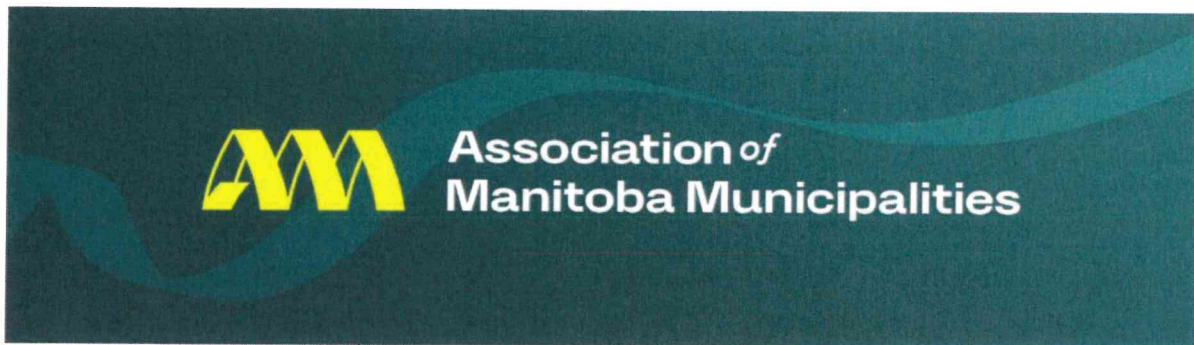

2 REMINDER- Member Advisory: Understanding Manitoba's Prompt Payment Legislation

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

Date Mon 2025-09-15 10:16 AM

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#2 REMINDER

Upcoming Webinar (September 17, 2025): Understanding Manitoba's Prompt Payment Legislation

#2 REMINDER September 15, 2025 - On April 1, 2025, long awaited changes to *The Builders' Lien Act* were implemented in Manitoba which will impact how municipal construction projects are procured, contracted, managed, and financed. The changes add prompt payment and dispute adjudication systems for all construction projects covered by *The Builders' Lien Act* and contains a number of key changes aimed at ensuring the timely payment of contractors and subcontractors on construction projects. As frequent purchasers of construction services, municipalities need to be aware of how to comply with the recent changes as they plan and execute public works and other major construction projects in their communities.

Join Andrew Konopelny with MLT Aikins to learn more about this legislation and impacts on municipalities.

Date: September 17, 2025

Time: 10:00 - 11:00 AM



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

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

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

REMINDER- September 16, 2025 - People First HR Services will be hosting an exclusive webinar titled *Thriving Through Adversity: Building Resilience and Practicing Self-Care*. How we navigate challenges affects both our own well-being and our teams. Learning

how to support each other through difficult times helps teams not only survive adversity but *thrive* through it.

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

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

Date: October 23, 2025

Time: 12:00 - 1:00 PM

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Administered by the Manitoba Municipal Administrators (MMA), this award serves not only to recognize individual excellence but also to inspire others in the profession to strive for service innovation, principled leadership, and community impact.

Nominees will be evaluated on the following:

- Contribution to and impact on their community and/or organization
- Exemplification of professional standards and ethics
- Support for peer development and advancement of the profession
- Fostering of service excellence and innovation
- Demonstrated thought leadership in municipal governance

Deadline: September 30, 2025 at 11:59 p.m.

For more details see link below;

[Lieutenant Governor's Award](#)

Please see the attached letter from Nicole Chychota, President,
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Sept. 19, 2025

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

REGISTER NOW - 2025 Fall Convention:

<https://amm.mb.ca/events/event/2025-amm-fall-convention/>

SECURE YOUR BOOTH - 2025 Fall Trade Show:

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AMM & AMBM News Releases on Federal-Municipal Issues

Invest in Water to Unlock Housing, Growth: Manitobans push Ottawa to Invest in Critical Municipal Infrastructure

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Nearly 9 in 10 Manitobans demand urgent federal action on bail reform and policing

Survey: Vast majority want Ottawa to hold repeat offenders accountable and boost policing resources

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Intake Open for the 2025-26 Canada-Manitoba Job Grant

Intake is now open for the 2025-26 Canada-Manitoba Job Grant, which will provide \$3.5 million this year to Manitoba businesses to train and enhance job skills for new and current workers, federal Jobs and Families Minister Patty Hajdu and Manitoba Business, Mining, Trade and Job Creation Minister Jamie Moses announced today.

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Municipal Climate Internship Program



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Environmental Leadership Canada is looking to recruit host municipalities for their Municipal Climate Internship program.

Municipal hosts are responsible for providing interns with:

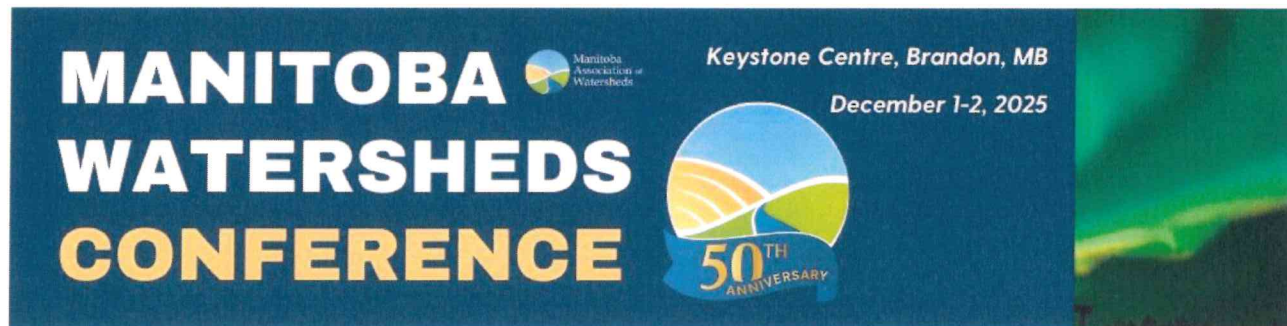
- meaningful work related to environmental or climate priorities
- a supervisor to oversee their work and offer guidance
- opportunities to experience the municipal political process (e.g. attend council meetings)
- political mentorship in the form of a councillor or the mayor/warden assigned to the intern

ELC asks municipal hosts for a financial contribution of \$3,000 and to cover the WSIB or WCB costs for the intern (if needed). If the financial contribution is a barrier to participation, we are flexible and can discuss this on a case-by-case basis.

Applicants can apply by submitting an [expression of interest](#) by **Sept. 25, 2025**.

For more information on the Municipal Climate Internship Program, [Click here](#)

The 2025 Manitoba Watersheds Conference is Here!



Manitoba Association of Watersheds is excited to announce that registration is now open for the **2025 Manitoba Watersheds Conference**, where we will focus on the accomplishments and successes of 50 years of Watershed District Programming in Manitoba.

The conference offers an opportunity for watershed district staff and board members to engage with industry professionals, decision-makers, businesses, and one another. It provides a platform for celebrating successes, fostering community building, staying connected to new and emerging practices, promoting education, and advocating for the protection of our water resources.

[Click Here](#) to register.

2 Billion Trees Program

The Province of Manitoba is excited to partner with the Government of Canada's 2 Billion Tree Program (2BT).

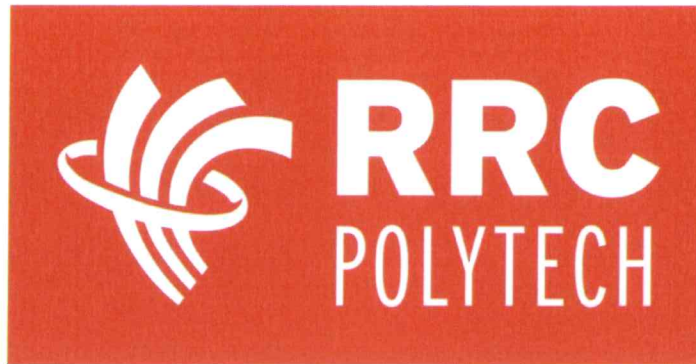
Urban tree planting efforts in municipalities and communities enhances tree cover and provides more shade (reducing summer cooling costs), captures storm runoff, and provides wind protection as well as air filtration.

As part of the 2BT program, we want to provide communities with free potted trees to plant on public properties. Those interested would be responsible to plant and water the trees once delivered to your community. Once the trees are planted, we will send out our staff to map the trees and share the points with Natural Resources Canada (NRCAN).

We have trees available this year for communities interested in planting.

Email Steven.Hunter@gov.mb.ca or Jackie.Kaluzny@gov.mb.ca to get a list of available trees.

To request more information about the 2BT program, municipalities and communities can contact the Provincial Treeline: treeline@gov.mb.ca.



RRC Polytech is pleased to offer several online Manitoba Building Code courses this fall.

- **Course Descriptions/More Information:** www.rrc.ca/techsolutions/manitoba-building-code-courses/
- **Download Course Registration Form at** www.rrc.ca/techsolutions/registration/
- **Course Questions? Email** techsolutions@rrc.ca

Ice Facility Operator Course

A regulatory project to introduce “Ice Facility Plants” into the Power Engineer Regulation has introduced a new licence for Ice Facility Operators, while expanding the role of 5th class power engineers to act as shift engineers in Ice Facility Plants.

Although the regulation does not mandate the completion of training courses, Red River College Polytech has introduced a new **IFO Training Course**. For more information please visit: [Trades Qualification - Course Dates and Fees :: RRC Polytech Program & Course Catalogue](#)

RRCP has also advised that a new Refrigeration training course to support individuals seeking the Refrigeration Operator licence is also under development and should be available in the new future.

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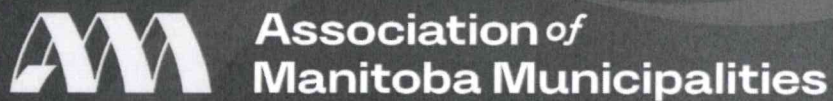
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To Norma Will <adminassist@oakland-wawanesa.ca>



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LEADERSHIP IN MOTION

**REGISTRATION OPEN:
2025 Fall Convention & Trade Show**



September 19, 2025 – This November, AMM is exploring **Leadership in Motion** at our annual **Fall Convention**. As we move toward a time of transition, AMM sets to inspire municipal leaders to continue forward-thinking – taking action today that will make change for the future.

Throughout the 3-Day event at Winnipeg's RBC Convention Centre, delegates will be moved by world-class Keynote Speakers (announcement coming soon!) and experience opportunities to connect with colleagues province wide. The **Trade Show** will feature over 140 Exhibitors, each of whom are moving the province forward in their own ways. Popular social events like the Gala and Municipal Mixer are back, as well as our important business meetings and voting activities. There will also be time for professional development, networking and breakout sessions.

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

REGISTRATION

Register for all 3-Days of the Convention, Municipal Mixer, and Gala Evening **HERE** today!

Tickets can also be purchased for:

- Gala Evening – November 26, 2025 – 6:00-10:00 pm – York Ballroom
- Municipal Mixer – November 25, 2025 – 7:00-9:00 pm – Trade Show Exhibition Halls A & B
- Additional spousal tickets available for purchase for delegates wanting to bring a guest (tickets are included for all delegates registered for the convention).

Registration will remain open until **November 7, 2025**. Registrants will be invoiced after registering. All tickets are non-refundable.

PROGRAM / AGENDA

Visit our **2025 Fall Convention webpage** for a high-level agenda and check back regularly for the most current information. A full program will be available early October 2025. Please stay tuned for updates on Keynote Speakers, breakout sessions, and entertainment.

IN MEMORIAM

In keeping with tradition, the AMM honours elected officials and senior administrators (past or present) who have passed away during the year since the 2024 Annual Fall Convention. These members will be recognized by our organization during the In Memoriam portion of the 2025 Fall Convention.

Municipal offices are encouraged to complete the online submission form **HERE**.

To prepare accordingly, we are able to accept submissions by **November 14, 2025**.

QUESTIONS / INQUIRIES

If you should have any questions or inquiries about the 2025 Fall Convention, please email [**conventions@amm.mb.ca**](mailto:conventions@amm.mb.ca) or contact the AMM office.

Sincerely,

Denys Volkov
Executive Director

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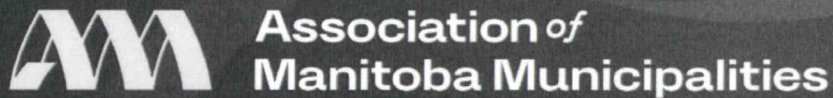
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Member Advisory: Manitoba Government Launches 2025 Wildfire Disaster Financial Assistance Program to Support Impacted Communities

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

Date Wed 2025-10-01 11:56 AM

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



Member Advisory

Manitoba Government Launches 2025 Wildfire Disaster Financial Assistance Program to Support Impacted Communities

NOTE: This message is being sent on behalf of Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure.

October 1, 2025 - The Manitoba government is launching the 2025 wildfire Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA) program to help municipalities recover from the devastating impacts of this year's unprecedented wildfire season, Transportation and Infrastructure Minister Lisa Naylor announced today.

"This has been the most severe wildfire season in Manitoba's history and our government is committed to supporting municipalities as they work to recover," said Naylor. "Lives have been lost, families displaced and communities deeply affected. Our government stands with Manitobans during this difficult time and is committed to helping municipalities rebuild and recover."

The DFA program will provide financial support for actions undertaken by municipalities and local authorities that have either been directly impacted or have incurred significant costs while hosting evacuees including:

- pre-emptive preparation efforts,
- emergency response operations,
- recovery and restoration activities,
- relief and recovery support, and
- long-term wildfire mitigation strategies.

“We’ve witnessed incredible acts of compassion and resilience from communities across Manitoba,” said Naylor. “From opening their doors to evacuees to mobilizing emergency resources, these communities have shown what it means to care for one another. This program is one way we’re ensuring they’re not alone in the recovery process.”

More information about the DFA program, including eligibility and application details, is available at

<https://gov.mb.ca/emo/funding/dfa/programs.html>.

Municipalities can also review the Introduction to ***DFA Eligible Wildland Urban Interface Fire Costs guide*** at

https://gov.mb.ca/asset_library/en/emo/dfafs-wildfire.pdf.

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Member Advisory: AMM Fall Convention: Provincial Minister and RCMP Meeting Requests

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



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AMM Fall Convention: Provincial Minister and RCMP Meeting Requests

October 2, 2025 - As part of the upcoming 27th Annual AMM Convention, municipalities will once again have the opportunity to request meetings with provincial ministers and the RCMP to discuss local priorities. Please see the attached letters for details on how to submit your meeting requests.

Meetings with Provincial Ministers:

- To request a meeting, please complete the **attached meeting request form**,
- Complete the attached form and return it by email to **dmmnr@manitoba.ca** no later than **October 8, 2025**.
- For more information, please see the attached letter **HERE**.

Meetings with the RCMP:

- To request a meeting, please reply by **November 1, 2025** to **renalda.hird@rcmp-grc.gc.ca**.
- For more information, please see the attached letter **HERE**.

Sincerely,

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Mayors, Reeves, Chiefs, and Councils:

**Re: The 27th Annual Convention of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM)
November 25 to 27th, 2025- RBC Convention Centre - 375 York Ave, Winnipeg, Manitoba**

Each year the RCMP looks forward to meeting with our municipal stakeholders during the Association of Manitoba Municipalities Convention. The AMM convention provides an excellent opportunity for us to discuss policing issues with individual municipalities. This helps us to ensure we are providing the best possible police service to Manitoba communities.

If you would like to meet with us during the convention to discuss policing issues in your area, we will be available Tuesday, November 25 to Thursday, November 27, 2025. Please reply on or before November 1st via email to renalda.hird@rcmp-grc.gc.ca. The meetings will be held in the [Meeting Room 6](#) (location), 1st floor of the north building, RBC Convention Centre Winnipeg.

In order to make the best possible use of our time together, please submit a brief outline/questions of the issues you would like to discuss in advance to Renalda Hird at the e-mail address referenced above.

Yours truly,



Jared Hall, Insp.
Officer in Charge
Operations Strategy Branch "D" Division

Member Advisory: Statutory Review of Planning Legislation - What We Heard Report

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

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



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Statutory Review of Planning Legislation - What We Heard Report

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

October 7, 2025 - Manitoba is required by law to undertake a comprehensive review of recent amendments to The Planning Act and Part 6 of The City of Winnipeg Charter (formerly Bill 37 and Bill 34).

The review was carried out by consultant Braid Solutions Inc., who completed an independent review of the legislative amendments that included a comprehensive stakeholder engagement process.

What We Heard Report

The department is providing a further update on the statutory review by releasing the consultant's **What We Heard Report**. This report includes a summary of the feedback received during the review

process and includes the consultant's analysis. The What We Heard Report is attached to this bulletin for your reference.

The What We Heard Report is available in alternate formats upon request. Please contact MRCPD@gov.mb.ca for more information.

What comes next?

The Minister of Municipal and Northern Relations is required to table a report on the review in the Legislative Assembly by **October 29, 2025**.

The department also is working with stakeholders to finalize an action plan to address key recommendations of the consultant's report.

- If you have any questions for the department, please contact provincialplanning@gov.mb.ca.

For more information, please visit:

- [**#2025-25 - MNR Bulletin**](#)
- [**What We Heard Report EN**](#)
- [**What We Heard Report FR**](#)

Sincerely,

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Member Advisory: 2025 Western AMM Infrastructure Grant

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NOTE: This message is being sent on behalf of Western Financial Group

October 10, 2025 - AMM Infrastructure Grants are **open to members of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM)**. We're offering **up to five \$5,000 grants** to support infrastructure projects in communities across Manitoba. Submit an online application for a current infrastructure project that:

- Involves upgrading, enhancing, renovating, or constructing a **publicly owned asset**
- Contributes to **climate resilience, sustainability, accessibility** or **community health and safety**
- Only **one application per municipality**
- **Application Deadline: Midnight, November 3, 2025**

The application takes approximately **15 minutes** to complete. Grant recipients will be notified by email in late-November.

Questions? Email communitiesfoundation@westernfg.ca.

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AMM Western Director's Update - October 2025

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Councillor Rhonda Coupland

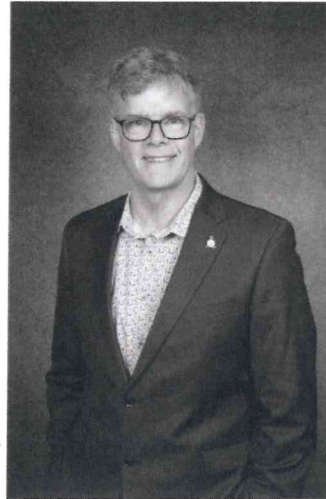
Councillor Marc Savy

As your AMM Board Director's, we are pleased to provide an update on the issues we discussed at the last Board meeting that was held on **October 2, 2025**.

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.





Manitobans Call for Federal Action on Local Priorities

In September 2025, the AMM and AMBM released the survey results in collaboration, calling on Ottawa to step up — by providing more funding to municipalities for building and upgrading critical water and wastewater infrastructure needed to support housing, and by implementing immediate bail reform and changes to the Criminal Code to hold repeat offenders accountable.

Infrastructure findings show that **83%** of Manitobans believe the federal government needs to help municipalities fund essential water and wastewater projects such as treatment plants, sewer pipes, and sewage lagoons. Additionally, **70%** of respondents emphasized that federal housing and infrastructure programs must be flexible enough to reflect the unique needs of different-sized communities.

On public safety, nearly **nine in ten** Manitobans (**88%**) believe the federal government must urgently reform the bail system to hold repeat offenders accountable, while **72%** want more federal funding for policing.

Together, the September survey results send a clear message that Manitobans want Ottawa to treat municipalities as true partners by investing in core infrastructure, improving public safety, and supporting the local priorities that drive growth and quality of life across the province.

View the full AMM news releases here:

- **[AMM-AMBM News Release - Invest in Water to Unlock Housing, Growth: Manitobans push Ottawa to Invest in Critical Municipal Infrastructure](#)**
- **[AMM-AMBM News Release - Nearly 9 in 10 Manitobans demand urgent federal action on bail reform and policing](#)**

Provincial Updates

The AMM Board of Directors discussed the recent announcement of the 2025/26 Manitoba Growth, Renewal and Opportunities (GRO) for Municipalities program. The AMM welcomes the provincial decision to open the Manitoba GRO program earlier than last year, a clear response to our advocacy and the feedback municipalities have provided on the importance of accelerating program timelines.

For more information, visit www.gov.mb.ca/mr/mfpp/mgro.html.

In September, the Province announced the official re-opening of MASC offices in Virden and Shoal Lake. Since the introduction of its rural service delivery model in 2021, the AMM raised concerns about limited broadband access and increased travel distances for many municipalities. Following several meetings with the department and senior officials, the AMM is pleased the Province responded to municipal feedback by reopening these offices to better serve communities.

For more information on MASC programs and services, visit www.masc.mb.ca.

Provincial Economic Development Strategy

The Manitoba government launched its new Economic Development Strategy, a positive first step the AMM has long called for. We are pleased the plan recognizes the importance of working with municipalities to improve water management and ensure water and wastewater services are available to support growth. However, we remain concerned that the strategy does not include specific investment commitments to achieve this goal. With more than 300 ready-to-go projects totaling over \$1.6 billion, we look forward to seeing how the Province will move from strategy to implementation.

The AMM also welcomes the plan's acknowledgment of the need to improve broadband and cellular connectivity across rural and northern Manitoba. While this recognition is encouraging, the strategy does not include any dedicated funding to address these gaps. Leveraging federal programs and future provincial investments will be essential to ensure all Manitobans have access to reliable and efficient broadband and cellular services.

For more information on Manitoba's Economic Development Strategy, visit: <https://manitoba.ca/eds/>.

MMSM Transition Plan to Full EPR

In August, the AMM participated in the Ministerial Advisory Committee alongside key stakeholders to review MMSM's revised Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) transition plan. With the plan now posted on MMSM's website, the next step is public consultations. We strongly encourage all municipalities to review the plan and share their feedback – your input is vital to ensuring a smooth transition and strengthening waste management across Manitoba.

The upcoming AMM Fall Convention in Winnipeg will include dedicated breakout sessions on the transition plan, providing a valuable opportunity to learn more and raise any questions or concerns.

For more information, visit: <https://stewardshipmanitoba.org/mmsm/full-epr-plan-development/>

AMM Fall Convention

The 2025 AMM Fall Convention will take place at the RBC Convention Centre in Winnipeg between November 25-27. Please be advised that Convention registration is open, and this year's theme is Leadership in Motion. As we move toward a time of transition, AMM sets to inspire municipal leaders to continue forward-thinking – taking action today that will make change for the future. A preliminary agenda of our event can be found [HERE](#).

The Trade Show will take place on November 25 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm! Make sure you take time to walk through the show and meet 140+ exhibitors who bring a vast selection of products and services right to you, Manitoba's municipal officials. Additionally, in the evening, from 7:00-9:00 pm, join us for the Municipal Mixer and connect with municipal colleagues from across Manitoba!

Registration and Convention details are available on the Annual Convention [AMM Webpage](#).

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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Business and Community Newsletter

September 2025

Features

[Labour productivity, hourly compensation and unit labour cost, second quarter 2025](#)

Labour productivity of Canadian businesses declined 1.0% in the second quarter. This decline followed a nearly flat variation in the first quarter, which had followed a strong increase of 1.2% in the fourth quarter of 2024. The last time productivity declined so sharply was in the fourth quarter of 2022 (-1.1%).

[Canadian Survey on Business Conditions, third quarter 2025](#)

Businesses continue to anticipate a variety of obstacles over the next three months (see Note to readers). While pressures of both cost- and labour-related obstacles have continued into the third quarter of 2025, the proportion of businesses with a positive outlook has remained comparable with previous quarters.

[Analysis on expected use of artificial intelligence by businesses in Canada, third quarter of 2025](#)

This article explores how businesses plan to use AI over the next 12 months and the types of AI they intend to use when producing goods or delivering services. It also explores how businesses expect AI to affect their employment levels, what operational changes they anticipate over the next 12 months and why some are choosing not to use AI. It involves an examination of the data produced by the Canadian Survey on Business Conditions.

[Gross domestic product, income and expenditure, second quarter 2025](#)

Real gross domestic product (GDP) declined 0.4% in the second quarter of 2025, following a 0.5% gain in the first quarter. The contraction in the



second quarter was driven by significant declines in the export of goods, as well as decreased business investment in machinery and equipment. These declines were tempered by faster accumulations of business inventories, higher household spending and lower imports of goods.

[Economic and Social Reports, August 2025](#)

Renters' shelter costs can differ depending on how long they've lived in their current home. Renters who recently moved can pay substantially more than longstanding renters. The study "[Renters' shelter costs by duration of tenancy](#)," found that the gap between recent and long-term renters' shelter costs widened from 1996 to 2021.

[Number of Canadian commuters increases for fourth straight year in 2025](#)

For the fourth year in a row, the proportion of employed people mostly working from home was down in May 2025 (17.4%) compared with May 2024 (18.7%), resulting in more commuters on the roads.

[Employment by industry in rural Canada: Interactive dashboard](#)

The Employment by industry in rural Canada: Interactive dashboard includes new data and analysis for the July 2025 reference period. Data presented in this interactive dashboard are based on employment and unemployment rates from the [Labour Force Survey](#).

[Monthly Analysis on the Canadian Economic Tracker](#)

The Canadian Economic Tracker presents selected monthly indicators from Statistics Canada's Common Output Database Repository to highlight the interrelated dynamics within the Canadian economy.

[Canadian international merchandise trade, July 2025](#)

In July, Canada's merchandise exports rose 0.9%, while imports were down 0.7%. As a result, Canada's merchandise trade deficit with the world narrowed from \$6.0 billion in June to \$4.9 billion in July.

Labour Force Survey, August 2025



Highlights

Employment declined by 66,000 (-0.3%) in August, largely the result of a decline in part-time work, and the employment rate fell 0.2 percentage points to 60.5%. The unemployment rate rose 0.2 percentage points to 7.1%.

Employment fell for core-aged (25 to 54 years old) men (-58,000; -0.8%) and core-aged women (-35,000; -0.5%) in August. There was little change in employment for youth aged 15 to 24 and people aged 55 and older.

Employment decreased across several industries in August, led by professional, scientific and technical services (-26,000; -1.3%), transportation and warehousing (-23,000; -2.1%), and manufacturing (-19,000; -1.0%). On the other hand, there was an increase in construction employment (+17,000; +1.1%).

Every month, Statistics Canada conducts the Labour Force Survey to gather vital information about employment, unemployment, and labour market trends across the country. If you are selected, your voice matters because your response represents hundreds of Canadians. Your answers are confidential and combined with others so no one can be identified. Whether you are employed, looking for work, retired, or a student, your participation helps paint an accurate picture of Canada's economy. It helps inform decisions on job creation, education, pensions, and income support, and is used by governments, businesses, and researchers to improve the lives of Canadians. Completing the questionnaire is mandatory, but it's

also simple, secure, and a meaningful way to contribute to your community and country. [Here are a few examples](#) of how your participation in the Labour Force Survey contributes to vital insights that benefit us all.

Resources

Labour	Labour Force Survey in brief: Interactive app	Labour Statistics
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Upcoming webinars this fall

- [Weights, in All Shapes and Forms](#)
- [Toward a Confident use of Confidence Intervals with Complex Survey Data](#)
- Introductory Session on the Luxembourg Income Study (LIS) Databases with Practical Exercises – the dates for this webinar will soon be announced on [our site](#).



Visit [StatsCAN Plus](#) for the most recent data stories:

- [Canadian video game industry is game indeed](#)
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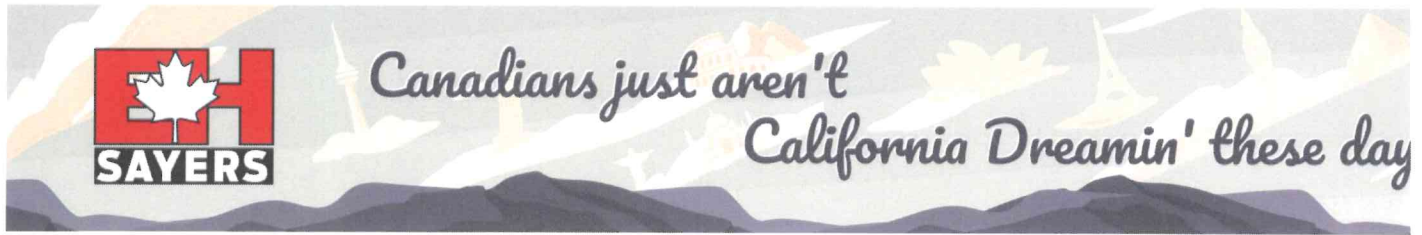
[Podcasts](#)



[Eh Sayers Episode 26 - A Tariff on Both Your Houses!](#)

Two countries, both alike in dignity,
In North America, where we lay our scene,
From ancient friendship break to new trade tragedy,
Of data on trade and tariffs, what might we glean?

Join us as we speak with Guy Gellatly, Chief Economic Advisor, at Statistics Canada, as we explore what's been going on with trade with our closest neighbour, what the early numbers suggest about the conflict, and what impact it might have on Canada's economy.



[Eh Sayers Episode 27 - Canadians Just Aren't California Dreamin' These Days](#)

Calllllll-i-forrrrr-nia... here we come?

If you've changed your plans to visit the US recently, you're not alone. Nowadays, Canadians are more likely to be singing along to "Bobcaygeon" than "Sweet Home Alabama."

Today, we're sitting down with Jane Lin, of the Tourism Statistics Program at Statistics Canada, to dig into StatCan's tourism data and talk about how travel is different these days.



Workshop - Analysis 101: Steps of the analytical process

Description:

The objective of this instructor-led virtual course is for participants to gain a better understanding of the steps of the analytical process. This course can help participants whose work activities require them to write briefing notes, analytical papers or deliver presentations on analytical work. Best practices for developing relevant analytical questions, identifying key messages from results, reviewing analytical work, and disseminating findings to various audiences will be discussed. Participants will also engage in hands-on exercises that reinforce what they've learned about the analytical process.

Registration Information: English workshop dates are available in September 2025 and French workshop dates are available in December

2025. For more information and to register for a session, please go to this link: [Workshop – Analysis 101: Steps of the analytical process](#)

Cost: \$500 per participant

Workshop – Introduction to Basic Statistics

Description:

A quick refresher course for those who have had statistical training in the past or a fast-paced introduction to basic statistics for beginners. Statistical measures such as percentages, averages, frequency and standard error are used widely. But how are they calculated, and exactly what do they tell us? This workshop will help participants develop an appreciation of the potential of statistics and a critical eye of when and how they should or shouldn't be used.

Registration Information: English workshop dates are available in October 2025, and French workshop dates are available in February 2026. For more information and to register for a session, please go to this link: [Workshop – Introduction to Basic Statistics P0001048](#)

Cost: \$325 per participant

Early Registration (At least 3 weeks before): \$300 per participant

Workshop – Statistics Canada's Supply-Use Framework

Description:

This workshop provides an overview of Statistics Canada's Supply and Use Tables (formally referred to as the Input-Output Tables) and derived products such as GDP or value-added by industry, the Input-Output multipliers and the Input-Output economic impact model. The presentation is geared towards those who are using, interested in using, or want to have a greater understanding of these products. It is advised that the participants have a general knowledge of macroeconomic concepts such as Gross Domestic Product (GDP), international and interprovincial trade, investments (gross fixed capital formation) and household consumption.

Registration Information: Workshop sessions in both English and French will be offered between October 2025 and February 2026. For more information and to register for a session, please go to this link: [Workshop – Statistics Canada's Supply-Use Framework P0001099](#)

Cost: \$650 per participant

Early Registration (At least 3 weeks before): \$600 per participant

Workshop – Surveys from Start to Finish

Description:

Surveys from Start to Finish is a comprehensive workshop designed to provide a practical, step-by-step guide to the entire survey process. Topics include identifying information needs, understanding the basics of questionnaire wording and layout, and selecting data collection methods. The workshop covers probability and non-probability sampling theory and design, as well as how to process, interpret and present survey results to turn data into useful information.

Registration Information: English workshop dates are available in September 2025 and French workshop dates will be announced soon. For more information and to register for a session, please go to this link: [Workshop – Surveys from Start to Finish P0001046](#)

Cost: \$325 per module - \$975 for all 3 modules

Early registration (at least 3 weeks before): \$300 per module - \$900 for all 3 modules

Workshop – Turning Statistics into Stories

Description:

Stories resonate with audiences while numbers alone may overwhelm. Join us for an introductory workshop that will help you to communicate the messages emerging from your data in a more effective manner. During this workshop, you will focus on your target audience, use statistics to present your story and put numbers into a context to help your audience understand your messages.

Registration Information: English and French workshops dates are available between Novembre 2025 and March 2026. For more information and to register for a session, please go to this link: [Workshop – Turning Statistics into Stories P0001044](#)

Cost: \$325 per participant

Early Registration (At least 3 weeks before): \$300 per participant

Workshop - Working with Disaggregated Data

Description:

Learn what disaggregated data is and how disaggregated data can be used at different stages of the policy-making cycle.

Registration Information: English workshop dates are available in October 2025 and French workshop dates are available in January 2026. For more information and to register for a session, please go to this link: [Workshop – Working with Disaggregated Data](#)

Cost: \$500 per participant

INFOGRAPHICS

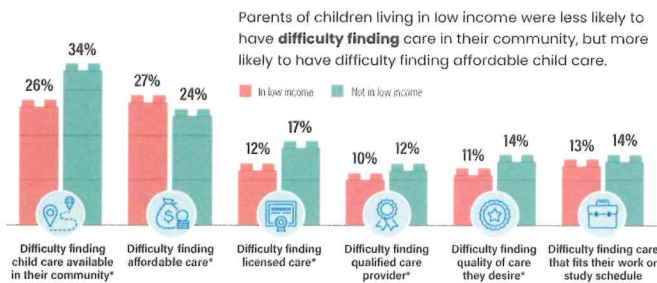
Child care use by low-income families in Canada, 2023

This infographic examines the early child care experiences of children living in low income using data from the 2023 Canadian Survey on Early Learning and Child Care arrangements. It explores the difficulties finding a child care arrangement, the reasons for not using child care, as well as the types of child care used.

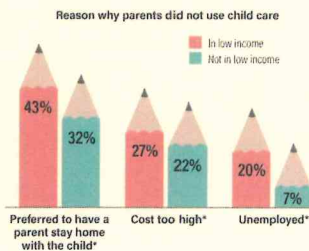
CHILD CARE USE by low-income families IN CANADA, 2023



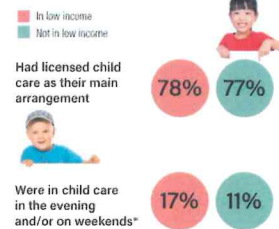
In 2023, **41% of children five and under** in low-income families attended a formal or informal type of child care, compared with **60% of children** in families not in low income.



Among children living in low income who were not in child care, **4 in 10** were not in child care because their parent chose to stay at home with them.



Among children in child care...



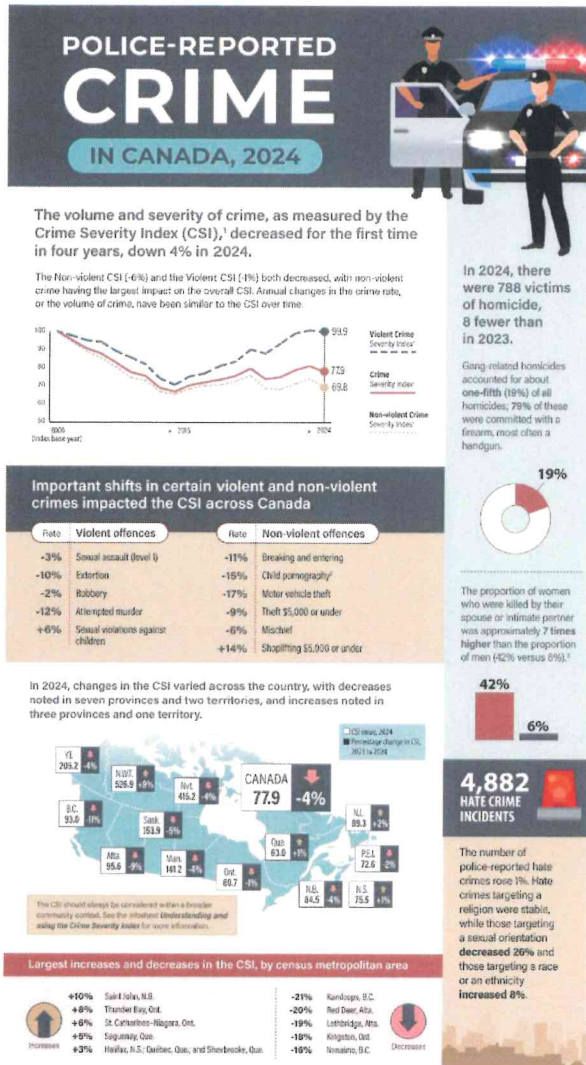
About **6 in 10 children** in child care attended a daycare centre, preschool or centre de la petite enfance (CPE), regardless of whether they were living in low income.

*In these categories, the difference between parents/children in low income and not in low income is statistically significant, meaning that the probability of the difference occurring by chance is less than 5%.

Note: Low income status was determined using the low income threshold for 2022, based on family size and before-tax family income adjusted for 2022 equivalent dollars.

Source: Statistics Canada, Canadian Survey on Early Learning and Child Care, 2023.

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Police-reported crime in Canada, 2024

Every year, Statistics Canada collects data from hundreds of surveys. As the amount of data gathered increases, Statistics Canada has introduced infographics to help people, business owners, academics, and management at all levels, understand key information derived from the data. Infographics can be used to quickly communicate a message, to simplify the presentation of large amounts of data, to see data patterns and relationships, and to monitor changes in variables over time.

1. While the crime rate measures the volume of crime, the CSI measures the volume and severity of crime. To determine severity, all crimes are assigned a weight based on maximum penalties imposed by Canadian courts. More serious crimes are assigned higher weights, while less serious crimes are assigned lower weights. As a result, more serious offences have a greater impact on the CSI than less serious offences. The CSI is an index-based measure that summarizes police-reported crime in its index value. The CSI is not an indicator of overall safety and should be interpreted in a broader community context. See the infographic *Understanding and using the Crime Severity Index* for more information.

2. For all types of crime, the number of police-reported incidents of child pornography has varied by several factors, including changes in the actual occurrence of crime, as well as public awareness and reporting and law enforcement. In 2023, a large number of cases against individuals were forwarded to social police services as a result of continued partnership and coordination with law enforcement and private internet child exploitation units and the National Child Exploitation Centre. The police-reported child pornography rate increased above 2022 levels.

3. Excludes homicides where the relationship with the accused was unknown or the accused was not identified (23% of homicides).

Sources: Statistics Canada, Canadian Centre for Justice and Community Safety Statistics, Uniform Crime Reporting Survey, 2024.

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Communities in Bloom Conference 2025
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October 4th, 2025 10:00am – 4:00pm

Registration closes September 26th, 2025

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a) Cheque payable to Manitoba Communities in Bloom

b) Send by e-transfer to: mbcibconference@gmail.com



CONFERENCE & AWARDS

AGENDA:

8:30 AM – 9:45 AM	Registration / Set up of Community Displays
10:00 AM	Welcome - Land Acknowledgement - Greetings from Gimli Mayor, Kevin Chudd - Logistics for the day - Introduction of CiB Directors and Sponsors
10:15 AM – 10:45 AM	Southport: Their journey of Climate Mitigation <i>Dean Rennie</i>
Short Break	
11:00 AM – 11:20 AM	Lake Winnipeg Research Consortium <i>Sheldon Zarnick</i>
11:20 AM – 12:00 PM	<i>A tour of the NAMAQ Research Vessel will be available</i>
Lunch	
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Historical Conservation <i>Andy Blicq</i>
2:15 PM – 2:45 PM	A new purpose: Gimli Wetland Initiative <i>Tim Arnason</i>
Short Break	
3:00 PM – 3:30 PM	CiB Awards
3:45 PM	Raffle & Draws
Announcement of 2026 Manitoba CiB Conference and Awards location.	

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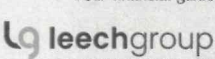
Tareq Hadhad

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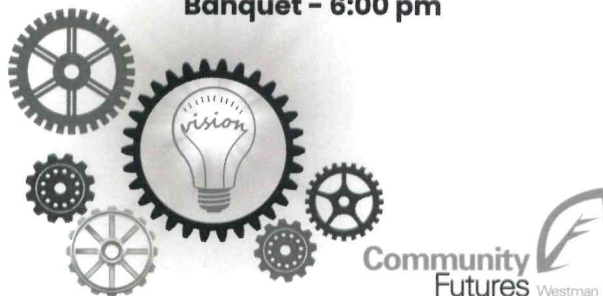
DETAILS

October 22, 2025

Keystone Center – MNP Hall

9:00 am – 5:15 pm

Banquet – 6:00 pm



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DIAMOND SPONSOR - \$5,000

One Available

- Speaking opportunity (10 minutes)
- Opportunity to introduce keynote speaker.
- Lunch sponsor recognition
- Table for 8 reserved at front.
- Admission for 2 people to conference.
- Prime Booth in the main room.
- Promotional material at registration desk.
- Logo placement (large) – Logo and paragraph in programs, registration desk signage, tent cards on tables, big screen slideshow, and website page.
- Designated Social Media post with logo.
- Verbal mention and thank you.



PLATINUM SPONSOR - \$1,500

Limited Availability

- Opportunity to introduce breakout speaker.
- Reserved seating for 4 at the front.
- Admission for 2 people to conference.
- Booth in the main room.
- Promotional material at registration desk.
- Logo Placement: (Medium) Programs, tent cards on tables, big screen slideshow, website page.
- Designated Social Media post with logo.
- Verbal mention and thank you.



GOLD SPONSOR - \$750

- Admission for 2 people to conference.
- Banner and 2 chairs in main room.
- Promotional material at registration desk.
- Logo Placement: (Small) Programs, tent cards on tables, big screen slideshow (grouped), website page.
- Social Media post – grouped logos.
- Verbal mention and thank you.



SILVER SPONSOR - \$500

- Admission for 1 person to conference.
- Banner displayed in room.
- Promotional material at registration desk.
- Logo Placement: (Small) Programs, website page.
- Social Media post – grouped logos.
- Verbal mention and thank you.



BRONZE SPONSOR - \$250

- Admission for 1 person to conference.
- Promotional material at registration desk.
- Logo Placement: (Extra Small) Programs, website page.
- Social Media post – grouped logos.
- Verbal mention and thank you.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

Morning Networking – Coffee & Refreshments

Keynote Speaker

Session 1 – Breakout Rooms 1, 2, & 3

Lunch

Session 2 – Breakout Rooms 1, 2, & 3

Session 3 – Breakout Rooms 1, 2, & 3

Afternoon Networking – Coffee & Refreshments

Session 4 – Breakout Rooms 1, 2, & 3

- Entrepreneur Banquet -

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Tareq Hadhad

Founder and CEO of Peace by Chocolate

World renowned speaker Tareq Hadhad has earned numerous awards and recognition for the compelling story of his family. While telling their story he speaks on the positive impact of newcomers, the spirit of resiliency, entrepreneurship, and giving back.

Tareq was a Syrian refugee, and is now living his new life with his entrepreneurial family on Canada's east coast. Passionate about peace and entrepreneurship, his family relaunched the family business, to recreate the chocolates they once exported across the Middle East. Their story has turned into an international phenomenon, also inspiring a book and movie.



together with our sponsors,
are proud to present
the first annual



Our hope is that this conference will become
a notable event in Manitoba that
Entrepreneurs can look forward to with
anticipation each year.

Small businesses account for 97.8% of
Manitoba businesses. Creating an event like
this not only supports business owners with
training and knowledge, but by supporting
them it in turn supports the local economy.

We are seeking sponsors to join us in making
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- FINANCIALS -

With your generous sponsorship dollars we
will be able to fund the following:

- Keynote Speaker – Fee, flights, hotels, meals and transportation
- Presenter fees
- Venue – Room rental and food
- Audio Visual
- Marketing Materials & Promotion
- Décor – Backdrop, table cloths, napkins, and center pieces.

Our target is to raise \$18,000 in funding.

Funds that exceed our targeted amount will then go to enhancements for the event such as: Door prizes, favours, menu upgrades, marketing materials, décor, and entertainment.

ADMISSION FEES

Admission fees will be set at the following prices:

Conference Admission: \$35.00

- Includes access to all daytime sessions, lunch, and refreshments

Entrepreneur Banquet: \$75.00

- Elegant dinner with evening speaker.



CONTACT

For sponsorship inquiries
or more information please contact:

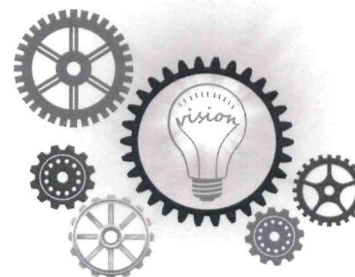
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"Our greatest weakness lies in
giving up. The most certain way to
succeed is always to try just
one more time."

– Thomas Edison



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Just launched: Build Canada Homes

Yesterday, FCM's CEO Carole Saab participated to the federal government's announcement to launch Build Canada Homes (BCH). This announcement shows a clear commitment to working with municipalities and other essential partners to deliver practical, results-driven solutions that meet the urgent housing needs of Canadians.

FCM was glad to see inclusion of supportive and transitional housing for Canadians experiencing homelessness and emphasized the need for sustained federal-provincial funding to make lasting progress on homeless encampments. Through BCH, municipalities can contribute land, support modular construction, and continue leading on zoning, approvals, infrastructure, and community planning.



Reaching the federal goal of building 500,000 homes per year will require new investments in infrastructure needed to support housing, like roads, water systems and public transit through proven tools like the Canada Community Building Fund. FCM will continue to monitor and engage with the development of BCH and other housing and homelessness-related federal initiatives.

Further analysis on Sunday's announcement will be shared in coming days.

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NEWS

AC2025 Digital Magazine

You can now read the special Municipal World publication entirely dedicated to our 2025 Annual Conference. Produced in collaboration with FCM and published by Municipal World, this digital magazine highlights the key moments of the conference held in Ottawa under the theme *Stronger Together: Local Strength, National Prosperity*.

If you haven't already, take a moment to explore the impactful discussions, innovative ideas and municipal initiatives that shaped the country's largest gathering of local elected officials. Read the magazine and share it with your network!

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Inspiring stories of GMF's work in the Canadian Prairies

Across the Canadian Prairies, aging infrastructure and increasing costs are driving municipalities to seek out sustainable, cost-effective solutions. Since 2000, FCM's Green Municipal Fund (GMF) has supported hundreds of community-focused projects in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, which have helped to boost Canada's GDP and create jobs in the region.

To showcase this work, GMF has highlighted several inspiring success stories that illustrate how sustainable building and infrastructure upgrades have helped Prairie communities—and how they could benefit your own.

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Are you an elected municipal official from BC?

FCM is seeking a dedicated elected municipal official from BC to join the GMF Council and help build sustainable communities and a more prosperous Canada.

We're looking for recognized champions of sustainability to bring their leadership to help shape strategic decisions and guide high-impact municipal projects that deliver tangible, lasting results—creating jobs, fostering environmental stewardship, and strengthening community resilience. To lead the change, apply by September 29.

» **JOIN THE GMF COUNCIL**

Strengthening women's leadership in local government in Zambia

The Partnership for Municipal Innovation – Women in Local Leadership project is working with the Local Government Association of Zambia to strengthen women's leadership in local government. A recent workshop with the Local Government Gender Equality Committee focused on leadership skills, public speaking and building confidence for active participation in local governance.

The Union of British Columbia Municipalities joined the Local Government Association of Zambia to support this knowledge exchange. This collaboration shows how Canadian municipal expertise can support inclusive governance and strengthen women's leadership globally.

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International partnerships driving stronger local governance at home and abroad

Through the Partnership for Municipal Innovation – Women in Local Leadership project, our overseas partner, the National Association of Local Authorities of Ghana (NALAG), undertook a study tour to Canada last week. Four NALAG representatives took part in the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) annual conference and engaged in exchanges with peers from Ontario municipalities.

The study tour focused on sharing experiences on gender equality and social inclusion in local leadership, exploring ways to strengthen organizational sustainability through events and membership development. This collaboration highlights the value of international partnerships for Canadian municipalities—creating opportunities for shared learning and strengthening local governance at home and abroad.

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EVENTS

Last chance: Explore safe and sustainable railway operations

Our first Collective webinar of the year is tomorrow! In partnership with CN, this webinar will help community leaders to better understand the strategies and technologies used to ensure safe and sustainable railway operations. Wildfire threats are a growing reality as unprecedented hot, dry conditions persist across Canada. Participants will learn more about CN's Fire and Suppression fleet, a custom-designed in-house fleet of five trains that can deploy firefighting resources to remote and inaccessible areas.

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FCM IN THE NEWS

» **Carney's fall fiscal plan to focus on defence, housing, and infrastructure, say advocacy groups | The Lobby Monitor**

FCM's Executive Director of Policy and Public Affairs, Matt Gemmel, discussed the upcoming federal budget and FCM's pre-budget submissions, looking for progress on key issues, from housing to infrastructure. "The key to doubling housing construction is fixing what we feel is an outdated model for how we fund housing and the growth of the country," Gemmel said.

» **Carney unveils 'Buy Canadian' plan and canola tariff help amid trade war | Globalnews.ca**

The federal government unveiled a new "Buy Canadian" strategy. The measures announced include a \$370 million package for canola farmers, who are currently facing a 75.8 percent tariff from China. Prime Minister Mark Carney has also proposed a \$5-billion Strategic Response Fund for companies affected by U.S. tariffs.

» **Not fast enough: More homes are being built, but targets still far off, says CMHC | Globalnews.ca**

New data from the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation shows a slowdown in housing starts in Canada's biggest cities. The City of Toronto is on track for its lowest number of housing starts in three decades.

» **'Enough is enough': mayor pleads for bail reform after Walmart armed robbery | Winnipeg Free Press**

Winnipeg Mayor Scott Gillingham is renewing his call for bail reform, following a robbery in the city. Gillingham also raised the issue during FCM's Big City Mayors' Caucus recent meeting, saying "there's only so much municipal leaders can do to address [public safety] concerns."

» **\$235M wastewater plant gives 13 Manitoba towns ability to double their populations | CBC News**

Thirteen southeast Manitoba communities look forward to doubling their population now that bidding to construct a new wastewater plant near the Town of Niverville has closed. The wastewater project is being funded by loans and the federal, provincial and municipal governments. One consultant responsible for the new wastewater plant said he was recently invited by the Canada Infrastructure Bank to tell municipalities across Canada about the project at an FCM conference.

» **Humboldt and George Gordon First Nation embark on three-year collaborative journey | 92.9 The Bull**

The City of Humboldt and the George Gordon First Nation, Sask., have joined forces to take part in the nationwide Community Economic Development Initiative (CEDI) to enhance collaboration on economic development projects. The CEDI initiative is funded by FCM alongside Cando, the Council for the Advancement of Native Development Officers.

RESOURCES

Webinar recording: Urban forest management plan for your community

Every community can benefit from a well-managed urban forest. Watch our webinar Develop an urban forest management plan for your community to discover expert insights on why a strong plan matters and how to build your own. Watching this webinar will help you understand what makes a strong plan, how to ensure the plan is tailored to your community's needs and what benefits an urban forest management plan can offer to your community.

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Learn how Indigenous led initiatives advance tourism innovation

Destination Canada invites you to Destination Dialogues 2025 on October 8—a free webinar focused on Indigenous tourism and export ready models. Learn from real examples of Indigenous led innovation and explore practical tools that can support rural, remote, and northern communities. Co-presented with the Indigenous Tourism Association of Canada, this session is an opportunity for FCM members to engage in advancing economic reconciliation. An interactive workshop will follow for hands-on learning

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Sept 10: FCM's Collective webinar series is back!

These webinars—delivered alongside partners from the most cutting-edge leaders in the private sector—will help you re-examine your community's needs and develop new solutions to stay ahead of the curve.

Our first session, in partnership with [@CNRailway](#), is next Tuesday. Learn more and register now: <https://t.co/p6A3wh9BBy>

Sept 12: "You can build homes, but unless you have the water and the sewer and the wastewater as all part of that, it's not a home yet. It's just a structure."
- Joe Masi, [CityofPortage](#) councillor and FCM Board member.

<https://t.co/ACwSWspqTV>

The federal government has an ambitious goal of building 500,000 new homes per year. Municipalities are key to making that happen, but streamlined and predictable investments are needed to build supporting infrastructure like pipes, roads, bridges and more.

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Sept 14: FCM welcomes the federal government's Build Canada Homes initiative as strong leadership on the housing crisis. This announcement shows a clear commitment to working in partnership with municipalities to deliver practical, results-driven solutions that meet the urgent housing needs of Canadians. In particular, the carve-out to increase supportive and transitional housing to address homelessness is a direct answer to FCM's key recommendations.

This is an opportunity to work together to build the housing Canadians need. Municipalities are already delivering housing solutions, and with the right federal tools—like infrastructure investments that keep pace with growth and proven delivery models like the Canada Community-Building Fund—we can build lasting solutions across the country. Our full response:

<https://t.co/Io0vaGWjuc>

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**GMF's 2024–25 Annual Report: Real results,
lasting impact for Canadian communities**



For 25 years, FCM's Green Municipal Fund (GMF) has helped local governments deliver projects that are both economically and environmentally sustainable, proving that investing in sustainability delivers real value for Canadians, helps communities thrive and strengthens Canada as a whole.

Thanks to our longstanding partnership with the Government of Canada, we continue to deliver concrete results in communities nationwide. With \$311 million in approved funding—a 400% increase since 2018—demand is higher than ever, proving the case for strong local need. This year, GMF met that need by delivering critical, high-impact funding with unprecedented speed—mobilizing two large climate adaptation initiatives in just 9 months.

GMF's 2024–25 Annual Report showcases the many ways GMF is helping build more sustainable communities and a stronger Canada.

» EXPLORE THE FULL REPORT

NEWS

New legislation a positive step in combatting hate

FCM welcomed the federal government's September 19 announcement to strengthen Canada's legislative framework to protect communities from hate. This legislation is a direct response to FCM's consistent calls for a clearer and stronger definition of hate speech.

Everyone deserves to live in a community where they feel safe. As the order of government closest to Canadians' daily life, local leaders see first-hand how hate can threaten safety, trust and community well-being.

With partnership across all orders of government being critical, FCM is sharing with members a letter provided by the Minister of Justice Sean Fraser that addresses municipalities and provides further details on this new legislation.

FCM will seek to ensure any new measures building on this effort will address the impacts and root causes of hate in our communities.

» [READ THE MINISTER'S LETTER TO MUNICIPALITIES ON THE NEW COMBATTING HATE ACT](#)

FCM welcomes Affordable Housing Fund investment

On Friday, as an immediate follow up to the Build Canada Homes (BCH) announcement, the federal government announced additional investment in the Affordable Housing Fund.

FCM welcomes the \$1.5B top up in loans under the Affordable Housing Fund's New Construction Stream and the decision to accelerate \$385 million in funding under the Affordable Housing Fund's Rapid Housing Sub-Stream. This will play an important role in ensuring housing projects that are already in the pipeline are not stalled while BCH is in development.

This announcement answers FCM's call to maintain momentum by quickly advancing urgently needed funding for affordable housing.

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Municipal momentum – Local leaders in action

Calgary is leading the way on housing, accounting for the country's highest housing starts per capita last year—but like in many Canadian municipalities, affordability remains a challenge.

In a video that shows some of Calgary's newest housing initiatives, City Councillor Courtney Walcott opens up about his own experience with housing affordability, explains how the city has been able to move the dial and how all orders of government must work together on this priority. This new series will highlight municipal success and leadership across the country. Stay tuned!

» [WATCH THE VIDEO](#)

Deadline approaching: Join the Green Municipal Fund Council

Calling all elected municipal officials in British Columbia: submit your nomination to join the Green Municipal Fund Council before September 29.

Bring your visionary leadership and expertise in municipal sustainability to the GMF

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EVENTS

Webinar: Plan for local climate resilience

Join us on October 9 at 1 p.m. ET to learn how the *Climate-Ready Communities Assessment Tool* helps municipalities identify local climate risks and shape equitable adaptation strategies. This webinar also introduces step-by-step tip sheets designed to guide your next actions and strengthen your community's long-term resilience.

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FCM IN THE NEWS

» **Back to Parliament: Time to build together | The Hill Times**

FCM President Rebecca Bligh's op-ed in The Hill Times about the return of parliament, housing and housing-enabling infrastructure, as well as the launch of the Build Canada Homes initiative by the federal government. "FCM is calling to expand the Canada Community Building Fund, and to index it to GDP growth—helping communities plan and deliver the infrastructure that unlocks housing and drives economic growth," said President Bligh.

» **Here's how Build Canada Homes aims to address housing crisis | The Peterborough Examiner**

Beginning with 4,000 homes on six federally owned sites, the \$13-billion Build Canada Homes housing plan, unveiled September 14 by the federal government, aims to support the creation of 500,000 homes per year for middle-class Canadians. FCM cautioned that reaching that scale will require more than the initiative alone. Infrastructure investments, including roads, water systems and public transit are needed, the group said. "Build Canada Homes is an opportunity to work together to deliver the housing Canadians need," said FCM President Rebecca Bligh.

» **Municipalities to press feds on infrastructure and safety as Parliament returns | The Graphic Leader**

Joe Masi, a councillor from Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, and member of FCM's Board of Directors, said that FCM is advocating for sustainable infrastructure funding to support housing and concrete measures to improve public safety as the federal parliament returns. "Municipalities are up to the challenge to partner with the federal government, and by working together, we're going to have a better community," said Masi.

RESOURCES

Six factsheets to help make your municipality's affordable housing more energy-efficient

For community housing providers in Canada, GMF's Sustainable Affordable Housing (SAH) initiative is a path to long-term affordability, sustainability and resilience. Over five years, SAH has contributed to a 68-percent reduction in GHG emissions across all projects, and 65 percent of SAH-funded units have exceeded affordability requirements.

These six factsheets outline the many benefits of energy-efficient housing, including increased affordability, lower energy costs and better quality of life. Whether you want to make your current buildings more efficient or design a high-performance new build, these factsheets offer key insights to help you achieve your performance targets.

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

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

Access up to \$200K to plan and \$10M to get to work. You can also stack GMF offers with federal and provincial incentives to stretch budgets further.

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Toolkit: Improving Alberta's community buildings

Responsible for 60% of the province's public infrastructure, municipalities across Alberta are reducing energy costs and extending the service life of their community buildings with energy retrofits.

GMF's new toolkit highlights energy monitoring and retrofit projects from six communities: St. Albert, Canmore, High Level, Provost, Two Hills and Chauvin. It also shares recommendations to help you save money and streamline the retrofit process.

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Sept 16: NEW! Relive key moments, innovative solutions and insightful conversations from FCM's 2025 Annual Conference and Trade Show in this special [@MunicipalWorld](#) magazine—available now!

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Sept 18: As the national voice for municipalities, FCM's advocacy and programs reflect the realities of communities of all sizes, from all regions of the country.

Yesterday in Alberta, FCM's Executive Committee had the chance to connect with local leaders in the [@MDofBighorn](#), where last month a new net-zero carbon Operations Facility for the community opened with funding through FCM's [@GreenMuniFund](#).

This type of sustainable infrastructure is designed for long-term efficiency and environmental impact and will serve the community for many years to come.

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Sept 19: Calgary is leading the way on housing, accounting for the country's highest housing starts per capita last year—but like in many Canadian municipalities, affordability remains a challenge.

City Councillor [@CWalcottYYC](#) explains how [@cityofcalgary](#) has stepped up with innovative solutions to move the dial on affordable housing, and how all orders of government can—and must—work together to fully address this national crisis.

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NEWS

FCM's Big City Mayors' Caucus presses federal representatives on biggest priorities

Last Friday, September 26, FCM's Big City Mayors' Caucus held a virtual meeting with Minister of Housing and Infrastructure Gregor Robertson and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance Ryan Turnbull in attendance. Mayors engaged with these senior members of the federal government on the infrastructure investment needed to support new housing builds and a strong economy.

The issue of outdated municipal financing and other key topics including public transit and bail reform were also discussed. With the federal government's first budget approaching in November, Canadian cities and municipalities' most urgent priorities were highlighted in detail by the caucus.

You can't build big without fixing the foundation

FCM has launched a new multimedia campaign spotlighting the vital role municipalities play in major infrastructure projects across the country. Through a series of reels, FCM is driving home the message: you can't build big without strong local infrastructure. Nation-building projects are essential to our national economy, but their success depends on local strength. The first reel is out now—share it with your network and keep an eye out for more!

» [WATCH THE REEL](#)

Canada and Cambodia exchange leadership skills for stronger local governance

In Siem Reap, Cambodia, Canada's Honorary Consul, Kristin Schuster, opened the *Communication for Advocacy* workshop for the National League of Local Councils' Women & Children's Committee. The workshop created space for exchange between Canadian and Cambodian colleagues through the Partnerships for Municipal Innovation–Women in Local Leadership (PMI-WILL) project, funded by Global Affairs Canada.

Canadian Councillor Michelle Smibert and members of the committee shared their advocacy experiences and approaches, learning from one another on how women leaders can strengthen their voices and influence decision-makers on issues relating to women and children.

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Building inclusive democracies

As a member of the United Cities and Local Governments Standing Committee on Gender Equality, Collingwood Councillor Kathy Jeffrey, joined the panel, *Reshaping Power for Equality: Women's Political Participation and the Future of Democracy*, taking place in Sweden.

Reflecting on her 19 years in local government, Kathy emphasized that "women bring a distinct and essential voice to leadership" and "lead with community in mind," adding that women often "are the first to see the human impact behind every policy decision."

Her insights underline the importance of supporting women to lead effectively, retaining those already in governance and addressing issues that disproportionately affect women and marginalized communities, ranging from climate resilience to inclusive policy and gender-based violence prevention.

Through initiatives like PMI-WILL, Canadian municipal leaders like Councilor Jeffrey are contributing to a global movement for inclusive governance and equitable leadership.

EVENTS

Free training for building operators to learn about energy efficiency

In the last five years, GMF's Sustainable Affordable Housing (SAH) initiative has helped housing providers develop energy-efficient homes for Canadians. Today, 82 percent of participants are applying SAH knowledge to future projects, strengthening the sector.

The Building Operators Training e-learning course offers customized guidance for custodians, maintenance personnel and building operators from the affordable housing sector who want to learn more about energy efficiency, new technologies and facility retrofits. This free, self-paced training tool demonstrates the basics of energy efficiency, new technologies, and facility retrofits that will save energy and money.

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FCM IN THE NEWS

» **Housing & infrastructure top of mind at FCM's meeting in Cochrane | QR Calgary 770AM**

Amid FCM's latest Executive Committee meeting in Cochrane, Atlanta, President Rebecca Bligh spoke with Shaye Ganam from QR Calgary about FCM's advocacy efforts this fall, especially on housing and infrastructure. Bligh discussed the Build Canada Homes program, emphasizing the need for more affordable housing and the importance of all orders of government collaborating to address Canada's most pressing issues.

» **Most Canadians think Trump would break any new trade deal: poll | National Post**

The federal government has recently started public consultations on the Canada-U.S.-Mexico Agreement, which is scheduled for a joint review next year. A new poll indicates that most Canadians do not expect U.S. President Donald Trump to honour any deal made between his country and ours.

» **Mayor Genung showcases Cochrane's transit, growth challenges to FCM board | CochraneNow**

Cochrane Mayor Jeff Genung addressed FCM's Executive Committee recently in Alberta, where he highlighted the town's experience in building a public transit system and shared insights on managing rapid community growth.

RESOURCES

GMF's 2024–25 Annual Report: Turning progress into success stories

Across Canada, communities are proving that local sustainability creates lasting change. In Alberta, 609 homes were upgraded through the Clean Energy Improvement Program, creating local jobs and reducing costs for families. In Quebec City, four “sponge” schools are transforming their yards into green spaces to strengthen resilience against climate impact, supported by GMF's Local Leadership for Climate Adaptation initiative.

These are examples of the successes made possible by FCM's Green Municipal Fund. Read the GMF 2024–25 Annual Report to explore this record-setting year and discover how GMF drives progress for Canadians—advancing energy efficiency, clean energy, affordable housing and resilience.

» [READ THE REPORT](#)

Case study: A model of Reconciliation in action

The Township of Georgian Bay, Ontario, returned 95 acres to Moose Deer Point First Nation and protected over 33,000 acres through a bold, award-winning initiative grounded in Reconciliation and sustainability. It also received an honourable mention in FCM's 2024 Sustainable Communities Awards.

This is more than a success story—it's a reminder that municipal governments can play a critical role in advancing Reconciliation through respectful partnerships and thoughtful stewardship.

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New research and resources to boost your community's sustainability

The Municipal Net-Zero Action Research Partnership (N-ZAP) is recruiting 250 Canadian communities to provide feedback on new research and resources designed to help municipalities reach their climate targets while making life better for residents.

By participating as an N-ZAP pilot community, you'll gain access to cutting-edge research and peer support so that you can build cleaner, healthier communities and a stronger local economy.

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Sept 20: Canada is in a housing crisis, and it's going to take all orders of government working together to truly tackle it.

FCM President
[@rebeccaleeblich](#)
discusses FCM's priorities and the work already underway with
[@ShayeGanam](#).

Full interview:
<https://t.co/Pj8MmdHYYg>

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Sept 25: In rural, remote and northern communities across Canada postal service is an integral part of community economic development, growth and sustainability.

Amidst a trade war and affordability crisis, communities across the country are working hard to build local economic resilience and productivity. Community postal services are an important part of that. The decision to permanently end home mail delivery—without input from local governments—is concerning.

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Sept 26: Earlier today, FCM's Big City Mayors' Caucus connected with Minister of Housing and Infrastructure, [@gregorroberson](#), and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance and National Revenue, [@TurnbullWhitby](#).

On the agenda: bail reform, Build Canada Homes and the importance of streamlined, predictable funding for municipalities to advance Canada's infrastructure and housing goals.

Thank you both for your time.



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**Advocacy update: postal service disruption and
Canada Post strike**



Canada's postal service is an integral part of community economic development, growth and sustainability. The abrupt announcement of changes to Canada Post services, followed by the subsequent postal worker strike, creates significant challenges. This affects vulnerable communities and disrupts municipal elections. As local leaders, you know this firsthand.

FCM has engaged with the Minister of Government Transformation, Public Works and Procurement, Joël Lightbound, to raise our concerns about the lack of consultation with municipalities on these proposed changes.

» [READ FCM'S LETTER TO MINISTER LIGHTBOUND](#)

NEWS



FCM advocates for stronger wildfire prevention and response

On Thursday October 2, FCM's Executive Director of Policy and Public Affairs, Matt Gemmel, spoke to the Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry. On the heels of Canada's third consecutive record-breaking wildfire season, he discussed challenges that municipalities face due to wildfires.

FCM is calling for stronger national coordination measures to respond to these disasters and for sustained federal funding to reduce wildfire risk in communities across the country.

» [WATCH THE REMARKS](#)

PMI-WILL Impact Report 2024-2025

In its fourth year, the Partnerships for Municipal Innovation – Women in Local Leadership (PMI-WILL) project is driving measurable change in Benin, Cambodia, Ghana, Sri Lanka and Zambia.

Despite shifting political contexts and global challenges, our municipal partners are strengthening institutions, expanding women's leadership and transforming local governance.

» [READ THE FULL IMPACT REPORT](#)

Building Healthier Communities Through Partnership in Cambodia

Canadian and Cambodian municipalities involved in the PMI-WILL project are seeing firsthand how collaboration strengthens local communities. During a visit to the Sam Buor Health Centre in Kralanh district, delegates learned how the Centre is leading maternal and child health and nutrition classes for pregnant mothers, an initiative supported through joint efforts of FCM, the National League of Local Councils of the Kingdom of Cambodia and Global Affairs Canada.

FCM members from Middlesex County, ON, and Truro, NS, exchanged experiences with Cambodian partners, learning innovative approaches to community engagement, advocacy and supporting women and children. By engaging in initiatives like PMI-WILL, Canadian municipalities contribute to global development while gaining new perspectives and tools that can inform local strategies for healthier, more resilient communities.

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FCM IN THE NEWS

» **Montreal's next mayor faces big problems. How much power do municipalities have to fix them? | CBC News**

As Quebecers head to the polls on Nov. 2 for the municipal elections, experts say the next local leaders across the province will need to build alliances with other orders of government to tackle the most pressing issues. Rebecca Bligh, President of FCM, said municipalities are “shouldering many of the costs” related to housing, homelessness and public safety. Bligh argues that the funding model for Canadian municipalities is outdated.

» **How Canada's short-term thinking sparked a national housing crisis | National Post**

Following the federal government’s unveiling of the Build Canada Homes program, the National Post took an in-depth look at why Canada has a housing shortage that has in recent years led to a range of problems, from rising home prices to homelessness. FCM President Rebecca Bligh said she supports Ottawa’s new housing program and its goal of building 500,000 new homes a year, but that achieving this mark will require a concerted effort and significant funding.

» **Municipalities across Canada raise concerns as Canada Post strike continues | CTV News**

FCM’s First Vice President and Ottawa Councillor, Tim Tierney, spoke with CTV News Channel about the recent announcement made by the federal government related to Canada Post and the ongoing postal strike. Tierney stated that vulnerable populations nationwide are disproportionately affected by the situation. He is saying that the federal government must have conversations with local governments before making any changes to Canada Post’s mandate or services.

» **Moose Jaw mayor visits Ottawa to lobby for more infrastructure money | SaskToday.ca**

Led by two provincial ministers, several mayors from Saskatchewan, including Moose Jaw Mayor James Murdock, travelled to Ottawa on October 1-2 as part of a delegation advocating for renewed federal investment in municipal infrastructure.

RESOURCES

GMF's 2024–25 Annual Report: An inspiring success story in Nunavut

GMF helps municipalities build culturally vibrant, livable, and resilient communities. In Cambridge Bay, Nunavut, a new cultural campus, blending Inuit practices for building in harmony with the Arctic landscape with low-carbon design, creates a hub for learning, cultural preservation and connection. The project also strengthens local economy by prioritizing Northern and Indigenous-owned businesses, giving community members a meaningful role in shaping their own space.

This story—one of many featured in GMF's 2024-25 Annual Report—shows how GMF's impactful investments across the country are addressing social needs, boosting well-being and strengthening communities—improving the quality of life for Canadians everywhere.

» READ THE REPORT

Last call: Apply now for GMF's safe and active school routes funding

GMF's Safe and Active School Routes initiative helps communities quickly improve safety around schools. This limited-time opportunity provides up to \$125,000 (covering 50–80% of eligible project costs) for infrastructure such as crossings, bike lanes, sidewalks, lighting and traffic-calming measures designed to reduce risk and encourage active transportation.

In addition to funding, participants join a national peer learning cohort to access expert guidance and proven strategies from other municipalities. Applications are open until October 17.

» APPLY NOW

Funding: Turn wastewater gas into energy

The region of Waterloo in Ontario saves about \$1.5 million every year by turning methane from its wastewater treatment plants into heat and electricity. Supported by GMF, the project could generate more than \$16 million in savings over 20 years.

Your community could do the same with GMF funding, with up to \$100,000 for business cases, \$200,000 for studies and \$10 million for capital projects.

» START YOUR APPLICATION TODAY

CORPORATE PARTNER

Funding available for climate resilience projects



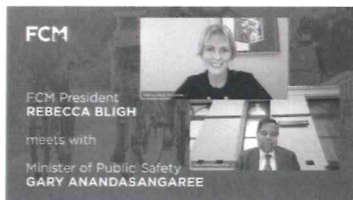
Co-operators Resilience Acceleration Lab is inviting municipalities to apply for funding to develop infrastructure projects that reduce physical climate risks, including flooding, wildfires, storms, and heat. Selected proposals may receive up to \$250,000 and expert guidance to prepare for private capital financing. Projects will be reviewed on a rolling basis until January 30, 2026. Together, we can build community resilience, protect affordability, and stimulate growth!

» **Learn more about the Resilience Acceleration Lab and apply at cooperators.ca/resilience**

SOCIAL MEDIA

Connect with us on social media

Follow FCM on social media to keep up to date with the latest municipal news, resources, and more! Find us on:



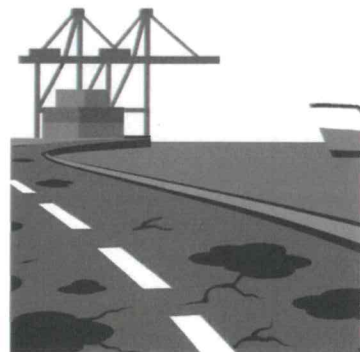
Safer, healthier communities are within reach. #CDNMuni are ready to work together with the federal government to modernize Canada's public safety system in a way that works for communities of all sizes.

That's what FCM President Rebecca Bligh discussed with Minister of Public Safety Gary Anandasangaree yesterday. #CDNMuni #cdnpoli



Municipal leaders know firsthand that the local impact of changes proposed to Canada Post services is significant, and #CDNMuni must be consulted in any further developments from the #GoC.

Hear FCM 1st VP @timtierney.ca's take on CTV:
www.ctvnews.ca/video/202
#CDNMuni #cdnpoli



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Road conditions & safety within village of Wawanesa Mb R0K 2G0

From Daniel Gullett <mdg37caws@gmail.com>

Date Mon 9/29/2025 2:56 PM

To Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure <minmti@manitoba.ca>; Transportation and Infrastructure, Deputy Minister <dmmti@manitoba.ca>; Tara Wilkinson <adminassist1@oakland-wawanesa.ca>

I have attempted to address this situation with the rural Oakland / Wawanesa council member an ex Manitoba Highways employee to no avail .

The real area of concern is Government Rd within the village from Pr 340 to first street which I am told is Mb Highways authority , this designation is not signed as 50 km zone therefore traffic speed much in excess of 50 Km.

There are 10 children living on this stretch of road with numerous others at times with a school bus stop pick up as well .There are no sidewalks on this stretch therefore kids and bikes etc. often on the stretch of Government Rd,

And finally this stretch of Government Rd is in very poor condition with holes in the pavement with traffic (most more than 50 Km] dogging holes within kids and pedestrians Addressing this situation awaiting a resolution

regards

Dan Gullett

23 Government Rd

Wawanesa Mb

mdg37caws@gmail.com

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Keystone Planning District

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE PLANNING ACT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On the date and at the time and location shown below, a **PUBLIC HEARING** will be held to receive representations from any persons who wish to make them in respect to the following matter:

Municipality of Souris-Glenwood Development Plan Public Hearing

HEARING LOCATION: Kirkup Lounge – Souris Glenwood Memorial Complex
32 3rd Ave. West
Souris, Manitoba R0K 2C0

DATE & TIME: November 6th, 2025, at 7 P.M.

GENERAL INTENT OF The Meeting

1. To receive feedback whether in objection or support for the Development Plan as submitted at first reading.

Why did I receive this notice? Why is this notice posted here?

To involve the public in the planning of our community. A notice is also posted in the office of the Municipality of Souris-Glenwood to inform those residents who are not neighbouring property owners about the Public Hearing. If you would like more information on this application, please call the Municipality of Souris-Glenwood at (204) 483-5200 or email: sg.info@sourismanitoba.com.

What if I have an objection?

Objections can be raised in person at the Public Hearing or by submitting written comments to the Municipality of Souris-Glenwood office at least one week prior the date of the hearing. Phone (204) 483-5200 or email: sg.info@sourismanitoba.com. Please be advised that all correspondence received in conjunction with or as a result of an application that requires the Board's approval becomes public information, therefore personal information [such as names, addresses etc.] contained in the correspondence are released in the public domain.

What happens at the hearing?

At the time and date noted above the Chair may ask the representative to speak about the Municipality of Souris-Glenwood Development Plan and then the board may ask for questions. After that, the Chair will ask if anyone would like to speak for or against the application. When the hearing is concluded, there will be no further opportunity to address the Board.

A copy of the above proposal and supporting material may be inspected at the location noted above during normal office hours, Monday to Friday. Copies may be made and extracts taken there from, upon request.

**FOR
INFORMATION
CONTACT:** Municipality of Souris-Glenwood
P.O. Box 518
Souris, Manitoba R0K 2C0
Office: Phone (204) 483-5200

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



September 9, 2025

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

Dear Members of Oakland-Wawanesa:

The Wawanesa Lions Children's Fair committee wishes to thank you for your donation and providing a grader in the Touch-a-Truck display. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carla Jefferies".

Carla Jefferies, Chairperson
Email: carlajefferies@shmb.ca



Wawanesa Lions Club

Presents this
Certificate of Appreciation
to

Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa

for your support of
The Lions Children's Fair held
in Wawanesa, Manitoba
on
August 16, 2025



Michael D. [Signature] President

Carla [Signature] Committee

Invitation to Western District municipalities - Oct 15-16, 2025 Manitoba Community Recycling & Waste Reduction Forum

From Karen Johnston <kjohnston@marrmb.com>

Date Sun 2025-09-21 3:12 PM

To MARR <office@marrmb.com>

 2 attachments (914 KB)

DRAFT Agenda - Oct 15, 2025.docx; DRAFT Agenda - Oct 16, 2025.docx;

2025 MARR Manitoba Community Recycling & Waste Reduction Forum

Date: Oct 15-16, 2025

Location: CanadInns Polo Park Winnipeg (1405 St Matthews Ave)

Find details and register at: <https://marrmb.com/registration/>

Hello municipal colleagues from Western Manitoba,

We're sending this message with a request that you will share this information with your managers, staff and/or councillors involved in your community's recycling and waste management system.

If you have not yet heard of MARR, we are a member driven association that helps ensure efficient and effective waste reduction, reuse and recycling programs across Manitoba. Membership in MARR is open to Manitoba municipalities, Indigenous, First Nation and northern communities, recycling collectors, processors and other organizations and professionals involved and/or interested in recycling and waste management within the province. (You can learn more about MARR and see a list of current members at <https://marrmb.com/membership/current-members/>).

We are writing to let you know that we are now just about a month away from the **2025 MARR Manitoba Community Recycling & Waste Reduction Forum** and the excitement is building!

The MARR Manitoba Recycling and Waste Reduction Forum is Manitoba's premiere conference on recycling, diversion and sustainable resource and waste management practices. The annual two-day event attracts over 200 participants from across all regions of the province, and from other jurisdictions across Canada.

We sincerely hope your community will consider sending representative(s) from your community to take advantage of the valuable learning and information sharing that takes place at the Forum. We'll even sweeten the pot with a special offer by giving you the MARR member discounted rate on **up to 3** people you register under

your municipality. **To receive your discount, just type the code "WESTERN" in front of the First Name of the person when you fill out the registration form.**

Just remember to register your team members soon while there are still tickets available <https://marrmb.com/registration/>

Karen Johnston

Administrative Coordinator



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Introducing Our New Collaborative Newsletter — First Edition Inside!

From Connie Newman, MASC <info@manitobaseniorcommunities.ca>
via mail53.atl261.mcdlv.net

Date Mon 2025-09-22 3:42 PM

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



Introducing our new collaborative newsletter — where connections, partnerships, and community stories come together...

This is the beginning of something new! Read below to learn the ‘why’ behind our refreshed collaborative format — and be sure to click the button below to open our very first edition.

COLLABORATION IS CENTRAL TO A HEALTHY COMMUNITY

Communities are healthier places when local, regional and provincial service providers are connected and collaborate to address the social determinants of health. People are healthier when they are connected to resources and supports in their communities. It is for these two reasons MASC will continue to build the age friendly community platform as its foundation for supporting community wellness. This recognizes that collaboration and support from community-based senior serving organizations is essential to optimizing the strength and capacity of an age friendly community.

The Manitoba Association of Senior Communities (MASC) is dedicated to supporting and enhancing the aging process for older Manitobans, through

three core initiatives:

Age-Friendly Communities: encourage healthy, active aging by optimizing opportunities for health, participation and security. The Age-Friendly Initiative integrates the social environment - the person part, with the built environment - the place part, and strives to change the culture of all organizations in a community, to improve inclusivity, and support people do the things they need and want to do.

Member Organizations: are health-promoting, capacity-building hubs where older adults come together to access services and participate in activities that enhance their dignity, support independence, and encourage community involvement.

Social Prescribing: brings community capacity and healthcare services more closely together, to connect people to community-based programs or services that can improve their social connections, health and well-being.

MASC recognizes that a fourth core initiative underpins its success: continuing its role of promoting the needs and interests of older Manitobans and amplifying their collective voices, in building communities that measure up to the goals of the World Health Organization (WHO)

The WHO defines health as a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being. and offers a new way to think of healthy aging... as *“the process of developing and maintaining the **functional ability** that enables well-being in older age”*. The *Social Determinants of Health* recognize that a broad range of personal, social, economic and environmental factors determine individual and population health.

Ultimately, we are all in this together. Collaboration is a cornerstone. In the past two years there has been a growing recognition of the importance of collaboration amongst community-based senior serving organizations. In Manitoba, and as a member of a national council, MASC is providing leadership to the emerging Community-Based Seniors Services (CBSS) sector. This encompasses municipal, volunteer and not-for-profit organizations who deliver programs, supports and services that enable older adults to age in the right place, stay connected and continue to contribute to their community.

MASC can play a transformative role in addressing the social determinants of

health, reducing healthcare costs, and improving quality of life. The ability for a community to achieve desired outcomes in each of the core initiatives is dependent upon three factors: local leadership; regional and provincial resources and support; and the ongoing consultation and support provided by MASC and its Resource Team. For more information about how the Resource Team can support your efforts connect with [MASC](#).

Now that you know the ‘why,’ click below to see our first edition!

AF CONNECTIONS ISSUE #1



The Manitoba Association of Senior Communities is dedicated to fostering healthier, more connected communities. Our work recognizes that age-friendly communities, member centres, social prescribing, and advocacy are not separate efforts—they are parts of one shared vision.

Our mailing address is:

Executive Director: Connie Newman
PO Box 54067 Silver Heights PO
Winnipeg, MB R3J 0L5
Phone: 204.792.5838
info@manitobaseniorcommunities.ca

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Email Response to Dave Kreklewich

From +WPG569 - Water Stewardship Divisional Administration <WaterDivAdmin@gov.mb.ca>

Date Fri 2025-10-10 10:05 AM

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

Cc Minister of Environment and Climate Change <minecc@manitoba.ca>; Rothnie, Ingrid <Ingrid.Rothnie@gov.mb.ca>

Sent on behalf of David Hay, Director of Drainage and Water Rights Licensing Branch of Manitoba Environment and Climate Change.

Dear Dave Kreklewich,

Thank you for your letter of September 19, 2025, to Honourable Mike Moyes, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, regarding the issuance of a water control works licence in the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa. As Director for the Drainage and Water Rights Licensing Branch, I am pleased to respond on the Minister's behalf.

Water control works licence 10-WCW-1221 was issued on September 30, 2010. Based on our initial review of the file, it appears that previous compliance checks have been conducted prior to the issuance of the licence. Department staff have been asked to complete a further compliance check of this project in the coming weeks and will reach out to advise of their findings directly once complete.

Should you have any questions pertaining to this project, please contact Ingrid Rothnie, Senior Water Resource Officer, at Ingrid.Rothnie@gov.mb.ca or at 204-841-3862. Thanks again for reaching out to the department with this request.

Sincerely,

David Hay
Director

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September XX, 2025

TO CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS:

In preparation for the 27th Annual Convention of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM), I am pleased to advise that, subject to availability, Ministers will maintain the tradition of focussed individual meetings with municipalities during the Convention to discuss critical local issues.

The Minister of Municipal and Northern Relations, as well as Ministers of other government departments will be available for a limited number of meetings at the RBC Convention Centre in Winnipeg during the Convention. Depending upon demand and schedules, we may not be able to accommodate all requests. In an attempt to meet with as many municipalities as possible, each confirmed meeting will require a set of agenda items and be scheduled for 20 minutes.

To request a meeting, please complete the attached meeting request form, identifying the items your municipality would like added to the agenda for discussion. If you have more than one topic to discuss, please rank the topics in order of priority. When completing the form, I strongly encourage you to provide as much detail as possible about the topic(s) to ensure priorities can be met and result in a fully informed discussion.

Please complete the attached form and return it to my office by email (dmmnr@manitoba.ca) no later than **October 8, 2025**. My office will be responsible for forwarding meeting requests to other departments as required. Meeting notifications and logistics will be emailed once schedules are set and then posted on the AMM website. Please ensure that a contact person and email address are identified on the form.

You are encouraged to review the meeting request with your Council to confirm interest and support them, as required, in discussing the submitted topics.

Thank you for working with us to coordinate this opportunity for dialogue on important local issues in Manitoba. I look forward to seeing and meeting you all at the Convention.

Sincerely,



Maurice Bouvier
Deputy Minister

c. Denys Volkov, Executive Director, Association of Manitoba Municipalities

AMM CONVENTION MEETING REQUEST FORM

To request a meeting with a Minister, please complete this form and send it to Municipal and Northern Relations via email to dmmnr@manitoba.ca

Please complete and return this form no later than October 8, 2025.

- Early submission of these requests with as much detail as possible enables departments to prepare to discuss topics of interest. You are encouraged to review this meeting request with your Council to confirm interest in discussing the submitted topics. Please submit any required changes to discussion topics as soon as possible by re-submitting an updated form.
- Please note that meetings outside the scope and mandate of the Department of Municipal and Northern Relations will be referred to respective departments for their consideration/management.
- Please specify in detail the issue you wish to discuss with the Minister to ensure that your most important questions/concerns can be addressed. If you have more than one issue to discuss with the Minister, please rank in order of priority.
- All meetings are subject to the time and availability of the Minister.
- Please provide a name, phone number and email address for meeting confirmation and details. Meeting notifications and logistics will be emailed to the contact once schedules are set.

Name of Municipality/City/Town:			
Contact Person (Name/Title):		Email and Phone #:	

Please list in order of priority:

Department Responsible	Topic for Discussion with specific details



Minister for Municipal and Northern Relations

Minister responsible for Francophone Affairs

Minister responsible for the Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries Corporation

Legislative Building, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 0V8 CANADA

September 24, 2025

David Kreklewich
Head of Council
Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa
HofC.Kreklewich@oakland-wawanesa.ca

Dear David Kreklewich:

2025 Municipal Operating Grant Final Payment

I am pleased to inform you that the Department of Municipal and Northern Relations will be processing the final payment of the \$229.0 million Municipal Operating Grant, from the Strategic Municipal Investment Fund as part of Budget 2025.

For the 2025/26 fiscal year, the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa total operating grant is \$248,205.81. An initial payment of \$186,154.36, representing 75% of the operating grant was made in May 2025. The remaining 25%, totalling \$62,051.45, will be deposited into the municipality's account in the coming days.

The Municipal Operating Grant remains unconditional, which allows your municipality full flexibility to allocate the funding according to its local priorities. Similar to prior years, we are requesting that the municipality report on the notional or estimated allocation of Municipal Operating Grant funding towards core municipal services and programs, and to identify high level outcomes achieved in 2025. This report will support the department in gaining better understanding of how provincial funding is being applied locally to meet the ongoing and evolving municipal needs. Please complete and submit the 2025 report through Manitoba Municipalities Online by **June 30, 2026**.

If you have any questions or require additional information about your operating allocation or reporting, please contact the Municipal Funding Policy and Programs Branch at mfpp@gov.mb.ca.

Thank you for your continued leadership.

Sincerely,

Honourable Glen Simard
Minister of Municipal and Northern Relations

- c. Maurice Bouvier, Deputy Minister of Municipal and Northern Relations
Maurice Alexander, Director of Municipal Funding policy and Programs
Joni Swidnicki, Chief Administrative Officer, Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa

Bulletin #2025-23

MUNICIPAL AND NORTHERN RELATIONS

Important Notice to Elected Officials, Chief Administrative Officers and Municipal Finance Staff

Homeowners Affordability Tax Credit: Compensation for Administrative Costs

Manitoba has extended the time that homeowners can declare their principal residence and claim the Homeowners Affordability Tax Credit (HATC) in 2025 until November 15. Information about the extension was provided in Bulletin #2025-12 and 13.

For municipalities that provided the credit after issuing the tax notice, Manitoba is providing reimbursement of the HATC credited to homeowners' accounts or paid out to homeowners. Information about the reimbursement process and form was provided in Bulletin #2025-20.

Compensation for Administrative Costs

Commencing late September, to help offset the costs to administer the late credits or payments, Manitoba will make a payment to municipalities of \$25.00 per late HATC credited to homeowners' accounts or paid out to homeowners.

No application is necessary to receive the compensation. Manitoba Finance will calculate the amount using the data provided by municipalities in your HATC Reimbursement Request Forms. Payment memos will indicate HATC Administration Fee.

The Government of Manitoba appreciates municipalities' continuing work to ensure eligible taxpayers can participate in the HATC program. Without your partnership, this tax credit program would not be possible.

If you have questions about the HATC program or the compensation for costs of administering late credits, please contact the Tax Assistance Office at TAO@gov.mb.ca.

For other questions, please contact mrmaas@gov.mb.ca.

Bulletin #2025-24

MUNICIPAL AND NORTHERN RELATIONS

Important Notice to Chief Administrative Officers

CANADA POST SERVICE DISRUPTION

Due to the nationwide postal disruption, effective September 25, 2025, the delivery of printed assessment notices may be delayed. Property owners can find their 2026 assessment through one of the following alternate options:

- Visit Manitoba Assessment Online (MAO) to view 2026 assessments once they are posted; click the links below for your municipality's Notice dates and appeal deadlines:
 - [Manitoba Assessment Online - Property Search](#) - no password or User ID is required to view land, building, and total assessments.
 - [Notice dates per municipality](#)
 - [Appeal deadline dates per municipality](#)
- Create a MyPropertyMB account to view their assessment and property details online, via [MyPropertyMB](#)
- Call or email their District Assessment Office: [Property Assessment Services District offices](#). Property owners may also contact their district Property Assessment Services office to arrange for emailing of an electronic notice or pick-up of a printed assessment notice during the postal disruption.
- Municipalities post public notice annually when assessment rolls are available for public viewing, including the deadline for filing appeals and the date of their board of revision. Property owners may call or email their municipal office to inquire if and when the 2026 Assessment Roll is available for public viewing, and for appeal deadlines.
- Municipalities will be provided with 2026 assessment notices according to the notice schedule provided in the link above. If requested by a resident, municipalities may choose to print notices for property owners to pick up at their local municipal office.
- Please note that the mailing of assessment notices will commence once regular mail service resumes, however, the notices will continue to reference appeal deadlines that may have passed.

Sending Supplementary Tax Notices to taxpayers by municipalities

Section 327(1) of The Municipal Act advises that "If supplementary taxes are imposed, the municipality must send a supplementary tax notice to the taxpayer." The common interpretation is that the tax notice should be sent in the same manner as regular tax statements, i.e. in the mail.

In response to the current Canada Post strike, we would suggest that municipal offices could choose to send the supplementary tax notices by courier, by hand delivery, or with the property owner by facilitating in-person pick-up or drop-off. We would not encourage sending tax notices by email, as *The Municipal Act* does not establish electronic notification as a primary delivery method. If municipalities have property owner email addresses in their system, emailing tax notices may be a reasonable option during a postal disruption as an additional method of delivery to provide convenience to the owner.

Sending or Receiving Mail to or from Manitoba government

Municipalities will be able to continue to send and receive essential mail to and from Manitoba government. Manitoba's Material Distribution Agency (MDA) will be operating 24 mail distribution and drop-off centres throughout Manitoba for critical government mail.

Information for municipalities and the public about these distribution centres, including contact information and which community is served by which distribution centre, is included as an attachment to this bulletin. Please note that these distribution centres will **only process critical mail going to, or coming from, the provincial government.**

Municipalities should **not** bring non-essential mail to a distribution centre, as non-essential mail brought to these centres will be held, and then sent through Canada Post once the postal disruption is over.

Receiving Critical Mail

Critical mail that will continue to be sent from Manitoba through these distribution centres include cheques (for municipalities and the public) and Court or other legal/regulatory Orders. Other items deemed to be critical by Manitoba will also be sent through these centres.

Municipal staff collecting mail from a distribution centre should be prepared to **provide photo ID and should have an authorization letter on municipal letterhead.**

Sending Critical Mail

For municipalities sending mail to Manitoba, only critical mail should be brought to a distribution centre. If you are sending critical mail to Manitoba, **the mail must be clearly marked as critical.** Critical mail to Manitoba would be cheques or other payments, or reports or documents required by legislation or as part of a legislated process. For example:

- Regulatory submissions (to the Municipal Finance Officer, Municipal Board, Public Utilities Board, etc.)
- Other legislated submissions to Manitoba - e.g. notices of proposed road closings, planning notices and bylaws, etc.

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

Canada Post Mail Disruption Guidelines

As of September 26, 2025, the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) have walked off the job in response to the federal government's proposed changes to Canada Post Corporation (CPC). This has resulted in a general postal labour disruption. The following definitions and distribution plan will now apply:

ESSENTIAL MAIL: cheques, court orders, educational material, or other items required to conduct essential business. It also includes medical supplies such as blood, tissue, water samples, x-rays necessary to maintain health care, and anything your department's executive deem essential.

NON-ESSENTIAL MAIL: Letter Mail, Oversize Letter Mail, parcels and all other items not deemed essential mail.

INTERDEPARTMENTAL MAIL (IDM): mail currently distributed between Interdepartmental Mail (IDM) locations.

Materials Distribution Agency (MDA) will be sending mail to 24 distribution points throughout Manitoba, including one Winnipeg location at 401 York. These points will serve as "pick up" centres for the local geographic area.

Two kinds of mail will be distributed to and from these centres:

- 1.) Essential Mail - mail for the general public
- 2.) Interdepartmental Mail (IDM) - mail for government offices that are part of the current internal mail system.

The general public will be able to phone a 1-800 number to enquire where they may pick up their essential mail. This number will be published in newspapers throughout the province. Radio advertising will direct the general public to the newspaper advertising.

A list, cross-referencing essential mail distribution centres with towns in those geographic areas, has been included in this information package to assist government personnel in determining where essential mail should be sent.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact one of the following:

Yvette Pescitelli204-795-6124

Gary Ellis204-599-5951

Information Package Contents

Each Distribution Centre coordinator should receive this information package to help with the organization of the centre they are responsible for. This package contains the following:

Canada Post Mail Disruption Guidelines

How to obtain your Manitoba cheque

Comment récupérer votre chèque du Manitoba

Distribution Centre Locations

Distribution Centres Alphabetically

Distribution Centres listed alphabetically and the cities, towns and communities they will serve

Locations Served Alphabetically

Cities, towns and communities listed alphabetically and their corresponding Distribution Centre

Rural Locations Contact List

Contact information for each Distribution Centre's coordinator

FAQs

Essential Mail Handling Procedures

Purolator Bill of Lading and instructions

Required when shipping essential mail to MDA

Outgoing Mail to the General Public

Incoming Mail from the General Public

Cheque Receipts – English, Multi-clients, French

Print or copy as many as required

Information Release Authorization – English and French

Consent for Release of Information for the Purposes of the Collection of Correspondence from the Government of Manitoba

Signage for Distributions Centres

Complete Manitoba cheque pick up locations with wording, room numbers and or arrows to assist cheque recipients in locating the Distribution Centre in their building. Print additional signs and place where necessary.

Alpha Cards A to Z

Use to simplify cheque retrieval. Cheques should be sorted alphabetically by last name or company name. Appropriate card should be placed in front of that group of cheques. You may also want to use larger envelopes in the same manner.

How to obtain your Manitoba cheque

Until the postal service disruption is resolved, the Manitoba government has arranged for government cheques and other essential mail to be available for pick-up at the locations listed below. If you currently receive your payments or benefits by direct deposit, you will not be affected by a postal disruption.

Cheque pick-up information

All offices are open **Monday to Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.** unless otherwise indicated. If you are not sure which location has your cheque, please call **1-866-626-4862** or visit **manitoba.ca**.

Please bring proper identification with you when you pick up your cheque.

You will need to show one piece of photo ID or two pieces of non-photo ID with current address.

A. Outside Winnipeg

Cheques available at locations outside Winnipeg:

- Trade Vendor/Landlord • Provincial Superannuation
- Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA)
- Refunds
- Rent Assist
- Health (Pharmacare and Senior Eye Glass Program)
- Prenatal Benefit cheque pickup/application drop off
- Maintenance Enforcement Program (MEP)

Note: For Employment and Income Assistance (EIA) and Manitoba Supports for Persons with Disabilities (MSPD) Recipient cheques, please see section D below.

Payments to Provincial Taxation and Provincial Fines can also be dropped off at these locations.

Ashern
Manitoba Infrastructure
43 Railway Avenue

Beausejour
Manitoba Families
Beausejour Provincial Building
20 – 1st Street S

Brandon
Manitoba Families
Brandon Provincial Building
Room 229
340 – 9th Street

Carberry
Hours: 8:30am-4pm
Manitoba Agriculture Office
Trans Canada Hwy #1
at Hwy 5 NE corner

Carman
Manitoba Agriculture Office
65 – 3rd Avenue NE

Churchill
Manitoba Housing
32 Hudson Square

Dauphin
Manitoba Families
Dauphin Provincial Building
309 – 27 2nd Avenue SW

Flin Flon
Manitoba Families
Provincial Building
102 – 143 Main Street

Gimli
Hours: 8am-4pm
Environment & Climate Change
75 – 7th Avenue

Lac du Bonnet
Environment & Climate
Change
#4 – Provincial Hwy 502

Minnedosa
Property Assessment
Services Branch
2nd Floor
36 Armitage Avenue

Morden
Manitoba Families
290 North Railway Street

Neepawa
Manitoba Economic
Development &
Natural Resources
123 Main Street W

Portage la Prairie
Manitoba Families
Room 106, 25 Tupper St N

Roblin
Manitoba Agriculture Office
117 – 2nd Ave NW

Selkirk
Manitoba Families
Selkirk Provincial Building
101 – 446 Main Street

Steinbach
Manitoba Employment
and Income Assistance
242 – 323 Main Street

St. Laurent
St. Laurent Recreation Centre
16 St. Laurent Veterans
Memorial Road

St. Pierre-Jolys
Bilingual Service Centre
427 Sabourin Street

Swan River
Manitoba Families
1431A – 1st Street N

The Pas
Manitoba Families
Room 201, 79 – 3rd Street W

Thompson
Manitoba Families
Thompson Provincial Building
Room 107, 59 Elizabeth Drive

Virden
MASC Service Centre
297-7th Avenue South

B. In Winnipeg

Cheques available at the
Norquay Building – Basement Level
401 York Avenue

Monday – Friday
(8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.)

• Trade Vendor • Provincial Superannuation • Refunds • Income Supplement (Provincial Services) including Child Care Subsidy, Manitoba Child Benefit, 55 Plus and Rent Assist • Prenatal Benefit cheque pickup/application drop off • Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA) • Essential Mail, CLDS and WCFS

Note: For Employment and Income Assistance Recipient cheques please see section C below.

Payments for the following programs can also be dropped off at these locations: Provincial Taxation, Provincial Fines and MEP. Payments to MEP can be made as usual. Our office remains open for cash and debit payments. MEP does not accept personal cheques.

Community Living disabilities Services (CLDS) cheques, Children's disabilities Services (CDS) cheques, Provincial Alternative Support Services (PASS) cheques, and Landlord cheques for EIA and WCFS are to be picked up at 401 York Avenue or your nearest distribution centre.

Pharmacare, Senior Eyeglass Program, non-insured benefit cheques as well as out-of-province certificates can be picked up on the main floor, 300 Carlton Street. Please call 431-276-1334 to confirm availability of document prior to attending.

ELCC – In Winnipeg, facility payment cheques (including subsidy) can be picked up at the Norquay Building – Basement Level, 401 York Ave. Reimbursement cheques and licenses can be picked up at 114 Garry Street in Winnipeg. A drop box is also available outside the front entrance of 114 Garry Street in Winnipeg for all other documentation. The drop box is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Outside of Winnipeg, facility payment cheques (including subsidy), tuition reimbursement cheques and licenses can be picked up at the distribution centre identified for the local community.

C. Employment and Income Assistance and Manitoba Supports for Persons with Disabilities Recipients in Winnipeg

All Employment and Income Assistance Recipient cheques can be picked up at your local community area office.

Cheques are available from the EIA office that you receive services from. For those receiving services from Access Downtown at 640 Main Street, cheques will be available at 128 Market Ave. Please call the EIA service centre at 204-948-2888 or 1-855-944-8111 if you have questions about where to pick up your cheque.

For Manitobans receiving Manitoba Supports for Person's with Disabilities cheques will be available for pick up at 114 Garry Street. For cheques outside of Winnipeg, please contact MSPD at 204-948-6773 or 1-877-830-1044 to discuss how to pick up your cheque.

Hours for cheque pick-up for all locations:
Monday – Friday
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Please contact your Counsellor or Financial Worker if you have any further questions or concerns about mail arrangements.

D. Employment and Income Assistance and Manitoba Supports for Persons with Disabilities Recipients outside Winnipeg

Pick up your cheque at the following regional office locations.

Morden
Regional Office
290 North Railway Street

Dauphin
Regional Office
309 – 27 2nd Avenue S.W.

The Pas
Regional Office
3rd St. and Ross Avenue

Beausejour
Regional Office
20 – First Street S.

Portage La Prairie
Area Office
106-25 Tupper Street N.

Swan River
Area Office
1431A - 1st Street N.

Flin Flon Area Office
102 – 143 Main Street

Steinbach
Area Office
242 – 323 Main Street

Brandon
Regional Office
Room 229, 2nd Floor
340 – 9th Street

Selkirk
District Office
101 – 446 Main Street

Thompson
Area Office
107 – 59 Elizabeth Drive

St. Laurent
Area Office
Lot 826, Highway 6

The hours for cheque pick-up are:
Monday – Friday
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

If you have a problem with picking up your cheque, please contact your EIA Counsellor or Financial Worker.

Manitoba Jobs and Skills Development Centres
For information about your cheque and where you can pick it up please call 204-945-0575 in Winnipeg, or toll-free in Manitoba 1-866-332-5077 Email: mjsdc@gov.mb.ca

Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA)

For information about your DFA cheque and where you can pick it up, please call 204-945-3050 in Winnipeg, or toll-free in Manitoba 1-888-267-8298

Workers Compensation Board (WCB)

For information about your WCB cheque and where you can pick it up please call 204-954-4321 in Winnipeg, or toll-free in Manitoba 1-855-954-4321

Public Guardian and Trustee

If you regularly receive cheques by mail from The Public Guardian and Trustee, please phone your contact person directly to make alternate arrangements.

Maintenance Enforcement Program (MEP)

For information on how and where to obtain your family support payment, please call 204-945-7133 or email the program at ManitobaMEPinquiries@gov.mb.ca

Apprenticeship Manitoba

All apprentices expecting funding support payments who have not applied for EFT can contact AM_Support_Services@gov.mb.ca. All other inquiries can be directed to apprenticeship@gov.mb.ca.

Provincial Taxation

Tax return due dates remain unchanged.
Visit www.gov.mb.ca/finance/taxation for more info.

Vital Statistics Branch

For information, visit vitalstats.gov.mb.ca or call 204-945-3701 or 1-866-949-9296

For more information visit:

manitoba.ca
or call **1-866-MANITOBA (1-866-626-4862)**
TTY: 204-945-4796

Distribution Centre Locations

Location	Address
Ashern	43 Railway Avenue, Ashern, MB R0C 0E0
Beausejour	20 - 1st Street S, Beausejour, MB R0E 0C0
Brandon	Room 229, 340 - 9th Street, Brandon, MB R7A 6C2
Carberry	Trans Canada Hwy #1 at Hwy 5 NE Corner
Carman	65 - 3rd Avenue NE, Carman, MB R0G 0J0
Churchill	32 Hudson Square, Churchill, MB R0B 0E0
Dauphin	309 - 27 2nd Avenue SW, Dauphin, MB R7N 3E5
Flin Flon	102 - 143 Main Street, Flin Flon, MB R8A 1K2
Gimli	75 - 7th Avenue, Gimli, MB R0C 1B0
Lac du Bonnet	#4 Provincial Hwy 502, Lac du Bonnet, MB R0E 1A0
Minnedosa	2nd Fl, 36 Armitage Avenue, Minnedosa, MB R0J 1E0
Morden	290 North Railway, Morden, MB R6M 1S7
Neepawa	123 Main Street W, Neepawa, MB R0J 1H0
Portage la Prairie	106 - 25 Tupper Street N, Portage la Prairie, MB R1N 3K1
Roblin	117 - 2nd Ave NW, Provincial Bldg, Roblin, MB R0L 1P0 204-937-6474
Selkirk	101 - 446 Main Street, Selkirk, MB R1A 1V7
St. Laurent	16 St. Laurent Veterans Memorial Rd, St Laurent, MB R0C 2S0
St. Pierre-Jolys	427 Sabourin Street, St. Pierre-Jolys, MB R0A 1V0
Steinbach	242 - 323 Main Street, Steinbach, MB R5G 1Z2
Swan River	1431A - 1st Street N, Swan River, MB R0L 1Z0
The Pas	Room 201, 79 - 3rd Street W, The Pas, MB R9A 1M4
Thompson	Room 107, 59 Elizabeth Drive, Thompson, MB R8N 1X4
Virden	297-7th Avenue S, Virden, MB R0M 2C0
Winnipeg	Basement - 401 York Ave, Winnipeg, MB R3C 4G4

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MUNICIPAL AND NORTHERN RELATIONS

Important Notice to All Elected Officials and Chief Administrative Officers

Statutory Review of Planning Legislation What we Heard Report

Manitoba is required by law to undertake a comprehensive review of recent amendments to The Planning Act and Part 6 of The City of Winnipeg Charter (formerly Bill 37 and Bill 34).

The review was carried out by consultant Braid Solutions Inc., who completed an independent review of the legislative amendments that included a comprehensive stakeholder engagement process.

What We Heard Report

The department is providing a further update on the statutory review by releasing the consultant's What We Heard Report. This report includes a summary of the feedback received during the review process and includes the consultant's analysis. The What We Heard Report is attached to this bulletin for your reference.

The What We Heard Report is available in alternate formats upon request. Please contact MRCPD@gov.mb.ca for more information.

What comes next?

The Minister of Municipal and Northern Relations is required to table a report on the review in the Legislative Assembly by October 29, 2025.

The department also is working with stakeholders to finalize an action plan to address key recommendations of the consultant's report.

If you have any questions for the department, please contact provincialplanning@gov.mb.ca.

French version to follow.

*Department of Municipal and Northern Relations
609 – 800 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg MB R3G 0N4*



Outlook

The PUB Post - Fall Newsletter, October 2025

From The Public Utilities Board of Manitoba <Engagethepub@gov.mb.ca>

Date Thu 2025-10-09 9:05 AM

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

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The PUB Post – Fall Newsletter, October 2025

The vision of the PUB is to be a trusted, respected regulator that sets rates for utilities by balancing the interests of ratepayers with the financial health of the utility. In doing so, it examines the long-term, reliable utility services for Manitobans. It does this through efficient, transparent regulatory processes where it makes decisions based on evidence before it and then communicates its decisions publicly in a timely manner.

Here are some of the PUB's 2025/26 calendar highlights that may interest readers:

Centra Gas Update

On October 7, 2024, Centra Gas Manitoba Inc. (Centra) filed its 2025 General Rate Application, asking the PUB to finalize the interim approval of a 4.5% general revenue increase that had been in effect since November 1, 2024. Centra also requested approval of adjustments to rates that include transportation of natural gas to Manitoba for distribution to customers and the costs to store natural gas during the summer months for use in the winter.

The PUB and approved Interveners requested additional information from Centra to assist the parties in understanding the application and its impact to consumers, and the Interveners were also asked for additional information on the evidence they submitted. The public hearing, which included public presentations by Environmental Defence Canada and Manitoba Eco-Network, began on June 12, 2025, and took place over 10 days.

On September 16, 2025, the PUB issued its Order, finalizing the 4.5% interim general revenue increase in place since November 1, 2024, and approving additional increases of 4.5% effective November 1, 2025, and 4.0% effective November 1, 2026. While Centra applied for only one year, the Board concluded that additional increases were required to help Centra achieve positive net income and mitigate further losses as Centra had not filed a new rate application for six years. The approved increases apply only to the distribution costs, and not the price of natural gas. The three-year rate increase will result in a gradual increase that should lead to positive net income for Centra over the period 2024/25 to 2026/27.

Despite the increases approved in this order, natural gas bills for an average residential customer remain lower than they were 15 years ago. The increases are also less than cumulative inflation since the 2019/20 General Rate Application. PUB expects the bill impacts to customers to be less than the stated percentages. Natural gas remains the most cost-effective heating option in Manitoba.

MPI Update

On June 25, 2025, Manitoba Public Insurance (MPI) filed its 2026 General Rate Application (GRA), which asked the PUB to approve a 2.07% rate increase for the Basic Autopac vehicle insurance rates and premiums, effective April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027. The rate application does not apply to the rates in the non-compulsory (Extension) line of business. Examples of Extension insurance products include lower deductibles, increased third party liability coverage, and rental vehicle insurance. Rate decisions for Extension insurance are made by the MPI Board of Directors, and do not require the approval of the PUB.

One important issue to be addressed this year is the impact of the former Project Nova which has been terminated and merged into the IT plan

The PUB published a notice in the Winnipeg Free Press informing the public of the

application and advising of important steps and deadlines that occur prior to the public hearing. Interested parties who wanted to seek Intervener status at the hearing notified the PUB by July 3rd and Manitobans interested in submitting a brief or expressing comments at the hearing were directed to contact the PUB through its [online comment tool](#).

To prepare for the upcoming hearing, the PUB and approved Interveners requested additional information from MPI to assist the parties in understanding the application and its impact on consumers. This additional information is available on the PUB's website www.pubmanitoba.ca and is also filed as exhibits (evidence) at the hearing.

The public hearing for the 2026 General Rate Application starts on Tuesday, October 14 at 9:00 a.m. and it will be [livestreamed on the PUB's website](#).

Manitoba Hydro Update

On March 28, 2025, Manitoba Hydro (Hydro) filed its [2026 to 2028 General Rate Application](#) (GRA), asking the PUB to approve an overall increase of 3.5% each year, which would come into effect on January 1, 2026, January 1, 2027, and January 1, 2028. Hydro based the request on the revenue it forecasts to run the electric system, perform maintenance, and to rebuild and expand the system as needed to continue to provide reliable, safe, and effective service to customers. In its GRA Manitoba Hydro stated the following as some of the reasons for the three-year rate request:

- Drought conditions and low water which results in lower income and higher debt.
- Significant concurrent assets over the next two decades to address aging assets and reliability.
- Increases in operating expenses, primarily as a result of negotiated wage settlements, staffing resources and expenditures required for reliable operation and maintenance of the electric system.
- Maintaining the debt -to-capitalization ratio over the next 10 years.
- Funding Business Operations Capital with cash from operations in most years rather than increasing debt.
- Maintain debt ratio over the 10-year period 2025/26 to 2034/35 when the majority of capital investments are needed.

Manitoba Hydro also stated the elimination of capital taxes and staged reduction of the provincial debt guarantee reduction announced in the 2025/26 provincial budget reduced the rate request to 3.5% rather than the required 5.5% in each year to achieve the same financial results. Finally, Manitoba Hydro stated that even with the 3.5% proposed rate

increases, its rates will continue to be the lowest in Canada, or among the lowest in the next three years compared to other similar Canadian utilities.

The positions of Manitoba Hydro on the above issues will be fully tested at the GRA hearing later this year.

Based on the application Hydro filed, it is estimated that a residential customer without electric heat (using an average of 1,000 kilowatt-hours (kWh) per month), the average impact of the proposed increase would be approximately \$3.70 per month after January 1, 2026, an additional \$3.80 per month after January 1, 2027, and an additional \$3.95 per month after January 1, 2028.

For a residential customer with electric heat (using an average of 2,000 kilowatt-hours (kWh) per month), the average impact of the proposed increase would be approximately \$7.05 per month after January 1, 2026, an additional \$7.30 per month after January 1, 2027, and an additional \$7.55 per month after January 1, 2028.

The public hearing for the Hydro 2026 to 2028 General Rate Application starts on November 17, 2025, and although the deadline to apply to become an approved intervener in the hearing has passed, Manitobans are able to share their views on the proposed rate increases with the Public Utilities Board in two ways:

- As a Presenter — If you want to make a virtual or in-person formal presentation and are willing to respond to questions about your presentation, you can apply to become an approved Presenter. Presentations are limited to a maximum of 10 minutes; or
- By submitting written comments on the rate increase.

Continuing Education

The PUB employs a continuous improvement philosophy and an innovation mindset to enhance its decision-making and its responsiveness to stakeholders. Members stay up to date on current regulatory issues and best practices in other jurisdictions by holding ongoing educational sessions, reviewing articles and discussions from other jurisdictions on best practices, and by

maintaining memberships and actively participating in regulatory associations such as the Canadian Automobile Insurance Rate Regulators (CARR) and CAMPUT, which is the organization for Canada's energy and utility regulators.

These regulatory associations are recognized and respected nationally as providers of education and best practice resources in automobile insurance, energy, and utility regulation. Each association is focused on helping members stay informed on the most recent industry trends, policy development, and provide opportunities for regulatory improvement.

CAMPUT traces its roots back to the early 1960s and was formally established in 1976 as the "Canadian Association of Members of Public Utility Tribunals". Its objective was "to promote the quality of public utility regulation in Canada by providing the forum for the exchange of information and views among the members of the Association." Over time, the association recognized the demand for further education and training in utility regulation was growing, and in 1986 responded by developing a training and educational program which is delivered through an annual educational conference. The program became so popular that it transformed into a public conference in 1990.

In 2003, membership became available to public utility tribunals (also called commissions) in countries other than Canada, and in 2007 associate membership became available to other Canadian regulatory tribunals or commissions. In 2011, the CAMPUT Constitution was amended to drop the name "Canadian Association of Members of Public Utility Tribunals", but to continue using the acronym, because it was widely recognized throughout the regulatory industry.

CAMPUT hosts three major educational sessions each year:

- The spring CAMPUT Conference, with 500+ attendees from Canadian and non-Canadian regulators, government, non-government organizations, the academic community, and other stakeholders.
- The fall Annual General Meeting, attended by 50+ Canadian regulators.
- The winter Regulatory Key Topics Meeting, a virtual educational meeting is offered to Canadian regulators and staff.

These educational sessions bring together regional, national and international participants, with first-rate education programs, and assist CAMPUT members in maintaining ongoing relationships with major regulatory organizations such as NARUC, NERC, and ICER.

For those who are new to the energy regulation field, each year CAMPUT holds a week-long, intensive Energy Regulation Course and, as a way to further promote excellence in regulation across Canada, CAMPUT established “Communities of Interest” which focusses on areas of specific interest to its members. These communities gather to share information and learn from each other outside of the formal education offerings.

In September 2025, the PUB hosted the 2025 CAMPUT AGM which brought together regulators from across the country to discuss current issues facing the energy sector and best practices to help navigate a constantly evolving landscape. The educational sessions featured opportunities for board chairs and commissioners (known as board members in Manitoba) to present information and engage in discussions about the challenges they face in their respective jurisdictions. While many jurisdictions face the same challenges, the roles and powers of the regulators vary across the country, providing an opportunity to share unique perspectives.

More information on the PUB's commitment to its ongoing education will be available in future PUB newsletters.



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October 3, 2025

TO: Municipalities and Recreation Districts

SUBJECT: Trustee Recreation District Representation and Review of Joint Use Agreements

Dear Municipal and Recreation District Partners,

The Southwest Horizon School Division Board of Trustees is pleased to inform you of the Trustee Representatives assigned to liaise with the Municipalities and/or Recreation Districts for the 2025/2026 period as it pertains to Community Use of Schools and Use of Community Facilities.

Recreation District/Municipal parks and recreation	School Board Trustee Representative	Contact information
Deloraine Winchester Recreation District	Ashley Stewart	ashleystewart@shmb.ca
Fern Valley Recreation District	Brent Fallis	brentfallis@shmb.ca
Southwest Recreation District	Allan Downey	allandowney@shmb.ca
RM of Oakland-Wawanesa Parks & Recreation	Janice McDonald	janicemcdonald@shmb.ca
Souris-Glenwood Parks and Recreation	Teagan Kliever	teagankliever@shmb.ca

We understand that some Municipalities have changed the way they operate traditional Recreation Districts and understand that our role as School Board Trustee representatives may therefore change. As such, we would appreciate it if you could contact the above trustee assigned to your Recreation District/Municipal Parks and Recreation department and provide them with your meeting dates for the committee and to discuss these changes pertaining to your municipality.

Additionally, the Board recently reviewed the provincial document, **"Community Use of Schools and School Use of Community Facilities,"** which is a handbook designed for reviewing and developing facility-use policies, procedures, and agreements.

Although this provincial document does not state a strict requirement for every joint-use agreement to have a committee comprising members from the recreation district, municipality, and school division, it does specify that school division and municipal representatives **shall meet as necessary, but not less than once annually**. We feel this would be a good avenue to review the existing joint-use agreements we have with the municipalities as they have not been updated for some time.

Stephanie Emberly, Superintendent – stephanieemberly@shmb.ca
Kevin Zabowski, Secretary Treasurer – kevinzabowski@shmb.ca

Souris Office: Box 820, Souris, MB, R0K 2C0 **Telephone** 1-866-447-3416 **Facsimile** (204) 483-5535
Melita Office: Box 370, Melita, MB, R0M 1L0 **Telephone** 1-866-422-5114 **Facsimile** (204) 522-3776



On behalf of the Board of Trustee Representatives, we look forward to collaborating with you and your representatives during the 2025/26 term as we work together to effectively manage our shared facilities. In the meantime, we request that your Recreation Districts or Municipal Parks and Recreation committees contact the assigned School Board Trustee with your meetings dates.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Zabowski", is written over the printed name.

Kevin Zabowski

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