



Manitoba Accessibility Fund

We're thrilled to announce that the 2026/27 intake period for the Manitoba Accessibility Fund will officially open and the intake will run for six weeks from January 12 to February 20, 2026.

Grant applicants may request up to a maximum of \$50,000 from the Manitoba Accessibility Fund to complete proposed projects. All eligible organizations are invited to submit a project application.

To qualify, organizations must have been in operation for one year before application and may include:

- registered charities
- non-profit organizations incorporated and registered with the Companies Office
- non-profit organizations that have a bank account and can verify activity for at least one year
- local businesses or corporations based in Manitoba providing services to Manitobans that are registered with the Companies Office
- on-reserve businesses and organizations that meet all other eligibility requirements
- municipalities and local authorities such as planning districts and Northern Affairs Community Councils
- universities, colleges and school divisions

Organizations are limited to submitting one application per intake but may be listed as partners on the applications of other project submissions.

All Manitoba Accessibility Fund applicants must fulfill at least one of the following objectives in support of The Accessibility for Manitobans Act:

- raise awareness about removing barriers encountered by persons with disabilities, such as the development of accessibility guides that are tailored to the specific circumstances of members
- develop tools, resources and training to support compliance with regulated accessibility standards under The Accessibility for Manitobans Act
- remove barriers to information and communication electronically, in print and in person. This can include the establishment of a centralized pool of funds to facilitate ASL interpretation or to make websites accessible

Get Ready to Apply

Now is the perfect time to start planning. Here's how you can get ahead:

- review past projects funded by the Manitoba Accessibility Fund for inspiration
- check the program guidelines to understand what makes a strong application
- align your budgets with potential projects to ensure your proposals are both feasible and impactful

Begin your strategic planning so you're ready to submit a competitive application when the intake opens.

To help you prepare, we have scheduled an informational webinar designed to walk potential applicants through the process. This session will cover everything from program insights to application guidelines and the selection process.

Webinar: Making Your Organization More Accessible with the Assistance of the Manitoba Accessibility Fund Grant

Program

- **Date:** January 5, 2026
- **Time:** 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
- **Where:** Virtual via Zoom
- [Register to Attend](#)

American Sign Language and closed captioning will be available at this webinar.

Webinaire : Rendre votre organisation plus accessible avec l'aide du Programme de subvention du Fonds pour l'accessibilité du Manitoba

- Date : 6 janvier
- Heure : De 13 h à 14 h
- Endroit : séance virtuelle sur Zoom
- [Inscrivez-vous pour participer](#)

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

For more information about the Manitoba Accessibility Fund grant program for 2026/27, please contact MAF@gov.mb.ca if you have additional questions.

Spotlight on a Manitoba Accessibility Fund Project

Featured Project: The Higher Learning Foundation

This month, the Manitoba Accessibility Fund is proud to spotlight the Higher Learning Foundation and their accessibility project.

The Higher Learning Foundation (HLF) is a registered charity that focuses on various types of mental fitness programming. We have three pillars of programming, including our Fundamentals of Mental Fitness courses and workshops (Educate), scholarship offerings (Engage) and public art programming and community wellness events (Empower).

Our Manitoba Accessibility Fund project gave us the opportunity to create an ASL-Friendly Digital Video series of our 110 Hour Fundamentals of Mental Fitness Program. The goal of the project was to create a digital version that could be used at organizations and high schools that facilitate programming to the Deaf community. We recorded the video series and partnered with ECCOE to add the ASL-translation to the videos. The funding enabled us to create a tool that can be offered at high schools and frontline charities serving vulnerable populations. We are also actively working to bring the workshop materials to corporate teams, who will have access to videos that can be shared with Deaf employees.

We are actively building partnerships with major Winnipeg organizations that serve Deaf Manitobans. Our programming, including the video series we created with this funding, is available in rural Manitoba communities including Richer and Portage la Prairie. Our goal for 2026 is to facilitate Mental Fitness wellness retreats, which will include the use of the video series we created with the funding from the Manitoba Accessibility Fund.

~ Article provided by The Higher Learning Foundation.

Manitoba Government Introduces Legislation to Recognize Sign Language

The Manitoba government marked the International Day of Persons with Disabilities by introducing legislation that highlighted the linguistic and cultural uniqueness of sign languages used by Deaf, Hard-of-Hearing and Deaf-Blind Manitobans, Families Minister Nahanni Fontaine, minister responsible for accessibility, announced on December 3, 2025.

“For years, Deaf, Hard-of-Hearing and Deaf-Blind Manitobans have been clear that sign languages are central to their identity and culture,” said Fontaine. “The Sign Language Recognition Act is the result of more than a year of working alongside Deaf, Hard-of-Hearing and Deaf-Blind Manitobans. This bill will recognize and promote the use of sign languages throughout Manitoba and support inclusion, access and community identity.”

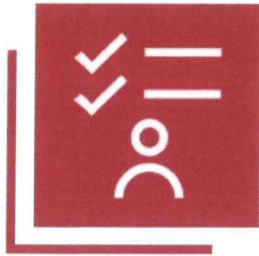
The proposed legislation would recognize American Sign Language, Quebec sign language, Indigenous sign languages and tactile sign languages as distinct languages with their own grammar, structure and cultural heritage. Manitoba is the first province in Canada to introduce standalone sign language recognition legislation.

While some jurisdictions recognize sign languages through accessibility legislation or policy, the minister noted that sign languages are the first and primary language for many Deaf, Hard-of-Hearing and Deaf-Blind Manitobans, not an accessibility tool.

The Manitoba government is also consulting with Manitobans on a proposed regulation that would establish the framework for enforcing accessibility requirements under The Accessibility for Manitobans Act including the ability to issue orders and administrative penalties for deliberate non-compliance.

The International Day of Persons with Disabilities, observed annually on Dec. 3, promotes understanding of disability issues and highlights efforts to protect the dignity, rights and well-being of people with disabilities.

For details on International Day of Persons with Disabilities, visit [AccessibilityMB.ca](https://www.accessibilitymb.ca).



Compliance Corner

Announcement: Public feedback on proposed Accessibility Penalties Regulation is Now OPEN

Manitoba's [Accessibility Compliance Secretariat](#) is an office of the Manitoba government with the authority to promote, monitor and enforce compliance with requirements under [The Accessibility for Manitobans Act](#) and its regulated standards.

A proposed new regulation related to penalties for noncompliance has been posted on the provincial government's proposed regulation [website](#) for public feedback.

Manitobans and organizations are encouraged to submit their input on the proposed regulation, which includes information about orders and monetary penalties that will be issued to entities demonstrating wilful noncompliance with accessibility legislation.

Feedback is also being sought on whether information about organizations that receive penalties should be published.

Manitobans will have until noon on February 2, 2026, to provide feedback.

What is an Administrative Penalty?

An administrative penalty is a financial consequence of not following legislative or regulatory requirements. Administrative penalties are issued by designated government officials who oversee compliance with applicable legislation.

An accessibility compliance framework guides the work of the accessibility compliance secretariat, and the framework focuses on non-punitive measures to encourage compliance before proceeding to measures like the issuing of orders to remedy contraventions and administrative monetary penalties.

Remember:

- Penalties will not apply to individuals in their personal lives or in their homes.
- Education and awareness raising comes first. As a starting point, the Accessibility Compliance Secretariat works with organizations to bring them into compliance by providing tools and resources and feedback. Penalties are the last resort of the compliance framework, reserved for organizations that demonstrate willful or deliberate noncompliance. Follow the link to learn more about the secretariat's [compliance framework](#).

To provide feedback, please visit: [Manitoba Regulatory Accountability_| EngageMB](#)

Happy Holidays!

May the joy and peace of the holiday season be with you today and throughout the coming year.

On behalf of the Manitoba Accessibility Office, we wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season.



Funding Opportunity

From The Ground Up is a program supporting a broad range of community development projects, including community and economic development, well-being and recreation, as well as housing and safety coordination supports. Eligible applicants for the 2026 applicant intake include:

- municipal governments (including local authorities such as planning and recreation districts)
- Northern Affairs community councils
- non-profit organizations throughout Manitoba

The application deadline is January 26, 2026. For more information about this program and how to apply, visit: <https://gov.mb.ca/grants>

Upcoming Learning Opportunity

Understand the Role and Responsibilities of the Accessibility Compliance Secretariat

Learn about the Accessibility Compliance Secretariat's role in advancing Manitoba's accessibility laws forward. Any organization with obligations under The Accessibility for Manitobans Act will benefit from attending this

webinar. You will hear about the secretariat's role and responsibilities and discover how its staff work with organizations to remove barriers, so Manitobans with disabilities can participate equally in fundamental aspects of daily life.

Webinar Details:

- **Date:** January 20, 2026
- **Time:** 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Where:** Virtual via Zoom

Register to Attend

Did you miss any of the 2025 Webinars hosted by the Manitoba Accessibility Office?

This year, was a busy year for the Manitoba Accessibility Office, hosting several webinars throughout the year. Each webinar featured engaging and informative accessibility topics. If you missed one or wanted to re-watch any of the webinars, they are available to watch on-demand on [AccessibilityMB.ca](https://accessibilitymb.ca).

Watch Past Webinars:

- [Manitoba Access Awareness Week: Accessibility History, A Manitoba Perspective – Past, Present and Future](#)
- [Disability Employment Awareness Month: Accessibility at Work: Removing Barriers to Benefit All Employees](#)
- [Indigenous Disability Awareness Month: Sharing Our Stories: A Conversation on Accessibility, Indigenous Identity and Community](#)
- [International Day of Persons with Disabilities: Funding Accessibility: Celebrating Successful Manitoba Accessibility Fund Grant Projects in](#)

Action

- [Serving All Customers: Understanding Your Role as a Frontline Employee to Provide Accessible Customer Service](#)
 - [Embracing An Accessible Manitoba, It Starts with Your Organization – An Overview of the Accessibility for Manitobans Act](#)
 - [Providing Accessible Information and Communication as a Small Business - Developing Strategies That Work](#)
 - [Navigating Accessibility Accommodations in the Workplace – Understanding Your Role as an Employer](#)
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Upcoming Awareness Date

- [World AIDS Day](#) (Dec 1)
- [International Day of Persons with Disabilities](#) (Dec 3)
- [Positively Purple](#) (Dec 3)
- [National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women](#) (Dec 6)
- [International Human Rights Day](#) (Dec 10)

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AF Connections: Celebrating Community This Holiday Season!

From Connie <info@manitobaseniorcommunities.ca>
via mailchimpapp.net

Date Mon 2025-12-15 3:53 PM

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



As the year winds down and the holiday season surrounds us, we're pleased to share the December issue of **AF Connections** - a celebration of connection, kindness, and the many ways communities across Manitoba are coming together.

Inside this issue, you'll find uplifting stories, meaningful reflections, and inspiring examples of how small moments of care create lasting ripples of goodness. From welcoming spaces and intergenerational joy to community-driven supports, this issue reminds us that collaboration truly is central to a healthy community.

To add a little extra holiday fun, we've also included a [Making Spirits Bright Bingo Card](#) for you to download, share, and play in your community. Whether it sparks conversation, laughter, or a friendly challenge, we hope it

encourages connection in the season ahead. If you participate in this Bingo, please let us know! Click the highlighted link above, or the image of the bingo card below to get your copy!

Thank you for being part of our AF Connections community. Wishing you a joyful holiday season and a bright, healthy year ahead.

Click the image below to read more....



COLLABORATION IS CENTRAL TO A HEALTHY COMMUNITY

RIPPLES OF GOODNESS

Building Confidence, Connection, and Care at the Winnipeg Airport Authority

At Winnipeg Airports Authority, our front-line employees are often the first point of contact for passengers who may be feeling overwhelmed, uncertain, or physically fatigued especially older adults navigating a fast-paced, security-driven environment. When we introduced **MASC's training video** to our customer service teams, we hoped it would spark empathy and practical understanding. What we witnessed was something even more meaningful.

The video quickly became more than a training tool. It created space for reflection and conversation, helping employees see aging not as a barrier, but as an important part of human diversity. For many, it clarified how simple, thoughtful actions like slowing their pace, adjusting communication, or offering a steady arm can dramatically improve someone's travel experience.

What we heard from employees was a real sense of growing confidence. The video helped demystify aging by breaking it down into clear, relatable scenarios. Staff shared that it reduced the fear of "doing the wrong thing" and replaced it with a more instinctive, compassionate approach. We also saw a shift from checklist thinking to genuine human connection, encouraging employees to focus less on tasks and more on the person in front of them.

Since sharing the video, we've already observed more intentional communication, more patience in lines, and more awareness around mobility changes, cognitive fatigue, and sensory needs. These may seem like small shifts, but together they create a ripple effect. When one employee changes their approach, it influences the team around them and every passenger who moves through our terminal feels the impact.

**The true value of MASC's video is this:
it strengthened our culture of care.**

It reminded us that accessibility is not just about removing barriers, but about treating every traveler with dignity, empathy, and respect.

As we move into 2026, we will continue using this video and work with our Front of House employees to further reinforce the key messages it highlights especially strong customer service, presence, and everyday dignity.

For more information on how WAA is working to prevent barriers, visit:

<https://www.ywg.ca/en/passengers/accessibility/>

*Submitted by: Julie Chapko
Accessibility Specialist and Operations Support
Winnipeg Airport Authority*

Holiday Reflection: Welcoming Others With Intention

This season reminds us how powerful a warm greeting, a slower pace, or a moment of patience can be. If you're looking for a thoughtful resource to support these practices, we invite you to watch MASC's training video—the same one WAA used to strengthen their culture of care.

It's a simple watch with a lasting impact. Click the image below or scan the QR code to watch!



Add a little holiday warmth to your work! Watch the video that's inspiring change across Manitoba!

And here is the Holiday Bingo Card! Enjoy!



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.

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Fw: Happy New Year from AF Connections 🌸 Collaboration is how we grow!

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Date Wed 2026-01-14 12:01 PM

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

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Joni

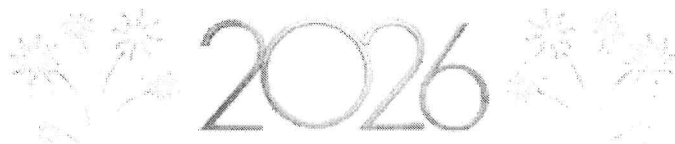
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From: Connie <info@manitobaseniorcommunities.ca>

Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2026 10:08:31 AM

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

Subject: Happy New Year from AF Connections 🌸 Collaboration is how we grow!



Hello Friends! Happy New Year! 🌸

As we step into 2026, we're feeling grateful for the energy and ideas flowing through Age-Friendly communities across Manitoba. This month's **AF Connections** celebrates the **14 Community Collaboration Grant recipients**, shares a gentle **Blue Monday** check-in, and offers **simple, no-cost "Small Steps"** to strengthen connection right where you are.

Inside you'll find:

- **Ripples of Goodness:** Congrats to the 14 communities moving collaboration forward.
- **Small Steps to an Age-Friendlier Community:** five quick checks you can try this month.
- **Community Spotlight:** local momentum in action.
- **Social Prescribing in Action:** a story that shows why connection matters.

If something sparks an idea, let us know, your story could inspire the next community.

On behalf of our entire team, I would like to wish you all a year of belonging, participation, and collaboration!

Brenda Tonn

Click the image to read our January Issue!

COLLABORATION IS CENTRAL TO A HEALTHY COMMUNITY

Happy New Year!

As we step into 2026, we're feeling grateful and energized by the ways Age-Friendly communities across Manitoba continue to show up! New seasons bring new ideas, fresh partnerships, and more chances to build communities where people of every age can belong, participate, and thrive.

Thank you for being part of this work and for everything you do to strengthen connection and well-being close to home.

RIPPLES OF GOODNESS

Community Collaboration Grants

Huge congratulations to the 14 recipients of our 2025 Community Collaboration Grants! It's exciting to learn about all the collaboration happening across Manitoba. We are excited to see municipalities, senior centres, community groups, volunteers, and local partners coming together to make good things happen. We look forward to learning more about each project as the year unfolds, and we'll be sharing updates and highlights in upcoming issues.

Congratulations to the following Cities/Towns/Municipalities:

- Bifrost Riverton
- Flin Flon
- Hamiota
- Lorne
- Morden
- Neepawa
- Norfolk-Treherne
- Pinawa
- St. Laurent
- St. Pierre Jolys
- Stonewall
- Virden
- Winnipeg – Seven Oaks
- Winnipeg – St. James 55+

We also want to thank everyone who applied. We recognize the time, care, and collaboration that goes into developing a strong application. The conversations started, partnerships formed, and ideas shared through this process all matter.

We encourage you to keep those relationships moving forward, because when communities and organizations work together, the ripples of good extend far beyond any one project or grant.

Keep the conversations going! Collaboration is where the real magic happens.

Blue Monday: a gentle check-in

You may hear people mention Blue Monday. It's often described as the "saddest day of the year."

It's not an official or evidence-based day, but we do like the reminder it offers: January can feel heavy for many of us, and this is a good time to slow down and check in. A warm greeting, a little patience, and a simple "How are you doing?" can go a long way. Or maybe just greet someone and say "It's so good to see you!"

If you or someone you know could use extra support right now, help is available (see the resources below).

Need support (Canada):

- Call or text 988 Crisis line (24/7 support)
- Wellness Together Canada: wellnesstogether.ca
- Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA): cmha.ca
- Call 211 (local/prov. community supports)
- Kids Help Phone (youth): kidshelpphone.ca | 1-800-668-6868 | text CONNECT to 686868
- Hope for Wellness (Indigenous peoples): hopeforwellness.ca | 1-855-242-3310
- In immediate danger: call 911



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December 18, 2025

Joni Swidnicki
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Dear Joni Swidnicki,

RE: Request for support for Ag Education in 2026

We are requesting your support in 2026. Agriculture is not just part of your region's past; it's the key to your community's future. At Agriculture in the Classroom – Manitoba (AITC-M), we are helping rural youth see agriculture not only as a job on the farm, but as a thriving industry that connects your local businesses, trades, services, and future workforce to long-term economic growth.

Why This Matters to Your Municipality

When youth understand the broad scope of agriculture, from mechanics to manufacturing, research to retail, veterinary care to technology, they see opportunity right in their own backyard. Our programs spark interest in post-secondary ag education, skilled trades, and career paths essential to your community's future.

An investment in Agricultural Education builds:

Local business development, a strong - informed future workforce, civic engagement, and rural sustainability

AITC-M is Changing the Agriculture Industry – Right in Your Own Community

Agriculture is no longer just “what happens in the fields”. It touches nearly every sector that supports your local economy. Yet, many municipal leaders are surprised to learn how agriculture affects their communities beyond the farm. Through our programming, we help educators show youth that agriculture powers industries like:

- Food and retail businesses
- Heavy-duty mechanics and equipment manufacturing
- Transportation and logistics
- Marketing and agri-tourism
- Veterinary and animal sciences
- Research and environmental science
- Digital technology and AI innovation

We're proud to already partner with multiple municipalities across Manitoba, and we're actively delivering programs in schools in over 100 additional municipalities that don't yet support our work financially.



This tells us two things:

1. Your communities want these programs and are using them.
2. With your investment, we can grow impact locally and directly in your community.

Here's what your support can do:

\$250 brings **hands-on ag experiences** to youth in your community

\$2,500 supports youth participation in a **farm or ag-career tour**

\$5,000 funds year-round experiential learning through **classroom gardens** like Little Green Thumbs

These are real dollars that deliver real outcomes, preparing youth for in-demand careers, supporting your schools, and stimulating the economy in your region and across Manitoba.

Let's Work Together in 2026

Enclosed is an information sheet and a donation form outlining your municipality's support options. If you'd like to learn more or arrange a presentation to the council, I'd be happy to speak with you directly at 204-782-4575.

Your investment in AITC-M in 2026 is more than a donation; it's a strategic investment in your local economy, your youth, and the long-term prosperity of your community.

With appreciation,



Katharine Cherewyk
Executive Director
Agriculture in the Classroom – Manitoba



Supporting Ag Education Builds Strong Communities

Join Municipal Leaders Who Are Investing in Ag Education

Municipalities across Manitoba choose to support AITC-M because they know it strengthens their communities from the ground up. Their investment ensures local youth gain the knowledge and skills to become tomorrow's agriculture leaders. When your municipality supports this work, you are investing directly in the future workforce, future voters, and future community builders who call your region home.

“When youth understand where food comes from, they see how agriculture connects to every part of our economy, and they see a future for themselves right here at home.”

— Katharine Cherewyk, Executive Director, AITC-M

Let's Build the Future Together

Every contribution makes a difference:

Your municipality's support has a direct impact on
youth learning in your own community.

\$500

Brings hands-on ag experiences to youth in your communities

\$2,500

Supports youth participation in farm and ag-career tours

\$5,000

Funds year-round classroom gardens through Little Green Thumbs

Together, we're growing informed youth, vibrant communities, and a stronger Manitoba economy.

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Supporting Ag Education Builds Strong Communities

Agriculture is the key to your community's economic future.

Agriculture in the Classroom – Manitoba (AIRC-M) helps youth see agriculture not just as farming, but as a modern, innovative industry that fuels local business growth, skilled trades, and economic development in every region of Manitoba.

Why This Matters to Your Municipality

When young people understand the scope of agriculture, from mechanics to manufacturing, veterinary care to digital technology, and more, they see opportunities right in their own backyard.

Your investment in agricultural education helps to:



Build a strong, informed future workforce

Youth gain awareness of in-demand careers in agri-food, science, and skilled trades.



Support local business development

Ag-knowledgeable youth return to their hometowns with skills that drive innovation, entrepreneurship, and sustainability.



Encourage civic engagement

Informed youth become engaged citizens who understand and support local economic issues.



Foster rural sustainability

Educated youth are more likely to stay, work, and contribute locally, reversing the trend of rural population decline.

Supporting Ag Education Builds Strong Communities

49,000 youth reached

2,500 educators supported

446 schools engaged

120+ programming active in 120+ Manitoba municipalities

AIRC-M by the Numbers (2024)

How Agriculture Powers Your Local Economy

Agriculture touches nearly every industry that sustains your community:



Food & Retail Businesses



Heavy-duty Mechanics & Equipment



Manufacturing



Transportation & Logistics



Veterinary & Animal Sciences



Research & Environmental Innovation



Marketing & Agri-tourism



Digital Technology & AI

Donation Form

We can't thank you enough for your contribution to ag education in our province. Every gift of \$50 or more makes you a member of AITC-M.

I want to give:

- ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$250
☐ \$500 ☐ \$ _____

Frequency:

- ☐ One time ☐ Monthly ☐ Annually

Contact Information

Organization Name (if applicable): _____

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

Latest Updates

**Strong Cities Network and Association of Manitoba Municipalities
Launch a New Toolkit Supporting Manitoba Municipalities to
Address Anti-Government Hate and Harassment**



On December 10, the Strong Cities Network and Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) launched **A Toolkit for Manitoba Municipalities: Addressing Anti-Government Hate and Harassment** to support local elected officials and municipal staff across Manitoba as they respond to rising forms of anti-government and anti-establishment hate and harassment. The announcement was made in Toronto, Ontario by Kathy Valentino, AMM President and City of Thompson Councillor, during a keynote at the Strong Cities Network Sixth Global Summit, which brings together over 400 mayors, local government officials, civil society organizations, national governments, private sector stakeholders and practitioners from over 130 cities worldwide, including nearly 40 across Canada.

View the full news release [HERE](#).

NOW OPEN - Build Canada Homes Proposal Portal



On November 27, the federal government opened its online portal for Build Canada Homes, the new agency tasked with scaling up the supply of affordable housing across Canada. FCM strongly encourages Canadian municipalities with planned, shovel-ready housing proposals to submit them via this portal.

The portal webpage for Build Canada Homes highlights affordability, speed, innovation and regional impact as being particularly important in determining application priority. FCM will continue to engage with Build Canada Homes to ensure municipalities of all sizes and in all regions can benefit from the agency's work.

» SUBMIT YOUR PROPOSAL

FCM Rural Report



Rural Canada is fundamental to the country's future—not just as the source of our food, energy and resources, but as a driver of economic growth, resilience, and national prosperity. Rural municipalities are stepping up to meet the moment, but they're doing so within a system that no longer reflects today's realities—aging infrastructure, inadequate connectivity, rising public safety pressures, and a fiscal framework that was never designed for the responsibilities rural governments now carry.

This report, launched in May 2025, lays out a visionary but practical path forward for rural communities. It is grounded in the lived experience and deep local knowledge of rural municipal leaders from across the country and offers tools to deliver on their true potential.

For the full report, please **[Click Here](#)**.

For the FCM Rural Report Infographic, please [Click Here](#).

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Looking for an elected
municipal official from
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- **Did you know? MB Start Staffing Services** - Our Job Matching Unit pre-screens eligible clients and coordinates interviews (virtual or in-person, your location or ours) to help employers connect with qualified, job-ready candidates. If there's an opportunity to share Manitoba Start's staffing services (pre-screening, pre-testing, interview set-up) through your member newsletter or communications, we'd greatly appreciate it.
- Our **DIGITAL BROCHURE** is now available. Hard copies can also be provided upon request.
- We've launched our new **Foreign Credential Recognition (FCR) website** with helpful information for internationally educated professionals. **Foreign Credential Recognition | Manitoba Start - Manitoba Start**. Feel free to link it to your website.

- We also offer a suite of **Diversity & Intercultural Training** courses (fee-for-service) for Manitoba workplaces. [Diversity and Intercultural Training Program | Manitoba Start - Manitoba Start](#)
- If you are **hosting a conference, event or trade** show – we'd welcome the opportunity to participate and connect directly with your members.
- If your Sector Council would like to **host a webinar in 2026** to highlight your sector, businesses and job opportunities, let's get it scheduled early—calendars fills quickly!

Natural Assets Initiative Learning Opportunities



The Natural Assets Initiative (NAI) supports local governments to include nature in infrastructure planning. Check out these two learning opportunities geared to local governments of all sizes and capacity, heavily subsidized by FCM:

- The [Natural Asset Management Roadmap Program](#) helps local governments begin integrating natural asset management (NAM) in their infrastructure planning and financial planning. In this program, NAI works with your team to develop a roadmap of short- to medium-term actions to better account for and manage natural assets as a part of your community's critical infrastructure. The level of effort is only one to two days for the project lead, and a half day for other staff.
- The [Nature is Infrastructure Workshop Series](#) helps local governments to undertake some first steps to meaningfully incorporate natural assets in their infrastructure planning to support cost-effective, climate-ready service delivery in their community.

Interested in learning about how local governments in the Prairies are implementing good practices to include nature in decision-making? Check out NAI's latest blog here: [6 ways local governments are planning for nature as core infrastructure](#).

Call for Nominations - CAA A.C. Emmett Award



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Are you proud of your municipality's hard work to improve road safety and your transportation network? Do you have plans to make it even better? CAA Manitoba wants to hear from you!

Complete their short A.C. Emmett Award nomination form by December 31st – don't miss this opportunity to showcase your community's achievements and gain the recognition you deserve.

The award will be presented to the winning municipality during AMM's spring convention at the Manitoba Good Roads Association awards dinner. The nomination process is quick: there are just 14 yes/no questions and one open-ended question. CAA wants to share the good work municipalities are doing to make our roads safer and our transportation system better – so please send in your nomination by the December 31st deadline to be considered.

A.C. Emmett Award Nomination Form: [Click here to submit online](#) (you must be logged into Office) or email Tish Best at CAA Manitoba to have a copy of the form sent to you: tbes@caamanitoba.com.

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Municipal Leader - Fall 2025



The Fall 2025 issue of *The Municipal Leader* features President Valentino and Minister Simard on the cover. This edition highlights the upcoming 2025 AMM Fall Convention, including details on convention proceedings, keynote speakers, and our sold-out Trade Show. As the seasons change, Manitoba continues to face the devastating effects of a historic

wildfire season. This issue honours Manitoba's fire service and emergency response teams and their ongoing efforts amid unprecedented challenges. Additional features explore RCMP initiatives to strengthen border security, the importance of investing in community vibrancy, and a spotlight on one Manitoba community leading the way in sustainable, green projects.

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AMM Western Director's Update - December 2025

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DECEMBER 2025 - AMM Western Director's Update



AMM Western Director's Update

Councillor Rhonda Coupland

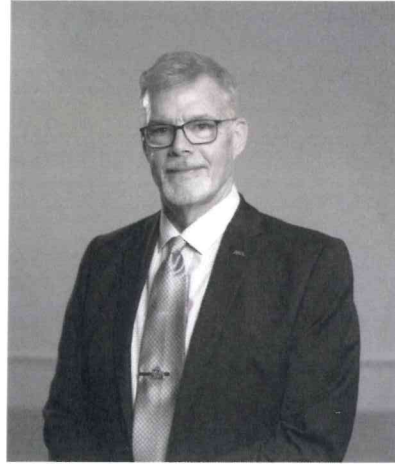
Councillor Marc Savy

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 **December 4, 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 Deputy Executive Director and Director of Policy and Communications.





Toolkit Supporting Manitoba Municipalities to Address Anti-Government Hate and Harassment

On December 10, the AMM and Strong Cities Network unveiled a new Toolkit Supporting Manitoba Municipalities to Address Anti-Government Hate and Harassment. The Toolkit includes **130 actionable recommendations** organized into thematic sections, with dedicated guidance for elected officials and municipal staff on topics such as online harassment, misinformation, meeting disruptions, identity-based hate, and protecting candidates for local office. This toolkit comes at a critical time when local elected officials and municipal staff in Manitoba and across Canada are facing increased incivility, hate and harassment.

With municipal elections approaching in 2026, the need for practical tools to support and protect council members, candidates, and municipal staff has never been more urgent. We encourage all members to read the helpful toolkit and practical recommendations for mayors, reeves, councillors, chief administrative officers, city managers, department directors, and other local elected officials and staff.

Read the toolkit, [HERE](#).
[AMM-SCN News Release](#)

The Accessibility for Manitobans Act (AMA) Update

On December 4, the Province of Manitoba published draft regulations on orders and administrative penalties under [**The Accessibility for Manitobans Act**](#) on the provincial government's "proposed regulation" [website](#).

While the AMM has long supported advancing accessibility in Manitoba communities, introducing punitive measures without adequate capacity-building supports first is concerning. Municipalities need education, resources, funding, and collaboration to improve accessibility – not penalties before guidance. Public consultations are now open, and we encourage you to share your feedback alongside the AMM. The deadline to submit comments is **February 2, 2026**.

The Province will also open the **Manitoba Accessibility Fund** Intake from **January 12 – February 20, 2026**. Municipalities can apply for grants of up to **\$50,000** to support accessibility projects. A webinar will also be hosted to guide applicants.

Webinar: Making Your Organization More Accessible with the Assistance of the Manitoba Accessibility Fund Grant Program

- Date: January 5, 2026
- Time: 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
- Where: Virtual via Zoom
- **[Register to Attend HERE](#)**

We encourage municipalities to attend, apply for funding, and help advance accessibility across Manitoba.

Provincial Program Intakes Now Open

At the AMM Fall Convention, the **Hon. Glen Simard**, Minister of Municipal and Northern Relations, announced that the Manitoba government is inviting organizations to apply to the **From the Ground Up and Urban/Hometown Green Team Programs**.

The AMM welcomes the provincial decision to open these programs earlier than last year, a clear response to our advocacy and the feedback municipalities have provided on the importance of accelerating program timelines. Earlier openings not only help municipalities plan budgets with greater certainty but also allows for shovels to be potentially in the ground sooner to maximize Manitoba's short construction season.

We encourage all municipalities to take advantage of these programs. The application deadline for both programs is **Monday, January 26, 2026**.

For more information about the programs and how to apply, please visit: **<https://gov.mb.ca/grants>**.

Bail Reform Update

On October 23, the **Hon. Sean Fraser**, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, announced the introduction of the *Bail and Sentencing Reform Act*.

With Manitoba continuing to face some of the highest rates of violent crime in Canada, the AMM and municipalities have consistently called for stronger bail reform measures to improve community safety. The AMM is closely monitoring this legislation, as it plays an important role in ensuring repeat prolific offenders are held accountable. We will continue advocating for a federal approach that strengthens public safety and addresses everyday crime in our communities. As noted in the Government of Canada news release, changes to the *Criminal Code* will only be effective if provincial and territorial governments actively support their implementation. Accordingly, we will continue to call on the Province of Manitoba to promptly implement corresponding provincial measures once federal bail reform legislation is enacted.

We also encourage municipalities to strengthen our collective voice by advocating to local MPs and MLAs for swift action, helping to ensure this proposed legislation translates into safer communities for all Manitobans.

[Hon. Sean Fraser references AMM in House of Commons Bill C-14 speech](#)

AMM Fall Convention & Resolutions Update

With the 2025 AMM Fall Convention concluding at the end of November, several follow-up processes are now underway. Following the passing of **26** new resolutions, these will be sent to the relevant ministers and departments for formal responses throughout 2026. Responses are typically received between January and April. Once we begin receiving replies, the AMM will issue a Member Advisory summarizing responses to date – so stay tuned!

Each year at the AMM Convention, we also present our Cabinet Brief to the full provincial Cabinet. This document highlights numerous policy successes achieved over the past year and underscores the key issues that remain at the forefront of our advocacy efforts. The document outlines our main lobbying priorities in three categories: Successes in 2024-2025, Critical Issues requiring immediate action, and Important Issues that have seen some progress, but require more collaboration.

The Cabinet Brief can be viewed [HERE](#).

Lastly, we want to hear from you through the **AMM Fall Convention Survey**. This short survey covers convention highlights, sessions, topics, and the Trade Show. As a thank you, **one survey respondent will be selected to receive free registration to the 2026 AMM Spring Convention**. Simply complete the survey and provide your contact information to enter the draw.

Your feedback is essential in shaping future conventions that meet your needs and provide valuable opportunities for learning, networking, and professional growth.

Complete the survey [HERE](#).



STAY CONNECTED

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



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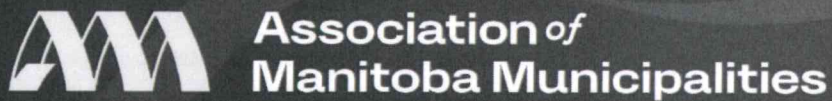
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REMINDER Member Advisory: Request for Feedback: AMM Fall 2025 Convention Survey

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

Date Wed 2025-12-17 9:14 AM

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



Member Advisory

REMINDER Request for Feedback: 2025 AMM Fall Convention Survey

REMINDER - December 17, 2025 – We recently wrapped up the 2025 AMM Fall Convention (November 25–27), and we want to hear from you! Whether or not you were able to attend, your perspective is invaluable in helping us understand what worked well, identify areas for improvement, and ensure future events are even more engaging and meaningful for all delegates.

This short survey covers convention highlights, topics, sessions, and trade show offerings. As a thank you, **one survey respondent will be selected to receive free registration to the 2026 AMM Spring Convention.** To enter the draw, simply complete the survey and provide your contact information. (If you do not wish to enter, leave the contact fields blank.)

Your feedback is essential in shaping future conventions that meet your needs and provide valuable opportunities for learning, networking, and professional growth. We truly appreciate your time and insights!

COMPLETE THE SURVEY HERE

Please complete the survey by **January 5, 2026** to have your feedback included and to be entered for a chance to win free registration to the 2026 AMM Spring Convention.

Sincerely,

Denys Volkov
Executive Director

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Outlook

Planned changes to reporting requirements for the Federal Plastics Registry / Modifications prévues aux exigences de déclaration pour le Registre fédéral sur les plastiques

From FPR / RFP (ECCC) <FPR-RFP@ec.gc.ca>

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Hello,

The Federal Plastics Registry (the Registry) is a critical tool for improving the understanding of plastic production, use, and management in Canada. This foundational, world-leading data inventory makes data from across the plastics lifecycle open and available to Canadians. It supports the Government of Canada's ongoing commitment to ambitious, evidence-based action to protect Canada's environment by reducing plastic waste and preventing pollution.

Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) has received valuable feedback about the challenges and complexity of reporting for Phases 2 and 3 of the Registry. In response, and in the interests of efficiency, responsiveness, and building a system that works better for everyone, **all reporting requirements for Phases 2 and 3 of the Registry will be delayed.**

Delaying Phases 2 and 3 will allow for streamlining and optimizing reporting requirements. It will also give organizations more time to collect and report high-quality and consistent data. ECCC plans to amend the existing Notice for calendar years 2024, 2025 and 2026 to reflect the delay.

Organizations must continue to report Phase 1 data for the 2024, 2025, and 2026 calendar years, as outlined in the [*Notice with respect to reporting of plastic resins and certain plastic products for the Federal Plastics Registry for 2024, 2025 and 2026*](#). This means that producers of packaging, electronics and electrical equipment and single-use and disposable plastics destined for the residential waste stream must continue to report.

A new Notice will be published in the *Canada Gazette* in Summer 2026 to establish reporting requirements for the 2027, 2028, and 2029 calendar years. In advance of this, ECCC plans to publish a Notice of Intent in the *Canada Gazette* in Winter 2026 to further communicate its intentions to delay Phases 2 and 3.

Stakeholders will also have several opportunities to engage with ECCC in 2026 and provide their feedback on changes to the Registry. Additional information on how and when engagement will occur will be shared in the coming months.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support of the Federal Plastics Registry.

Kind regards,

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Bonjour,

Le Registre fédéral sur les plastiques (le Registre) est un outil essentiel pour améliorer la compréhension de la production, de l'utilisation et de la gestion des plastiques au Canada. Cette base de données fondamentale, à la pointe au niveau mondial, rend accessibles aux Canadiens les données relatives à l'ensemble du cycle de vie des plastiques. Il soutient l'engagement continu du gouvernement du Canada à prendre des mesures ambitieuses et fondées sur des données probantes pour protéger l'environnement du Canada en réduisant les déchets plastiques et en prévenant la pollution.

Environnement et Changement climatique Canada (ECCC) a reçu des commentaires utiles sur les défis et la complexité des déclarations pour les phases 2 et 3 du Registre. En réponse à cela, et dans les intérêts de l'efficacité, de la réactivité et de la mise en place d'un système qui fonctionne mieux pour tous, **toutes les exigences en matière de déclaration pour les phases 2 et 3 du Registre seront reportées.**

Le report des phases 2 et 3 permettra de rationaliser et d'optimiser les exigences en matière de déclaration. Il donnera également aux organisations plus de temps pour collecter et déclarer des données cohérentes et de haute qualité. L'ECCC prévoit de modifier l'avis existant pour les années civiles 2024, 2025 et 2026 afin de refléter ce délai.

Les organisations doivent continuer à déclarer les données de la phase 1 pour les années civiles 2024, 2025 et 2026, comme indiqué dans [*l'Avis relatif à la déclaration des résines plastiques et de certains produits en plastique pour le registre fédéral sur les plastiques pour 2024, 2025 et 2026*](#). Cela signifie que les producteurs d'emballages, d'équipements électroniques et électriques et de plastiques à usage unique et jetables destinés au flux de déchets résidentiels doivent continuer à déclarer.

Un nouvel avis sera publié dans la *Gazette du Canada* à l'été 2026 afin d'établir les exigences en matière de déclaration pour les années civiles 2027, 2028 et 2029. Avant cela, ECCC prévoit de publier un avis d'intention dans la *Gazette du Canada* à l'hiver 2026 afin de communiquer plus en détail son intention de reporter les phases 2 et 3.

Les intervenants auront également plusieurs occasions de collaborer avec l'ECCC en 2026 et de faire part de leurs commentaires sur les changements apportés au Registre. De plus amples informations sur la manière et le moment où cette collaboration aura lieu seront communiquées dans les mois à venir.

Nous vous remercions de votre coopération et de votre soutien continu au Registre fédéral sur les plastiques.

Cordialement,

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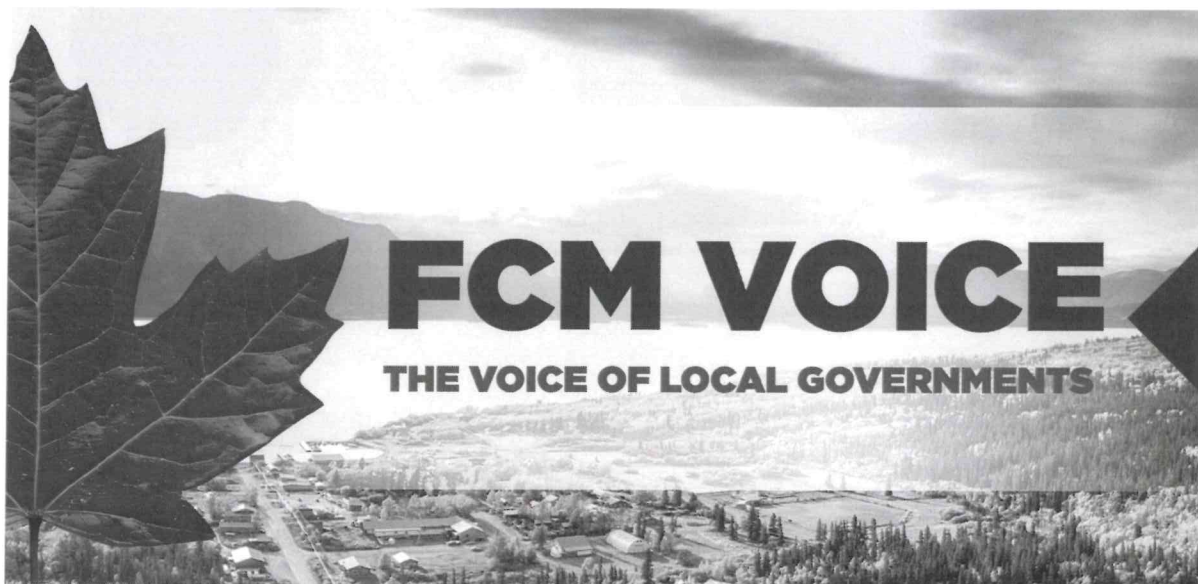
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FCM ensures municipal input on design of new Build Communities Strong Fund

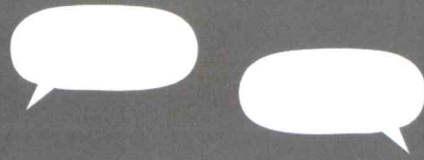
Last week, FCM delivered detailed recommendations to the federal government on the Build Communities Strong Fund (BCSF), the central infrastructure program announced in last month's federal budget.

FCM's recommendations focused on the crucial design aspects of BCSF: ensuring the vital flow of funding to communities, how to best leverage the fund's different streams, and maximizing existing mechanisms like the Canada Community-Building Fund.

These recommendations were expressed via a letter to ministers' offices, an in-person meeting between our CEO and President and Minister of Infrastructure and Housing Gregor Robertson, and in roundtable meetings between our Municipal Finance, Infrastructure and Transportation committee and parliamentary secretaries McKelvie and Desrochers—ensuring the federal government hears municipalities loud and clear on this crucial program's design. Our advocacy is powered by local voices.

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Pulse check



Introducing FCM's *Pulse check*—a new way to engage directly with our work. Look out for this section in future editions of FCM Voice where we'll be seeking your input on top municipal priorities. Take this quick survey to share your insight on shovel-ready housing and housing-enabling infrastructure projects in your municipalities.

HAVE YOUR SAY

NEWS

Deadline approaching: Apply now to join FCM's Green Municipal Fund Council

FCM is seeking an elected municipal official from Alberta, Manitoba or the Territories to join the Green Municipal Fund (GMF) Council. The GMF Council plays a key role in national sustainability, combining funding and capacity-building to help municipalities implement projects with the highest potential for economic, community and environmental impact.

If you're passionate about sustainability, governance and supporting municipalities, this is your chance to help shape decisions that have already delivered strong economic outcomes and national impact, contributing \$1.53 billion to Canada's GDP and \$853 million in wages and salaries for Canadians from coast to coast to coast. Apply by January 12.

» **APPLY NOW**

Inspiring leadership: Women councillors driving change across Sri Lanka

Over the past few weeks, the PMI-WILL project—implemented by FCM and funded by Global Affairs Canada—supported the orientation and leadership training for the newly elected leaders of 25 districts' Women's Caucuses in Sri Lanka.

The sessions brought together passionate women elected to local councils in 2025, who are shaping collective plans to strengthen collaboration across districts. Through these networks, the women's caucuses aim to build mutual support for women's decision-making in local government and drive meaningful, community-led change. Their experiences also inspired Canadian municipal leaders, highlighting shared challenges and innovative ways to advance women's political leadership and inclusive governance globally.

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EVENTS

Last chance to register: Bloomberg Cities Idea Exchange

Local governments across Canada are constantly seeking innovative ways to address local challenges and improve residents' lives. This Collective webinar—delivered in partnership between FCM and Bloomberg Philanthropies—introduces local governments to the Bloomberg Cities Idea Exchange, an initiative to accelerate the spread of successful civic solutions between communities around the world.

On December 18, attendees will learn how their communities can engage with the Idea Exchange—whether by lending or borrowing successful ideas—and explore inspiring examples from participating local governments that demonstrate how peer-learning and adaptation lead to measurable results.

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FCM IN THE NEWS

» **FCM lauds bail reform, long-term funding for affordability | Municipal World**

FCM President Rebecca Bligh said municipalities welcome federal commitments to bail reform but warned deeper systemic changes are still needed to ease the burden on local governments. Bligh also welcomed the federal government's recognition of municipal infrastructure as central to Canada's economy, housing and community resilience in this year's budget. She highlighted the importance of rural and northern communities in future plans.

» **Ottawa seeks to toughen laws on gender-based violence | The Globe and Mail**

The federal government has moved to toughen the Criminal Code for the second time this fall, taking aim in a new bill at violence against women and children, as well as court delays that have derailed many serious cases in recent years.

» **Mayor says federal infrastructure spending likely to fall short of Whitehorse's needs | Yukon News**

Whitehorse officials are scrutinizing the federal budget for infrastructure opportunities as climate change, aging assets and rapid population growth strain local resources. "We are concerned that there will not be sufficient funding available to meet Whitehorse's basic infrastructure needs as we continue to manage significant population growth," said Mayor Kirk Cameron.

RESOURCES

Amendments to the Vessel Operation Restriction Regulations

In August, Transport Canada announced changes to the Vessel Operation Restriction Regulations that will provide local authorities with a faster and more efficient process to manage issues like excessive speed and shoreline erosion in their communities. By modernizing the process, local authorities will be better equipped to respond quickly to safety and environmental issues on their waterways.

Local authorities must submit complete applications to Transport Canada by mid-November of each year to have restrictions in place before the next boating season. Applications can be submitted at any time and will be reviewed upon receipt.

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Guide: Creating an urban forest management plan for your community

An urban forest management plan is a blueprint for creating a thriving urban forest. Our guide will help you develop and implement a plan that promotes long-term sustainability and wellbeing for your community's urban forests. This comprehensive guide will help you bring in right people to do proactive research, collect and assess key data and set clear goals for your urban forests.

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

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

These results are possible because local governments are choosing practical solutions that deliver real benefits for households while moving communities toward shared goals.

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FCM President
@blighrebecca spent this week in Ottawa meeting with key federal decision makers to ensure municipal priorities remain top of mind.

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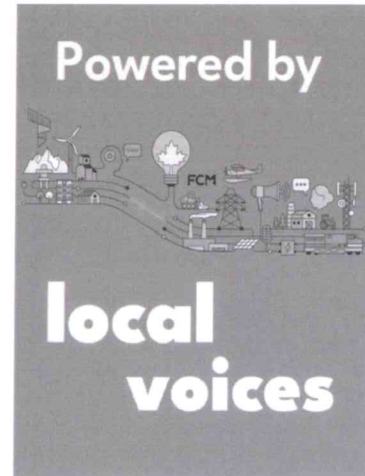


FCM welcomes the federal government's newly tabled legislation to address gender-based violence. A strong federal role is essential in addressing the growing nationwide crisis of gender-based and intimate partner violence.

We look forward to engaging with the #GoC to ensure this crisis is tackled effectively. In order to better protect victims and create safer communities, FCM calls for permanent federal funding for women's shelters and transitional housing—including housing appropriate for Indigenous, 2SLGBTQIA+ people, and persons with disabilities, with a dedicated rural, remote and Northern stream.

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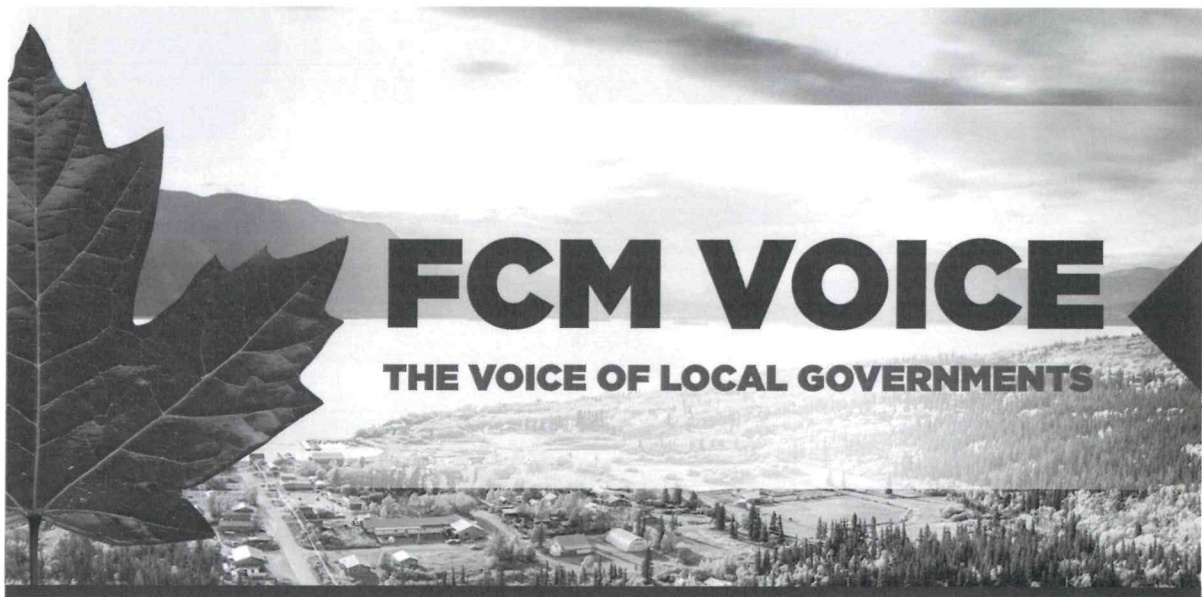
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January 12, 2026





Let's keep shaping the future of our communities in 2026

FCM looks forward to another year of working with you on behalf of municipalities of all sizes across the country.

In 2026, we're focused on what matters most—like delivering essential municipal infrastructure, unlocking more affordable housing, ensuring safer communities, protecting Canadians from the impacts of climate change and growing local economic resilience.

Together, let's continue to build strong and thriving communities from coast to coast to coast.

Happy New Year from FCM!

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NEWS

Shape Canada's future with an FCM Membership

FCM is powered by local voices—municipalities working together to tackle shared challenges and turn local solutions into national progress. For 125 years, FCM has amplified municipal priorities in Ottawa, ensuring our advocacy on issues like affordable housing, infrastructure renewal and public safety is heard loud and clear.

An FCM membership means results: advocacy that delivers funding, programs that strengthen communities and partnerships that drive change. Together, we shape a better future for municipalities across Canada. Become an FCM member today and join a proven partnership powered by members.

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EVENTS

NEW Collective webinar: Partnering for impact with YMCA Canada

Set yourself up for success in 2026 and register now for our first Collective webinar of the year. On January 28, we're partnering with YMCA Canada to explore practical insights into partnership models, lessons learned and strategies for aligning municipal priorities with YMCA programs to achieve shared goals.

This session will highlight the breadth of YMCA services and demonstrate how partnerships with municipalities amplify impact. By working together, municipalities and YMCAs can strengthen communities across the country.

» **REGISTER**

Webinar: Planning collaborative climate adaptation

Climate adaptation is a collective effort, and working with external partners—such as neighbouring municipalities, Indigenous communities, equity-deserving groups and local organizations—brings perspectives and expertise that strengthen your adaptation planning.

Join us on January 29 at 1 p.m. ET for the webinar *Start Collaborating for Municipal Climate Adaptation Planning*, which focuses on identifying and developing meaningful collaboration. You will also hear insights from the District Municipality of Muskoka and the City of Toronto on engaging partners and equity-deserving communities in adaptation planning.

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FCM IN THE NEWS

» Trump's tariffs have touched every part of Canada, says FCM president | iPolitics

In an *iPolitics* year-end interview, FCM President Rebecca Bligh spoke about the ongoing trade war with the U.S. administration and its impact on Canadian municipalities. President Bligh discussed FCM's role in engaging with U.S. counterparts and addressing other issues, including the housing crisis and the need for increased investment in essential infrastructure across the country.

» Jobs, economy top voters' priorities at the end of a turbulent 2025: Nanos poll | CBC News

A recent Nanos survey shows the main concerns for Canadians in 2026 are jobs and the economy, which outweighed the ongoing tensions between Canada and the U.S. The other top issues for Canadians include inflation, health care and immigration.

» Saskatoon Mayor Cynthia Block says Canadian cities need a "new deal" instead of relying on property taxes

Saskatoon Mayor Cynthia Block and Tim Tierney, FCM's Vice-President, are making the argument that Canadian municipalities need a "new deal" to reduce reliance on property taxes for funding municipal services. Tierney told CBC News that FCM is working with the federal government to push for tax reform to better support municipalities on issues such as housing, homelessness and infrastructure.

RESOURCES

Funding opportunity for rural and remote economies

The Business Development Bank of Canada and Community Futures have partnered to provide the Business Elevation Loan to support entrepreneurs in rural and remote communities across Canada. Small and medium-sized enterprises can access loans ranging from \$50,000 to \$500,000, depending on the local office. FCM encourages you to share this opportunity with local businesses in your community.

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Phasing out fossil fuels in community housing

An Edmonton housing co-operative has taken bold steps to modernize its townhouse complex, which was built in the late 1970s. Through a member-led process, the co-op committed to a deep energy retrofit with improved insulation, new windows and doors and upgraded roofing and ventilation systems with full electrification and rooftop solar panels.

The result is a community that has eliminated natural gas use and reduced energy consumption by up to 84 percent, which could translate to as much as \$100,000 in combined annual savings.

» READ THE CASE STUDY

Turn waste into local energy

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

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» [TAKE THE SURVEY](#)

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. Email resilience@cooperators.ca to join the final information session on January 15 from 12-1 p.m. ET. Apply by January 30

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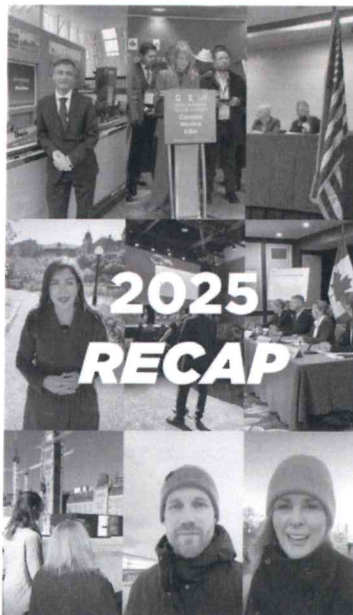




"We're really at the end of the line as far as budgeting goes for a lot of municipalities right now and tough decisions are being made." - FCM's 1st VP @timtierney.ca on the need for municipal fiscal reform in Canada.

[www.cbc.ca/news/canada/..](http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/)

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What a year!

From a federal election to global economic challenges and everything in between, FCM has been proud to advocate for our 2,000+ members from coast to coast to coast.

Here's to continuing our shared work to build strong communities in 2026.

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"Municipalities are nation builders, [...] yet our revenue tools and how municipalities are funded dates back to Confederation." – @rebeccaleeblich, FCM President

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FCM is calling for a modern fiscal partnership that guarantees municipalities fair access to funding and invests in the infrastructure that makes housing possible.

It's time to make municipalities whole so communities can deliver the homes and services Canadians deserve.

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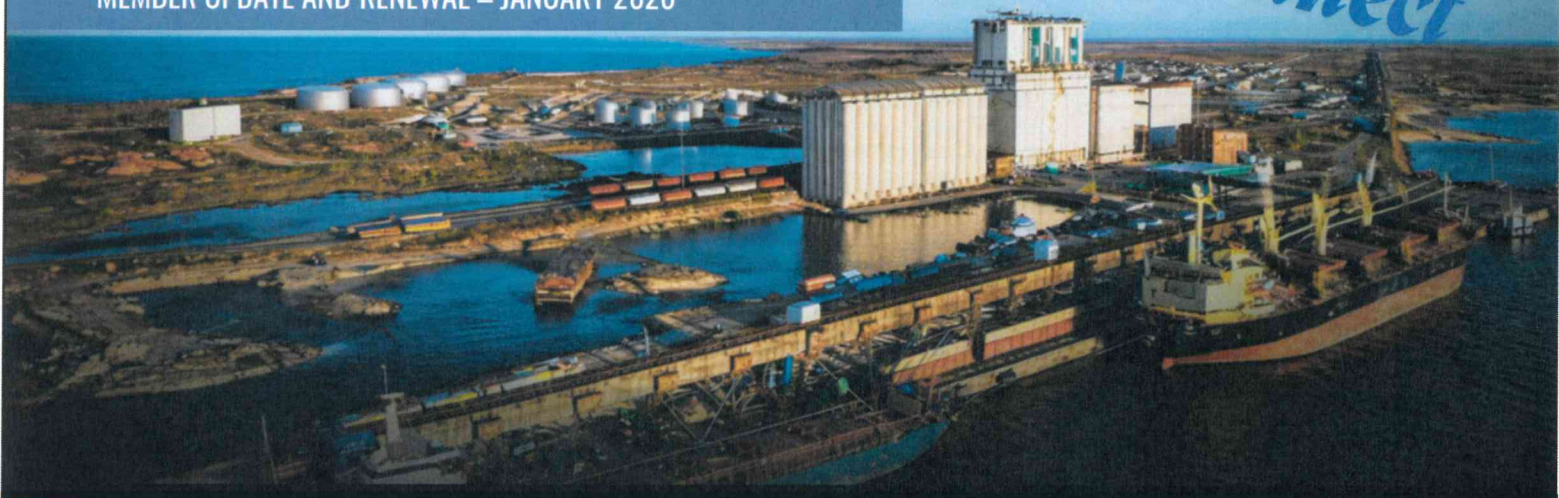
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MEMBER UPDATE AND RENEWAL – JANUARY 2026

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Strengthening Canada's Arctic Gateway

Canada's Arctic transportation corridor is undergoing a period of significant renewal and strategic growth. The Port of Churchill and Hudson Bay Railway (HBR) continue to play a critical role in strengthening northern supply chains, supporting Indigenous-led ownership, and reinforcing Canada's Arctic presence.

This update highlights recent investments, operational progress, and emerging opportunities that matter to our members and partners.

Canada's Arctic Trade Advantage

The Port of Churchill remains Canada's only deep-water Arctic port, providing a unique maritime gateway to global markets. With four operational berths and direct rail connectivity, the port serves as a vital link between northern resources and international trade routes.

The Hudson Bay Railway provides year-round surface access to northern Manitoba, supporting both commercial activity and the delivery of essential goods to remote communities.

Ownership of these assets is proudly held by Arctic Gateway Group (AGG) on behalf of First Nations and northern municipalities, representing a nationally significant ownership model that unlocks unprecedented opportunities for global market access.

HUDSON BAY ROUTE ASSOCIATION

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HUDSON BAY *Route* ASSOCIATION

Over the past two years, substantial investments have been made to modernize and stabilize northern transportation infrastructure:

- More than 2.3 million feet of rail spot surfacing completed (2024–2025)
- 119,965 new rail ties installed, exceeding 2023 totals
- 1,600+ ballast railcars unloaded to improve track integrity
- Rail travel time reduced by approximately three hours between The Pas and Churchill

These upgrades directly improve reliability, safety, and service efficiency for shippers, communities, and industry partners.

STRONG FEDERAL SUPPORT

March 2025, the federal government announced \$175 million in funding to support long-term sustainability:

- \$125 million for operations and maintenance
- \$50 million for port pre-development

This builds on an additional \$80 million invested in 2024, reflecting strong government confidence in the strategic importance of Canada's Arctic gateway.

COMMUNITY IMPACT & NORTHERN RESILIENCE

Beyond trade, the Hudson Bay Railway plays a crucial role in daily life across northern Manitoba. The rail line delivers fuel, groceries, construction materials, and essential goods to remote and Indigenous communities that rely on consistent access.

Investments in rail and port infrastructure support economic reconciliation and Indigenous leadership, improve affordability and reliability of northern supply chains, strengthen Canada's Arctic sovereignty and national resilience

GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

The Port of Churchill and HBR are well-positioned for future expansion across multiple sectors, including:

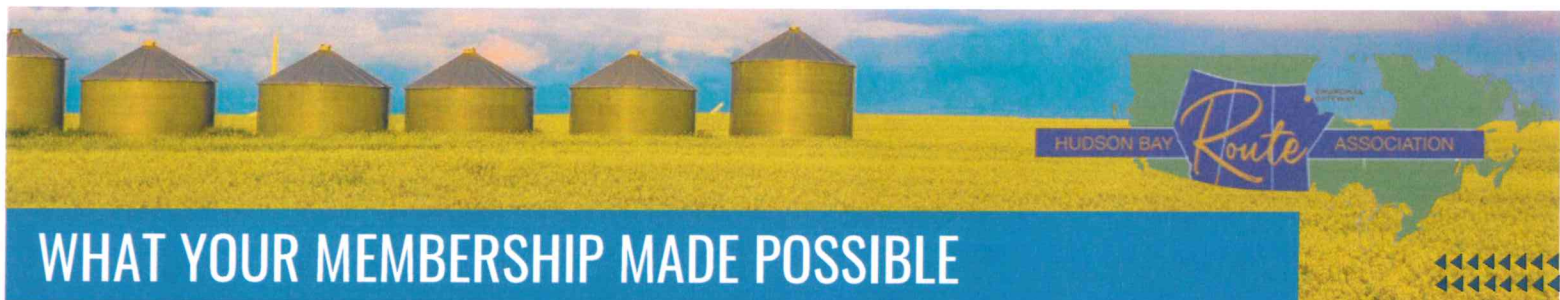
- Mining and critical minerals
- Agriculture and fertilizer exports and imports
- Energy and bulk commodities
- Arctic and sub-Arctic maritime services

Federal-provincial collaboration continues to expand Manitoba's role in Arctic and global trade networks.

LOOKING FORWARD

As global interest in Arctic routes and northern resources grows, the Port of Churchill and Hudson Bay Railway stand at the center of Canada's northern strategy. Continued investment, collaboration, and member engagement will be key to unlocking this corridor's full potential.

We thank our members and partners for their ongoing support as we build a stronger, more resilient Arctic gateway for Canada



WHAT YOUR MEMBERSHIP MADE POSSIBLE

Your support enabled high-level government engagement, strategic planning, and concrete actions to strengthen the Port of Churchill and northern economic development. We worked directly with Transport Canada to secure extended icebreaker service for both incoming and outgoing vessels, improving reliability and extending the operating season. We also hosted our Annual General Meeting in Thompson, Manitoba, highlighting northern mining prospects and regional development opportunities, with our next AGM planned for Prince Albert to expand Prairie and industry outreach.

In addition, we conducted extensive meetings with key government and strategic leaders to advance discussions on northern trade, infrastructure, agricultural logistics, and national security considerations. These engagements focused on building relationships, aligning priorities, and identifying long-term opportunities for port growth and corridor development. Meetings included:

- Lisa Naylor, Manitoba Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure
- Ron Kostyshyn, Manitoba Minister of Agriculture
- Scott Clancy, Retired Major General (RCAF) and Strategic Security Analyst
- Vitor Marciano, Chief of Staff to Alberta Minister Brian Jean

Speakers at the 2025 AGM



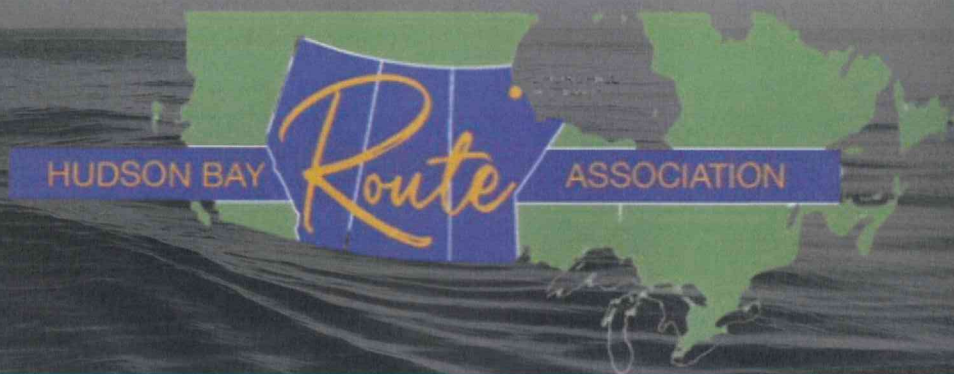
Jim Berscheid President of Hudson Bay Route Association	Bill Ward First Vice-President of Hudson Bay Route Association	Chris Avery President and CEO of Artic Gateway Group	Kathy Valentino President of AMM	Eric Redhead MLA for Thompson	Bill Huber President of SARM	Rachel McKenzie Western Canadian Short Line Association	Scott Clancy Major General of the Royal Canadian Air Force	Laura Finley Area 55 Cold Weather Testing
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LOOKING FORWARD TO 2026

In 2026, we aim to enhance business prospects for the Port of Churchill by developing new partnerships, improving logistics accessibility, and positioning the port as a cost-effective alternative for prairie and northern supply chains.

A key focus is engaging farm producers and suppliers interested in routing fertilizer through Churchill, where there is strong potential for substantive transportation savings compared to traditional southern routes. By reducing distance, congestion, and overall freight costs, we can create meaningful economic benefits for producers while increasing port utilization.

We also seek to work more collaboratively with Arctic Gateway Group to better support customers across all industries by simplifying onboarding, improving coordination, and strengthening operational support. Our goal is to make the Port of Churchill a more visible, viable, and competitive gateway for long-term regional growth.



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MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2026

AS ALWAYS, YOUR SUPPORT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO HBRA'S ONGOING ENDEAVOURS TO PUT CHURCHILL AT THE FOREFRONT AS A MAJOR ARCTIC SHIPPING PORT. THE MEMBERSHIP STRUCTURE FOR 2024 IS AS FOLLOWS:

COMMUNITY TYPE	POPULATION	MEMBERSHIP PRICE
CITIES	5000+	750
TOWNS, FIRST NATIONS AND RMS	1000-4999	500
COMMUNITIES	500-999	200
VILLAGES	UNDER 500	100

INTERAC E-TRANSFERS ARE WELCOME AND MAY BE SENT TO PAYMENTS@HBRA.CA

UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE HBRA.CA, BY EMAIL AT INFO@HBRA.CA, OR BY CALLING JIM BERSCHIED, OUR PRESIDENT AT 1-204-623-0393.

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IF YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN SUPPORTING OUR ASSOCIATION, A DONATION/SPONSORSHIP WOULD BE VERY WELCOMED. PLEASE USE THE SAME REMITTANCE METHODS AS ABOVE AND PUT THE WORD DONATION IN THE MESSAGE SO THAT WE MAY ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR SUPPORT.



Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure

Legislative Building, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 0V8 CANADA

January 5, 2026

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Worship Dave Kreklewich
Mayor – Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa
54 Main Street - PO Box 28
Nesbitt, MB R0K 1P0

Dear Worship Kreklewich:

In 2024, Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure (MTI) launched the 2024/2025 Multi-year Infrastructure Investment Strategy, outlining five years of infrastructure projects prioritized in accordance with various department initiatives. Since the strategy was launched, MTI has made significant progress on advancing many of the projects and achieving key objectives.

As the department reacts to changing needs in the province, MTI understands the need to adapt its strategy and communicate these changes. That's why I am pleased to share with you an update to the department's five-year plan. MTI's update to the multi-year strategy includes many more exciting projects that support the department's key initiatives such as the Trade and Commerce Grid Initiative, the Perimeter Freeway Initiative and the Enhancing National Trade Corridors Strategy.

Continuing from the previous iteration of the multi-year plan, the update categorizes projects in infrastructure renewal, economic development, climate resiliency and connectivity & innovation. In addition to continuing to maintain the provincial highway network, MTI's future investments continue to focus on water-related capital infrastructure, including projects that support climate resiliency and adaptation. Safety is the department's primary goal, and this update reflects MTI's continued goal to invest in safe, efficient and resilient infrastructure.

With that, I would personally like to provide you with a copy of the 2025 Multi-year Infrastructure Investment Strategy Update, also available on our website at <https://www.gov.mb.ca/mti/myhis/index.html>. The department remains committed to working with communities, municipalities and Indigenous Nations across the province to grow our economy and keep Manitobans safe.

Yours sincerely,

Honourable Lisa Naylor
Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure

THE PELICAN-ROCK LAKE PLANNING DISTRICT
UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE PLANNING ACT

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THE PELICAN-ROCK LAKE PLANNING DISTRICT BY-LAW NO. 35 being an AMENDMENT to the PELICAN-ROCK LAKE PLANNING DISTRICT ZONING BY-LAW NO. 32, as amended.

HEARING LOCATION:	Cartwright-Roblin Municipal Office, 485 Curwen St. Cartwright, MB
DATE & TIME:	February 5 th , 2026 9:30 am
GENERAL INTENT OF BY-LAW NO. 34	To amend Appendix A consolidated use table by adding "C" conditional use to specific uses under different zones. Also to amend the minimum interior side yard dimension under the shoreland development district bulk standard table.
AREA AFFECTED:	Pelican-Rock Lake Planning District wide.
FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:	Mark Everett, Development Officer Phone: (204)523-2080

A copy of the above proposal and supporting material may be inspected by contacting the Development Officer. Copies may be made and extracts taken therefrom, upon request.

RFNow and the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa

From Jose Gomez <josegomez@rfnow.net>
Date Wed 2025-12-10 10:53 AM
To Joni Swidnicki <cao@oakland-wawanesa.ca>

Hi Joni,

My name is Jose Gomez, Public Sector Account Executive here at RFNow. I wanted to reach out and introduce myself as we have recently launched a dedicated Public Sector team focused on helping communities in Manitoba stay connected with ultra-fast and reliable fiber internet.

Our goal is to support municipalities with the connectivity they need to strengthen local services, create new opportunities for businesses, and ensure they have the same quality of access as those in larger centers. With dedicated fiber, your community can count on consistent performance that makes day-to-day operations smoother and opens the door to long term growth.

I would love the opportunity to connect, learn more about your community's priorities, and share how RFNow can support them. Would you have time for a brief call next week?

Best Regards,

Jose Gomez | Public Sector Account Executive | [RFNOW Inc.](#)
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RMED Webinar : Community Growth Strategy Assessment What it is, how it works, and what communities are saying

From Rural Manitoba Economic Development Corp. <events-rmedcorp.ca@shared1.ccsend.com>

Date Thu 2026-01-08 9:42 AM

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



Greetings,

We are pleased to invite you to RMED's first webinar of 2026, focused on the Community Growth Strategy Assessment, commonly referred to as the CGSA.

This session will provide an overview of what the CGSA is and how the process works. Most importantly, it will feature communities that have completed the assessment and are prepared to share their firsthand experiences.

Community representatives will speak to why they chose to participate, what the process felt like from their side, and how the insights gathered are informing conversations, priorities, and next steps within their municipality.

RMED advisors who support the CGSA will also participate in the discussion, providing context on the process and addressing any questions that arise.

Webinar details

Thursday, January 29, 2026

10 am to 11 am CST

Registration [Link](#)

This webinar is intended for municipal leaders, economic development leaders, and community decision-makers who are interested in hearing directly from their peers about their experiences with the CGSA.

Register [HERE](#)

We look forward to welcoming you to this conversation and to learning from communities that have gone through the process.

Regards,



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RMED Webinar

Community Growth Strategy Assessment (CGSA): What It Is, How It Works, and What Communities Are Saying.



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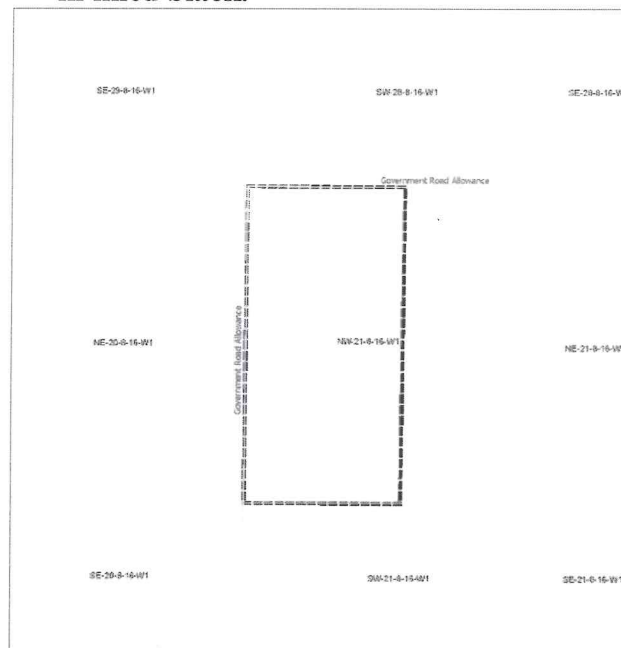
being an amendment to the Municipality OF GLENBORO-SOUTH CYPRESS ZONING BY-LAW NO. 88-2022, as amended

HEARING LOCATION: **Glenboro South Cypress Fire Hall
425 South Railway Avenue, Glenboro, MB**

DATE & TIME: **Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at 11:15 am**

**GENERAL
INTENT OF:** **To rezone lands within the Rural Municipality of Glenboro South
Cypress from “AR” Agricultural Rural Zone to “RR10” Rural
Estate Residential Zone**

AREA AFFECTED: **Lands located on NW 21-08-16, shown on the below map outlined
in lined black.**



**For more information, contact Joel Penner, Development Officer, Cypress Planning District
204-834-6618 or Darren Myers, CAO, Municipality of Glenboro South Cypress, 204-827-2252.**

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 therefrom, upon request.

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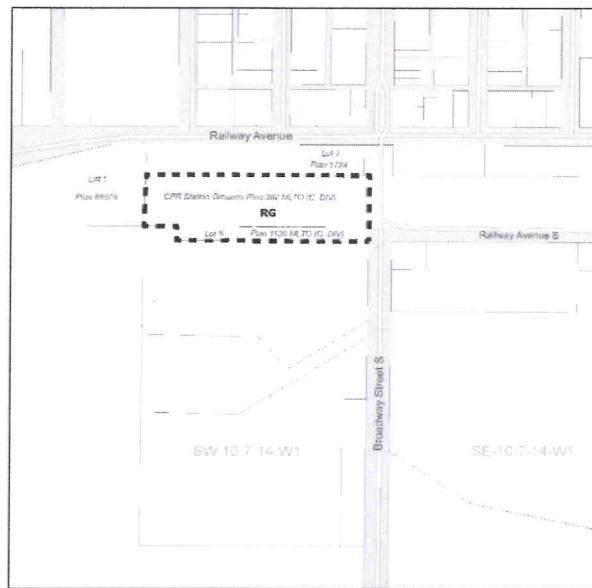
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HEARING LOCATION: Glenboro South Cypress Fire Hall
425 South Railway Avenue, Glenboro, MB

DATE & TIME: Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at 11:00 am

**GENERAL
INTENT OF:** To rezone lands within the Rural Municipality of Glenboro South Cypress from “UM” Urban Commercial Mixed-Use zone to “RG” Residential General Zone

AREA AFFECTED: Lands located on SW 10-7-14, shown on the below map outlined in lined black.



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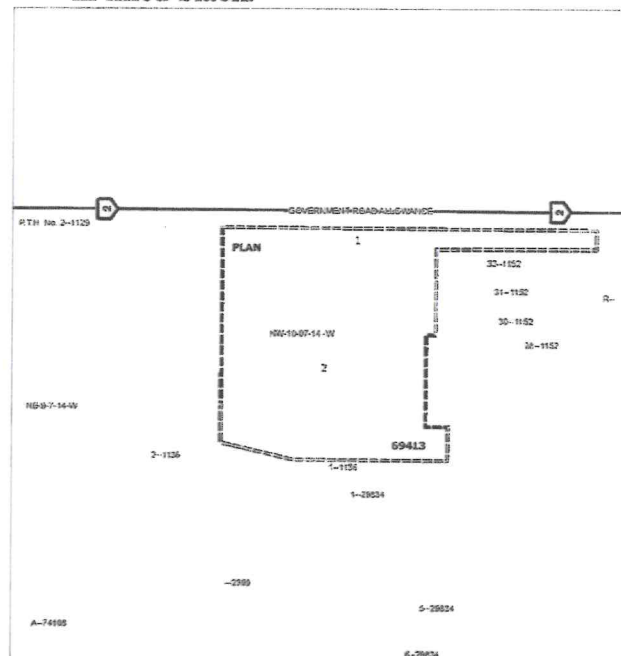
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DATE & TIME: Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at 11:30 am

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January 12, 2026

Joni Swidnicki
CAO
Oakland-Wawanesa, Municipality of
Box 28
27 Hampton St.
Nesbitt, MB R0K 1P0

Dear Joni Swidnicki,

I am a Railway Safety Inspector designated by the Minister of Transport under subsection 27(1) of the *Railway Safety Act* (RSA).

On April 29, 2025, I issued a Letter of Non-Compliance to Oakland-Wawanesa, Municipality of regarding my inspection findings, as detailed in the attached inspection report.

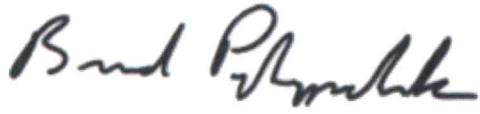
On May 12, 2025, I received the corrective actions sent by CPKC.

Transport Canada will monitor CPKC's, the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa's implementation of the corrective actions, as necessary.

Please be aware that this acknowledgment does not preclude Transport Canada from taking enforcement action under the RSA in response to the non-compliance(s) that occurred and which were identified in my inspection report dated April 29, 2025.

Should you require additional information on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me, at (204) 914-5681 or by e-mail at bradley.pylypchuk@tc.gc.ca.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brad Pylypchuk". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Brad" and last name "Pylypchuk" clearly distinguishable.

Bradley Pylypchuk
Railway Works Engineer
Rail Safety



Transport Canada Rail Safety - Crossings Inspection Report

Railway Company	Canadian Pacific Railway Company	Summary	2025-04-16, Prairie Northern Region, Reference #: 14062764	TC Inspector	Bradley Pylypchuk
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April 16, 2025	Crossing (Passive): Mile 130.78, Glenboro Subdivision (Canadian Pacific), Road 108 West, (Y), CrossingID: 22426	No Non-Compliance Noted, with Comments
April 16, 2025	Crossing (Passive): Mile 136.31, Glenboro Subdivision (Canadian Pacific), Road 113 West, (Y), CrossingID: 22433	Non-Compliance

Non Compliances				
Location	Responsible Authority	Description	Corrective Action	Ref. #
Crossing (Passive): Mile 136.31, Glenboro Subdivision (Canadian Pacific), Road 113 West, (Y), CrossingID: 22433	Oakland-Wawanesa (MB)	<u>Crossings - Sightlines</u> Details: Issue with: Sightlines from SSD - Private Property (Road Authority responsibility) - (1) of Grade Crossings Regulations: 21 NW Dssd sightline quadrant is obstructed by vegetation on private land.	Response to Transport Canada (2025/05/12): Per email received from Evan Holden Response from Transport Canada: Satisfactory, pending corrective action plan implementation. Please advise this office when your proposed corrective actions are fully implemented.	14062864



Outlook

Introduction and Archaeology Needs

From Jackson Carr <jcarr@westernheritage.ca>

Date Tue 2026-01-13 3:20 PM

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

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Archaeology One Sheet.pdf;

Hello,

My name is Jackson Carr. I represent the Manitoba branch of Western Heritage as a permit holding Project Archaeologist located in Brandon, MB.

Western Heritage specializes in heritage management services in the form of archaeological reconnaissance, monitoring, and assessments as required by the Manitoba Heritage Resources Branch (HRB). If it is determined by the HRB that your project has the potential to impact a heritage resource, the Manitoba branch of Western Heritage can provide your company timely solutions to HRB requirements. Please see attached or visit our website (<https://www.westernheritage.ca/>) for additional information on our services.

Western Heritage has worked in several different areas of the province, and we are adaptable to any work environment with previous project experience including but not limited to mining, oil and gas, forestry, and construction monitoring.

We value the opportunity to connect with our existing and potential clients and collaborators. To that end, please do not hesitate to call if you have an upcoming project that may have heritage resource requirements, or if you are curious about the process in general. I am available Monday - Friday, 8am -4:30pm by phone or email.

I look forward to working with the RM of Oakland-Wawanesa in the future. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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For over 30 years, resource development industries, including mining, forestry, and oil and gas, have relied on Western Heritage for specialized heritage compliance and information needs. With decades of industry experience, our senior management team can provide solutions to ensure regulatory compliance as quickly and cost effectively as possible.

With offices across Canada, we have unparalleled speed of access to project areas and a thorough understanding of the local regulatory environment. In addition, we have extensive experience delivering collaborative solutions with other service providers. We are Energy Safety Canada COR safety certified, and are able to handle heritage management needs through all phases of development, from initial surveying to post project analysis. Our specialized services include:

Archaeology and Heritage Management

Western Heritage specializes in providing archaeological and heritage management services to ensure compliance with local and federal regulations.

- Historical resource impact assessments and overviews (HRIA's and HRO's)
- Stage 1, 2, 3, and 4 investigations
- Heritage screening
- Surveying
- Assessment
- Site Excavation
- Mitigation

Geoarchaeology

Western Heritage is the first firm in Canada to offer specialized geoarchaeology services, which are used to provide time and cost savings to our clients.

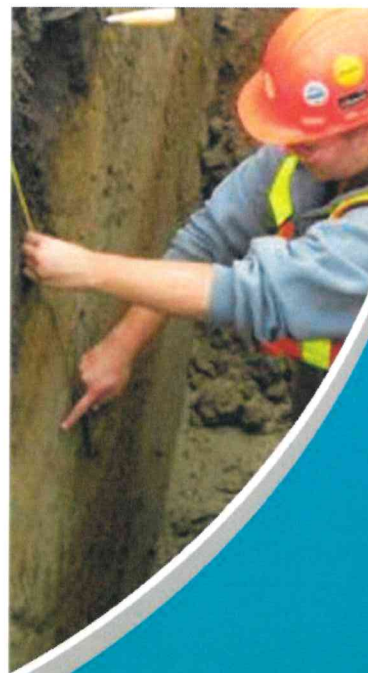
- Detailed stratigraphic mapping
- Soil micromorphology
- OSL profiling

Near Surface Geophysics

Western Heritage utilizes near surface geophysics to assist in projects where invasive archaeology is not an option, such as inside buildings and in cemeteries.

- Non-intrusive investigations
- Ground penetrating radar
- Fluxgate gradiometer
- Magnetic susceptibility
- Soil susceptibility

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