the meeting details below for more information on these webinars.

Webinar # 1 - July 12 - Treaty Land Entitlement (TLE)

Details:

- **Wednesday, July 12, 2023**
- **Time: 10:00-11:00AM**
- **Microsoft Teams Meeting**

Description: Please join the Department of Indigenous Reconciliation and Northern Relations and the Association of Manitoba Municipalities to learn about Treaty Land Entitlement in Manitoba. This webinar will cover the process in which land is transferred to Reserve for the benefit of First Nations in Manitoba. The webinar will also discuss Treaty Land Entitlement land that falls within the boundaries of municipalities, including the roles and expectations of municipalities and First Nations in the process and the benefits of these lands.

[Invitation letter from Eileen Clarke, Minister of Indigenous Reconciliation and Northern Relations.](#)

How to Join:

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

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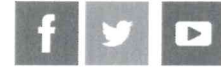
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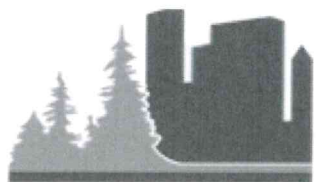
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June 30, 2023

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Manitoba Municipalities Provincial Election Priorities

Municipal Priorities for Election 2023

1. Fair and Predictable Municipal Funding
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3. Invest in People
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Watch AMM President Kam Blight discuss our [2023 Let's Grow Manitoba Together](#) provincial election campaign with Chris Brown on [Cross Border Interviews](#).



Manitoba Government Announces Intake for Quarry Rehabilitation Program

The Manitoba government is now accepting applications for the Quarry Rehabilitation on Private and Municipal Land Program. Our government continues to make targeted investments to support the increased interest in Manitoba as a world-class mining destination. We are pleased to announce the start of intakes for the Quarry Rehabilitation on Private and Municipal Land Program, which supports the rehabilitation of depleted pits and quarries on private and municipal lands. - Economic Development, Investment and Trade Minister Jeff Wharton

Up to \$1.8 million in funding will be available through the 2023-24 program, which includes municipalities.

Applications will be open until **July 20**. Successful grant recipients will be notified by the end of August. Approved projects must be completed by Nov. 30.

View full [Provincial News Release](#).

Exclusive Webinar for ISED's Centre for Rural Economic Development (CenRED) hosted by CMHC Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF)



The Government of Canada recognizes that rural communities are at the heart of the national economy, are essential to Canada's social fabric, and are vibrant places to live and work for both current residents and newcomers alike. However, the Government also recognizes that for rural communities to fully realize new growth opportunities, it will be critical to drive the supply of housing in order attract new investment, create good jobs, retain skilled workers, and build prosperity over the longer-term.

The housing shortage is not only a challenge for Canada's urban areas, which is why the new Housing Accelerator Fund includes a dedicated Small/Rural/North/ Indigenous Stream that provides incentive funding to local governments to help remove barriers and support the development of affordable, inclusive, equitable, and climate-resilient communities.

Attend an Informative Webinar

Elevate your application readiness by joining us Thursday July 6th, 2023 at 1:00PM EST for an in-depth, one-hour webinar focused on developing your action plans along with opportunities to ask questions.

Time: 1:00PM EST

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Access the latest HAF information and tools

Information, tools, and learning opportunities to support municipalities continue to be offered. Visit cmhc.ca to access the most up to date suite of resources available.

To learn more, visit: [National Housing Strategy](#)



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AMM PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Cybersecurity Audit Service



Cybersecurity is increasingly important, and the cost/impact of a cybersecurity incident continues to rise. A cybersecurity assessment allows organizations to identify areas where they are weakest, and provides a clear roadmap to addressing the risks and gaps that could be exploited and cause a significant issue.

AMM has negotiated an agreement with [Bloom Software Co.](#) to offer cybersecurity audits to AMM municipal members.

Bloom's assessment model addresses the key areas that are of greatest concern, discusses and defines them in plain language, and provides organizations the ability to make informed decisions about their own priorities to set an implementation plan.

- [Click here to learn how your municipality can benefit.](#)
- [Click here to view the Cybersecurity Audit Service webinar presentation for AMM members.](#)

Visit [AMM Cyber Security Audit webpage](#) for more info.

Insurance Program



TogetherAll – a mental health platform for all AMM members.

Western Financial Group in partnership with the AMM are proud to provide access through to the TogetherAll platform – a powerful mental health support resource for all members, **premium free**.

TogetherAll is an online mental health platform and provides access to community and professional support 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The service is proven to help those who are struggling with stress, isolation, anxiety, and other common mental health issues.

Click the link below to learn more about this valuable resource and to register yourself and your employees: www.togetherall.com

For further information, contact:

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While it doesn't quite look like Spring outside, the Spring issue of the Municipal Leader is here! Flip open this issue to read more about our Spring Convention in Winnipeg – which is just around the corner!

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MEMBER ADVISORY

REMINDER

Upcoming TLE and Airbnb Informative Webinars

July 10, 2023 – Please be advised that the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) has partnered with the Department of Indigenous Reconciliation and Northern Relations and Airbnb to present two exclusive webinars.

We encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities to share your local feedback and insights during these sessions. Your valuable input can play a crucial role in fostering productive discussions and shaping the outcomes of these sessions. Please refer to the meeting details below for more information on these webinars.

Webinar # 1 - July 12 - Treaty Land Entitlement (TLE)

Details:

- **Wednesday, July 12, 2023**
- **Time: 10:00-11:00AM**
- **Microsoft Teams Meeting**

Description: Please join the Department of Indigenous Reconciliation and Northern Relations and the Association of Manitoba Municipalities to learn about Treaty Land Entitlement in Manitoba. This webinar will cover the process in which land is transferred to Reserve for the benefit of First Nations

in Manitoba. The webinar will also discuss Treaty Land Entitlement land that falls within the boundaries of municipalities, including the roles and expectations of municipalities and First Nations in the process and the benefits of these lands.

Invitation letter from Eileen Clarke, Minister of Indigenous Reconciliation and Northern Relations.

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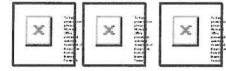
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JUNE 2023 - AMM WESTERN DIRECTOR'S UPDATE



AMM Western Director's Update

Councillor Scott Phillips
Councillor Rhonda Coupland



As your AMM Board Directors, we are pleased to provide an update on the issues we discussed at the last Board meeting that was held on **June 29, 2023**.



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

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

Legacy Drainage Project

The Manitoba government and AMM have worked together to help municipalities take a coordinated approach to bringing older, unlicensed drainage works into compliance and achieve best value from the licensing system. On June 14th, the Department of Environment and Climate sent out a cover letter along with explanatory materials to all municipalities regarding the new [Legacy Drainage Licensing Project](#).

Due to our advocacy efforts, highlights of the program include a **singular \$500 application fee** for all drainage projects on one license. Municipalities will now be able

to bundle contiguous and non-contiguous projects with supporting documentation. Once a license is issued, routine maintenance can be done in perpetuity without further authorization. The Department has committed to a 6-week approval turnaround time for applications.

MTI Gravel Road Agreements

As a result of our advocacy efforts, Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure has increased funding for municipalities with Gravel Road Agreements by an additional 2 per cent (from 1% to 3%) for the 2023/24 year. This increase builds upon a previous 3 per cent increase from the prior year and considers the costs related to fuel and inflationary pressures.

If your municipality does not participate in these voluntary agreements but would like to learn more about the Gravel Road Agreements (GRA), please reach out to your assigned maintenance superintendent for more information. Please note that participation in these agreements with Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure is completely voluntary and entirely at the individual municipality's discretion.

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Provincial Updates

On May 13th, the Hon. Kelvin Goertzen, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, met with the AMM regarding proposed amendments to *The Police Services Act*, which provide municipalities with additional options to address local safety concerns. The AMM welcomes the Manitoba government's commitment to expand the responsibilities and powers of Community Safety Officers (CSOs). The proposed

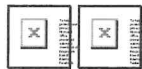
amendments offer municipalities an additional avenue to boost safety measures in their communities. For more information, click [HERE](#).

Furthermore, on May 16th, the Hon. Andrew Smith, Minister of Municipal Relations, announced that the government is investing over \$25 million through the Building Sustainable Communities (BSC) program to support 428 community development projects.

The AMM greatly appreciates the collaborative partnership between our organization and the Manitoba government in assessing municipal project applications under the BSC program. Municipalities have identified numerous projects and initiatives that benefit local communities and contribute towards building a stronger Manitoba. Thus, this funding announcement is certainly timely and will help grow our province. For more information regarding this announcement, click [HERE](#).

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AMM and MMA members are encouraged to contact AMM staff if they have questions or concerns regarding any municipal policy issue. Please contact Nick Krawetz, AMM Director of Policy and Communications, at 204-856-2371 or nkrawetz@amm.mb.ca.



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

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

Le règlement exige que les compagnies de chemin de fer ou les autorités routières soient au courant des pannes de système d'avertissement ou de contrôle de la circulation ou qui effectuent des activités telles qu'une réparation ferroviaire ou routière au niveau ou à proximité d'un passage à niveau pour partager des informations sur cette activité les uns avec les autres. Les entreprises ferroviaires et les autorités routières sont également tenues d'appliquer des mesures de protection temporaire pour faire face à toute menace à la sécurité des opérations ferroviaires. Le but de ce message est de vous informer de l'activité indiquée ci-dessous et de conseiller que la protection sera appliquée au besoin

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

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Activity/Event/Comments

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for emergency and public officials



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Additional safe digging information

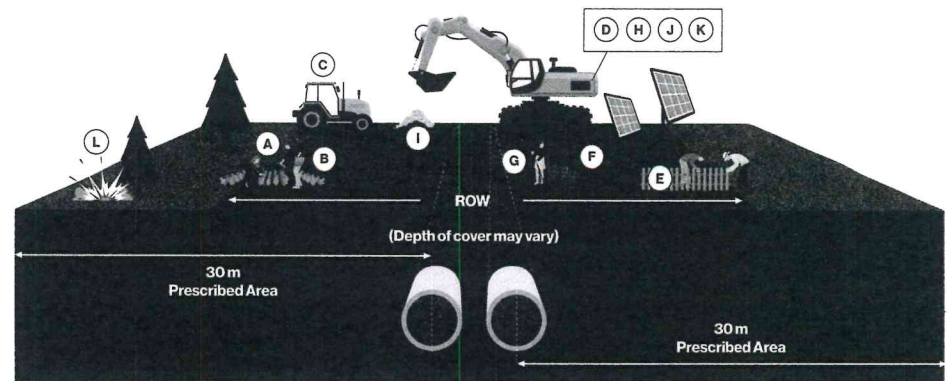
The illustration below provides some guidance on where written consent is required before any ground disturbance. If you are unsure if your planned activity requires a locate request or written consent, please contact Enbridge.

Activities that DO NOT require consent

- (A) Ground disturbance less than 30 cm below the surface (e.g. planting flowers)
- (B) Agricultural cultivation less than 45 cm deep (unless notified by the pipeline company that it's unsafe to do so in certain areas)
- (C) Operating vehicles or mobile equipment across a pipeline which are used for normal farming operations, provided:
 - The loaded axle weight and tire pressures of the vehicle or mobile equipment are within the manufacturer's approved limits and operating guideline
 - The point of crossing has not been the subject of a notification from the pipeline company that crossing at that location could impair the pipeline's safety or security

Activities that DO require consent

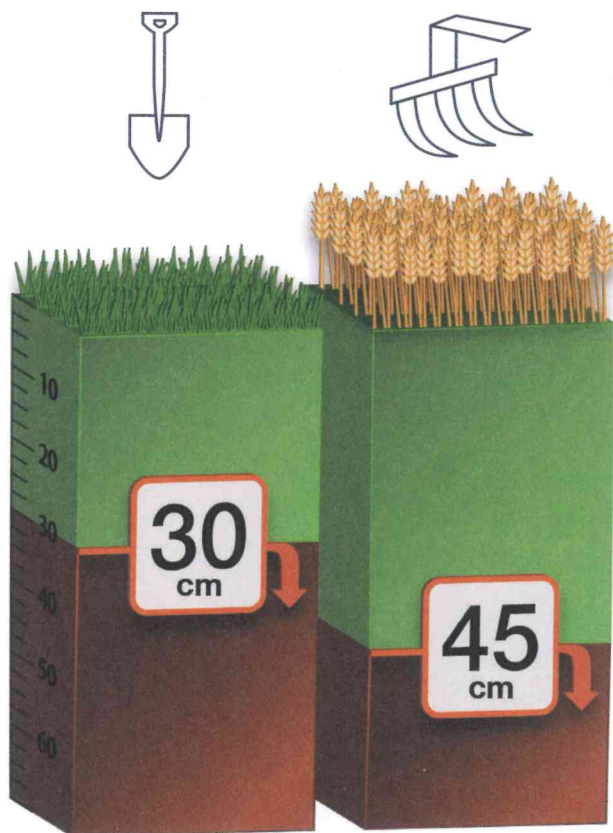
- (D) Ground disturbance depths of 30 cm or more (excavating, digging, trenching, land leveling, topsoil stripping, deep tilling, subsoiling and grading)
- (E) Installing/constructing a fence, retaining wall or structure
- (F) Installing facilities on, along, under or across the pipeline prescribed area
- (G) Landscaping, tree/shrub planting, clearing and removing stumps
- (H) Constructing roads, paving, parking areas, driveways and ditches
- (I) Stockpiling materials
- (J) Drainage or irrigation systems (including dykes, ditches and culverts)
- (K) Crossing a pipeline while not on an upgraded and traveled portion of an established highway or public road with vehicles or mobile equipment
- (L) Using explosives to blast within the 30 m prescribed area. A detailed blasting plan must be filed with Enbridge. Mining activities within 40 m of a pipeline ROW require consent from the CER.



Enbridge's cross-border and interprovincial pipelines are regulated by the CER and must comply with specific pipeline standards and regulations. In addition to the ROW, where the pipeline is located, the CER has established a 30 m prescribed area on either side of the pipeline — measured perpendicularly on each side from the centreline of the pipe — to protect the public, the environment and the pipeline. More information about CER requirements can be found at cer-rec.gc.ca. If planning to conduct any ground disturbance in this area, written consent from Enbridge is first required. Modified from CER image in "Pipeline Damage Prevention Regulations" information product.

Ground Disturbances in the Prescribed Area

You can only dig to certain depths in the prescribed area without consent from the pipeline company. Contact the pipeline company if the depth meets or exceeds what's shown on the graph below.



Conventional activities

Less than 30 cm deep:
do not need pipeline company's consent

30 cm or deeper:
must get the pipeline company's consent

Agricultural activities

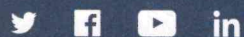
Less than 45 cm deep:
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45 cm or deeper:
must get the pipeline company's consent

Find out more

Find out more about the Canada Energy Regulator by visiting us online at www.cer-rec.gc.ca.

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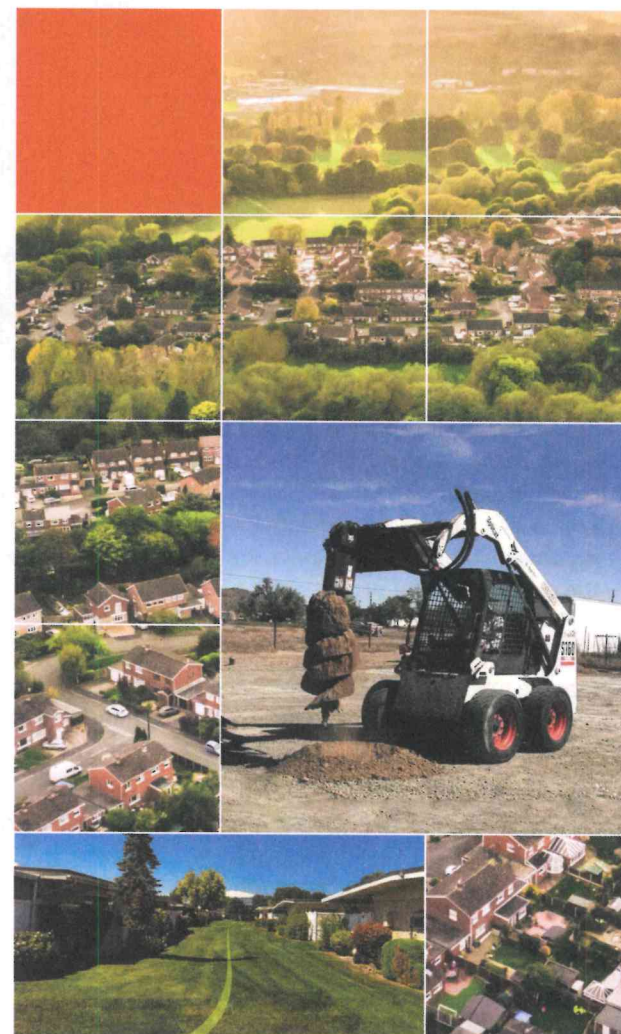
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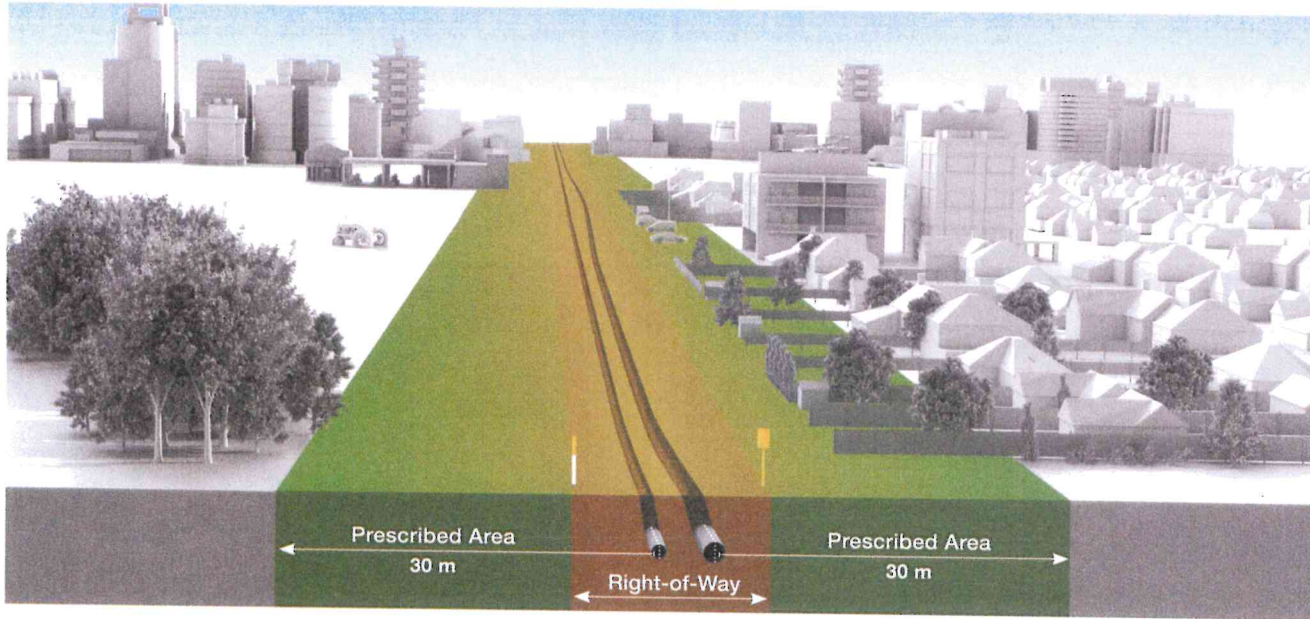
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Pipelines Where You Live and Work



The CER takes action to protect Canadians and the environment. We regulate natural gas, oil, and commodity pipelines that extend beyond provincial, territorial or national boundaries. **Unauthorized activities on or around these pipelines are unsafe and illegal. If pipelines are damaged, the result could be very serious.**

Facts about pipelines

Pipeline marker signs only show a pipeline is in the area. You must get a locate from the company to know the exact location of a pipeline.

You need a new locate when:

- your project goes outside the limits of your first locate
- the One Call ticket has expired
- the locate marks and flags are gone

The amount of ground cover over the pipeline can be shallower in some places than others due to erosion, terrain, human activity, and other factors.

Provincially regulated buried pipes and cables may be

closer to the surface than federally regulated pipelines.

Even if there is no sign, a pipeline (or other buried pipes and cables) could be present in your intended work area.

Why would you need to click or call before you dig

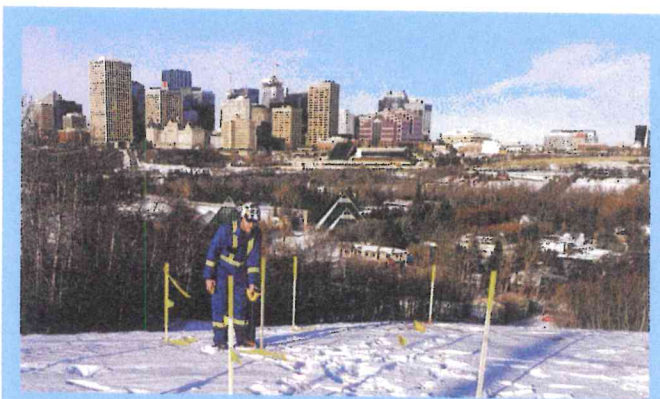
If you don't click before you dig and locate the buried pipes and cables in your work area, you could cause:

- damage to buried pipes and cables
- utility service disruptions and expensive repair costs
- potential rupture, fire, release of product from the pipeline
- environmental damage
- injury or death
- regulatory penalties

How to resolve disputes with the pipeline company

If you and the pipeline company cannot reach an agreement:

- you or the pipeline company can contact the CER for assistance
- the CER offers an Alternative Dispute Resolution service, a voluntary way to resolve disputes



Working Near Federally Regulated Pipelines

1. Don't just dig. Plan ahead. Look for pipeline marker signs at the site. It takes time to locate the pipes and cables and to get written consent, if needed.
2. Get written consent from the pipeline company before any ground disturbance 30 cm (12 in) or deeper in the prescribed area.
3. Contact www.clickbeforeyoudig.com or a one-call centre to have the underground pipes and cables located. In the Territories, contact the pipeline company or utility owner directly. You may need to be on site when the technician comes.
4. Know the meaning of the pipeline markings. Be on site when the pipe is located to get the safety information in person if you can.
5. You must give everyone doing work on your behalf the safety information they need: contractors, subcontractors, family members, volunteer helpers, and employees.
6. Federally regulated pipeline companies must respond to a locate request in 3 working days.

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- The Local Government Management Association of British Columbia for the FCM Institutional Award, recognizing an outstanding contribution to our international programs for over a decade.
- Linda Glenday from the District of Squamish in British Columbia, who received The Pam McConnell Award in recognition of her outstanding contribution to gender equality in our Jordan Municipal Support Project.

- Daniel Champagne, municipal councillor for the City of Gatineau, who received The Mike Badham Award for an exceptional contribution to FCM programs in West Africa and Tunisia.

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Is your municipality in the process of setting a new GHG emissions target? Join our webinar on June 29 at 1p.m. ET to hear from experienced municipal leaders who have successfully scaled up their climate action by setting targets for net-zero emissions. Learn best practices for creating and executing an impactful climate plan from members of the Partners for Climate Protection program and the Municipal Net-Zero Action Research Partnership. Discover what other municipalities are doing and how you can scale up your efforts to achieve your municipality's climate goals.

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RESOURCES

The Step-by-Step Guide to Developing Affordable Housing

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Watch our video series on climate resilience and asset management

Check out our series of three videos exploring how municipalities across Canada are making climate action a part of their municipal asset management practices and decision-making.

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- Responding to climate change with asset management
- Leadership in climate and asset management

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Learn how to reduce energy consumption, utility costs, and local GHG emissions in your municipality by watching our CBR webinar on transitioning to net-zero ice rinks. Discover the basics of net-zero upgrades for indoor rinks along with practical tips on choosing the best options. The CBR initiative is an excellent resource for municipalities seeking to reduce their community's carbon footprint.

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FCM TWEETS

June 5: It's [#IndigenousHistoryMonth](#), how does your community commemorate and celebrate it? Respond to this tweet or tag us in your posts and we will share with our members. Indigenous-municipal partnership is key to helping build better lives in all of the communities we represent. [#NIHM2023](#)

June 9: “We will meet our national growth objectives through towns and cities. Through municipalities. Through those on the front lines whose job it is to deliver shelter, infrastructure, programming and services to millions of people every single day.” – FCM CEO [@CaroleSaab](#) in her opening speech to delegates at [#FCM2023AC](#)

June 10: Looking for a local [#Pride2023](#) event to attend? Visit the [@WAGE_FEGC](#) website to discover some of the activities organized across Canada this month and throughout the summer. <https://t.co/WTDASL864C> [#PrideSeason](#)

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Housing Accelerator Fund update: Applications open soon

Applications for the Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF) are expected to open in the coming weeks. Until that time, municipalities of all sizes can start building their action plan and submit their draft application to the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) for review and feedback.

Local governments interested in submitting a draft application should visit CMHC's official webpage, consult the provided resources and direct inquiries to haf-facl@cmhc-schl.gc.ca.

Since its announcement, FCM has welcomed the HAF's potential to increase housing supply across Canada but has called for a flexible intake window and a streamlined application process. We look forward to seeing if our recommendations have been heard and will continue to provide further details on the application process as they become available.

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NEWS

Get inspired by the summer edition of FCM Momentum

FCM Momentum is our newsletter on gender equality and social inclusion programs in Canada and internationally. The latest edition shines a light on FCM's organizational commitment to Anti-Racism, Equity and Inclusion and illustrates how it will impact everything that we do and engage in. Specifically, this includes the launch of a new online course offered to the municipal sector on Gender-Based Analysis Plus by our Canadian Women in Local Leadership project, as well as case studies on Canadian engagement in our Tunisia project.

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Apply to the Rural Transit Solutions Fund

The [Rural Transit Solutions Fund](#) targets the development of transit solutions in rural and remote communities. Continuous intake for applications for the Capital Projects stream is open. Eligible applicants can seek a contribution of up to \$3 million to help cover capital costs for new or expanded transit solutions (e.g. purchase of a vehicle or digital platforms); and up to \$5 million to support zero-emission transit solutions (e.g. purchase of zero-emission vehicles). Intake for planning and design projects will re-open at a later date.

Inquiries may be submitted via [email](#), or by calling 1-833-699-2280 toll-free.

Consultation on Canada's 2030 Biodiversity Strategy

The Honourable Steven Guilbeault, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, has launched consultations with Canadians on the [2030 Biodiversity Strategy for Canada](#). Canadians are being asked to provide their thoughts on biodiversity priorities and are encouraged to take part in an engagement survey which closes July 14.

» [COMPLETE THE SURVEY HERE](#)

RESOURCES

New edition of Step-by-Step Guide to Developing Affordable Housing

FCM's Green Municipal Fund (GMF) has partnered with the Rural Development Network (RDN) and the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) to publish a second iteration of the Step-by-Step Guide to Developing Affordable Housing. The RDN assembled a national advisory committee to provide expertise on emerging developments in Canada's housing sector. This guide is a resource for municipalities who want to develop, build and operate affordable housing in their community.

» [READ THE GUIDE](#)

Building greener Indigenous housing in BC

The Wachiay Friendship Centre is planning to develop an energy-efficient and affordable housing complex for 40 Indigenous seniors and adults in Courtenay, BC. Providing vital services since 1995, this initiative underscores the critical need to prioritize energy efficiency from the initial stages of housing projects.

» [READ THE CASE STUDY](#)

Kingston supports homeowners with financing program for energy upgrades

Lowering residential greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions through home retrofits can help your community reach its climate goals, and help homeowners save on energy costs.

Learn more about the City of Kingston's recently launched home-energy upgrade financing program. Discover how the city plans to reduce home energy retrofit cost barriers, knowledge gaps and meet their 2040 carbon-neutral goals.

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FCM TWEETS

June 15: Our hearts go out to the victims of the tragic car crash in Carberry, Manitoba this evening.

We are thinking of all those that were injured, those mourning the loss of their loved ones and the entire community of Carberry at this most difficult time.

Thanks to the first responders, emergency staff and community leaders for their work in these terrible moments. We are all with you.

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June 16: “There are many constitutionally sound options for how to give municipalities a revenue tool that grows with the economy. It’s a political choice not to go there—and it’s a bad one. Bad for effectiveness, bad for outcomes, and bad for Canadians.” - FCM CEO [@CaroleSaab](#) makes the case for a new municipal growth framework in her opening speech to [#FCM2023AC](#) delegates.

June 16: As Canada’s population hits 40 million today, it is important we celebrate this significant milestone while also acknowledging the vital work that needs to be done to ensure that [#CDNmuni](#) from coast to coast to coast are equipped with the fiscal flexibility and decision-making capabilities to provide all Canadians with the healthy, equitable, and thriving communities they deserve.



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The deadline to complete the survey is July 17, 2023.

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NEWS

Upgrade your community buildings with GMF's Community Building Retrofit initiative

Is your community looking to upgrade aging community buildings, like arenas, pools and recreation centers, but unsure of where to begin? GMF's Community Buildings Retrofit (CBR) initiative supports Canadian municipalities in retrofitting public buildings and significantly reducing greenhouse gas emissions while extending the life cycle of community assets.

And now, with the launch of GMF's new CBR Advisory Service and educational videos, Canadian municipalities can maximize their impact and learn how to best utilize CBR funding to their advantage.

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EVENTS

Join our webinar on setting net-zero emissions targets

Is your municipality in the process of setting a new GHG emissions target? Join our webinar on June 29, 2023 at 1 p.m. ET to hear from experienced municipal leaders who have successfully scaled up their climate action by setting targets for net-zero emissions. Learn best practices for creating and executing an impactful climate plan from members of the Partners for Climate Protection program and the Municipal Net-Zero Action Research Partnership.

Speakers include: Kiana Simmons, Cecilia Jaques, Emily Cormier and Angelina Giordano

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RESOURCES

New insights on municipal collaboration

Are you curious about the benefits of collaborating on asset management within your municipality or with neighbouring communities?

Read our new report, *Asset Management Insights: Municipal Collaboration*. You'll discover how collaboration around asset management is accelerating municipal innovation, skill development and increasing internal project capacity as well as cost savings.

» [READ OUR NEW REPORT TODAY](#)

Video: Home-energy upgrades now more accessible in Durham Region

Is your municipality seeking effective ways to promote energy efficiency in homes? Watch GMF's newest video on the recently launched program in Durham Region, ON, which received \$3.4 million in funding from GMF's Community Efficiency Financing (CEF) initiative. The Durham Greener Homes Program offers accessible financing options for home-energy upgrades to its residents using third-party lending. The program also includes a home energy retrofit concierge service and home energy coaches to assist homeowners in their decision-making process.

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June 20: Thanks to Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship [@SeanFraserMP](#) for meeting with FCM members from rural and mid-size communities this afternoon. As [#CDNmuni](#) continue to welcome newcomers to their communities in the coming years, it is vital that local government expertise and perspectives continue to be included in decision making. Together we develop the inclusive and dynamic communities that

June 22: Local governments are dealing with 2023 challenges with a funding model from 1849 that was never designed to handle the demands of 21st century life in Canada. It's time for a new Municipal Growth Framework—a revenue tool that grows with the economy, and a redefining of the way we engage across orders of government. [#CDNMuni](#)

June 22: In the lead up to the opening of the application window this summer, FCM is asking the [@CMHC_ca](#) to guarantee that the Housing Accelerator Fund includes support for the expansion of existing initiatives currently underway by a municipality and not be limited to just the implementation of new projects. [#CDNmuni](#)

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FCM welcomes launch of National Adaptation Strategy

On June 27, FCM welcomed the official release of Canada's National Adaptation Strategy (NAS) by the federal government, a strategy which now has unanimous support from all provinces and territories. FCM had previously welcomed the announcement of the NAS in November 2022.

Last week's launch detailed the strategy's objectives, targets and adaptation indicators related to municipal operations in crucial areas such as disaster resilience, infrastructure and nature – a need made all the more vital in light of recent extreme weather-related events across the country. FCM has recognized the potential of the NAS to better protect Canadian communities

from the effects of extreme weather and made significant recommendations to the federal government on the design of the NAS.

The release also featured a recommitment from the federal government to invest in FCM's Green Municipal Fund to support, accelerate and scale up community-based climate adaptation initiatives across the country.

» [LEARN HOW THE NAS WILL PROTECT CANADIAN COMMUNITIES](#)

NEWS

Survey: Measuring climate action in Canadian municipalities

What is your local government doing to reduce local GHG emissions? We want to hear from your staff about the state of climate action in your community.

The [Municipal Net-Zero Action Research Partnership](#) (N-ZAP) is undertaking an assessment of the current state of local climate action in Canada. Survey results will be made available in a public database and used to inform the development of practical and cutting-edge climate resources for municipalities. Your feedback will be extremely valuable in our efforts to accelerate local climate action in Canada.

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N-ZAP is a research partnership funded by the [Government of Canada](#) through the [Climate Action and Awareness Fund \(CAAF\)](#) and jointly led by the [University of Waterloo](#), [FCM's Green Municipal Fund](#) and [ICLEI Canada](#), working with 11 other academic institutions, and 8 national organizations and 13 municipal partners.

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Unlocking the path to net-zero: join our webinar on July 27

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RESOURCES

New energy efficiency e-course for building operators

Are you interested in making your affordable housing buildings more energy efficient? The new Building Operators Training course introduces building operators, maintenance personnel or custodians from the affordable housing sector to energy efficiency, new technologies and facility retrofits that will save energy and money. Affordable housing providers will empower their staff, support residents in their municipality and demonstrate leadership in the sector.

» [REGISTER FOR THIS COURSE TODAY](#)

Transition ice rinks to net-zero using low-carbon measures

Transitioning an ice rink to net-zero can improve energy efficiency, lower GHGs and reduce operating costs. Our guidebook, *Taking your indoor ice rink to net zero*, builds on the results and lessons learned from successful net-zero ice rink transitions and provides an actionable roadmap for municipalities. Get helpful information to get started on your net zero retrofit plan.

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June 27: FCM welcomes the official release of Canada's National Adaptation Strategy (NAS), announced today by Ministers [@s_guilbeault](#), [@JonathanWNV](#) and [@BillBlair](#). Today's announcement details how the NAS will operate, highlighting how the strategy will work practically in the drive to meet Canada's climate adaptation challenges ... [read more](#).

June 28: Municipal applications for the Housing Accelerator Fund will begin this summer—without any additional intake periods being made available. Given the resources required to complete an application, especially for smaller [#CDNmuni](#), FCM is calling for the application intake window to be extended or to allow a rolling intake to give municipalities adequate time to submit applications.

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Joni Swidnicki

From: Cheryl Fraser
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To: Joni Swidnicki; wawa rink
Subject: Fw: Hello from the Goulet Family! 🚲

Just in case either of you are interested in this:

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Subject: Hello from the Goulet Family! 🚲

Good morning Mayor,

I hope you're well. I'm hoping to connect with the person on your team in charge of active transportation. Would you mind redirecting me to the appropriate person please?

Halt, my family business, specializes in supplying bike infrastructure to municipalities. In the past 8 years, we've delivered over 500 bike repair stations across the country (from The Forks in Winnipeg, all the way to the Yukon!) and even more bike racks. Specific to the bike repair stations, we are the main supplier for the City of Ottawa, and have supplied some to the Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport of Saskatchewan. We'd love the opportunity to also assist your team in getting more people on two wheels.

Thank you for your help, and hope to connect soon,
Emmanuel and family!



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Leadership Trends In Canada's Municipalities & The Broader Public Sector

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Dear JONI SWIDNICKI,



Last month was mental health awareness month. As more and more employees return to the office in the coming months, wellness and work-life balance will still remain a central focus for candidates and organizations.

Although, we have successfully completed all of our high profile projects, we are finding that decisions are taking longer than usual. People are more concerned about making the right decision for both short and long term objectives. There has been a change in Council in several municipalities, which is affecting the dynamics and will have a major influence on senior executives in those organizations. We work very diligently to help them through that thought process.

During May 2023, we were also proud to sponsor two major CAO conferences, CAMA (Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators) as well as OMAA (

Ontario Municipal Administrators Association), and our presence was well received.

Kind regards,

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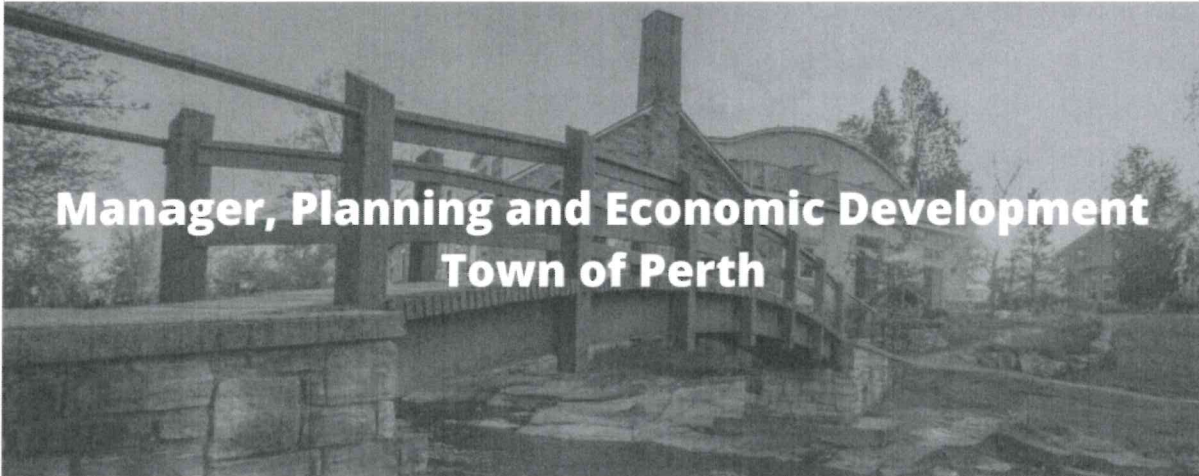
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Nestled in the rolling countryside of the Saugeen and Teeswater Rivers, the Municipality of Brockton is a friendly rural community with innovative industry and a vibrant downtown core. With a population nearing 9,500, Brockton is a wonderful

place to live, work and play. Brockton is a full-service community with a range of government services, top-notch schools and childcare, a hospital, community centres, and a wide array of outdoor recreation, from golf, fishing, hiking and paddling the Saugeen River, to snowmobiling and cross-country skiing in winter.

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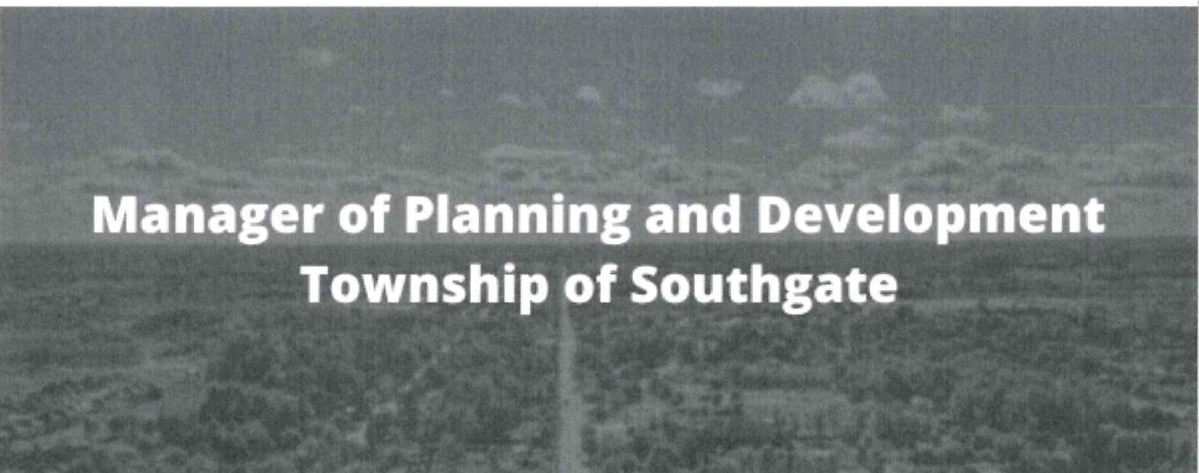


Manager, Planning and Economic Development Town of Perth

Manager, Planning and Economic Development - Town of Perth

The Town of Perth is a community of 6,500 sitting along the Tay River in beautiful Eastern Ontario less than an hour from the Nation's Capital. With a distinct Canadian town atmosphere, expanding post-secondary presence, and growing tourism economy, Perth is one of Ontario's most attractive and well-known towns. Perth's collection of historic limestone buildings and its focus on maintaining the heritage character of the community attracts visitors and an increasing number of residents from Ottawa, Kingston, Toronto and many areas in between.

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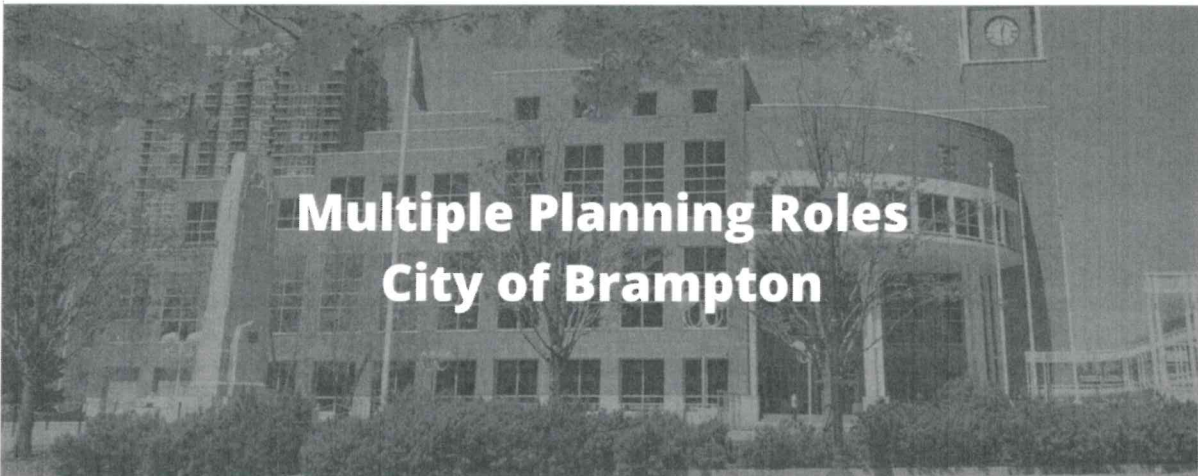


Manager of Planning and Development Township of Southgate

Manager of Planning and Development - Township of Southgate

The Township of Southgate is a local municipality in the southern part of Grey County near the centre of Southern Ontario, only 45 km north of the Greater Toronto Area and 125 km north of downtown Toronto, with a population of approximately 8,100. People are drawn to the Township of Southgate for its quaint rural charm and the sense of community that comes from knowing your neighbors and the people you do business with. The municipality is working to ensure that the amenities and infrastructure are in place for the rapid residential and commercial growth it is attracting, while still maintaining the small-town ambiance that Southgate is known for.

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Multiple Planning Roles City of Brampton

Multiple Planning Roles - City of Brampton

The City of Brampton is Canada's 9th largest city, with a population of approximately 700,000 residents. It is one of the fastest growing cities in Canada, and Brampton's growth represents 90.2% of the net population growth within the Region of Peel (between 2016 and 2021). The City of Brampton is a diverse community with 234 cultures speaking 115 languages. It is also one of Canada's youngest cities. The City is located northwest of Toronto, within close proximity to Toronto Pearson International Airport. It is home to more than 75,000 businesses, the City's major business clusters include manufacturing, retail and wholesale trade.

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KEYNOTE: DENIS TREMORIN
SUSTAINABILITY DIRECTOR, PULSE CANADA
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Register here

You're invited to attend our 2023 PWCP Summer Speaker Series!

Manitoba Association of Watersheds is pleased to announce a series of three one-hour lunchtime webinars this summer to help increase awareness around three Beneficial Management Practices (BMPs) in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and beyond – nitrogen management, cover cropping, and rotational grazing, each of which are eligible for funding through the Prairie Watersheds Climate Program (PWCP), funded by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's On Farm Climate Action Fund.

The first webinar in the series will focus on nitrogen management via pulses and production practices featuring Denis Tremorin, Sustainability Director, Pulse Canada, on June 28, 2023 at 12:30 pm CST. Two additional speakers (TBA) will present on cover crops (early August) and rotational grazing (early September).

Producers interested in attending the nitrogen management session can [register for free here](#).

Visit our site for a [PWCP Summer Speaker Series media release](#).

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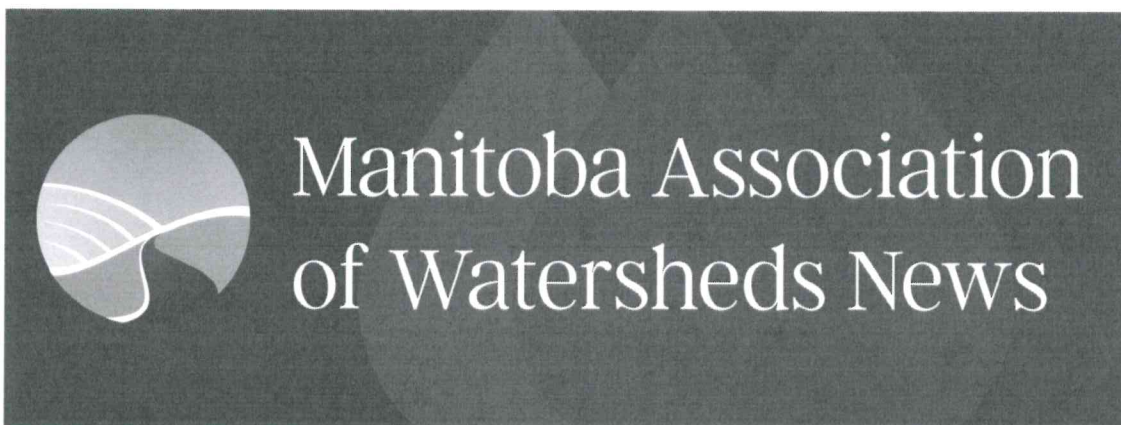
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MAW News & Updates



Above: MAW Board Chair, Garry Wasylowski, spoke at a press conference announcing a district expansion on April 17, 2023.

Watershed District Expansion

Manitoba Association of Watersheds was pleased to join the Province of Manitoba in celebrating the [expansion of three watershed districts](#) at a press conference on April 17, 2023.

On behalf of the Northeast Red, Pembina Valley and Redboine Watershed Districts, Manitoba Association of Watersheds would like to welcome the following municipalities to the watershed district program:

- Northeast Red Watershed District to include the rural municipalities (RM) of St. Clements, Lac du Bonnet and Reynolds and expand the included area in the RMs of Brokenhead, Ste. Anne, Tache, and Springfield;
- Pembina Valley Watershed District to include portions of the RM of Roland; and
- Redboine Watershed District to include portions of the RMs of Roland and Macdonald.

MAW is pleased that so many new municipal partners now have access to the incredible programming offered through watershed districts such as Growing Outcomes in Watersheds and Prairie Watersheds Climate Program. These communities will also be able to add to the pool of knowledge that will help shape the future of watershed management in Manitoba.

Want to find your local watershed district? [Click here to look up your municipality in our directory.](#)



Manitoba Watersheds Conference

Save the date for the 2023 Manitoba Watersheds Conference! This year our theme is **Supporting Healthy Watersheds**. We will showcase the ways Manitoba's watershed districts are supporting watershed health as well as the ways we can all have an impact.

Mark your calendar and join us at the 48th annual Manitoba Watersheds Conference.

Dec 4 - 6, 2023 in Brandon, Manitoba.

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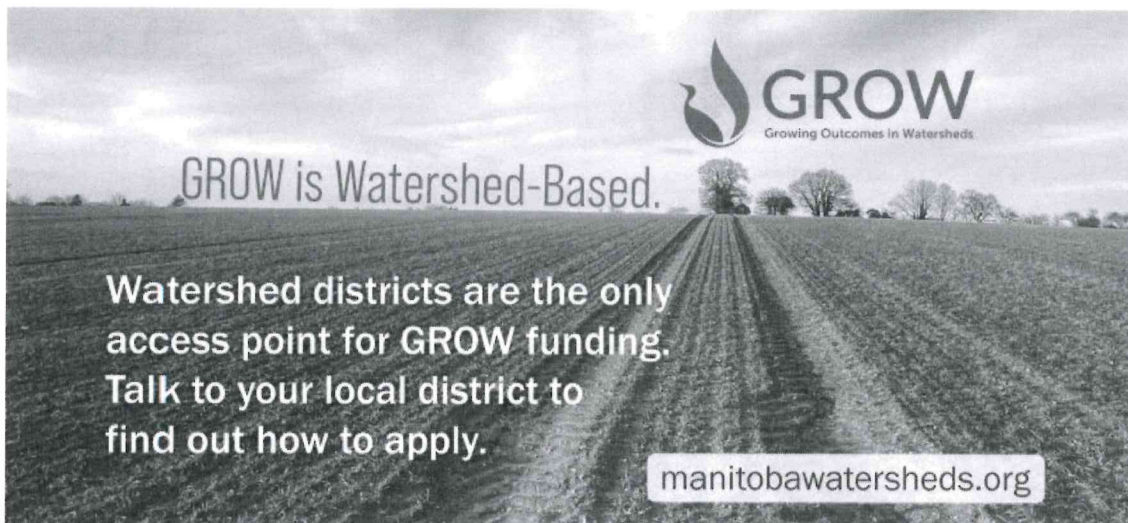
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- Healthy watersheds in Manitoba

Manitoba's watershed districts work collaboratively with farmers, landowners, community groups, non-profits, as well as local, provincial, federal, and Indigenous governments to protect Manitoba's watersheds.

Invest in Manitoba's watershed districts and show how you are **Supporting Healthy Watersheds** through our [marketing and sponsorship opportunities](#). There is something for every budget!

Click here to learn more about our 2023 Marketing & Sponsorship Opportunities.



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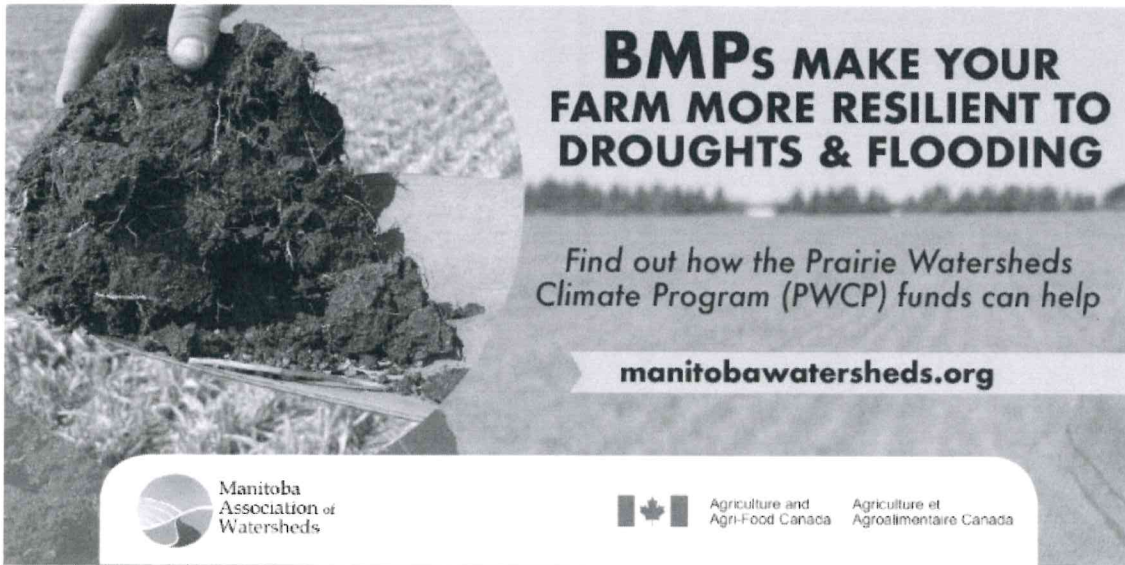
Growing Outcomes in Watersheds

Did you know watersheds districts are the only access point for funding through [Growing Outcomes in Watersheds \(GROW\)?](#)

GROW provides funding to implement conservation projects on agricultural land, which help to build climate resiliency. Funding is available for implementation costs and/or annual payments for projects in the following five categories:

- water retention
- wetland conservation, enhancement, restoration
- riparian area management
- buffer establishment - shelterbelts, mulit-species buffer strips
- upland area conservation, enhancement, restoration

If you are implementing a project in one of these categories [talk to your local watershed district](#) to see if you qualify for funding!



PWCP Year Two Begins

We are pleased to announce that year one of the Prairie Watersheds Climate Program is fully subscribed in Manitoba and Saskatchewan!

Over 15 million dollars was approved to more than 1,200 landowners through PWCP in FY 2022-23 across the two provinces. Funding through PWCP supports implementation of new or expanded beneficial management practices into agricultural production.

Thank you to Manitoba's watershed districts and the Saskatchewan Association of Watersheds for supporting the delivery of these funds, as well as to Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada for providing funding for this project.

Applications are now being accepted for fiscal year 2023-24 and we are excited to continue with the second year of this project.

New Support for Rotational Grazing

Thanks to our partners at Manitoba Forage and Grassland Association we will now be able to expand the Prairie Watershed Climate Program (PWCP) to include grazing mentorship!

If you are a PWCP-funded farmer your local watershed district can help you

connect with grazing mentors and experts. If you would like more information please [contact your local watershed district](#).

New PWCP Coordinator

Please welcome Brett MacDonald to the MAW team. Brett is our new Project Coordinator for PWCP. He is an environmental professional who focuses on enhancing environmental and societal aspects through conservation and community-based strategies. Brett holds a Bachelor's degree in environmental studies (Honours) and a Master of Environment both obtained at the University of Manitoba.

[Connect with our whole team here.](#)

Living Lab: Eastern Prairies Videos

The Living Lab: Eastern Prairies (LLEP) project ended in March of this year and we would like to say a huge thank you to those who participated in this innovative research program.

If you missed the Living Lab Club Workshops MAW hosted in April, you can view both workshops on our YouTube page (links below).

The 2023 Living Lab Club workshops focused on Living Lab - Eastern Prairies (LLEP) research and results.

[Workshop #1 - Soil Health & Socio-Economic Research \(April 12, 2023\)](#)

[Workshop #2 - Biodiversity and Water Quality/Quantity Research \(April 13, 2023\)](#)

We also invite you to view the video [Living Lab - Eastern Prairies - The Proof is in the Pasture](#) on Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's YouTube page, which features Justin Reid from Redboine Watershed District.



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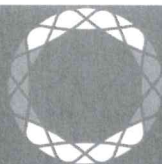
The Manitoba Association of Watersheds (MAW) supports Manitoba's 14 watershed districts in their efforts to protect Manitoba's soil, water, habitat, and climate. MAW offers support in many ways, including assisting with public policy issues, administering joint funding projects, sharing success stories, and more.



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- Tradeshow Area
- Funding Opportunities Hub
- Student Chapter Mentorship
- Networking Reception
- Headshot Booth-Scholarship Fundraiser

Who Will Be There

- Businesses & Industry Groups
- First Nations & Indigenous Groups
- Consultants & Sustainability Experts
- Government & Municipalities
- Academia & Students
- Corporate Leaders & Investors
- Small & Medium Sized Enterprises & Cleantech Start-ups



Arlene Dickinson
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Capitol, Dragon on CBC's Dragons
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*Legendary Actor, Singer, Activist and
Director of Community Engagement
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June 22, 2023

Joni Swidnicki, CAO
Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa
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Nesbitt, MB R0K 1P0

Dear Ms. Swidnicki:

We are pleased to provide you with a copy of Multi-Material Stewardship Manitoba Inc.'s (MMSM) 2022 Annual Report, highlighting the results of Manitoba's residential recycling programs for packaging and printed paper.

The MMSM Board of Directors and management team are proud of last year's results. MMSM submitted its draft Transition Plan to the Minister of Environment and Climate, which was put out for public consultation. The In-Kind Advertising program, in partnership with News Media Canada, was also launched to communities.

Other highlights of the report include:

- 77,123,713 kg of packaging and printed paper was collected in 2021, with a recovery rate of 72%.
- There were 148 participating communities and other partners.
- MMSM paid \$19,957,626 in funding to participating communities.
- 94% of Manitoba's population participate in their residential recycling program.
- There were 173,967 material views and 6,618 downloads of the Recyclepedia app.

We encourage you to read the report to find out more about our recent 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. Your support is appreciated!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Karen Melnychuk'. The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Karen Melnychuk
Executive Director

Bulletin #2023-14

MUNICIPAL RELATIONS

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

**ASSET RETIREMENT OBLIGATIONS:
Accounting Standard Changes**

Please be advised that new accounting standards for asset retirement obligations (AROs) will be in effect for your municipality's 2023 Audited Financial Statements, which will be due to the province next year on June 30, 2024. These standards are established and introduced by the national Public Sector Accounting Board, which establishes consistent accounting standards for all levels of government. This change will ensure that potentially significant future liabilities are being recorded in your municipality's Audited Financial Statements.

An ARO is any legal obligation that comes from retiring a capital asset. For example, an ARO would be the requirement to properly close up a waste disposal site or wastewater lagoon, safely cap abandoned wells, or properly dispose of building materials that contain asbestos, lead paint, or other such materials where there is a legal obligation to dispose of them correctly.

During 2023, your municipality will need to review its capital assets and identify any AROs it may have, and then estimate when the affected asset is expected to be retired and what the estimated cost would be. This may impact multiple areas of your municipalities' finances. Municipalities are encouraged to begin the process by having a discussion with their staff and the auditor about their capital assets, and what level of information will be required to estimate any AROs the municipality may have.

Council members are encouraged to review progress on this matter regularly with their CAOs to ensure that there are no delays to the preparation of 2023 Audited Financial Statements next year.

Additionally, if there are any AROs that municipalities were not previously aware of, councils should ensure that their asset management plans include these end-of-life costs for assets, and plan in regular budgets for how those costs will be funded, if necessary.

For administrators, a slide deck is attached with further details regarding AROs (as well as other accounting standard changes that are not expected to significantly affect Manitoba municipalities).

For any questions about accounting standards, please consult your auditor or an accounting professional. Provincial staff are also available to provide basic information on the subject at mrmaas@gov.mb.ca, or by phone at 204-945-2572.

Asset Retirement Obligations

Asset Retirement Obligations (ARO)

- **WHO**
- **WHY**
- **WHAT**
- **HOW**
- **WHEN**

Asset Retirement Obligations (ARO) - Who

Who introduced the standard?

- Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB)

Who does this affect?

- All municipalities
- Their controlled public sector entities
- All other levels of government

ARO - Why

Why must we account for AROs?

The standard was introduced to:

- Ensure potentially significant future liabilities are recorded, and
- Ensure all costs for the use of an asset are reflected in the municipality's operations (whether upfront or incurred at retirement).

ARO – What

What is an ARO?

Legal obligation related to the retirement of a Tangible Capital Asset (TCA). A legal obligation results from:

- Agreements or contracts
- Legislation of own/another government
- Permits/licenses

ARO – What cont'd

What is included in under the Asset Retirement Obligation?

This includes any assets that have additional costs over and above regular disposal due to a legal requirement upon retirement

- Landfills
- Lagoons
- Buildings with Asbestos
- Water wells
- PCB ballasts and electrical transformers
- Lead paint / piping
- Freon / refrigerants

ARO - How

How do we recognize an ARO?

The following four conditions are present:

1. Legal obligations to incur retirement costs
2. Past transactions/events has occurred
3. Expected that there will be a future cost to the municipality
4. Reasonable estimates can be made

ARO – How cont'd

ARO does not result from

- Improper use of a TCA
- Preparation of TCA for alternative use
- Unplanned events, such as a flood
- Waste or by-products produced by a TCA
- Plans to sell or dispose of a TCA
- Cost of maintenance and operating a TCA
- Cost of bringing a building up to code
- Cost related to remediation of a contaminated site

ARO When

When will the ARO standard come into effect?

- Must be part of the 2023 audited financial statements (due June 30, 2024)
- In 2023
 - AROs must be identified
 - Municipalities will have to collect information to estimate AROs – expected timing and cost, even for fully amortized assets
 - Discuss with your auditor, engage any necessary professionals

Accounting Standard Changes

Accounting Standard Changes

- **Asset Retirement Obligations (PS 3280)
January 1, 2023**
- **Financial Instruments (PS 3450) January
1, 2023**
 - **Financial Statement Presentation (PS 1201)**
 - **Foreign Currency Translation (PS 2601)**
 - **Portfolio Investments (PS 3041)**
- **Revenue (PS 3400) January 1, 2024**
- **Public Private Partnerships (PS 3160)
January 1, 2024**

Financial statement Presentation (PS 1201)

- Adopted for 2023 fiscal year.
- Establishes general reporting principles and standards set out in the conceptual framework

Foreign Currency (PS 2601)

- Adopted for 2023 fiscal year.
- These are transactions of the government that are in a currency other than Canadian dollars, such as holding debt or investments in a foreign currency.
- Unrealized exchange gains and losses on foreign currency are “parked” on the new Statement of Re-measurement Gains and Losses.
- When foreign debt or investments mature, or are sold, foreign exchange gains and losses are reported on the Statement of Operations.

Portfolio Investments (PS 3041)

- Adopted for 2023 fiscal year.
- Replaces PS 3040 Portfolio Investments and PS 3030 Temporary Investments
- Establishes standards on how to account and report Portfolio Investments.

Other Standard Changes

- Revenue (PS 3400) – in effect 2024
- Public Private Partnerships (PS 3160) – in effect 2024
- PPP (PS 3160) is not expected to significantly affect Manitoba municipalities
- Consult an accounting professional if you believe these may be applicable to you

Bulletin #2023-15

MUNICIPAL RELATIONS

Important Notice to All Elected Officials and/or Chief Administrative Officers

REMINDER: Manitoba Government Waiving Fees for Private Well, Cistern Water Testing

The best time to test a private well or cistern that may be impacted by flooding, is once flood waters recede. This is a reminder that the Manitoba government is fully subsidizing bacteriological water tests conducted from **May 8, 2023 to August 31, 2023** for flood-impacted private well and cistern owners in Manitoba. This free water testing is only available at Horizon Lab Ltd. in Winnipeg. Samples must be identified as flood-impacted in order to receive the full subsidy.

Support to Flood-Impacted Private Well and Cistern Owners

On May 8, 2023, the Manitoba government announced additional support to flood-impacted private well and cistern owners by fully subsidizing costs associated with testing their water supply to ensure it is safe to drink.

“Our government is helping ease some of the financial burden for Manitobans affected by flooding by fully subsidizing water testing costs,” Environment and Climate Minister Kevin Klein announced. “Private well and cistern owners impacted by flooding will not have to pay to test their drinking water over a four-month period.”

“Public health encourages everyone with a private water system that has been affected by flooding to test their water once flood waters recede to ensure their drinking water is safe during a season of elevated risk,” said Dr. Brent Roussin, chief provincial public health officer. “Preventing the risk of waterborne disease is important and the province wants well and cistern owners to take steps to protect themselves.”

Preventing Risk of Waterborne Disease

Homeowners who suspect a well or cistern might be compromised by flooding should boil drinking water before use. Water should be tested for bacteria once floodwaters recede before resuming usual water consumption.

Indicators that a water well may have been affected by flooding include:

- a change in taste, odour or appearance of well water;
- laboratory tests that show bacteria in well water or other wells nearby; and
- water lying around a well head or collecting in a well pit or around other wells nearby.

All Manitobans are reminded to test their private water supply at least once a year and after flooding. A fact sheet about flooding and well-water safety is available at [Flooding and Well Water Safety \(gov.mb.ca\)](https://www.gov.mb.ca/water-safety)

Contacts

For more information on flood forecasts, flood reports, and an interactive flood map, visit: [Flood Information \(gov.mb.ca\)](http://FloodInformation.gov.mb.ca)

For information on water sample collection, sample shipping or test results, contact Horizon laboratory directly at 204-488-2035.

For general inquiries about the Manitoba government's existing bacteria testing subsidy program for private well owners, call 204-945-5762.

For information on taking water samples, reducing risk of well contamination, treating well water, or shock chlorinating wells, visit [Well Water Fact Sheets & Videos \(gov.mb.ca\)](http://WellWaterFactSheets&Videos.gov.mb.ca).

People with health-related questions about drinking well water can call Health Links-Info Santé at 204-788-8200 in Winnipeg or toll-free at 1-888-315-9257.

*Department of Municipal Relations
508 – 800 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg MB R3G 0N4*

Norma Will

From: Laura Tyler <info@sustainablebuildingmanitoba.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2023 3:08 PM
To: Norma Will
Subject: Your community & building codes

Dear Oakland-Wawanesa Mayor & Council,

The government of Manitoba is proposing a concerning decision regarding building codes that will impact anyone buying a new home in your community. Also, and as you know, when it comes to building codes, municipalities are at the frontlines of implementation and enforcement, making you a key stakeholder.

It is critical that you speak up now.

My name is Laura Tyler and I am the Executive Director of Sustainable Building Manitoba. We are a non-profit organization that supports and advocates for (surprise, surprise) sustainable building in Manitoba. Building codes play a massive role in the work we are currently doing.

Perhaps you've heard that the government has opened a consultation period that ends June 26th at 11:59 PM. Minister of Labour and Immigration, Honourable Jon Reyes is responsible for the decision.

Today we'd like to draw your attention to the fact that the government of Manitoba intends to show **no initiative** in Energy Efficiency by proposing to adopt [Tier 1](#) for residential buildings.

The new codes have been laid out in a [series of Tiers](#) for energy efficiency. These Tiers provide a pathway for how Manitoba can reach Net Zero. The higher the tier, the closer Manitoba is to achieving Net Zero.

A majority of stakeholders in these consultations advocated for Tier 2 or 3 for residential buildings. This makes sense, as Tier 2 and 3 residential buildings are **already being built** across Manitoba. However, the government is proposing to start building at Tier 1. This is a **step backwards**. [If you are trying to hit GHG reduction targets](#), this decision will make it significantly harder.

In Manitoba, as you know, municipalities are not allowed to force buildings in your jurisdiction to build above the provincially mandated codes. This means that the energy efficiency tier selected by the province, Tier 1, is what the municipalities will have to enforce.

There are many benefits to building at a higher Tier of energy efficiency, including;

- [Saves Homeowners Money on Energy Bills and Retrofit Costs](#)
- [Future-Proofing our Building Stock & More Financial Savings](#)
- [Protect the Grid](#)
- [Better Indoor Air Quality](#)
- [Net Zero Timeline Gets Slowed Down When We Start at Tier 1](#)
- [Affordable Housing Supported](#)
- [Help Meet Municipal Climate Targets](#)
- [Quality Control Heightened](#)
- [Added Costs and Capacity to Continuously Train](#)

- And [much more](#).

If your community wants all the benefits from building more energy efficiently, you must speak up now! To make a difference in our emissions, Manitoba must adopt the 2020 National Building Model Codes at the highest feasible Tier (Tier 2 or 3) as a starting point.

To make your voice heard, please submit a short letter to the government's feedback portal. Here is how you submit to the [government's feedback portal](#). Feel free to build off any of the points in the document provided above.

For more information, read our [Report on Manitoba's Model Building Code and Tier Adoption](#).

If you would like have a conversation about this, please respond to this email. If you have questions, please ask! Thank you for your time.

Have a great day,

Laura Tyler
Executive Director
Sustainable Building Manitoba

PS. During government consultations this past Winter, consulted stakeholders did recognize that on the commercial side, Tier 1 makes the most sense as a starting point, especially in light of our skipping over the 2015/17 codes. However, that is not the case for residential and small buildings.

PPS check out SBM's board chair's op-ed that highlights, amount other things, the cost implications of this decision - <https://www.winnipegfreepress.com/opinion/analysis/2023/06/19/putting-energy-efficiency-in-building-codes>

Goal:

Relationship building

Informing with a path to action.

Note:

They might not have heard

“Maybe you’ve heard that they are going to update the building codes”

When it comes to building codes, municipalities are at the frontlines of implementation and enforcement. As a key stakeholder in this matter, it is critical that you speak up now.

Perhaps you’ve heard that the government has opened a 21-day consultation regarding building codes. Minister of Labour and Immigration Honourable Jon Reyes need to make a decision about their implementation. However, we’d like to draw your attention to the fact that the government of Manitoba intends to show no initiative in Energy Efficiency, and is planning to adopt Tier 1 across the board.

If you are trying to hit GHG reduction targets, this decision will make it significantly harder.

The new codes have laid out a series of Tiers to build increasingly energy efficiently. Provinces can determine their pathway to the Net Zero Tier so that industry can prepare.

Consulted stakeholders did recognize that on the commercial side, Tier 1 makes the most sense as a starting point, however that is not the case for residential and small buildings. In fact, most stakeholders advocated for Tier 2 or 3 for housing/small buildings however homebuilders identified a “preference” to start at Tier 1.

That does not make sense given that there are so many Tier 2 or 3 homes already being built. Building Codes are a huge consumer protection issue given that the cheapest possible time to build energy efficiently is at the time of initial build. Delaying just causes the future homeowner or building occupant to spend more money on rising heating and cooling costs, not to mention the future costs of upgrading buildings.

In Manitoba, municipalities are not allowed to force buildings in your jurisdiction to build above the provincially mandated codes. This means that the energy efficiency tier selected by the province is what the municipalities need to enforce.

This is your chance to speak up to set your community up for success.

If your community wants all the money saving and health benefits from building more energy efficiently, or needs them to be to meet their climate targets, their only option is to use incentives to motivate high energy efficiency. This path just increases the burden on your already cash strapped municipalities.

In October 2022 the province committed to adopting the 2020 National Model Building Codes, which is already a positive step. However, to make a difference in our emissions, Manitoba must adopt the 2020 National Building Model Codes at the highest feasible tier as soon as possible.

Add your voice to sustainable building organizations to call for the highest possible Tier to be adopted to start and to move to quickly move to the top Tier by contacting your MLA and decision maker Minister of Labour and Immigration Honourable Jon Reyes. [Here is how you submit to the government's feedback portal.](#)

Right now the Manitoba government is showing zero ambition and has proposed to adopt Tier 1, the lowest possible option and a clear step backwards based on what is currently being built.

Below you'll find a sample feedback to submit via the portal on behalf

If you would like to join a Zoom conversation about this, please respond to this email. If you have questions please ask! This is an important topic and any energy and attention you can put to it is critically valuable.

Have a great day,

PS

Attached is the background report we put together after a series of consultations with stakeholders across the sector.

More background on building codes in Manitoba can be found here -

<https://www.sustainablebuildingmanitoba.ca/building-code-adoption-and-implementation/>

Municipal Guide to Net-Zero Energy Ready Building Codes

[https://www.energycanada.org/municipal-](https://www.energycanada.org/municipal-report/?utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=organic&utm_campaign=codes)

[report/?utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=organic&utm_campaign=codes](https://www.energycanada.org/municipal-report/?utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=organic&utm_campaign=codes)

SAMPLE LETTER - not this anymore?

I am writing today as INSERT YOUR ROLE to ask you to use our voice as a municipality to advocate for the most energy efficient buildings possible in our province.

The Government of Manitoba will soon be selecting which tiers of the National Model Building Codes will be adopted in the province. For the first time ever, the building codes have Tiers to represent increasing energy efficiency performance for new buildings. To maximize energy efficiency, it is imperative that Manitoba adopt the highest possible energy efficiency Tier to start and be ambitious about getting to the top Tier.

Our municipality already has enough existing buildings to retrofit, we cannot keep adding to the problem with new builds that are not sufficiently energy efficient.

The highest tiers represent buildings with the highest degree of energy efficiency and the lowest long-term costs to consumers. My ideal Manitoba would adopt the top Tiers across all buildings, commercial and residential, but I recognize that our construction industry cannot transform itself that drastically overnight. However, this is not the moment to be unambitious.

Adopting higher energy efficiency Tiers would:

- Save Manitobans money by lowering energy costs and helping avoid future retrofit costs as energy efficiency standards continue to shift
- Support our workforce in developing new skills for energy innovation .
- Provide an opportunity to further reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.
- Ensure consumer protection from inefficiencies and future financial burdens
- Power the development of a low carbon economy
- Make Manitoba a leader

Manitoba needs a clear path towards rapid adoption of the higher tiers for energy efficiency in the 2020 National Model Building Codes. Adopting Tier 3 for residential builds as a starting point, will put Manitoba in a competitive economic, financial, and environmental advantage for decades to come.

Thank you for helping to set my home community up for success.

Norma Will

From: Colleen Mayer <Cmayer@stars.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2023 12:08 PM
To: Norma Will
Subject: Thank You from STARS

Dear Mayor and Council for the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa,

Thank you for your commitment to STARS. We are appreciative of your most recent donation of \$500 that supports our Manitoba Operations. Your generosity goes a long way toward helping us provide critical care, anywhere to VIPs – Very Important Patients – like Amanda.

Please share this with others and, if you have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out to me. I have also included a few links to a few videos you may find of interest.

- [What is STARS? - YouTube](#)
- [Where does your donation go? - YouTube](#)
- [Answering the Call in Manitoba - YouTube](#)
- [An inside look at the Airbus H145 flown by STARS - YouTube](#)

On behalf of all of us at STARS, we wish you well. Together, We Are All STARS.

AMANDA LEGAULT

Amanda Legault owes her life to the services **STARS** provides to rural communities.

Her car collided with a truck at a highway intersection and was dragged down the highway for a kilometre.

“The only thing I know for sure is how grateful I am that STARS was there,” she says. **“I often wonder if I would be alive if it wasn’t for their rescue.”**

Flooding had affected travel, but **STARS** had Amanda at the hospital in Winnipeg in just 18 minutes.

Amanda’s injuries were extensive. She was in a coma for nearly three weeks.

After recovering, Amanda got married, gave birth to a second child and enrolled at Red River College.

“I have such a soft spot for STARS and what they did for me and my family.”



On behalf of Amanda and all our Very Important Patients, thank you for helping ensure **STARS** can be there for the next patient that needs us.

To learn more about the impact of your donation or to arrange a tour of our Manitoba base, please contact Colleen Mayer at cmayer@stars.ca



All the best,

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June 29, 2023

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

Dear Councillors:

On behalf of Wawanesa School, I would like to thank the Municipality of Oakland Wawanesa for providing a scholarship in support of the graduates of 2023.

We appreciate your continued efforts to encourage excellence in our students and acknowledge their personal and academic accomplishments. Your commitment to honouring the achievements of our students is very much appreciated.

Yours truly,

Brent Hauser,
Principal

BH/mf

Joni Swidnicki

From: Patricia Warburton <warburtonpat7@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2023 6:51 PM
To: Joni Swidnicki
Subject: Fwd: June 2023 letter to council
Attachments: June 2023 Council Letter.docx

Good day Joni,

Please find attached a letter we would like to submit for distribution to council for the purpose of communications for agenda of next council meeting scheduled for July 21, 2023.

Regards,

Patricia Warburton and Trenton McCann

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Patricia Warburton** <warburton.patricia@yahoo.com>
Date: Wed, Jun 21, 2023 at 3:06 PM
Subject: June 2023 letter to council
To: warburtonpat7@gmail.com <warburtonpat7@gmail.com>

see attached

Head of Council, Chief Administrative Officer and Members of Council:

We would like to thank members of council particularly those who stood by their constituents supporting a well-established 2 Acre Rural Residential Zone, a rural community that has been supported by a Development Plan, Zoning Bylaws and the Planning Act of Manitoba.

Please allow us to review our experience and thoughts without malice but thoughts that may generate and represent the order of government "closest to the people" set forth by the Association of Manitoba Municipalities, Manitoba Municipal Relations and Manitoba Municipal Administrators.

The Development Plan is a beacon for making decisions, a plan that taxpayers have paid approximately \$100,000; a plan that government dollars which to our understanding also included Federal monies to aid in this endeavor, to choose not to follow your own Development plan is unconscionable, particularly when faced with the greatest number of oppositions received for an application.

Despite this Public Hearing being closed, a resolution was put forth to seek legal council to assess timelines between requests for Variances and/or Conditional Uses suggesting this is a "grey area" and suggesting there could be more requests made in the future siting possible smaller builds, picnic area, green space or a donation of land. Was this a "first" for a Manitoba municipality? Following the announcement that the municipality was seeking input from the RM Solicitor and no further contact was made to our inquiry regarding process, it was apparent that despite this hearing being "closed" we were barred from speaking to our ward council failing response of office and our reaching out to our ward council no communication occurred thereafter. It was only when we read the agenda and the solicitor's recommendations for the June 16th meeting that we requested to speak at the council meeting, requesting to provide an update and follow up regarding this property. We were informed "checking with solicitor on how cautious council would have to be about receiving updates on an application that is already closed, given that there could be further applications coming forward." It was also mentioned "this caution is because members of council cannot receive information or representation outside the Public Hearing process and currently there is no application but could be going forward." Our understanding is that your solicitor advised you "that council can hear and discuss in general terms only development on Lake Clementi and council will receive this correspondence."

The meeting for June 16, 2023 was tabled to discuss and informed that the meeting was "too full" siting the auditor's report which council may have questions and other public hearings and our request to speak would be placed in the folder for July 21, 2023 meeting at which time it was indicated that the

Real Estate company and ourselves would be invited to this meeting to discuss options available to develop this land. (During this time a cheque sat dormant in the municipal office attached to a possible re-issue of an application request from the previous applicant and/or owner and on June 20th you indicated contact made with the Real Estate agent who reported the land was sold and that you would be returning the cheque to the individual)

During this time the Rural Municipality has left us to flounder; a public system paid for by the people now having to engage in our own legal council. Firstly, to consolidate our property despite this property being Grandfathered in many years ago and did so following your direction so that our property mirrors the requirements of the 2 Acre Rural Residential Zone. This was followed by the need for us to obtain legal council when there was no further communication from the Municipal council despite this Public Hearing being closed.

We have now paid through our taxes for your solicitor as well as additional legal fees for consolidation of properties and legal council following your decision not to discuss a "Closed" Public Hearing.

This has been in process for 10 months, we have spent many man hours, we have stood before you, we have followed your direction and we consolidated our properties at your request. These fees compounded by the need for additional legal council following your last resolution, the municipalities "push" of suggestion for possible requests that could come forward in the future despite this Public Hearing being closed and barring us from speaking to our very ward council. This very process has been demonstrative that despite a well-established 2 Acre Rural Residential Zone where families have raised and continue to raise their children is clearly a push for development at any cost. We are not urban nor are we city, our understanding is that development plans are created to provide a state of harmony, health, psychosocial development and safety. People have invested and chosen to live in areas designated for their own reasons.

In closing, we truly want to express our Thanks to our Council Members who supported the Rural people. Thank You to Craig Hatch, Coenraad Fourie (despite the announcement of departure acknowledgement of representation is quantified), Mike Fisher and Frank Jones we Thank You for your support. Head of Council and Chief Administrative Officer you can proceed to cancel all appointments and meetings you have with relation to development of this property. We have purchased this property and now we can assure the 2 Acre Rural Residential Zoning remains and preserves our Rural way of life.

Thank you,

Patricia Warburton and Trenton McCann