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Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2023 2:42 PM
To: Norma Will
Subject: Member Advisory - Important Information Regarding Phishing Emails



MEMBER ADVISORY

Important Information Regarding Phishing Emails

January 17, 2023 – Please be advised that the AMM has been made aware of a potential phishing email to members regarding the AMM Spring Convention.

The phishing email has a subject line “AMM Spring Convention” and asks recipients if they are interested in acquiring the AMM Spring Convention 2023 – Attendees Contact List. **This is not correspondence from the AMM.**

Please DO NOT respond or click on any links/attachments that may be contained in the phishing email. It is also recommended to be on guard against phishing emails in general.

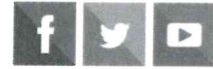
Any AMM correspondence regarding the upcoming Spring Convention will be sent from AMM staff or related email domains (e.g., events@amm.mb.ca).

Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,

Denys Volkov
Executive Director

Association of Manitoba Municipalities



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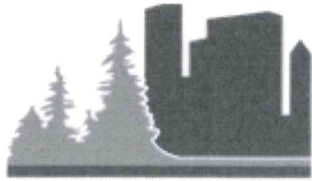
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January 20, 2023

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LATEST UPDATES

Rural Transit Solutions Fund - 2nd Intake

Eligible applicants can apply for a contribution of up to \$3 million for conventional solutions (e.g., vehicle or software) or up to \$5 million for zero-emissions transit solutions. Applications to the Rural Transit Solutions Fund's capital stream will be accepted via the [online portal](#). Infrastructure Canada will provide notification on its website in advance of the closure of the application intake. Applicants are encouraged to review the information in the [applicant guide](#) and follow the Step-by-Step Guide to completing the application.

Those interested in learning more about applying to the RTSF can contact Infrastructure Canada's RTSF team with questions or to discuss projects by e-mail at RTSF-FSTCR@infcc.gc.ca or by phone (toll-free) at 1-833-699-2280.

[Click Here for the Government of Canada News Release](#)

Informational webinars will be available as follows:

English sessions

- [Tuesday, February 7, 2023, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. EST](#)
- [Wednesday, February 22, 2023, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. EST](#)
- [Tuesday, March 7, 2023, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. EST](#)

- Wednesday, April 5, 2023, 1:00 P.M. – 2:00 p.m. EST

French sessions

- Wednesday, February 8, 2023, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. EST
- Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. EST
- Tuesday, April 4, 2023, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. EST

Infrastructure Canada accepting applications to the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund

Municipalities are eligible applicants. Applications must be submitted to Infrastructure Canada through the application portal accessible via the **DMAF website**. Applications will be accepted at any time before the portal closes on **July 19, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. (EDT)**.

[Click HERE to read Government of Canada News Release](#)

FREE - Safety Officer Program Training

FAQs MB Community Safety Officer Program

February 13 – March 3 - Assiniboine Community College, Brandon

March 13 – March 31 - University of Manitoba, Winnipeg

Contact Information:

Before you begin this process, please contact one of the following at the Policing Service and Public Safety Division, Province of Manitoba:

Mr. Wes Courchene
Director of First Nations Policing
(204) 945-5619

Mr. Cam Baldwin
Director of Municipal Policing
(204) 945-2883

Ms. Karen Lambert
Director of Contract Policing
(204) 945-5157

RMED Getting to Know You Survey

Rural Manitoba Economic Development Corporation (“RMED”) is reaching out directly to rural municipalities to determine the scope of economic development capacity, resources and plans which exist. This information is essential to developing our network and inventory which will position relevant supports for rural Manitoba.

Please complete the following short survey to capture this snapshot of information on behalf of your municipality. If you have dedicated Economic Development staff within your municipality ~ they are your greatest assets to assist in completing this survey. Please complete this survey before **February 3, 2022**.

Link to survey: **<https://forms.office.com/r/P1GP0vuk5M>**

As RMED moves forward with the development of programming plans and services, the information gathered will assist us in ensuring that we are responding effectively to unique municipal and local community needs in rural Manitoba, to plan for successful economic development.

For further questions, please contact **Michael Asante** (michael.asante@rmedcorp.ca) or by phone at (204) 721-9136.

FREE - Climate Change Training for Infrastructure Professionals and Decision-Makers



Three courses delivered as part of Engineers and Geoscientists Manitoba's Manitoba Climate Resilience Training (MCRT) Project are now available for registration.

Online 90-minute courses will take place on dates in February and March, with two dates offered to choose from for each. Newly developed 3-hour in-person workshops will offer "deeper dives" into the topics through presentations, discussions and/or small group exercises.

February 14 or 15 - **Infrastructure Climate Risk Assessment: Featuring the PIEVC Process**

February 16 - **A Deeper Dive into Infrastructure Climate Risk Assessment: Featuring the PIEVC Process**

February 21 or 22 - **Natural Infrastructure Solutions to Enhance Climate Resilience**

March 1 or 2 - **Introduction to Climate Change Through Codes, Standards, and Regulations**

Click on the course titles for further information and to register for these MCRT courses. To see other upcoming climate change training that has been identified by the project team, see Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba's **events calendar**.

Winter Cities Shake-Up 2023 Invitation



Winter Cities is a 3-day Conference (**February 15-17, 2023**) that will bring together urban planners and designers, entrepreneurs and business people, artists, cultural and community organizers, and people who live in winter cities and want to take advantage of all winter has to offer.

The event focuses on how by leaning into our identity as a "winter city", we can create a vibrant, sustainable and livable environment for a prosperous future while mitigating the effects of the winter season.

The official host of the 2023 event is Travel Manitoba in partnership with Tourism Winnipeg.

INVITATION

AGENDA

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Your Recruiting Strategy**

IMPORTANT LINKS

Municipal Leader Winter 2023

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From: AMM Communications <amm+amm.mb.ca@ccsend.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2023 4:26 PM
To: Norma Will
Subject: Member Advisory - Manitoba Water Strategy Engagement Sessions with Municipalities



MEMBER ADVISORY

Manitoba Water Strategy Engagement Sessions with Municipalities

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

January 25, 2023 – Please be advised that the Department of Environment, Climate and Parks, will be hosting two webinar sessions for AMM members on the Water Management Strategy.

The focus of this engagement opportunity is to seek input from AMM and municipalities to inform and shape the initial **Water Strategy Action Plan**, scheduled for release later in spring 2023. The action plan will define specific projects, programs, and initiatives that Manitoba will invest in over the upcoming years to transform the water management strategy framework into concrete actions. The water action plan will be iterative and updated regularly to reflect work completed and to provide clarity on next steps and future initiatives.

Please take a look through the [attached launch statement](#) and [water management strategy](#) documents prior to participating in this engagement.

Additional information is available at: www.manitoba.ca/water. French translated documents are also available on this website.

As you are reading through the strategy, please think about the following:

- The strategy has 11 key focus areas, each with their own set of strategic objectives. Which of the focus areas and/or strategic objectives are most important to you/your municipality?
- Considering the strategic objectives in the strategy, what specific projects, programs, and initiatives would you like to see included in the initial Water Action Plan? Please consider suggestions ranging from local projects to province-wide programs, detailed or high-level, that relate to any of the 47 strategic objectives.

**Agenda to be circulated at a later date.*

Webinar #1

Date: February 14, 2023

Time: 1:00-2:30pm

Where: Microsoft Teams

Meeting Details:

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[Click here to join the meeting](#)

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Webinar #2

Date: February 27, 2023

Time: 1:00-2:30pm

Where: Microsoft Teams

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

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From: AMM Events <dbelbin+amm.mb.ca@ccsend.com>
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To: Norma Will
Subject: 2023 Annual Municipal General Insurance Renewal Meeting



Good morning AMM Members:

For over 40 years, the AMM Insurance Program has been referred to by independent insurance consultants as 'best in class' across Canada.

The 2022 program renewal yielded unique challenges amidst the continuation of the global pandemic and a hardening insurance market. Keeping additional premium dollars away from the open-market and in control of AMM members proved to serve the program very well with a record \$4,000,000 return of premium back to program participants. Due to the strength and integrity of the Program, the result of these solutions have been both effective and valuable to municipalities alike.

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

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

Pre-registration is requested.

February 22, 2023 - Zoom at 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

[Click HERE to Register](#) or [visit the AMM website](#).

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

We look forward to your attendance.

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Subject: AMM Western Director's Update - January 2023

JANUARY 2023 - AMM WESTERN DIRECTOR'S UPDATE



AMM Western Director's Update

Councillor Rhonda Coupland
Councillor Scott Phillips

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 **January 26, 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.



Upcoming Elected Municipal Officials Education Sessions

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FCM Communiqué to Manitoba Municipalities

To help enhance national-municipal communication, the AMM asked the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to provide regular updates tailored to the Manitoba context. On January 17, the AMM was pleased to see FCM distribute a [Communiqué to Manitoba Municipalities](#).

FCM's current Manitoba caucus members are:

Kam Blight, AMM President and Reeve, RM of Portage La Prairie

Jeff Browaty, Councillor, City of Winnipeg

Brandon Burley, Mayor, City of Morden

Ivan Normandeau, Reeve, RM of La Broquerie

Marvin Plett, Councillor, City of Winkler

Laurent Tétrault, Councillor, RM of La Broquerie

Water and Wastewater Facility Operators

In December 2022, the AMM presented to the Water and Wastewater Operator Certification Advisory Committee (CAC) on barriers and opportunities for possible solutions to address municipal concerns. The CAC has been tasked with providing valuable recommendations to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change on improvements to the Water and Wastewater Facility Operator regulatory framework in Manitoba. The CAC's report and recommendations are expected by Spring 2023.

To view the AMM Backgrounder Document, [click HERE](#).

Broadband Connectivity Update

In November 2022, the federal government announced a [\\$475 million top-up to the Universal Broadband Fund \(UBF\)](#) that now totals \$3.225 billion. Since this fund's establishment, only \$9.6 million has been allocated to Manitoba according to the selected UBF projects webpage. Further, the AMM understands that UBF projects are being prioritized with MoU signatory provinces with targeted federal-provincial funds, yet Manitoba is one of two provinces that is not a signatory. Broadband connectivity in Manitoba continues to lag behind other parts of the country.

Moving forward, the AMM will continue to call on the Province of Manitoba to work in partnership with all orders of government to ensure available funds to support broadband connectivity, including funds under the Universal Broadband Fund (UBF), are fully maximized to support projects in local communities.

New AMM Resolutions Policy

The AMM has implemented a new Expired Resolutions Policy effective immediately. Under this new policy, active resolutions that have been passed at the Annual Fall Convention will be active for eight years, totalling two full Council terms. Once a resolution has become more than eight-years-old, it will automatically be removed from the active resolutions list, unless it is retained by the AMM Board of Directors using the existing four-years-old reconfirmation process.

Resolutions older than eight-years-old may span multiple Councils and provincial governments. In this period, local priorities and the legislative and/or regulatory environment may have changed considerably since the resolution's original passage.

Please note that if a resolution is not reconfirmed, it will be removed from the active resolutions list and a letter will be sent to the sponsor(s) summarizing AMM advocacy efforts. At this time, sponsor(s) may be encouraged to put forth a new resolution based on updated advocacy efforts and current information.

Please note that other western Canadian municipal associations have similar policies in effect.

STAY CONNECTED

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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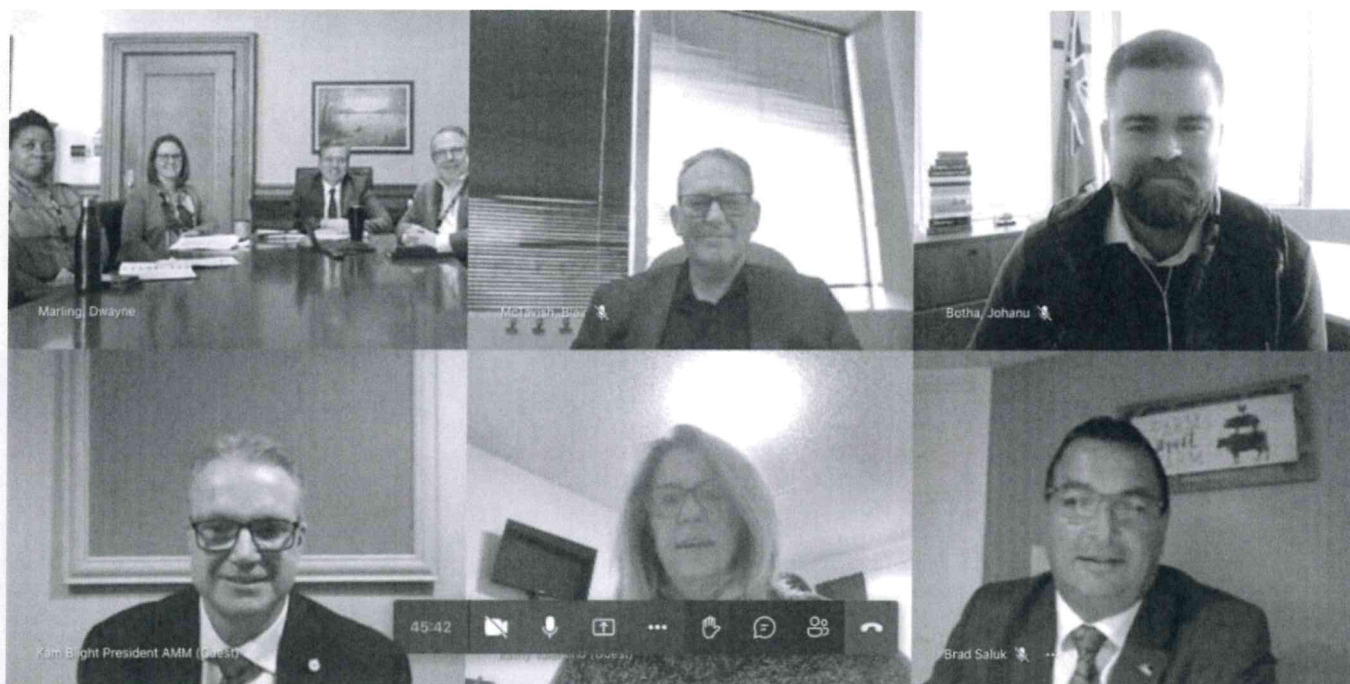
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LATEST UPDATES

AMM Meeting with the Hon. Doyle Piwniuk, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure



February 18, 2022, AMM Executive met with Hon. Doyle Piwniuk to discuss infrastructure priorities and partnerships, Disaster Financial Assistance Arrangements and flood mitigation as well as the enforcement of weight restrictions

Click [HERE](#) to view 2023 AMM Transportation and Infrastructure Policy Brief.

AMM Meeting with the Hon. Audrey Gordon, Minister of Health



February 18, 2022, AMM Executive met with Hon. Audrey Gordon to discuss Shared Health plan for Healthcare Transformation, Physician shortages, Medical First Responders and Community Capital Contributions for health facilities.

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Manitoba Accessibility Fund - Intake 2023 - Informational Webinars

Is Your Organization Planning to Submit an Application to the Manitoba Accessibility Fund (MAF) Grant Program for 2023?

The next intake to apply for the MAF Grant Program is now open and will close on **Friday, March 10, 2023**.

MAF application materials, including guidelines, FAQs, glossary of terms, application and project budget forms will be available on [AccessibilityMB.ca](https://www.accessibilitymb.ca) on Monday, **January 30, 2023**.

To learn more about the MAF Grant Program, MAO is hosting four informational webinars. Sessions will occur via Zoom on the following dates and times:

- Wednesday, February 15, 2023, from 10:30 a.m. to Noon (English session)
- Monday, February 20, 2023, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. (English session)
- Thursday, March 2, 2023, from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. (French session)

Register for the webinar session(s) at Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/manitoba-accessibility-fund-grant-program-2023-24-webinar-tickets-494014940987>

Please reach out to MAF@gov.mb.ca if you have any further questions.

Provincial News Release: Manitoba Government Opens Intake for 2023-2024 Manitoba Accessibility Fund

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organization**

IMPORTANT LINKS

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PLUS: Priorities for Manitoba RCMP's New Commanding Officer • Police Services Act Review

Start the New Year off by flipping open the latest issue of the Municipal Leader. Since public safety and crime prevention are top priorities for municipalities, the Winter issue features a Special Report on Public Safety.

The Special Report highlights some of the results from the AMM Public Safety Survey, shares priorities for Manitoba's RCMP's new Commanding Officer, an overview of the Police Services Act Review, among other public safety articles.
Flip open the issue to explore the Special Report in more depth!

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Whether newly elected or returning municipal officials, we encourage members to attend one of the informative and timely in person workshops as they offer the greater opportunity to discuss the broad series of topics presented. Please bring your copy of the Council Member's Guide 2022 and [click here to view the agenda](#).

Can't make the in-person workshops? Virtual sessions will be offered on March 2nd or March 3rd! Pre-registration is required for these sessions.

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From: AMM Communications <amm+amm.mb.ca@ccsend.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 9, 2023 11:42 AM
To: Norma Will
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February 9, 2023 – Please be advised that the Department of Environment and Climate Change will be hosting two webinar sessions for AMM members on the Water Management Strategy.

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Please take a look through the [attached launch statement](#) and [water management strategy](#) documents prior to participating in this engagement.

Additional information is available at: www.manitoba.ca/water. French translated documents are also available on this website.

As you are reading through the strategy, please think about the following:

- The strategy has 11 key focus areas, each with their own set of strategic objectives. Which of the focus areas and/or strategic objectives are most important to you/your municipality?
- Considering the strategic objectives in the strategy, what specific projects, programs, and initiatives would you like to see included in the initial Water Action Plan? Please consider suggestions ranging from local projects to province-wide programs, detailed or high-level, that relate to any of the 47 strategic objectives.

NEW - Agenda

- 1:00-1:30 pm: Introductions and background on Manitoba's Water Management Strategy
- 1:30-2:15 pm: Live polling and guided discussion with attendees
- 2:15-2:30 pm: Open the floor for discussion and questions
- 2:30 pm: Meeting adjourned

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We are seeking your assistance in forwarding the below email and attachment to your Municipal Cemetery Board Chairs and Municipal Council Members.

B and B Memorial Restoration is a family owned and operated mobile memorial restoration business based out of Brookdale, Manitoba. We specialize in restoration including onsite alignment and refurbishing of all types and sizes of memorials, including cenotaphs. New for 2023, **we are adding** on-site inscription (cemetery lettering) to our list of services.

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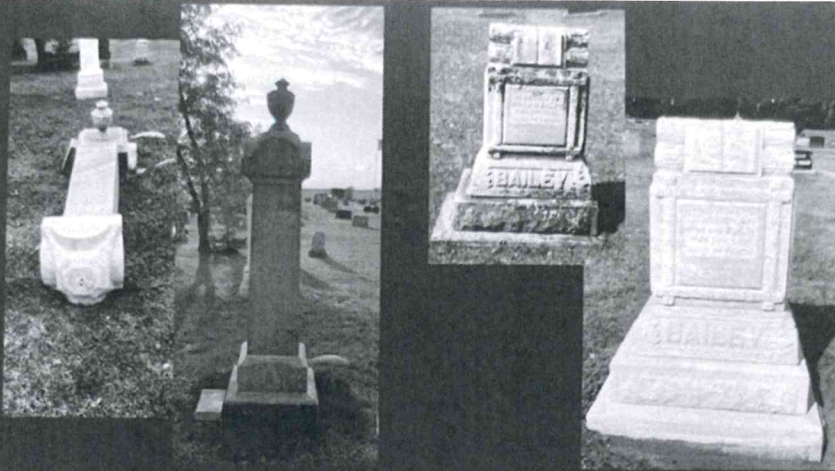
For a closer look at our work we have attached our brochure or you can visit our [website](#) and/or [Facebook](#) page.

If your community is considering restoring a war memorial or cenotaph, there are grants available. Visit these links for more information. [Military Memorial Conservation Grant / Community War Memorial - Commemorative Partnership Program -- Veterans Affairs Canada](#)

We have brochures and business cards we can mail out to you. Please feel free to contact us to discuss any projects you may be considering or with any questions you may have. We are available to meet with cemetery boards and RMs at your convenience.

We look forward to discussing your restoration, alignment and/or inscription needs.

Kindest Regards,



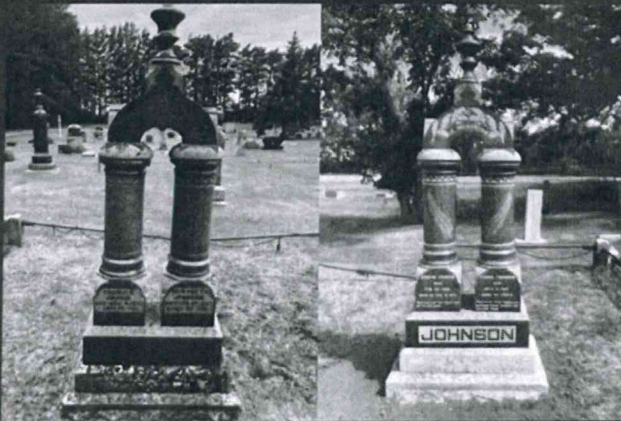
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Attachments: F_mp_prairie_skink_e_proposed_12Jan2023.pdf; Summary of the Prairie Skink proposed Management Plan_F.docx.pdf

RE: Seeking Input on the proposed Management Plan for the Prairie Skink in Canada

Good Morning,

We are writing to let you know that Environment and Climate Change Canada is developing a Management Plan for the Prairie Skink in Canada, a small burrowing lizard that is listed as Special Concern under the federal *Species at Risk Act* (SARA).

In Canada, the Prairie Skink is found only in southwest Manitoba, in two separate populations: the Brandon Sandhills and the Lauder Sandhills. Please see the attached Summary for more information.

For each species of Special Concern, Environment and Climate Change Canada must develop a Management Plan that provides information on the species and its habitat, establishes a management objective, identifies threats, and recommends broad strategies and conservation measures to address those threats and achieve the management objective.

The proposed *Management Plan for the Prairie Skink* was posted on the Species at Risk Public Registry on January 12, 2023 for a 60-day public comment period that ends on March 13, 2023. Following this, we will consider all comments received and work to finalize the document.

We invite your review of the proposed *Management Plan for the Prairie Skink* during this 60-day period. Your support will help to make this recovery document a success. We have attached a full copy of the proposed Management Plan as well as a Summary of the document. The proposed Management Plan can also be viewed/downloaded here: <https://species-registry.canada.ca/index-en.html#/documents/3792> (ENG)

You may submit your comments *on the content* of the proposed Management Plan or questions by contacting our office at:

Email: SARA.PNR@EC.gc.ca

Mail: Canadian Wildlife Service, 115 Perimeter Road, Saskatoon, SK S7N 0X4

Phone: 1-855-245-0331 (toll free)

Thank you for taking the time to consider this information. If you would like us to communicate with any other individuals regarding species at risk, please contact our office and provide us with their information.

To learn more about species at risk in Canada and what is being done to help them, please visit the Species at Risk Public Registry (www.sararegistry.gc.ca).

Sincerely,

Wendy Eskowich

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Summary of the proposed Management Plan for the

PRAIRE SKINK

Under the *Species at Risk Act* (SARA), a management plan must be developed for each species listed as Special Concern in order to identify measures for the conservation of the species. This document highlights the key sections of the proposed management plan.

Species Conservation Status

The Prairie Skink (*Plestiodon septentrionalis*) was initially listed as Endangered on schedule 1 of SARA but was down-listed to Special Concern in April 2021 because of a different interpretation of status assessment criteria. While the species is deemed to no longer be at risk of imminent extinction, it could become Threatened if factors affecting it are unmitigated.

Description and Distribution

Prairie Skinks are small, slender burrowing terrestrial lizards (55-91mm snout-vent) with olive-brown backs and sides and four light stripes running the length of the body and onto the tail. The tails of juvenile skinks are bright blue. Males develop a reddish-orange patch on the chin during the breeding season.



Fig.1 The Canadian range of the Prairie Skink with two disjunct populations in southwest Manitoba, the Brandon Sandhills and the Lauder Sandhills (Environment and Climate Change Canada 2016).



The Prairie Skink is found throughout much of the great plains of North America from Manitoba to Texas. In Canada the (Northern) Prairie Skink is found in southwest Manitoba (Figure 1), in two separate populations: the Brandon Sandhills and the Lauder Sandhills. This is the northwest extent of their range, and is about 130 km distant from the closest populations in northeastern North Dakota.

Habitat Needs

Prairie Skinks are associated with mixed-grass prairie on sandy soils that presumably allow them to dig below the frost line to avoid freezing winter conditions. Open grassland, with limited shrub canopy, allow the Prairie Skink to bask in order to achieve optimal body temperature for movement; vegetation structure and surface objects provide retreats and shade to avoid lethal higher body temperatures and predators. Prairie Skinks feed on a variety of small invertebrates, including crickets, grasshoppers, spiders and moth larvae.

Management Objective

The management objective is to maintain the current distribution of the two Canadian populations of the Prairie Skink (Brandon Sandhills and Lauder Sandhills), and any new populations which may be discovered in the future.

Threats to the Species' Survival

Past and ongoing low-medium threats to the Prairie Skink resulting in habitat loss and degradation include, but are not limited to:

- **Invasive non-native species-** Leafy Spurge (*Euphorbia virgata*) and Smooth Brome (*Bromus inermis*), threaten native mixed-grass prairie habitat by aggressively replacing native vegetation. The effects of these invasive plants on skinks are largely unknown, but dense stands could reduce structural heterogeneity of the habitat and limit skinks' thermoregulatory options.
- **Fire Suppression** - Prairie Skinks require the open yet heterogeneous vegetation structure of native mixed-grass prairie. Fire suppression is a threat to mixed-grass prairie habitat (and skinks) in southwestern Manitoba because woody succession (growth of shrubs and trees) creates increased shade, which reduces the thermal suitability of the habitat for skinks.
- **Housing and urban area development** – disturbs vegetation and soils, often by converting native prairie into gardens and lawns. This results in loss and fragmentation of native habitat, and additional issues for skinks in residential landscapes, including mowing lawns, predation by pets, and traffic.

How You Can Help

- Learn more about the Prairie Skink, the threats to its survival, and its habitat needs at:
[//www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/species-risk-public-registry.html](http://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/species-risk-public-registry.html)
- Practice voluntary stewardship activities and best management practices, for example:
 - Work in cooperation with Environment and Climate Change Canada and/or local conservation groups to conserve essential habitat
 - Submit observation data to the Manitoba Conservation Data Centre (CDC)
 - Avoid activities that could harm the species or its habitat

Strategies to Help Meet Objectives

To achieve the objectives of this management plan, three broad strategies are recommended. These and the *high* priority conservation measures that support these strategies are outlined below. See section 6 of the Management Plan for more detail on these and other conservation measures and associated research required to address knowledge gaps.

1. Habitat assessment, management, conservation and protection:

- Participate in conservation efforts to halt loss of sandhill grassland habitat
- Engage landowners and land managers in conservation or stewardship including best management practices and protection of important habitat
- Monitor and assess effectiveness of implemented best management practices

2. Monitoring, assessment and research:

- Develop and implement a monitoring program to assess trends in populations and habitat quality to address knowledge gaps.

3. Communication, collaboration and engagement:

- Engage landowners with known or potential Prairie Skink populations to raise awareness, and encourage the implementation of best management practices, reporting of occurrences, and participation in monitoring.

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Subject: Southwest Manitoba Priority Place (SWMPP) - Planning Initiative
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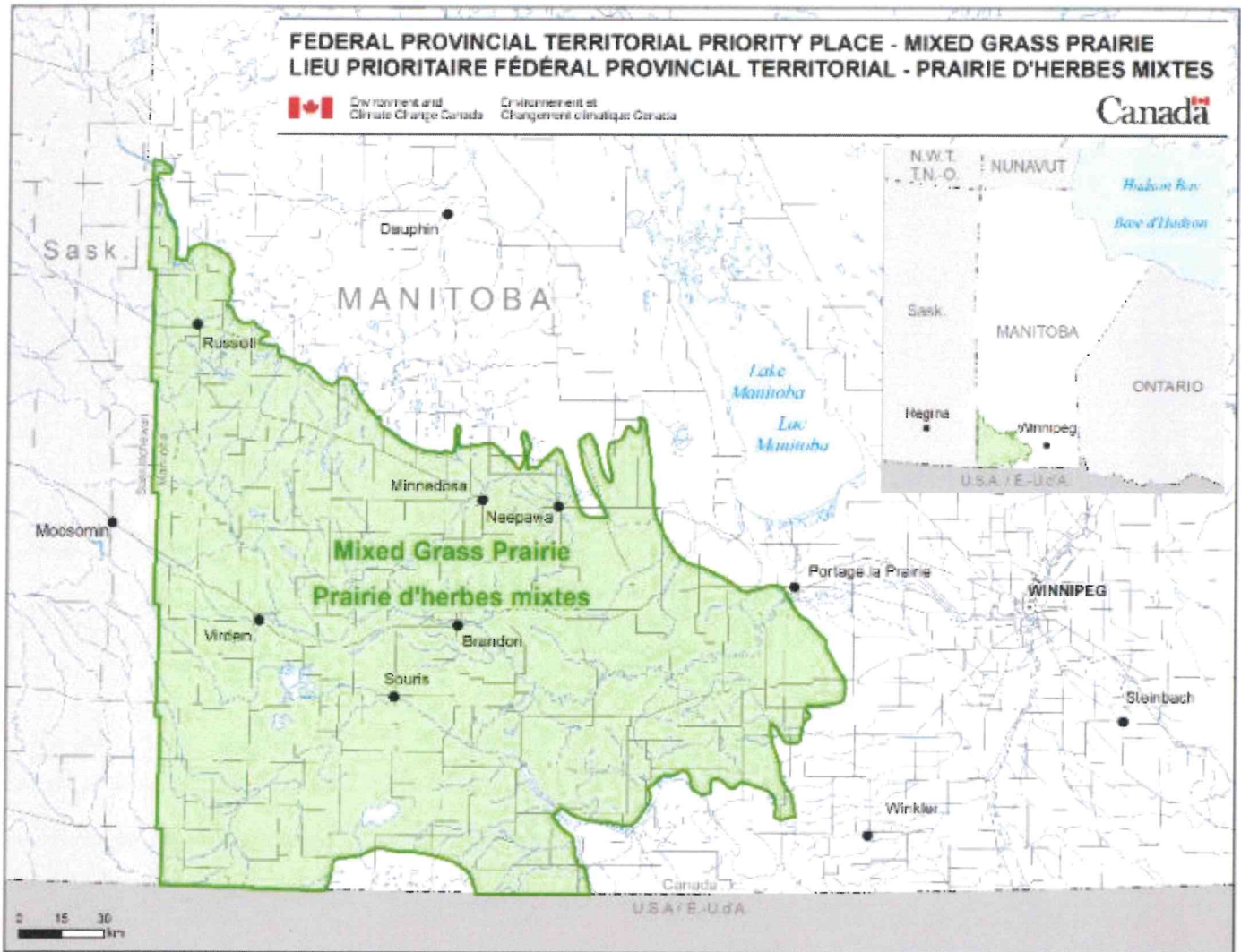
This is an early reminder for the Southwest Manitoba Priority Place (SWMPP) Virtual Workshop taking place at 9:00 am CST February 16th, 2023. Please review the attached participants agenda and background notes and call or email if you have any questions regarding the SWMPP. You can register for the virtual workshop by following the link in the original email provided below. If you know of any individuals or organizations who you feel may be interested or I have left out, please let me know!

Thank you for your time!

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If you are interested in registering, please use the zoom link below no later than **February 14th**. There will be modest capacity funding available for this workshop. If you have questions, please reach out to myself or Kate Hewitt (CIER) at khewitt@yourcier.org, Michael Iyaji (NCC) at michael.iyaji@natureconservancy.ca, or Ron Bazin (ECCC) at ron.bazin@ec.gc.ca.

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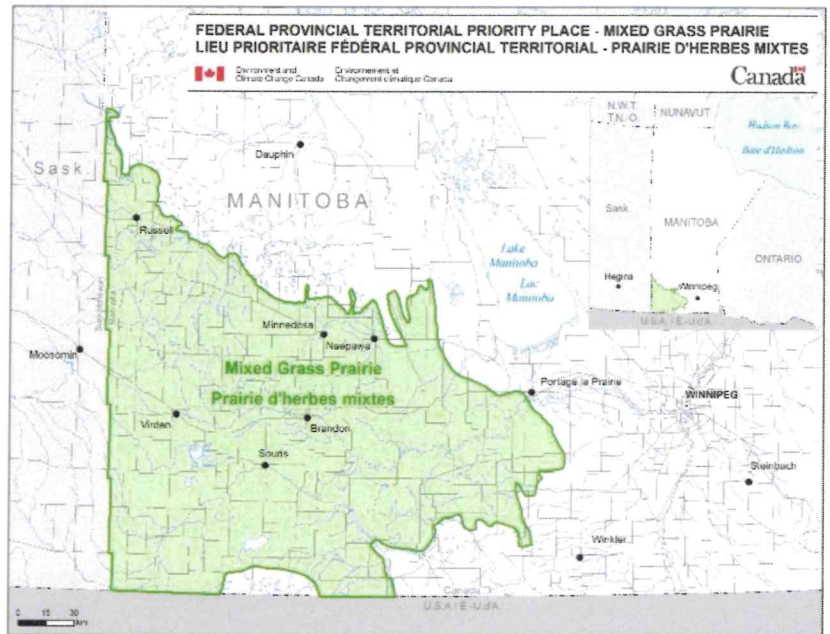
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Southwest Manitoba Priority Place Planning Initiative

Project Overview

Goal: a conservation plan for southwestern Manitoba that honours and incorporates socio-economic-cultural perspectives and that is founded on a shared vision for the landscape and a spirit of collaboration and reconciliation.

Together with a broad group of partners we will develop a community-driven, multi-partner, adaptive management-grounded approach to multi-Species at Risk recovery in the Southwest Manitoba Priority Place (formerly known as the Mixed Grass Prairie Priority Place - see map). The project is co-led by Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) and the Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC).



A priority place is an area of high biodiversity value that is seen as a distinct place with a common ecological theme by the people who live and work there. 11 Priority Places have been identified across the country as part of the Pan-Canadian Approach to Transforming Species at Risk Conservation in Canada

What Principles guide the project?

The project is built on the following principles:

- Multi-species & ecosystem-based approach
- Shared leadership and priorities
- Community-driven
- Reconciliation-minded
- Strengthened partnerships
- Evidence & Knowledge-based decision making
- Improved monitoring and reporting
- Better conservation outcomes for Species At risk
- Increased co-benefits for biodiversity, ecosystems and communities
- Delivery of strategic community relations and communication actions to inspire conservation action

Project Description

The project is a broad, multi-partner initiative co-led by ECCC and NCC, with the objective of using a conservation management framework (Conservation Standards) to engage local communities, peoples, industry and current and new partners in the framing, development and finalization of a shared conservation plan for Species at Risk (SAR) in the Priority Place project area. Planning will be people-oriented, with an emphasis on social-ecological systems, perspective sharing, and exploration of alternative approaches, including pilot projects. Strategic sharing of interim and final conservation plan results and key messaging with planning partners and key communities will be emphasized to accelerate widespread plan adoption and cooperation. Overall, it is envisioned that by incorporating strategic public engagement and land management initiatives, outcomes will support enhanced viability for Species at Risk and biodiversity overall.

A Joint Community Relations Team will be established to develop and implement a Joint Community Relations Strategy. This community relations strategy will be implemented throughout the Priority Places area and will be a crucial tool for cultivating partnerships and sharing information about the area. Through this committee we will increase conservation awareness, come together for common interests and strengthen trust and relationships in the area.

Through the process of developing a pan-Priority Place conservation plan and associated activities, the relationship between existing conservation partners will be re-enforced, common ground with new partners and communities explored, and a common vision and goals created.

Expected outcomes of Community Engagement

- To enhance collaboration and new partnerships
- All forms of knowledge are being used to inform best-practice conservation
- Increased community-led nature-based conservation efforts
- Help advance the understanding of the importance of the area, its relationship with the communities that call it home, and the natural heritage that benefits all residents.
- Enhanced pride and awareness of the area's natural landscapes and wildlife heritage

Project Timelines

The first phase of plan development will occur Winter 2022 through March 31, 2024

- 2022-2023 - Community engagement; vision, goal and target setting
- 2022-2024 – Strategic plan development; draft plan completion
- 2024 and beyond- potential to expand strategic planning; continue review and adaptation of the plan and collaborative implementation

Upcoming Community & Partner Engagement

- 2023 – Information sharing; role and goal setting
- 2023 – workshops & meetings; collaborative strategic planning
- 2024 – Finalizing draft plan; reviews

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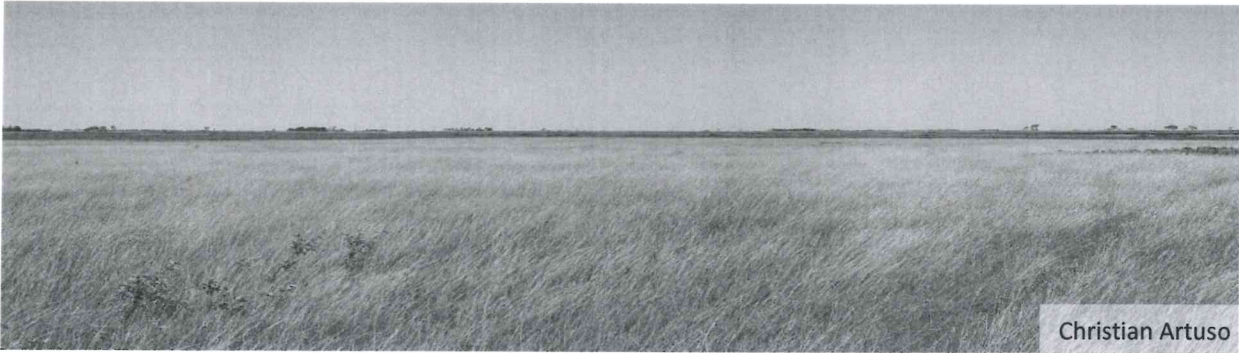
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Southwest Manitoba Priority Place Community Workshop – Participant Agenda

Hosted by:

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Centre for Indigenous Environmental Resources (CIER)

Date: February 16th, 2023

Time: 9:00-12:00 pm CT

Workshop Purpose:

To introduce Indigenous communities to the SWMPP Planning Leads and communicate the intent behind the Priority Places Initiative, and a discussion of the role of Indigenous communities in the development of a plan for engagement and participation throughout the process.

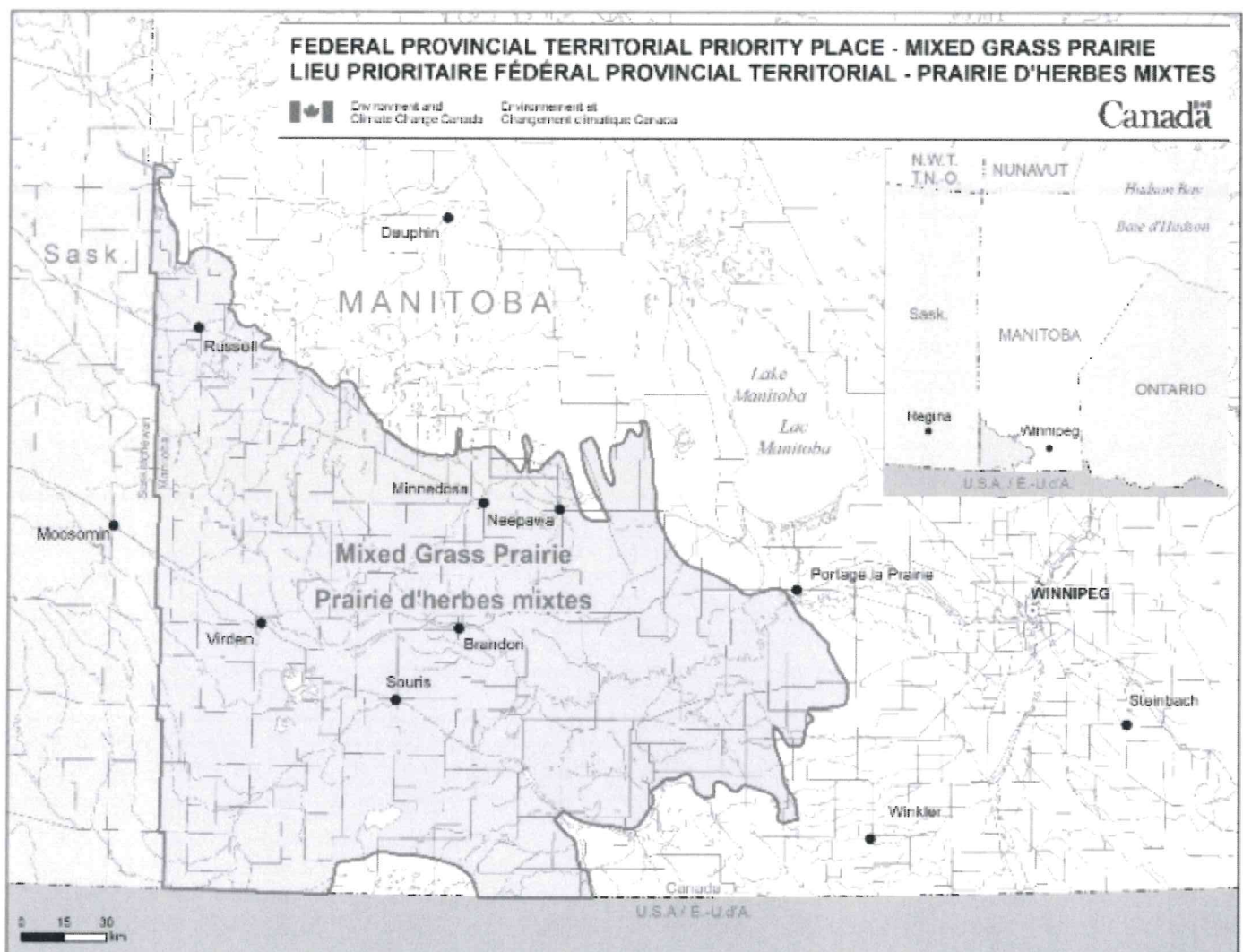
AGENDA	
9:00 am	Welcome, Introductions, Purpose (Kat Hewitt, CIER)
9:45 am	Presentation: What is a Priority Place? ECCC Southwest Manitoba Priority Place Planning Initiative (Ron Bazin, NCC) <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Project Structure and Timelines
10:15 am	Question Period
10:30 am	Break
10:45 am	Discussion: Working Together: What does future engagement of Indigenous Communities look like (Steven Anderson, Rebekah Neufeld, NCC)
11:15 am	Discussion: Interested Parties: Who are we missing? (Steven Anderson, Rebekah Neufeld, NCC)
11:45	Wrap-Up and Next Steps
12:00	Adjourn

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NEWS

Invest in key infrastructure projects in your community with the DMAF

The federal government has opened the next round of applications for new projects through the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund (DMAF). A further \$489.1 million in funding is available for municipalities across Canada seeking to invest in crucial infrastructure projects to withstand natural disasters and tackle climate-related risks. The DMAF can be used for both the construction of new public infrastructure or the modification or reinforcement of existing public infrastructure.

» [READ MORE ON THE DMAF](#)

Funding Available for Rural Transit

The Rural Transit Solutions Fund, Capital Projects Stream, is now [open for a second intake of applications](#).

Eligible applicants, including rural municipalities, can seek funding of up to \$3 million to help cover the capital costs of a new or expanded transit solutions (e.g., purchase of vehicles or digital platforms) and up to \$5 million to support zero-emission transit solutions (e.g., for the purchase of zero-emission vehicle(s)).

The Rural Transit Solutions Fund responds directly to FCM advocacy by supporting a wide range of delivery models for rural, remote, and small communities.

» [REGISTER TO THE WEBINAR TO LEARN MORE](#)

EVENTS

Learn from the Sustainable Communities Award winners

At the 2023 Sustainable Communities Conference, we will be celebrating and learning from the Sustainable Communities Awards winners. Spanning from PEI to Alberta, and with projects on natural asset management to community buildings retrofits, there is something for everyone to learn from. Join us to listen in on these impressive projects as we connect for the future.

» [REGISTER TODAY](#)

You're attending #SCC2023, but is your MP?

The MP breakfast is a chance for Members of Parliament to join you to learn about new and existing local sustainability initiatives funded through FCM's Green Municipal Fund - including the new \$530 million climate adaptation stream.

If you'd love to see your local MP at the breakfast, taking place on February 9 from 7:30-8:30 a.m. ET at the Westin Ottawa, you can invite them to register [here](#).

It's not too late to register for SCC and attend in-person or virtually.

» [REGISTER NOW](#)

RESOURCES

Council leadership on asset management

Elected officials who champion asset management in council chambers play a pivotal role in the adoption and implementation of good asset management practices. Their support galvanizes action to improve municipal decision-making.

Read our *Asset management insights: People and leadership report* to discover how elected officials and their communities are demonstrating leadership on asset management. You'll also find stats, case studies and resources you can use.

» [READ THE REPORT TODAY](#)

One Mayor's role in his community's asset management journey

Did you know one of the benefits of asset management is balancing infrastructure needs with a tight budget? Learn from the Mayor of Pointe-Fortune, QC, who took a hands-on approach to asset management and made his community stronger as a result.

This case study can help you understand how a well-developed asset management plan can help show you infrastructure needs, anticipate repairs and work towards long-term goals.

» [LEARN MORE](#)

FCM TWEETS

Jan 17: The latest round of applications for new funding projects through

Jan 21: Our cities and communities are on the front lines of climate

Jan 17: Curious how your [#CDNmuni](#) can foster an effective culture of

the [#DMAF](#) is now open!
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communities, we must
rapidly scale up local
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FCM VOICE

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#SCC2023 is only a week away! Your staff can still attend.

If your municipality has been holding off purchasing a ticket to FCM's Sustainable Communities Conference (SCC), you're running out of time! #SCC2023 is only a week away.

The good news is that it's not too late to send a staff member, or a group, to attend virtually. No travel arrangements are required. This is the perfect budget-friendly option.

Each municipality has a different focus for 2023, but #SCC2023 has a variety of amazing speakers. Attend the only conference specifically dedicated to municipalities, and the sustainability challenges you face.

» [IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER FOR SCC](#)

NEWS

Carole Saab speaks at Housing Roundtable

Last Thursday, FCM CEO Carole Saab was part of a panel discussing the leadership role municipalities play in tackling the housing crisis & ending chronic homelessness in Canada. The panel was part of Scotiabank's Affordable Housing Summit and gathered key stakeholders from the local government space.

Carole highlighted the stellar work being undertaken by cities, towns, indigenous communities and rural regions across Canada in finding innovative ways to reduce the housing shortage in their area.

» [MORE INFO](#)

ReNew Canada interviews FCM President Taneen Rudyk

FCM President Taneen Rudyk recently sat down for an interview with ReNew Canada. In it, the four-term councillor for the Town of Vegreville, Alberta outlined her journey into municipal politics in 2010, her advocacy work on behalf of Canadian communities, as well as some of her policy priorities for the remainder of her tenure as FCM President.

» [READ THE FULL INTERVIEW HERE](#)

FCM Momentum celebrates four years of achievements in Tunisia

Have you seen the January issue of *FCM Momentum*? The fourth edition of our quarterly newsletter about FCM's work to promote gender equality and social inclusion in municipal politics globally is out now. We are starting 2023 with a focus on our Program for Inclusive Municipal Leadership in Tunisia. Discover the wide reach and lasting impacts of four years of collaboration between Canadian and Tunisian partners.

» [READ FCM MOMENTUM HERE](#)

RESOURCES

FCM Municipal Marketplace – Innovative solutions for your community's needs

FCM's Municipal Marketplace partners offer meaningful solutions for common challenges affecting local government. This month's featured Municipal Marketplace partners are ready to share their innovative solutions on improving your community's biggest challenges, reducing your arena's carbon footprint, and software to increase public safety. Don't forget to [sign up to the newsletter](#) to get direct access to our Municipal Marketplace updates.

Check out this month's featured Municipal Marketplace partner solutions.

» [READ MORE](#)

Tool: Track your progress in reducing GHGs

Are you looking for a tool that helps you track your progress in reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in your community? Check out the Partners for Climate Protection (PCP) Milestone Tool. It's a user-friendly, web-based resource that helps municipalities prepare GHG inventories, set targets, build action plans and track progress on implementation.

PCP is managed and delivered by FCM and [ICLEI—Local Governments for Sustainability Canada](#) (ICLEI Canada) and receives financial support from the Government of Canada and ICLEI Canada.

» [LEARN MORE](#)

Case study: Building asset management capacity in northern communities

Is your Northern community interested in asset management? *The Joy of Governing*, a handy guide developed by the Association of Yukon Communities with funding from FCM's Municipal Asset Management Program, is tailor-made for the unique challenges faced by Northern communities.

Read the case study to learn more about *The Joy of Governing*, including how it demystifies asset management and how to best help councillors and municipal staff serve residents.

» [READ THE CASE STUDY](#)

FCM TWEETS

Jan 26: Today, FCM CEO [@CaroleSaab](#) will be part of a panel to discuss how municipalities are key partners in tackling the housing crisis and ending chronic homelessness. The panel is part of

Jan 25: Mental health crises are having a devastating impact on communities across Canada and FCM is committed to working with all levels of government to

Jan 29: On behalf of municipal leaders across Canada, FCM sends condolences to the McCallion family and the people of Mississauga on the passing of former mayor Hazel McCallion.

@scotiabank's Affordable Housing Summit and is gathering key stakeholders from across Canada.

find solutions to tackle this problem.

She was a proud champion for her community and especially women leaders. We will miss her fighting spirit.

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Get set to reserve your study tour spots at FCM's AC 2023!

Join us this year in Toronto from May 25-28 for **FCM's 2023 Annual Conference and Trade Show** where we will help **local success go national**. This year's conference will connect 2,000 local leaders with the ideas, tools, and insights to deliver powerful results and build a stronger nation.

Registration will soon open, so make sure to take a look at our wide range of **study tours**, as they are reserved on a first-come, first-registered basis. Attendees are strongly advised to consult the full list and then reserve a single study tour of choice.

A range of [companion tours](#) are also available. For a trouble-free and discounted trip, please see our [Travel](#) and [Accommodation](#) webpages.

» [VIEW THE FULL PROGRAM](#)

EVENTS

Discussion panel: Expert advice on electric vehicles for municipalities

Electrifying your fleet of municipal and public transportation vehicles can help your community save on operating and maintenance costs, reduce local GHG emissions, and improve levels of service to your residents and businesses.

Join us on February 23 from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. ET for a panel discussion on electrification. You'll hear from industry experts and municipal staff from communities who have already embraced electrification on lessons that they have learned and how to overcome common challenges.

» [SIGN UP TODAY](#)

RESOURCES

Guide: Climate action in small and rural communities

Ready to take action on climate change and reduce greenhouse gas emissions in your small or rural community? Check out the Small and Rural Communities Climate Action Guidebook, produced by the Partners for Climate Protection program, delivered by FCM and ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability.

Developed specifically with the needs of small and rural communities in mind, this guidebook can help your community overcome challenges related to financing and staffing, reducing emissions and improving the health of your residents.

Learn more about climate action in small and rural communities.

» [READ THE GUIDE](#)

Use these tools to strengthen your municipal assets against climate change

Are you concerned about the impact of climate change on the municipal services your residents and local businesses rely on? Discover low-cost ways to strengthen your community's climate resilience with our suite of [Operations and Maintenance for Climate Resilience](#) resources. With these resources, you'll learn how to identify resilience strategies using your existing municipal operations and maintenance activities, understand how to apply a climate lens to asset renewal decisions, and so much more.

» [GET STARTED TODAY](#)

Case study: Asset management is a joint effort in Manitou Lake, SK

“MAMP funding allowed Council and staff to work together to improve our asset management program, particularly for risk and levels of service registers. This is helping us make crucial decisions about infrastructure assets during the economic downturn.” – Joanne Loy, CAO, Rural Municipality of Manitou Lake

With a grant from our Municipal Asset Management Program, the Rural Municipality of Manitou Lake, SK, was able to advance its asset management plans, with an emphasis on infrastructure such as roads and bridges, and provide training to Council and staff. Now, the community is better positioned to protect its economy and residents from service disruptions.

» [READ THE GUIDE](#)

LOCAL DATA

Statistics Canada 2026 Census of the Population Content Consultation – we need your help!

Statistics Canada is seeking feedback on census content from representatives in all levels of government; First Nations, Métis and Inuit leaders; academia; non-governmental organizations; private businesses and the general public.

Feedback from municipalities, in particular, will allow us to gather valuable information on the relevance of the census, the extent of your data needs, populations of interest, suitability of alternative data sources, and the importance of comparability across Canada and continuity over time.

Your participation is vital to us. Please [complete the 2026 Census of Population Content Consultation](#) by March 31, 2023. For assistance or questions, please [contact us](#).

» [COMPLETE THE CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE](#)

FCM TWEETS

Feb 8: The thoughts of FCM and all of our members are with the families and the victims in the wake of the tragic updates coming from Laval.

Feb 10: SCC has come to a close, leaving us inspired and motivated to continue creating positive change in our communities. Thank you to all the speakers,

Feb 11: There's strength in numbers. Every FCM member is to forming a strong & united national voice. Together, we empower local leaders with

FCM is sending strength to the first responders and the entire city as they grapple with this terrible news.

<https://t.co/YjI339C9Qw>

attendees, and organizations for your contributions to this incredible event. See you next year!

[#Connect4TheFuture](#)

[#SCC22](#)

new tools to support their communities and make life better for all Canadians.

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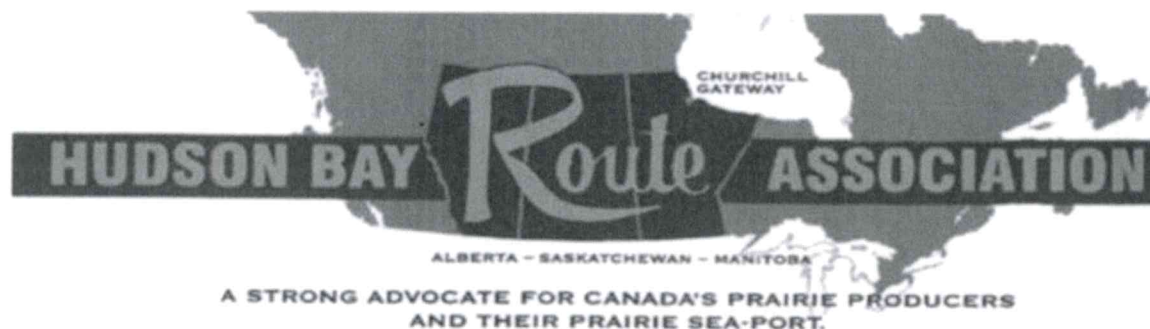
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From: Hudson Bay Route Association <info@hbra.ca>
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Subject: Please forward to the Reeve and Councillors
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Please forward to the attention of the Reeve and Councillors

Regards,

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Secretary
Hudson Bay Route Association
Box 293
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www.hbra.ca



TO THE ATTENTION OF THE REEVE AND COUNCILLORS

Annual Achievement report

January 2023

As the Hudson Bay Route Association welcomes in the new year, we want to share some of the successes throughout 2022! With a large amount of investment and increased visibility for both the Port and Rail, we believe that the opportunities and consistency will only become better in 2023!

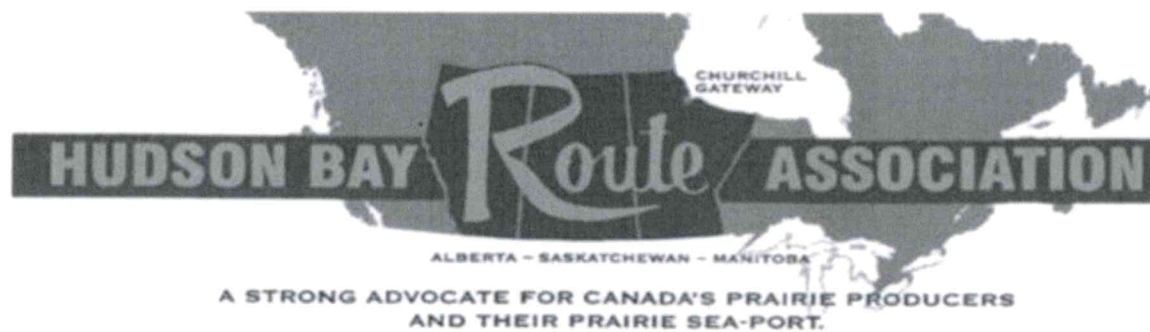
To start things off, we have to appreciate the large federal government contribution of **\$147.6 Million** to the Rail-line and the port upgrade. The Province of Manitoba has also come to the table with a substantial **\$73.8 million**. The Route Association representatives Eldon Boone and Jim Berscheid met with Deputy Premier Cliff Cullen and his team to understand these long discussed moves. This was accompanied by an additional \$40 million of provincial investment in Center Port Winnipeg.

Some of their interest for investing stems from the need for shipping access from Prairie grain producers and other commodities including Potash, Oil, LNG, Hydrogen and Mine Concentrate- Nickel, Lithium, and Zinc to name a few.

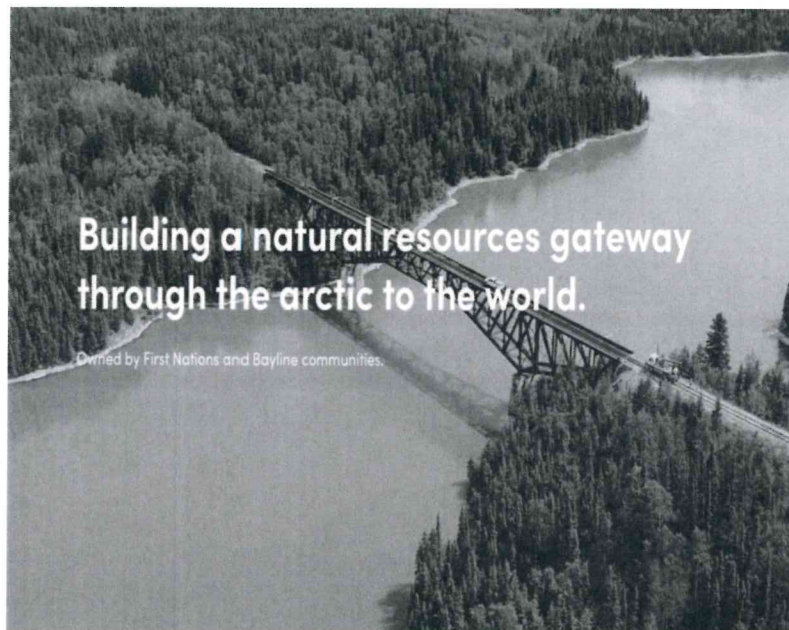
At the Hudson Bay Route Association 79th AGM held in The Pas, Manitoba on October 17, 2022, we had a presentation from Keith Burak (Fortescue), on the shipping and production of green hydrogen in Northern Manitoba. This included the exciting prospect of shipping hydrogen in an ammonia form for nitrogen fertilizer. Fortescue, being based in Australia, is very interested in seeing this through to completion. Others in the energy sector look to the opportunities Churchill offers for international shipping. The need for a mid-Canada northern shipping port is clear and capacity at the port will fill quickly as the rail and port upgrades are completed.

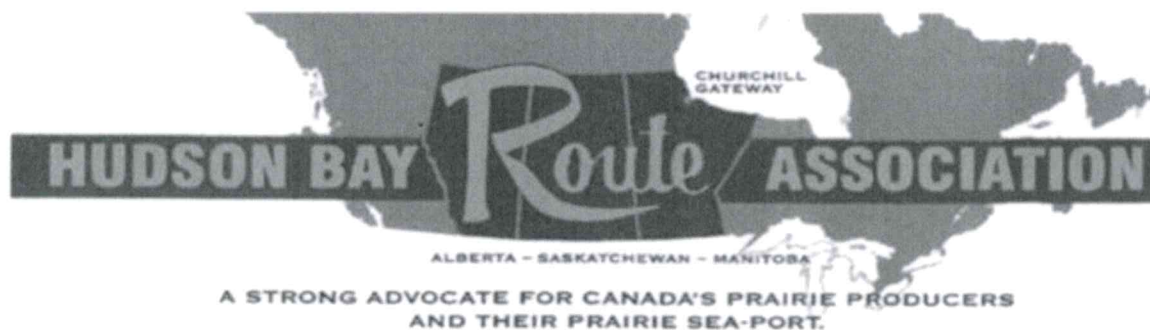
In closing, we are proud of the Association's work and look forward to your ongoing support and loyalty to the Hudson Bay Route Association. Together we can see the success of our local port and rail come to fruition! Memberships and additional information are detailed in the accompanied attachment for anyone interested. Please take a moment to appreciate the pivotal moments and pictures attached. For those who are keenly interested, more pictures and information can be found at hbra.ca or follow us on Facebook.

Best Regards,
Jim Berscheid
President
Hudson Bay Route Association



These are pictures showing some of the progress that has been made:
For more information on the progress that has been done please go to
https://hbra.ca/files/HBR_Projects_2021.pdf





MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2023

As always, your support is very important to HBRA's ongoing endeavours to put Churchill at the forefront as a major Arctic shipping port. The membership structure for 2023 is as follows:

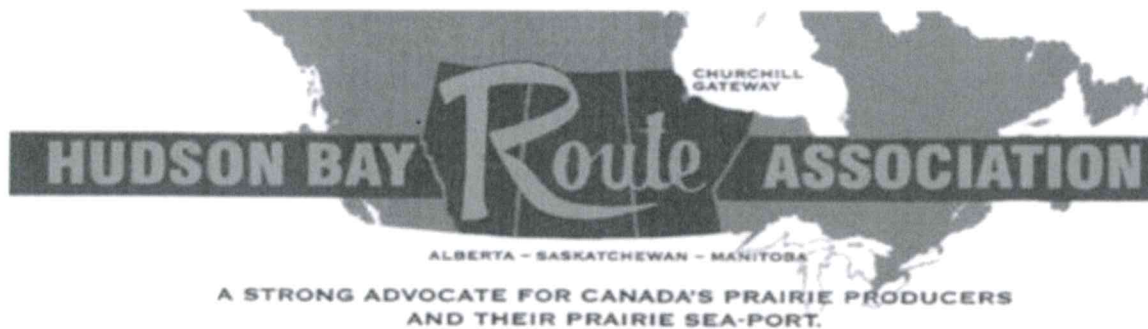
RM's, Cities, First Nation and Associations.....	- \$300.00 Per Year
Towns and Corporation.....	- \$100.00 Per Year
Villages.....	- \$50.00 Per Year
Individual.....	- \$20.00 Per year

Interac e-Transfers are welcome and may be sent to payments@hbra.ca

Up-to-date information can be found on our website hbra.ca, by email at info@hbra.ca, or by calling Jim Berscheid, our president at 1-204-623-0393.

Please note, our mailing address has changed. Please mail your cheques to:

Hudson Bay Route Association
Box 293
Leroy, SK



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Address _____

Email _____

If you would be interested in supporting our association but don't wish to become a member, your donation would be very welcome. Please use the same remittance methods as above and put the word donation in the message so that we may acknowledge your support.

Norma Will

From: Michael Kvern <mkvern@uoguelph.ca>
Sent: Monday, January 16, 2023 3:04 PM
To: Norma Will
Subject: Rural Manitoba Energy Planning Research
Attachments: Information letter - Evaluating energy integration in rural Manitoba development plans.pdf

Good afternoon,

My name is Michael Kvern. I am a master's student at the University of Guelph studying how rural municipalities in Manitoba can better integrate energy planning and land-use planning processes for my thesis.

I am interested in how professionals in the planning, development, and energy sectors perceive the transition towards renewable energy and a low-carbon future. Further, I want to learn about how municipalities are planning for the energy transition in their official plans. To understand this, I need to hear from you—the experts on the ground.

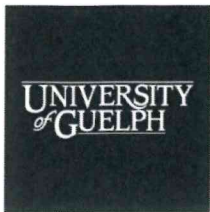
I am emailing to invite the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanessa to participate in a short (45 minute) interview. I have attached a letter outlining the project and consent process in detail. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out. You can email me at mkvern@uoguelph.ca or call me at (204) 223-4389.

This project has been reviewed by the Research Ethics Board for compliance with federal guidelines for research involving human participants (REB #22-04-009).

Thank you,

Michael Kvern (*he/him*)

MSc. Rural Planning and Development Candidate
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Information Letter

Evaluating energy integration in rural Manitoba development plans

Greetings,

My name is Michael Kvern. I am a master's student at the University of Guelph. I am working under the supervision of Dr. Leith Deacon ***to study how rural municipalities in Manitoba can better integrate energy planning and land-use planning processes***. We are writing to invite you to participate in this research.

We are interested in how professionals in the planning, development, and energy sectors perceive the transition towards renewable energy and a low-carbon future. Further, want to learn about how municipalities are planning for the energy transition in their official plans. The goal of this research is to contribute knowledge on how rural Manitoba municipalities are integrating energy planning into their official plans. Findings will inform my master's thesis and academic publications. I may make public presentations based on the findings. To understand this, we need to hear from you—the experts on the ground.

We are inviting planners, municipal staff, utility staff, and developers from selected municipalities to participate in a 1-hour interview and a review of their information. Interviews will ask questions about what sort of barriers and opportunities to integrating energy planning into rural land-use planning exist. Interview participants will be asked to review their transcribed comments for accuracy after their interview.

Research costs are paid by the University of Guelph and Dr. Deacon's research funds. My salary is being paid through Dr. Deacon's research funds, awards from the University of Guelph, the Ontario Graduate Scholarship, and the Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada. There is no corporate funding or partnership associated with this research.

There are benefits and risks of participating in this research. There are no direct benefits to participating in this research. The potential indirect benefits of this research include:

- Improving the inclusion and integration of energy planning in land-use planning systems, such as official plans;
- Contributing to a body of knowledge about how municipalities plan for energy and natural resources.

The risks associated with this research are minimal and no greater than those experienced on a daily basis. You may you risk:

- Experiencing feelings of embarrassment or disappointment if you find that your views or opinions are not commonly held by your peers or do not represent optimum planning for energy transition. You will not be identifiable to others, but you may be able to identify yourself. To help minimize this risk, you do not need to answer any questions if you do not want to, and you may withdraw at any time during the interview.
- Breaching your privacy by taking part in an interview. Be aware that you are essentially making your views public, even though the researcher will not report your name in the final report. Individuals from small communities or organizations may be indirectly identifiable through their participation. You can control this risk by not providing any information that you would be uncomfortable making public.

Interviews will be conducted face-to-face, and I will record the interview using an audio recorder, unless you do not consent to being recorded. At the end of the interview, I will transfer the recording to a laptop with full disk encryption and delete the recording from the recorder. I will transcribe our discussion from the recording and delete it once transcription is complete. I will assign you a unique participant ID number that will be used to identify your interview recording and transcript. This way, your name will never be associated directly with the recording or transcript. The list of ID numbers and names, along with the recording (until it is deleted) and the transcript will be stored on a personal laptop computer that full disk encrypted, so that even if the computer is stolen, the data will be un-readable. All data, including notes, recordings, transcripts, and participant ID numbers will be destroyed once my thesis and any academic articles are published. No later than September 30, 2025. We are all committed to keeping your identity confidential.

In the products of this research (master's thesis, reports, academic publications, and presentations) you will not be named. Quotes from your interview will be used, but they will not be attributed to you. Quotes will be attributed to your participant ID number, and / or to a generic job title such as "municipal planner", "consultant", "utility staff", or "developer".

You do not have to participate in this research, and you do not waive any legal rights by agreeing to take part in this study. You are free to change your mind and withdraw with no consequences. *You do not need to answer any of the interview questions and may skip any question. You may withdraw from the interview at any point during, and your information will be discarded. You will be able to withdraw from this study until May 31, 2023. Beyond that date, the researcher will already have disseminated the information.* You will still receive the final results of the research if you provide your contact information.

If you choose to give us your email address, you are agreeing to be contacted by us via email, and you understand that others may find and read the email messages because email can be forwarded or intercepted (accessed by someone through internet servers).

If you have any questions about this study, you are welcome to contact Michael at (204) 223-4389 or mkvern@uoguelph.ca

If you have questions or concerns regarding your rights and welfare as a research participant in this study (REB #22-04-009) please contact Director, Research Ethics; University of Guelph; reb@uoguelph.ca; (519) 824-4120 (ext. 56606).

This project has been reviewed by the Research Ethics Board for compliance with federal guidelines for research involving human participants.

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From: MB Communities in Bloom <mbcommunitiesinbloom@gmail.com>
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Subject: Manitoba Communities in Bloom Provincial Program Returns for 2023!
Attachments: 2023 Community Participation Guide (1) (1).pdf; 2023 MB CIB Community registration form (2).pdf; 2023 MB CiB Basic Information.pdf



Manitoba

Manitoba Communities in Bloom 2023 Program

The Board of Directors of the Manitoba Communities in Bloom (MB CIB) is proud and excited to announce the return of the MB CIB Provincial Program for 2023.

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

MB CiB judges tour participating communities providing an evaluation which focuses on beautification, environmental and heritage conservation efforts. The comprehensive evaluation provides specific feedback on community successes and constructive suggestions for challenges that are beneficial to community development.

The program is open to all towns, cities and municipalities in Manitoba and is an opportunity to recognize the work of our community volunteers.

The Benefits of participating in Manitoba Communities in Bloom program:

- Increases community involvement and civic pride. Communities have witnessed mobilization of citizens, groups, businesses and municipality working together through program participation
- Promotes excellence and leadership in environmental action such as recycling, composting and water conservation which are an integral part of the program evaluation
- Provides opportunities to learn best practices and exchange information with other Manitoba communities and affiliated associations through the Annual Provincial Conference and Awards, newsletters, web site and Facebook
- Offers information on grants, funding initiatives and MB CiB sponsor discounts

- Promotes your community visibility provincially and nationally through media, tradeshow, conferences and marketing

The Board of Directors would like to invite your community to join in the 2023 program. Attached is additional information on the MB CIB Program, a detailed Participation Guide and the 2023 Registration Form.

The Registration deadline for the 2023 program is April 30th.

Regards
Cathy Shaluk
Program Coordinator
Manitoba Communities in Bloom
coordinator@mbcommunitiesinbloom.ca



2023 ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

The 2023 Annual Awards Banquet is fast approaching. The winners of the 2022 judging competition will be announced at the Annual Awards Banquet at The Delta in Winnipeg on Monday, April 3, 2023.

Cocktails are at 5:30 P.M. and the banquet starts at 6:00 P.M. The cost of banquet tickets is \$65.00. Banquet ticket order forms will be emailed closer to the date to all municipalities. You can then fax in or email this form and you will be invoiced after the banquet. All tickets are mailed a week prior to the banquet to accommodate for changes. If you do not receive tickets the Friday before the banquet please contact the office.

The winners of the 2021 competition will be receiving a letter in March to return their award **DIRECTLY to Keystone Sports Excellence, 170 Saskatchewan Ave West, Portage la Prairie, MB, R1N 0M1. Please do not send the awards until you receive the letter from the office as sending too early may lead to the misplacement of the award.**

In May, nomination forms will be emailed for the 2023 judging competition. It was noted that council may not have the time to look for entries but the grader operators could bring a suggestion to council as they are the ones on the roads every day. This would increase the number of entries in each category which would ensure the competition is a success!

COURSES

The two day Gravel Road Design and Maintenance course is being planned for March in the RM of Wallace-Woodworth and the Mun of Westlake-Gladstone. Please watch your email in the next couple weeks for course registrations! If you are interested in hosting this course in the future please contact the MGRA office.

A half day course on Asset Management or Stabilization of Gravel Roads (yet to be determined) is being planned for April 4, 2023 in conjunction with AMM's convention.

If there are any courses that you would like offered in the future please feel free to call or email the office. If you are interested in hosting a course in your area please let me know!

MGRA Red River Municipal Engineering Technology Scholarship

The winner of the MGRA Scholarship was Christian Konowich. The award was presented at the Red River campus on November 24, 2022.

The MGRA scholarship is given to a student that resides in Rural Manitoba and has an interest in Roadway Design. This scholarship is a tribute in memory of Robert Kwok, long term Municipal Technology instructor that passed away in October 2008. Robert instructed many courses for MGRA and we thought we would give back to the community in his honor.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Annual General Meeting will be held Monday, April 3, 2023 at the Delta in Winnipeg at 3:30 P.M. An agenda will be emailed closer to the date. A draw for a free membership to the MGRA will be made at the meeting.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership renewal notices have been emailed to the offices. Our membership is growing constantly each year especially due to the substantial cost benefit when registering for courses!

My personal goal is to acquire ALL municipalities as members to MGRA so I appreciate your continued support in achieving this goal!

If you know of any municipalities that are not members, please talk to them about your experience with being members so they may consider membership!

MGRA Individual Member
Brian Nedohin

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Transportation and Infrastructure

Transportation Operations Division

Motor Carrier Safety & Permits

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https://www.gov.mb.ca/mit/mcd/safety_monitoring/index.html

January 6, 2023

MUNICIPALITY OF OAKLAND- WAWANESA

PO BOX 278

WAWANESA, MB R0K 2G0

Dear Manitoba Motor Carrier,

Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure (MTI) regulates the operation of heavy commercial vehicles registered in the Province of Manitoba. The Manitoba *Highway Traffic Act* (HTA) defines a regulated vehicle as a motor vehicle that has a registered gross weight of 4,500 kg or more, or a bus or passenger vehicle with a seating capacity of 11 or more, including the driver.

Section 312.2 of the HTA states that carriers must have a valid safety fitness certificate (SFC) to operate a regulated vehicle in Manitoba. SFCs are renewed annually and a valid SFC is required to register a regulated vehicle in Manitoba. Some regulated vehicles are exempt from obtaining a SFC, including farm plated trucks and personal use vehicles. (For more information:

https://manitoba.ca/mit/mcd/safety_monitoring/sfc/index.html)

The purpose of this communication is to provide information to stakeholders regarding recent changes to the Safety Fitness Criteria and Certificates Regulation. The changes have a more significant impact on new carriers, however there are some impacts to existing motor carriers operating under a Manitoba safety fitness certificate.

New entrant process after January 1, 2023:

New entrants to Manitoba's trucking industry are required to meet additional criteria after the implementation of the Safety Fitness Criteria and Certificates Regulation amendments on January 1, 2023.

What stays the same?

- **Application** – The carrier submits an application for a new SFC. The application requires a carrier representative authorization (if applicable).
- **Proof of insurance** – New carriers must provide proof of adequate insurance.
- **Proof of valid periodic mandatory vehicle inspection (PMVI)** – New carriers will continue to be required to provide proof that all the regulated vehicles they plan to register have a valid PMVI certificate at the time that their new SFC is approved and issued.
- **Proof of valid business entity** – If the new carrier is a company, the carrier must provide proof that they are registered with the Manitoba companies office.

What is changing?

There are three changes that impact new carriers seeking a SFC in Manitoba for the first time:

- **Application Fee** – New entrants applying for a new SFC in Manitoba must pay a \$200 application fee.
- **Certification of Compliance Officers** – Manitoba requires that motor carriers name a Manitoba resident as the compliance officer for their company. The compliance officer, along with the company directors, are responsible for ensuring that the company complies with applicable highway safety laws and national safety code standards. After January 1, 2023, compliance officers will be required to take a 5-day safety course in order to be the named compliance officer for a new motor carrier starting operations in Manitoba. The New Entrant Training (NET) course is being administered by the Manitoba Trucking Association. Information on the course is available at: https://trucking.mb.ca/compliance_courses/new-entrants-training/.
- **Safety Plan** – New carriers are required to submit a safety plan to the department along with their SFC application. The NET course will assist a new carrier to develop the key components of a safety plan and prepare them to meet this new criterion for obtaining a new SFC in Manitoba.

Implications for existing operators after January 1, 2023:

Although most of the regulation changes impact new entrants to the trucking industry in Manitoba, there are some changes that impact existing operators, most specifically carriers with a poor safety record. Carriers with poor operating records may be required to submit a safety or action plan, and to certify their compliance officer prior to renewing their safety fitness certificate.

What stays the same?

- **Application** – The carrier submits an application to renew their SFC, including the total annual kilometres travelled by regulated vehicles in their fleet in the last year and a carrier representative authorization (if applicable).
- **Proof of insurance** – Carriers must provide proof of adequate insurance.
- **Proof of valid periodic mandatory vehicle inspection (PMVI)** – Carriers are required to provide proof that all the regulated vehicles they plan to register have a valid PMVI certificate at the time that their SFC is renewed.
- **Proof of valid business entity** – If the carrier is a company, department staff will confirm if the company has a valid registration with the Manitoba companies office.

What is changing?

There is one change that has an impact for carriers who use a consultant or non-managing partner as their compliance officer:

- **Eligibility of Compliance Officers** - Under section 318.5(2), Manitoba requires that motor carriers name a Manitoba resident as the compliance officer for their company. The compliance officer, along with the company directors, are responsible for ensuring that the company complies with applicable highway safety laws and national safety code standards. After January 1, 2023, companies must name a compliance officer who is a company employee or company director/partner with day-to-day management responsibilities. Existing compliance officers, who meet the eligibility requirement, are not required to take the NET course. However, if a company changes its compliance officer, the new compliance officer will be required to take the NET course within 180 days prior to assuming the

position. Information on the course is available at: https://trucking.mb.ca/compliance_courses/new-entrants-training/.

There are two changes with an impact to existing Manitoba based carriers with a poor safety record:

- **Safety Plan or Action Plan may be required** – The performance thresholds calculated monthly for all Manitoba based carriers, are based on the carrier's inspection, accident and conviction information. When a carrier's overall performance threshold exceeds 65% they are required to submit a safety plan prior to renewing their safety fitness certificate. If a safety plan is already on file for the carrier, or the carrier's accident, inspection or conviction thresholds exceed 65%, the carrier will be required to submit an action plan that documents how they intend to improve their on road performance. Carriers will receive the safety plan/action plan request at the time that Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure sends out the letter that informs them that their performance threshold needs attention to improve road safety.
- **Certification of Compliance Officers for Conditional Carriers** – After January 1, 2023, if a company has a 'conditional' safety rating assigned, the named compliance officer must take the NET course administered by the Manitoba Trucking Association within 180 days (June 30, 2023) in order to become a certified compliance officer. Conditional carriers who need to review their safety fitness certificate prior to June 30, 2023 will be renewed conditionally, and will have to provide proof that their compliance officer has completed the course by June 30, 2023. Information on the course is available at: https://trucking.mb.ca/compliance_courses/new-entrants-training/.

Most of Manitoba's motor carriers have excellent safety records. The increased requirements for carriers with less safe operating records will help these operators understand how to implement safe operating practices in their company, and will increase road safety for all road users in Manitoba.

More information on Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure's motor carrier safety monitoring program is available at the following link: https://www.gov.mb.ca/mit/mcd/safety_monitoring/cps/index.html.

Should you have any questions regarding this information, please contact the Motor Carrier Safety Program at 204-945-5322.

Sincerely,



Janice Miller
Director
Motor Carrier Safety and Permits
Transportation Operations Division
Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure

Bulletin #2023-01

MUNICIPAL RELATIONS

Important Notice to *All Elected Officials*

ELECTED MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS EDUCATION SESSIONS

The Municipal Act provides council with significant authority and autonomy to make decisions on matters that will have a considerable impact on their ratepayers.

Manitoba Municipal Relations, in partnership with the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM), will be hosting education sessions to ensure that you are comfortable fulfilling your responsibilities as an elected official. At these sessions you can get the information you need to make sound decisions, be more effective on your council, and help your municipality succeed.

Please find attached the agenda for the in-person education sessions, as well as for the virtual sessions for those unable to attend in-person.

Please contact Municipal Assessment and Advisory Services at (204) 945-2572 or mrmaas@gov.mb.ca if you have any question related to the training.

REGISTRATION

A registration fee of \$75 (plus GST) will be charged per person to recover non-staff costs, including materials, refreshments and lunch. The AMM will invoice your municipality for the registration, following the workshop. Please follow the links provided to register for a training session that is best suited for your schedule.

In-person: Friday, February 17, Brandon

Victoria Inn Hotel & Conference Centre

3550 Victoria Avenue, Brandon

Workshop Registration link:

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=tothpymab&oeidk=a07ejizdw95a7838b30>

In-person: Friday, February 24, Winnipeg

Victoria Inn Hotel & Conference Centre

1808 Wellington Avenue, Winnipeg

Workshop Registration link:

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=tothpymab&oeidk=a07ejizxhzcf14d6f1e>

Virtual: Thursday, March 2 and Friday, March 3

Virtual sessions will be held March 2nd and again on March 3rd for those unable to attend the in-person sessions. Registration details are available on the AMM Events webpage

<https://www.amm.mb.ca/events/category/education-program>

Please contact Donna Belbin, Events Coordinator with the Association of Manitoba Municipalities at (204) 856-2374 or dbelbin@amm.mb.ca if you have any questions related to registration.

Manitoba Municipal Relations
in Partnership with the Association of Manitoba Municipalities
Presents: **Elected Municipal Officials Education Session**

9:30 a.m. Introduction to the Session

10:00 a.m. Governance: Are you prepared to govern?

Governance refers to the structures, systems, and practices an organization has in place to:

- assign decision-making authorities, define how decisions are to be made, and establish the organization's strategic direction;
- oversee the delivery of its services; the implementation of its policies, plans, programs, and projects; and the monitoring and mitigation of its key risks; and
- report on its performance in achieving intended results and use performance information to drive ongoing improvements and corrective actions.

11:00 a.m. Council Meetings: Are your meetings effective?

Effective meetings are productive, inclusive, and collaborative. Effective meetings:

- build stronger relationships
- establish alignment
- result in better and more timely decisions
- promote inclusion
- enable creative thinking and innovation
- invite feedback and continuous improvement
- improve employee engagement

12:00 p.m. LUNCH

1:00 p.m. Council Behaviour and Council Conduct

How elected officials conduct themselves in their relationships with elected colleagues, staff and the public is directly connected to how a community is governed. Responsible conduct is grounded in elected officials conducting themselves according to principles such as integrity, accountability, respect, and leadership and collaboration in a way that furthers a local government's ability to provide good governance to their community. If a local government faces issues related to less-than-responsible conduct, it may affect the local government's ability to provide good governance to their community.

2:00 p.m. Financial Governance: Financial literacy

A key issue for many council members is that they do not have the knowledge or experience in municipal finance to adequately provide the oversight they are responsible to do. Common components of policies and procedures for financial governance include: accounting procedures, internal controls, budgeting, financial record keeping and reporting, and asset protection. It is your responsibility to be sufficiently financially literate to understand your municipality's finances, read financial statements and ask appropriate questions.

3:00 p.m. Open Forum: An opportunity to ask questions and/or comment on the day

3:50 p.m. Closing Remarks with Adjournment at 4:00 p.m.

Bulletin #2023-04

MUNICIPAL RELATIONS

Important Notice to All Elected Officials and Chief Administrative Officers

The Planning Act Handbook

Manitoba Municipal Relations has produced a new Planning Act Handbook to provide a general plain language overview and summary of The Planning Act which establishes the legal framework for planning in Manitoba excluding the City of Winnipeg whose planning framework is established under Part 6 of The City of Winnipeg Charter

The purpose of the Handbook is to help communities navigate land use planning processes and guide municipalities and planning districts in completing the minimum requirements for land use planning as required in The Planning Act. The Planning Act Handbook can be downloaded from the Department's website here:

https://www.gov.mb.ca/mr/land_use_dev/pubs/the_planning_handbook.pdf

This release version of the Handbook contains all provisions of The Planning Act effective up to December 31, 2022. Manitoba Municipal Relations is committed to developing an updated version which would incorporate all remaining legislative amendments passed and proclaimed in Version #2 to be released later this year.

The Handbook is intended to be a living document, with regular updates to ensure it reflects up-to-date legislation and addresses pertinent land use planning issues. Municipalities and planning districts are welcome to provide suggestions for improvements to the Community Planning Branch (contact information below).

A French translation is currently in development, and will be posted on the website when complete.

The Planning Act Handbook is intended to complement, not replace, other planning guides produced by the Province of Manitoba. However, many of these additional resources are linked within the Handbook for ease of access.

If you have questions regarding The Planning Act or accessing and using The Planning Act Handbook, please contact your Community Planning Branch office:

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Stephen Walker
Yves Richard
Janis Pochailo
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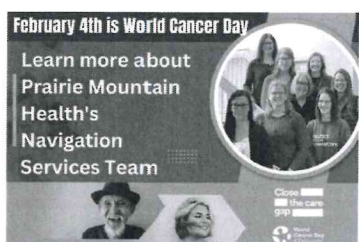
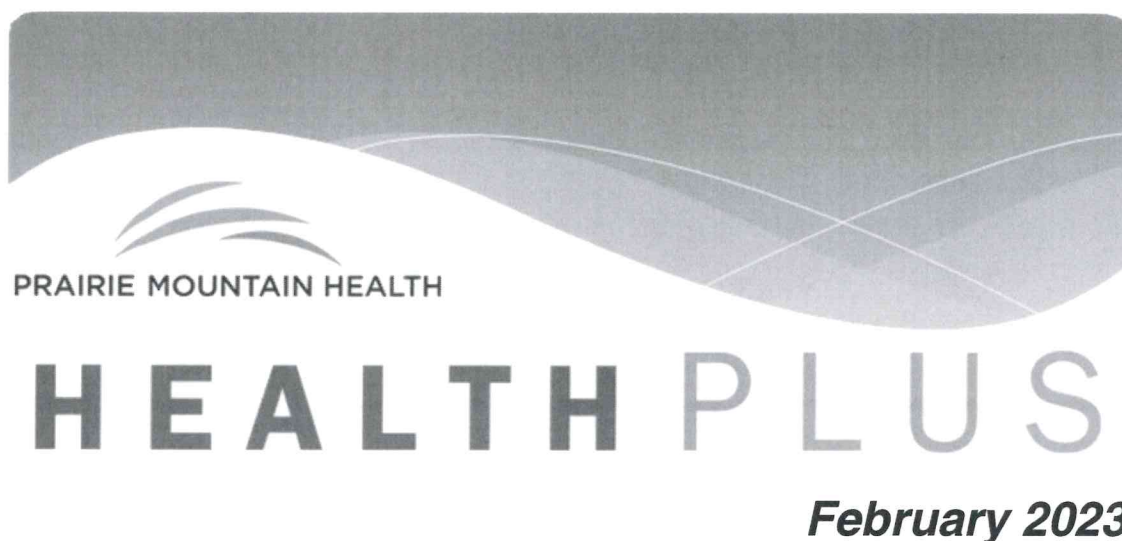
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Norma Will

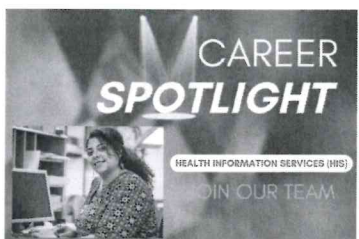
From: Prairie Mountain Health <communications@pmh-mb.ca>
Sent: Friday, February 3, 2023 3:01 PM
To: oakwawa@outlook.com
Subject: Health Plus February 2023

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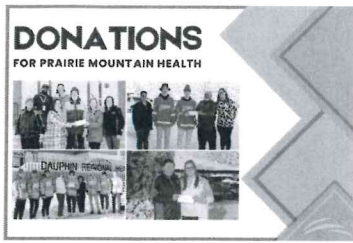
February 4th is World Cancer Day

The Prairie Mountain Health Navigation Services Team is here to support patients and health care providers, from the time of clinical suspicion of cancer and through the diagnostic period to treatments. [Read more](#)



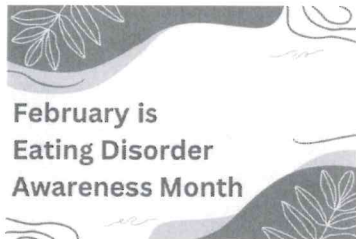
Career Spotlight | Health Information Services

This team is about managing healthcare data; collecting, storing, managing and transmitting a patient's electronic medical records (EMR) in a professional, caring, and confidential manner. [Read more](#)



Donations for Prairie Mountain Health

Thank you for the generous donations received around Prairie Mountain Health this past month. [Read more](#)



February is Eating Disorder Awareness Month

Did you know? Eating Disorders have the highest overall mortality rate of any mental illness in Canada. While eating disorders are serious mental health conditions, they are also treatable. [Read more](#)



Brandon Satellite Residency Campus reaches 10-year milestone in 2023

PMH continues its strong partnerships with two U of M residency programs located within the health region. The Brandon Satellite Campus, along with the Parkland Family Medicine Residency Unit, based in Dauphin. [Read more](#)



Get Better Together – Is it for you?

Do you try and set goals and can't seem to follow through with them? Is your list of things you should be doing just getting longer? Sometimes it can be overwhelming to think about the changes we want to make. [Read more](#)



BRHC Auxiliary exceeds \$6 million milestone, commits to half million in 2023

The BRHC Auxiliary continues its generous and giving ways by reaching and exceeding the \$6-million milestone in contributions. [Read more](#)



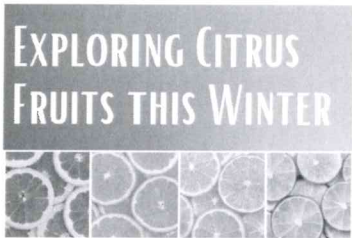
Send Valentine's Greetings

Send Well Wishes to family and friends who are spending time in the hospital or residing in a personal care home. Staff will print, seal & deliver your message. [Read more](#)



PMH organizes health care students tour as part of recruitment activities

Health-care students from U of M and BU were part of a two-day tour, with site visits in Dauphin, Grandview, Roblin and Russell. [Read more](#)



Exploring Citrus Fruits this Winter

Add some "sunshine" to the cold winter days with these brightly colored flavourful fruits. [Read more](#)



Medical students gather in Brandon as part of rural interest group

The Rural Interest Group weekend highlighted the benefits of practicing medicine in rural communities and available lifestyle opportunities. [Read more](#)



National Kids and Vaccines Day

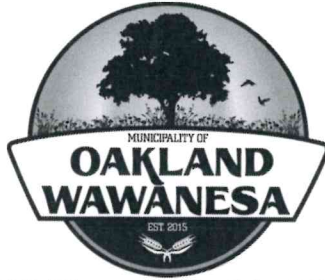
February 23 is National Kids and Vaccines Day. Routine vaccinations are critical for protection against a wide range of vaccine-preventable diseases. [Read more](#)

PMH Classes And Clinics

Women's Health Clinic
7th Street Health Access Centre

More Info





Box 278, Wawanesa, Manitoba R0K 2G0
Phone: (204) 824-2666

January 17, 2023

RM of Cornwallis
Site 500, Box 10, RR5
Brandon, MB R7A 5Y5

ATTENTION: James Montgomery

RE: Lake Clementi

This is further to your email dated January 16, 2023 with respect to the above. Council, at its meeting held January 17, 2023, briefly discussed your email and requested that I follow up with you.

Council would sincerely like to thank your Municipality for the opportunity to attend the presentation provided by your engineer in December. There was a substantial amount of material to digest and certainly some questions to which there were no answers at that time.

While there is no "ask" directed to this Municipality, our Council would like to encourage further dialogue and information sharing between our Councils, and with affected property owners and stakeholders. Of particular interest would be additional information on options and costs that did not fall within the current mandate of the engineer, such as raising the affected property.

We look forward to ongoing discussions aimed towards finding a suitable solution.

Yours truly,

J. Swidnicki, CMMA (Hons)
Chief Administrative Officer

Joni Swidnicki

From: Cornwallis CAO <cao@gov.cornwallis.mb.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2023 9:36 AM
To: Joni Swidnicki
Cc: Members of Council
Subject: RE: Lake Clementi

Good morning Joni,

Thank you for the update. I'll keep trying to get this back on our Council's radar. I hope we can work together on a mutually beneficial solution.

James Montgomery
Interim CAO, RM of Cornwallis
204-725-8686
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Brandon, MB R7A 5Y5

From: Joni Swidnicki [mailto:cao@oakland-wawanesa.ca]
Sent: January 16, 2023 1:26 PM
To: Cornwallis CAO <cao@gov.cornwallis.mb.ca>
Cc: Members of Council <membersofcouncil@oakland-wawanesa.ca>
Subject: RE: Lake Clementi

Hi James,

Happy New Year.

There is nothing for me to put before our Council for discussion until we know if there is a specific "ask" that our Council needs to address.

Joni

From: Cornwallis CAO <cao@gov.cornwallis.mb.ca>
Sent: Monday, January 16, 2023 1:23 PM
To: Joni Swidnicki <cao@oakland-wawanesa.ca>
Subject: Lake Clementi

Good afternoon Joni,

I just wanted to follow up now that we're in the new year. Have you had any further discussions with your Council regarding Lake Clementi? I haven't really had any success getting this back on our radar other than we did meet with Larry Maguire and he stated that there could be Federal infrastructure dollars for this purpose. The Province would have to push this up the ladder to the Feds.

Hope all is well.

Thank you.

James Montgomery
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Norma Will

From: RCMP Survey Centre / Centre de sondage de la GRC via SimpleSurvey <messages-noreply@simplesurvey.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 1, 2023 9:02 AM
To: oakwawa@outlook.com
Subject: 2022-23 RCMP Contract Partners Survey / Sondage auprès des partenaires contractuels de la GRC de 2022-2023

{le français suit}

Good morning,

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) is conducting its **2022-23 Contract Partners Survey**. It is designed to assess the RCMP's performance, measure progress, and identify areas for improvement. It will also capture information on your satisfaction with our service, joint efforts, partnerships, communication, and accountability.

Your views, ideas, and opinions are important to us. On this **150th anniversary of the RCMP**, we greatly welcome your feedback to help us know where we are meeting your needs and where we can improve.

The survey can be accessed by clicking on the link below, or by copying and pasting the link in your browser:

<https://rcmp-grc.sondage-survey.ca/f/s.aspx?a=F6DBC7B0-AA1D-4D08-AD7C-DF037A66FBA8&lang=EN>

Important: Please do not forward your unique link to others or you will not be able to use it to complete the survey yourself.

If you have any questions or comments, you can contact the [RCMP Survey Centre](#).

Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete this survey!

RCMP Survey Centre

Email: SurveycentreRCMP-CentresondageGRC@rcmp-grc.gc.ca

Bonjour,

La Gendarmerie royale du Canada (GRC) mène son **Sondage auprès des partenaires contractuels de 2022-2023**. Ce questionnaire servira à évaluer le rendement de la GRC, à mesurer ses progrès et à dégager les aspects à améliorer. Il permettra aussi de recueillir de l'information sur votre satisfaction à l'égard de notre service, des mesures conjointes, des partenariats, des communications et de la responsabilisation.

Vos opinions et vos idées nous sont d'une grande importance. En ce **150^e anniversaire de la GRC**, nous vous invitons à nous faire part de vos opinions pour nous aider à connaître les domaines où nous répondons à vos besoins et ceux où nous pourrions nous améliorer.

Pour accéder au sondage, il suffit de cliquer sur le lien ci-dessous ou de copiez et collez le lien dans votre navigateur :

<https://rcmp-grc.sondage-survey.ca/f/s.aspx?a=F6DBC7B0-AA1D-4D08-AD7C-DF037A66FBA8&lang=FR>

Important : Veuillez ne pas transmettre votre lien unique à d'autres personnes sinon vous ne pourrez pas l'utiliser pour répondre au sondage vous-même.

Si vous avez des questions ou des commentaires, vous pouvez contacter le [Centre de sondage de la GRC](#).

Merci de prendre le temps de remplir le questionnaire.

Centre de sondage de la GRC

Courriel: SurveycentreRCMP-CentresondageGRC@rcmp-grc.gc.ca



**Southwest
Regional
Round Table**

Tuesday, February 14, 2023

Dear Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa,

As the Chairperson for the Southwest Regional Roundtable (SWRRT), I am extending an invitation to our next Southwest Regional Roundtable meeting **on Tuesday, March. 7th at 10 am at the Souris & Glenwood Memorial Arena in the Kirkup Lounge.** This invitation is extended to the Economic Development Officers, Community Development Officers, and/or Chairpersons of your local Development Committee or Municipal Councillor Representative involved in Economic/Community Development for your region.

The Southwest Regional Roundtable is a nonprofit organization made up of economic development officers and community representatives from SW Manitoba who have a focus on economic development within their community. The organization exists so that members can share ideas and support, as well as train in best practices of economic development to increase the capacity of members and their communities to achieve economic development success. We meet at least 4 times a year and collaborate on regional projects and professional development. This group also acts as a support for those in the economic development field, offering mentorship and fast assistance from colleagues in the field.

During this meeting we will be able to network and introduce everyone, as well as learn more about each of our regions. We will also look at relevant goals for the organization to reflect the needs of the membership.

Please respond by emailing myself, Eric Forster (Crocus Country EDC), at crocuscountryswrt@gmail.com or our Secretary, Parker Janz (Municipality of Pipestone), at edo@rmofpipestone.ca. If this letter has reached you in error, please forward it to the appropriate person.

Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

Eric Forster



Serving the Municipalities of:
Brenda-Waskada | Town of Melita | Two Borders

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Norma Will

From: Peter Hart <phart@sustainergy.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, January 31, 2023 5:05 PM
To: Norma Will
Subject: Upgrade Your Facilities with 80% Funding Available (Small Municipalities)
Attachments: Digital Facility Manager - BM_A Grant.pdf

Hello Joni,

I hope you're doing well.

I wanted to bring your attention to the Community Building Monitoring & Analysis Grant by FCM,

<https://greenmunicipalfund.ca/funding/community-building-monitoring-analysis-grant>

helps small municipalities improve their energy efficiency and better manage their facilities.

The grant covers 80% of the costs of a digital facility manager, a solution that:

- Monitors energy consumption in real-time
- Helps you save on energy costs
- Prevents equipment failures
- Tracks equipment performance

Thanks to the grant , his solution typically costs the municipality no more then a few thousand dollars , with a quick ROI (Return on Investment) . I've attached a brochure for your reference.

If you're interested, I'd be happy to set up a quick call (10-15 minutes) to discuss this opportunity and share how it offers value to small municipalities.

Thank you for your time,

Peter



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Norma Will

From: United Way Centraide Canada <noreply@unitedway.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2023 3:52 PM
To: Norma Will
Subject: Community Services Recovery Fund | Fonds de relance des services communautaires

Community Services Recovery Fund



Canadian
Red Cross



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OF CANADA



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Fonds de relance des services communautaires



Croix-Rouge
canadienne



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Centraide
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Le message en français suit l'anglais

Hello,

We are pleased to announce that the **Community Services Recovery Fund** is now open for applications.

The Community Services Recovery Fund is a \$400 million investment from the Government of Canada to support Community Service Organizations, including non-profit organizations, Indigenous Governing Bodies, and Registered Charities located in Canada, as they focus on how to adapt their organizations for pandemic recovery.

United Way Centraide Canada is working in collaboration with the Canadian Red Cross and Community Foundations of Canada to distribute funding. We encourage you to read the eligibility criteria and learn about the program on the [Community Services Recovery Fund website](#). The deadline for applications is February 21, 2023 at 5:00pm PT.

Bonjour,

Nous avons le plaisir d'annoncer que la période d'admission des demandes au **Fonds de relance des services communautaires** est désormais ouverte.

Le Fonds de relance des services communautaires est un investissement de 400 millions de dollars du gouvernement du Canada pour soutenir les organismes communautaires, incluant les organismes sans but lucratif, les corps dirigeants autochtones et les organismes de bienfaisance enregistrés situés au Canada dans l'adaptation de leur organisation dans un contexte de relance post-pandémique.

Centraide United Way Canada travaille en collaboration avec la Croix-Rouge canadienne et les Fondations communautaires du Canada à la distribution des fonds. Nous vous invitons à consulter le [site Web du Fonds de relance des services communautaires](#) afin de

prendre connaissance des critères d'admissibilité et d'en savoir plus sur ce programme. La date limite pour présenter une demande est le 21 février 2023 à 17 :00 HP.

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