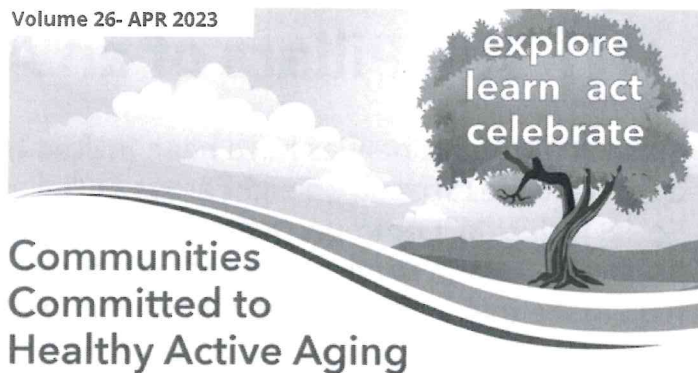


AGE FRIENDLY Manitoba

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

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AGE FRIENDLY 2.0

In keeping with Manitoba, A Great Place to Age: Provincial Seniors Strategy, the Province has allocated \$300,000 in new and ongoing funding to MASC, to expand and enhance the Age-Friendly Manitoba Initiative. Age-friendly communities across the Province will benefit from funding invested in three key areas: Community Outcomes; Promotion and Celebrations; and Regional and Provincial Engagement.

Our Age-friendly Resource Team is now better positioned to offer community-based consultations to support efforts in becoming even more age-friendly. Team members will be assigned to specific communities to offer support, consultation and to share promising practices. Communities will also be encouraged and supported in their efforts to meet Age-friendly Milestone objectives, which include community action planning and sharing outcomes. Ultimately, accomplishing the five milestones opens the door for recognition and inclusion in the World Health Organization's Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities.

Becoming a more age-friendly community is a shared responsibility. A new "community collaboration grant" will offer communities the opportunity to apply for funding to support a project that impacts multiple age-friendly domains and which engages the local government and community organizations in a partnership.

Learning from each other remains central to the age-friendly movement globally, and in Manitoba. Communities are encouraged to share their success stories and promote the value, benefits, and positive outcomes of collaborative efforts. Communities will also have the opportunity to come together once again through a "connecting communities' day", to share and to learn from each other.

The Resource Team will continue to focus efforts at the regional and provincial levels. Funding will enhance opportunities to connect key players, strengthen alliances, and better integrate front line services. Building a greater collaborative impact through this work will support the interests of older Manitobans to age in the right place with fewer barriers.

Communities new to the age-friendly initiative will be encouraged to join, and all participating communities will have opportunities to explore how they can become more dementia-friendly, where people living with dementia are better understood, respected, and supported.

An age friendly team consultant will be in touch in May. How do we support you in your Age Friendly journey?



Check out the Age Friendly website for information and upcoming opportunities for communities...: <https://agefriendlymanitoba.com>

There is a contact form on the website.

As of April 11, 2023



The Pillars of an Age Friendly Community



Since 2008, Municipalities have been invited to join the Age-Friendly Initiative and assess their current age-friendliness based on eight areas or "pillars:" Outdoor Spaces, Transportation, Housing, Respect & Social Inclusion, Communication & Information, Social Participation, Civic Participation, and Community Support & Health Services. Broad-based community organizations work together to address issues to help make their communities more age-friendly. Read on to learn about two of these pillars....



Social Participation

It is well documented that one's social participation has a huge impact on longevity.

Making existing communities more age friendly involves physical and social infrastructure changes that enable older adults to pursue lifelong activities, meet their basic needs, maintain significant relationships, participate in the community in personally and socially meaningful ways, and develop new interests and sources of fulfilment. Such efforts can enhance bonding, bridging and linking services, and thereby promoting social inclusion.

A large part of understanding social participation opportunities, is gaining a strong understanding of who the influential players are in your community. Consider building connections with your...

- Regional Health Authority
- Community Senior Support Coordinator
- Recreation Director
- Senior Centres
- Service Clubs & Organizations
- Immigration Services
- and more!



Community Support & Health Services

Accessible and affordable community and health services are crucial in keeping seniors healthy, independent and active. This involves an appropriate supply of aged care services conveniently located close to where older people live.

The World Health Organization defines person centered care as "empowering people to take charge of their own health rather than being passive recipients of services." This care strategy is based on the belief that patient views, input, and experiences can help improve overall health outcomes. In turn, person centered care benefits communities...

- improved access to care, particular for marginalized groups
- improved health outcomes and healthier communities, including greater levels of health seeking behaviour
- better ability for communities to manage and control infectious disease and respond to crises
- greater influence and better relationships with care providers that build community awareness and trust in care services



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Norma Will

From: Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) <amm@amm.mb.ca>
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THANK YOU!!!



Thank you to the 600+ delegates, presenters, exhibitors, provincial party leaders and special guests for attending our Spring Convention and Trade Show!

JOINT STATEMENT: RCMP Retroactive Salary Costs



Our collective associations are extremely disappointed that Budget 2023 does not include a commitment by the federal government to absorb retroactive salary costs resulting from the first RCMP collective bargaining agreement. Municipalities were not meaningfully consulted during these negotiations despite being paying contract partners. The federal government's unwillingness to absorb these costs will directly result in significant property tax increases, delayed infrastructure projects, and other cost-cutting measures to the detriment of local communities at a time when municipalities are dealing with inflationary pressures and affordability concerns from ratepayers. We call on the federal government to immediately reconsider its approach to this issue and commit to absorbing all retroactive salary costs given the lack of consultation and inadequate communication on this file.

Endorsed by:

- Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)
- Alberta Municipalities (AB Munis)
- Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA)

- Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA)
- Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM)
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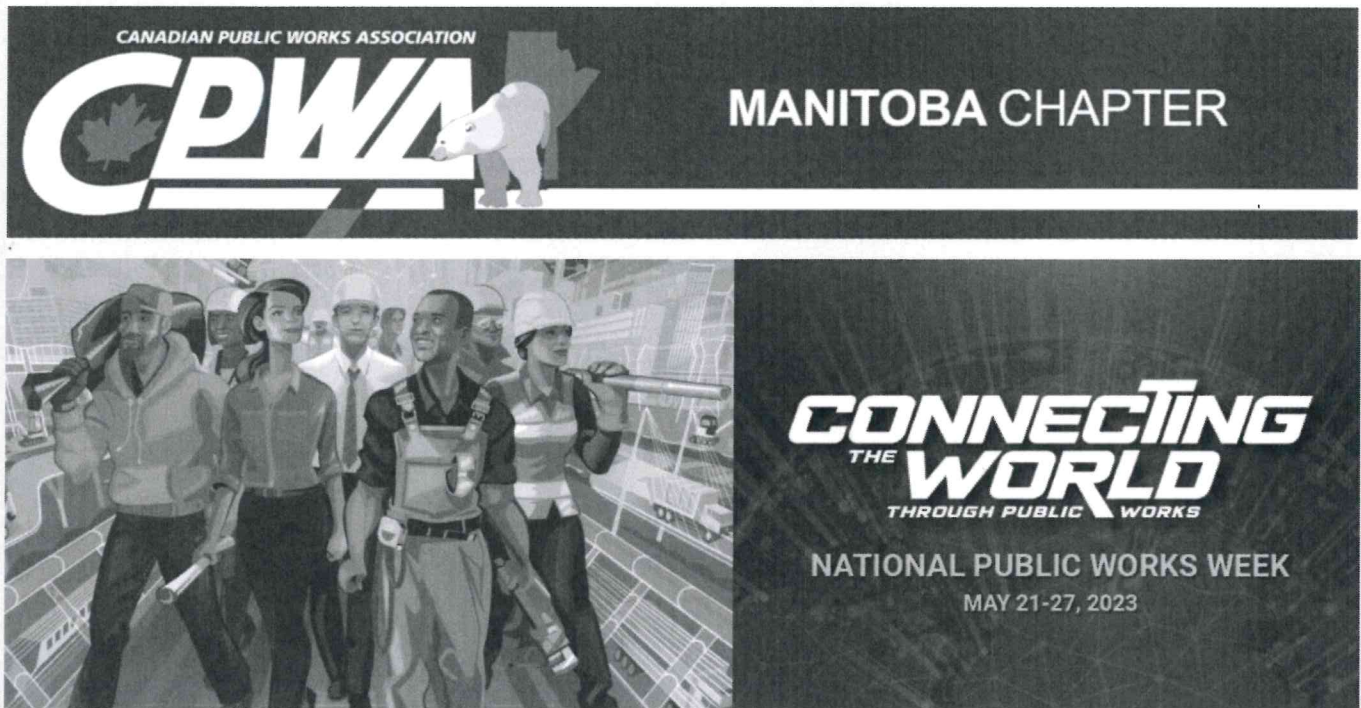
Explore the new Statistics Canada Municipal Data portal

Statistics Canada has partnered with the **Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)** to launch the **Centre for Municipal and Local Data portal**. The portal provides more accurate, detailed, and accessible data about Canada's economy, society, and environment at a local level. Features include: a data integration and visualization tool, a data catalogue for statistics and indicators relevant to municipalities, and a municipal finance and socioeconomic data dashboard.

Be sure to visit the portal regularly, as new features are added and adapt to the changing data needs of municipalities. For more information, please contact us via the **online form**, or by email at **infostats@statcan.gc.ca**.

Find Out More

National Public Works Week



CPWA Manitoba Chapter National Public Works Week (NPWW) Award

The National Public Works Week award seeks to acknowledge municipalities across Manitoba who has made efforts to recognize Public Works Week within their communities. The award is for municipalities that use Public Works Week to educate and inform the public about the crucial role that public works operations play in the quality of their community life as well as promote public works as a career choice. **<http://manitoba.cpwa.net/PageDetails/28398>**

Contact: CPWA – Manitoba Chapter
NPWW Chairperson Steve Blayney – **mb.cpwa@gmail.com**

Click [HERE](#) to learn more.

AMM PROGRAMS & SERVICES

AMM Events

ONLINE EVENT

Cybersecurity Audit Service Information Webinar Wednesday, April 19, 2023 12:00 pm

The **Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM)** recently negotiated an agreement with **Bloom Software Co.** to offer optional **Cybersecurity audits to AMM municipal members.**

AMM members are encouraged to attend this webinar for a comprehensive review of the Bloom Software cybersecurity assessment benefits, approach, and outcomes. Join **Michael Hepples**, President of Bloom Software on **April 19th** for this webinar that will include a live Q&A.

Register Here: **Bloom Software Cybersecurity Assessment Webinar** or **visit the webpage for this AMM Event**

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

Insurance Program



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From: Association of Manitoba Municipalities <amm@amm.mb.ca>
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 4:15 PM
To: Norma Will
Subject: Provincial Responses to 2022 AMM Resolutions



Dear Municipal Officials,

Every year after the AMM Annual Convention, newly passed resolutions are sent to the appropriate government departments for their response. These responses help the AMM to set the direction for its lobbying strategies, although the AMM does not necessarily wait for a response to take action on these issues. We are happy to be able to demonstrate good progress already on some of the new resolutions put forward by our membership last year.

We are sending these responses in an electronic format, as we have in previous years. This will allow you to print off those responses that are of the greatest interest to you and have the other responses on hand for reference.

Please note that initial resolution responses are just the first step in the AMM advocacy process. The AMM follows up on all resolutions during meetings with senior government officials and Ministers. If you are interested in receiving a progress update on any particular resolution, please reach out to AMM staff.

These are the responses that we have received as of April 14, 2023;

2022 Resolution response from Minister of Health

2022 Resolution response from Minister of Justice and Attorney General

2022 Resolution response from Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure

2022 Resolution response from Minister of Municipal Relations

2022 Resolution response from Minister of Environment, Climate and Parks

2022 Resolution response from Minister of Natural Resources and Northern Development

2022 Resolution Response from Federal Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities

For more information on AMM resolutions and the AMM resolution process please click [here](#).

Sincerely,

From: AMM Communications <amm@amm.mb.ca>
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2023 8:30 AM
To: Norma Will
Subject: Member Advisory: REMINDER #2: District Elections for AMM Board Positions



MEMBER ADVISORY

REMINDER #2 District Elections for AMM Board Positions

April 17, 2023 – Please be advised that during the 2023 June District Meetings (JDMs), we will be conducting elections for the AMM Board of Directors in all 7 Districts. Each District is entitled to 2 Directors per District.

Effective immediately, the AMM Board of Directors have endorsed a deadline to register to run for District Director positions.

Nominations and Candidate Requirements:

- Only elected municipal officials are authorized to nominate a candidate.
- Any elected official (Head of Council, Mayor, Reeve, Councillor) is eligible to be nominated.
- [Click here to download a formal Nomination Form](#), that includes the candidate's acceptance.
- **Deadline for nominations: Thursday, June 1, 2023 by 4:30pm.**
- Completed nomination forms must be submitted to AMM Executive Director Denys Volkov at dvolkov@amm.mb.ca by the June 1st deadline.

- The elected individual will serve on the AMM Board of Directors until **June 2025**.

Date of District Elections:

- Midwestern District: **Wednesday, June 14, 2023**
- Central District: **Thursday, June 15, 2023**
- Eastern District: **Friday, June 16, 2023**
- Interlake District: **Monday, June 19, 2023**
- Parkland District: **Thursday, June 22, 2023**
- Western District: **Friday, June 23, 2023**
- Northern District: **Monday, June 26, 2023**

Candidates nominated will have up to 2 minutes to address the delegates at their District's meeting; the candidates that receive the 2 highest votes will be declared elected. Voting will take place on the day of each District meeting and all elected officials and CAOs from the District are entitled to vote during the District meeting. Please visit the **District Meetings webpage** to check the date of your District's meeting.

If you have any questions about the election process or serving on the AMM Board of Directors, please feel free to contact myself at **dvolkov@amm.mb.ca**.

Sincerely,

Denys Volkov
Executive Director

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Coronation of King Charles III Activities

NOTE: This message is being sent on behalf of the Province of Manitoba.

April 19, 2023 – On May 6, 2023, Canadians will celebrate the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III and Her Majesty The Queen. This historic event, the first coronation of a Canadian Head of State and Monarch in 7 decades, will allow communities to come together and highlight themes that both King Charles III and Canadians hold dear, including service, the environment and sustainability, and our nation's diversity.

On May 6 and 7, 2023, federal and provincial landmarks elsewhere across the country are invited to light up in emerald-green to celebrate His Majesty's Coronation. Illuminations will also be conducted in the United Kingdom, as well as other Commonwealth nations, on May 7. **The Manitoba Legislative Building will display an emerald projection, and Manitoba Municipalities are invited to do the same.**

Ottawa has advised that work is underway to refresh the official Canadian Portrait of His Majesty The King. Once portraits are received, dissemination to municipalities and other stakeholders will commence, via AMM.

Lastly, a Provincial Coronation service will be held at **2:00pm on May 6, 2023** at St John's Cathedral in Winnipeg. A link to the livestream will be provided in due course. Following this service, a gun salute will take place on the grounds of the Manitoba Legislative Building.

Additional federal programming and further information is available here: <https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/coronation-his-majesty-king-canada.html>

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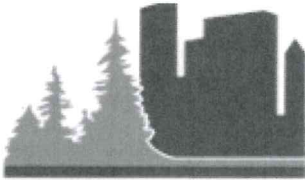
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PLEASSED TO MEET WITH

Hon. James Teitsma
Minister of Consumer Protection
and Government Services



April 20, 2023, AMM Executive met with Hon. James Teitsma to discuss issues related to next generation funding & essential cell service & broadband.

Click [HERE](#) to view 2023 AMM Consumer Protection and Government Services Policy Brief.

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2023 Conservation and Climate Fund - Spring Intake

The purpose of the Conservation and Climate Fund is to support projects occurring in Manitoba that incorporate actions to address and adapt to a changing climate and protect the environment in alignment with the priorities of the Climate and Green Plan. As an initiative of the Manitoba Climate and Green Plan, the Fund supports further transition to a sustainable and green low carbon economy. Funded projects must support action on one or more of the following:

- (a) Reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- (b) Address the effects of a changing climate, including adaptive measures to reduce impacts and enhance resiliency
- (c) Promote sustainable development while ensuring a prosperous and healthy Manitoba for future generations.

To apply applicants must be one of the following:

- Incorporated non-profit organization
- Academic or educational institution
- Manitoba Municipality
- Northern Affairs or Indigenous Community in Manitoba
- Business, including Social Enterprise Businesses

The deadline to submit applications is 3:00 pm CDT on May 23rd 2023.

For more information on the Conservation and Climate fund including a guide, FAQs and online application form, visit: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/grants/index.html>

2022 Grasshopper Control Assistance Program

Manitoba Agriculture is once again administering a program to provide assistance to Rural Municipalities that provide grasshopper control on public lands.

Below is the grasshopper control assistance policy and associated information for 2023.

[2023 Municipal Grasshopper Control Assistance Memo](#)

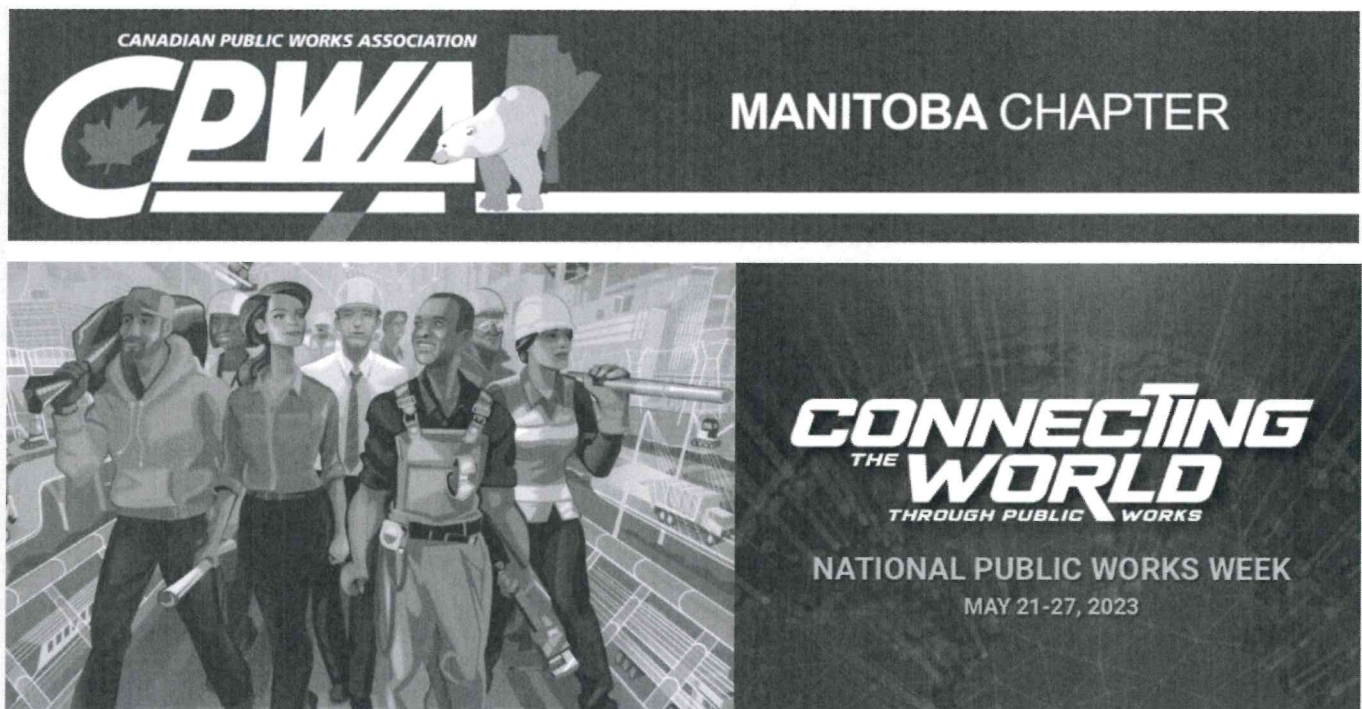
[2023 Municipal Grasshopper Control Assistance Policy](#)

[2023 Guidelines and Insecticides for Grasshoppers Management by Rural Municipalities](#)

Need Insect Info? Insect factsheets and survey results available at:

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Contact: CPWA – Manitoba Chapter

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From: AMM Events <events+amm.mb.ca@ccsend.com>
Sent: Monday, May 1, 2023 2:55 PM
To: Norma Will
Subject: 2023 AMM District Meetings



May 1, 2023 - We welcome your attendance at the 2023 District Meetings being hosted in each of AMM's seven districts, June 14 through 26.

This year's agenda (draft available May 4) will include guest speakers, reports from AMM associates, further member engagement, recognition of those receiving Service Awards and Resolutions debate and voting.

REGISTRATION: Members are invited to register for their District's meeting. Please note that a registration fee will be in place by each hosting municipality.

On each of the links below, please review your District's 2022 meeting minutes, service pin criteria and link to the online application for service pins and registration link. The agenda will be forthcoming and posted on each District Meeting's webpage.

- [Midwestern District: June 14](#)
- [Central District: June 15](#)
- [Eastern District: June 16](#)
- [Interlake District: June 19](#)
- [Parkland District: June 22](#)
- [Western District: June 23](#)
- [Northern District: June 26](#)

This information can also be found in the [Member Meetings](#) section of the AMM website.

Member References:

- [2023 Resolutions Process](#)
- [District Elections for AMM Board Positions](#)

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact [Donna Belbin, Events Coordinator](#) or visit the [Events](#) section of the AMM website.

Sincerely,

Denys Volkov

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2023 WESTERN DISTRICT MEETING

June 23, 2023

Hosted by the RM of Sifton

Oak Lake Community Hall, 474 Cameron Street West, Oak Lake

Delegate Sign-In – 8:45 am

Meeting will begin promptly at 9:30 am

Further in this document, please review your District's:

- Draft Agenda TBA
- [Western District's 2022 Meeting Minutes](#)
- [Service Pin Criteria](#) AND [link to Service Pin Application](#)

If you are unable to attend the meeting in your district, you are welcome to attend a meeting in another district. A list of dates and locations for each District meeting can be found on the [AMM Events Calendar](#).

Pre-registration is required so our hosts may prepare accordingly for your attendance.

Registration deadline: 9:00 am on June 19, 2023

[Register Here](#)

A registration fee (TBA) will apply to this meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact Donna Belbin, AMM Events Coordinator at dbelbin@amm.mb.ca.

Norma Will

From: AMM Communications <svieira+amm.mb.ca@ccsend.com>
Sent: Monday, May 1, 2023 8:31 AM
To: Norma Will
Subject: Member Advisory - REMINDER #3 - 2023 June District Resolutions - June 1 deadline



MEMBER ADVISORY

REMINDER #3 - 2023 June District Resolutions

Attention AMM Members:

The 2023 June District meetings (JDMs) will take place on **June 14-16**, and **19-26**.

Please note that resolutions will be debated at the upcoming JDMs. The deadline to submit resolutions to the AMM office is **June 1, 2023**.

All Resolutions will be categorized prior to the June District meetings by an elected district representative and the corresponding District Directors. Category 1 Resolutions will proceed to the annual Fall Convention in November.

For more information, please review:

JDM Resolutions Process and How to Write a Resolution

Resolutions **MUST** include **whereas** clauses, otherwise they will **not** be accepted.

Resolutions must be directed at the provincial or federal governments or AMM. Resolutions directed at individual AMM members will **not** be accepted (any member can send the AMM a letter to review issues of this nature).

Additional suggestions to consider:

- Has your municipality contacted the corresponding provincial/federal department(s) about the issue and copied the AMM?
- Have you called the AMM office and asked for assistance?
- Have you consulted with neighbouring municipalities and/or the Manitoba Municipal Administrators' Association (MMAA)?

Resolutions must be passed by your local Council and a signed certified copy must be submitted to the AMM office prior to the **June 1 deadline** (submitting a PDF version via email is sufficient). If your municipality can also provide the plain text of the resolution in either an email or Microsoft Word, it would be greatly appreciated.

Please submit your resolutions to AMM Senior Policy Analyst Stefanie Vieira at svieira@amm.mb.ca.

NEW

AMM Resolutions Policy*

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Denys Volkov
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Subject: Member Advisory: IMPORTANT INFORMATION - Operating Funding Escalator and 2023 Municipal Financial Plan Filing Deadline



MEMBER ADVISORY

IMPORTANT INFORMATION Operating Funding Escalator and 2023 Municipal Financial Plan Filing Deadline

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

May 3, 2023 – This notice serves to highlight the use and value of annual Financial Plans required by May 15 each year. It is important that the Department of Municipal Relations receive all plans by the legislated deadline to inform department direction on annual funding. Financial Plans are at the foundation of accountability to ratepayers and are essential for municipalities to make informed decisions related to sound financial management

Financial Plans Due May 15, 2023

The financial plan due date is legally established in The Municipal Act. All guidance regarding the preparation and submission of Financial Plans is outlined in Part 6, Division 2 of The Act: **C.C.S.M. c. M225 (gov.mb.ca)**. If, due to extenuating circumstances, an extension is required, municipalities must provide a council resolution (and the written request) for consideration by the Minister in advance. These can be emailed to **mrmaas@gov.mb.ca**.

Municipal Operating Grant

On February 24, 2023, Premier Heather Stefanson and Minister Andrew Smith announced a \$47 million increase to the 2023 Municipal Operating grant, with details provided in the March 7, 2023 Budget Letters received by

all municipalities. This increase addressed municipal concerns regarding inflation and increased operating costs to deliver core services and key programs. The unconditional operating grant allows municipalities to allocate this funding received from the Government of Manitoba at their discretion, to address local priorities.

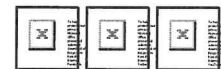
A key consideration to inform annual Municipal Operating grant funding levels involves the potential development of a funding “escalator,” to address inflation as well as to support key areas of need, which may vary in municipalities across the province. The department’s receipt of an annual Financial Plan from each municipality by **May 15, 2023**, which identifies local priorities, will ensure staff have the information required now to advance proposals related to future year funding. Plans submitted after the deadline increase the likelihood of information from respective municipalities not being fully or accurately considered.

Should you require additional information on the above initiatives, or have any questions, please contact Municipal Funding Policy and Programs at mfpp@gov.mb.ca or Municipal Governance and Advisory Services at mrmaas@gov.mb.ca.

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NEWS RELEASE

Manitoba Municipalities Unveil Provincial Election Priorities

Predictable funding, infrastructure investment, talent attraction and public safety top municipal wish list with provincial election on horizon

May 5, 2023 – The Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) unveiled its pre-election campaign today under the slogan **“Let’s Grow Manitoba Together,”** identifying key policy priorities for Manitoba’s 137 municipalities in advance of the 2023 provincial election.

Speaking at the North End Water Pollution Control Centre, AMM President **Kam Blight** was joined by Winnipeg Mayor **Scott Gillingham**, Thompson Mayor **Colleen Smook**, and East St. Paul Mayor **Carla Devlin** to outline four priority pillars. **Kathy Valentino**, AMM Vice-President and Councillor from the City of Thompson, emceed the event. The group called upon all Manitoba political parties to enshrine the association’s priorities into their respective election platforms.

Municipal Priorities for 2023

1. Fair and Predictable Municipal Funding

- Work with municipalities to establish a simplified, predictable funding model with an annual escalator;
- Rebate the PST paid by municipalities, similarly to the federal GST rebate;
- Streamline existing tax tools and grant greater flexibility and financial autonomy to municipal governments.

2. Invest in Core Infrastructure

- Increase Manitoba Water Services Board funding for water and wastewater infrastructure, and commit to a permanent federal and provincial infrastructure fund;
- Amend Bill 37 to enshrine the primacy of elected municipal councils over the unelected Municipal Board;
- Improve coordination between economic development offices and agencies for efficiencies, synergies and responsiveness to municipal economic development needs;
- Comprehensive rural broadband and cell service as essential infrastructure for economic growth, public safety, education and health care.

3. Invest in People

- Accelerate a comprehensive provincial strategy to recruit health care professionals and paramedics throughout Manitoba;
- Implement recommendations from the Immigration Advisory Committee to increase regional settlement incentives for foreign-trained doctors and other professionals;
- Training opportunities for licensed professionals closer to home;
- Care closer to home – a plan to keep paramedics, doctors and other health professionals working in all our regions.

4. Public Safety

- Press the federal government for bail and conditional release reform;
- Refuse downloading of policing reform costs;
- Predictable police resourcing and flexibility to move certain enforcement and social service functions from police to separate provincially-funded authorities;
- Increase police funding to combat crime and drug trafficking;
- Expand municipal Community Safety and Well-Being plans.

Quotes

- *"Municipalities are an essential partner to the provincial government. Let's grow Manitoba together."* – AMM President Kam Blight
- *"Municipalities need predictable funding. We're glad the Province lifted the operating funding freeze, but the next step is building in an annual escalator so municipalities can effectively plan for the future."* – AMM President Kam Blight
- *"With inflation pressure on construction, fuel and labour costs, municipalities need strong, long-term provincial funding support – but we're also calling on party leaders to commit to a new funding formula which would grow with the economy, so municipalities can be real partners with the Province in delivering economic growth."* – Mayor Scott Gillingham, City of Winnipeg
- *"We need care closer to home – doctors, nurses, and paramedics in all our communities, and the local training opportunities to get them there."* – Mayor Colleen Smook, City of Thompson
- *"Rural crime is going up, violent crime is going up, and drug crime is going up. We need bail reform for violent offenders, and we need enhanced police resources to keep our communities safe."* – Mayor Carla Devlin, RM of East St. Paul

LET'S GROW MANITOBA TOGETHER

About AMM

The Association of Manitoba Municipalities is comprised of the mayors, reeves, and councillors that represent Manitoba's 137 incorporated municipalities. Our mission is to identify and address the needs and concerns of our members to achieve strong and effective municipal government – the order of government closest to the people.

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MEMBER ADVISORY

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Series of Upcoming Informative Webinars

May 10, 2023 – Please be advised that the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) has partnered with several organizations and government departments to bring you a series of highly informative webinars.

With five different sessions scheduled in the upcoming weeks, these webinars will cover an extensive range of topics. We encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities to share your local feedback and insights during these sessions. Your valuable input can play a crucial role in fostering productive discussions and shaping the outcomes of these sessions. Please refer to the meeting details below for more information on these webinars.

**NEW TIME: Webinar # 1 - May 10 - Manitoba
Agriculture/MASC Service Centres - Department of
Agriculture**

Details:

- **Wednesday, May 10, 2023**
- **NEW TIME: 1:30 - 2:30PM**
- **Microsoft Teams Meeting**

Description: You are invited to participate in a webinar with Executive Members of Manitoba Agriculture and Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation (MASC) to discuss challenges and address questions you may have regarding Service Centres within the province. Two representatives from each municipality are welcome to join this conversation.

How to Join:

Click here to join the meeting

Meeting ID: 262 754 445 910

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Webinar # 2 - May 24 - Efficiency Manitoba Energy Efficiency Programs - Efficiency Manitoba

Details:

- **Wednesday, May 24, 2023**
- **Time: 1:00 – 2:00PM**
- **ZOOM Meeting**

Description: Efficiency Manitoba and the AMM are working together to help Municipally-Owned buildings become more energy efficient. Efficiency Manitoba's energy efficiency programs can help you save money! Learn about no-cost and low-cost opportunities to reduce your energy bills, energy efficiency upgrades, and available financial incentives.

How to Join:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8922821603>

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Webinar # 3 - May 31 - Getting Started and Keeping Moving with Asset Management - Tools, Tips and Resources - Atlantic Infrastructure Management (AIM) Network

Details:

- **Wednesday, May 31, 2023**
- **Time: 12:00 – 1:00PM**
- **Microsoft Teams Meeting**

Description: Asset Management, the practice of long-term service planning, is challenging for municipalities with limited staff and resources. **Atlantic Infrastructure Management (AIM) Network** is Atlantic Canada's asset management community of practice, and was formed as a non-profit in 2015 to help these communities get started on and progress their asset management practice. We provide training, education and technical support to municipalities, and have assisted over one hundred on the east coast. In doing so, we have developed or adopted free, open source asset management tools for data collection, inventory, cost projections, level of service, climate assessment and more. This webinar will present case studies from municipalities like yours on how asset management has helped solve infrastructure challenges in smaller communities. We will present an overview of the free tools and can follow up in more detail afterward with anyone interested in using them.

How to Join:

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Webinar # 4 - June 1 - Long-Term Care Senior Strategy - Department of Seniors and Long-Term Care

Details:

- **Thursday, June 1, 2023**
- **Time: 12:00 – 1:00PM**
- **Microsoft Teams Meeting**

Description: In February of 2023, the Province unveiled the new *Provincial Seniors Strategy* with a vision of “making Manitoba an ideal place to age”. Come and learn more about the senior strategy and the important role municipalities may play in its implementation.

How to Join

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Webinar # 5 - June 8 - Age-Friendly and Your Municipality - Manitoba Association of Senior Communities (MASC)

Details:

- **Thursday, June 8, 2023**
- **Time: 12:00 – 1:00PM**
- **Zoom Meeting**

Description: The World Health Organization is providing us with a common vision of a more age-friendly world in which the well-being of older people is a community priority. Have you heard about Age Friendly communities? Join us for an introduction or a refresher to the Age Friendly Manitoba Initiative. On June 8th, via zoom, you will learn about the benefits and supports available in becoming and remaining a recognized AF community within our province, our country, our world. We look forward to sharing with you and to answer any questions you might have!

[REGISTER HERE.](#)

Sincerely,

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MEMBER ADVISORY

Let's Grow Manitoba Together Mini-Campaign #1 - Social Media Posts

May 10, 2023 – On May 5th, the AMM launched its pre-election campaign titled **Let's Grow Manitoba Together** ahead of the 2023 provincial election. The AMM has identified four priority pillars that aim to address the key policy concerns of Manitoba's 137 municipalities. These priorities include:

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

Over the coming weeks the AMM will be launching **four two-week social media mini-campaigns** on each priority pillar. From May 8-21, we will be focusing on municipal funding.

To help spread the word on social media, please click **HERE** to see sample social media posts for **Mini Campaign #1**. Please share our content as well as use these messages on your social media channels and/or create your own posts! Don't forget to tag the AMM on Facebook and/or Twitter so that we can repost your content.

Please note that we will be sending you additional content for subsequent social media mini-campaigns throughout May and June, so stay tuned for further updates.

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

Let's Grow Manitoba Together!

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MAY 2023 - AMM WESTERN DIRECTOR'S UPDATE



AMM Western Director's Update

Councillor Rhonda Coupland
Councillor Scott Phillips

As your AMM Board Directors, we are pleased to provide an update on the issues we discussed at the last Board meeting that was held on **May 4, 2023**.

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

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



Election 2023 - Let's Grow Manitoba Together

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

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

Over the coming months, the AMM will continue to ensure these priorities are front and center leading up to the provincial campaign. The AMM is calling on all political parties to incorporate these priorities into their election platforms. It is imperative that we prioritize and act on municipal concerns to *Grow Manitoba Together*.

From May 8-21, we will be focusing on municipal funding. To help spread the word on social media, please click [HERE](#) to see sample social media posts. Please use these messages on your social media channels and/or create your own posts!

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

Recent Legislative Submissions

As mentioned in our last Board Director Update, the Manitoba Government introduced [The Police Services Amendment Act](#), that would create a new, layered public safety model to expand the scope and authority of Community Safety Officers (CSOs). While we acknowledge that progress has been made with this positive first step, we firmly believe that additional measures are necessary to prevent any potential downloading of responsibilities from the Province to municipalities. For more information, read our formal submission [HERE](#).

Additionally, the Manitoba Government introduced [Bill 38: The Builders' Liens Amendment Act \(Prompt Payment\)](#) which now imposes payment deadlines on each payor in the construction contract chain. We understand that this section will now require invoices to be paid in 28 days and sub-contractors to be paid in a further 7 days. This proposed legislation currently applies to municipalities when they are 'owners' of construction projects. However, we strongly believe that municipalities are unlikely to be a significant cause of payment issues. Read more about our position in our formal submission [HERE](#).

Lastly, the AMM also submitted formal comments regarding [Bill 230: The Municipal Councils and School Boards Elections Amendment Act](#). While we understand the proposed amendments that require prospective municipal candidates to disclose past

offences, we believe that greater clarity is required regarding reporting processes. For more information, read our formal submission [HERE](#).

Upcoming Informative Webinars

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- Wednesday, May 24, 2023
- Time: 1:00 – 2:00PM
- ZOOM Meeting

Webinar #2: Getting Started and Keeping Moving with Asset Management - Tools, Tips and Resources - Atlantic Infrastructure Management (AIM) Network

Details:

- Wednesday, May 31, 2023
- Time: 12:00 – 1:00PM
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Details:

- Thursday, June 1, 2023
- Time: 12:00 – 1:00PM
- Microsoft Teams Meeting

Webinar #4- June 8 - Age-Friendly and Your Municipality - Manitoba Association of Senior Communities (MASC)

Details:

- Thursday, June 8, 2023
 - Time: 12:00 – 1:00PM
 - Zoom Meeting
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June Districts Update

The 2023 June District meetings will take place on **June 14-16, 19-23 and 26.**

Please note that resolutions will be debated at the upcoming JDMs. The deadline to submit resolutions to the AMM office is **June 1, 2023**.

We will also be conducting elections for the AMM Board of Directors in all 7 Districts. Each District is entitled to 2 Directors per District. Deadline for nominations: **Thursday, June 1, 2023, by 4:30pm**.

For more information on the Director elections, please click [HERE](#).

For more information on the meetings, please visit [2023 June District Meetings Overview](#).

Please note that this was the final meeting of the AMM Board of Directors prior to the forthcoming June District Meetings. We wish to thank you for the opportunity to serve as your District Director.

STAY CONNECTED

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



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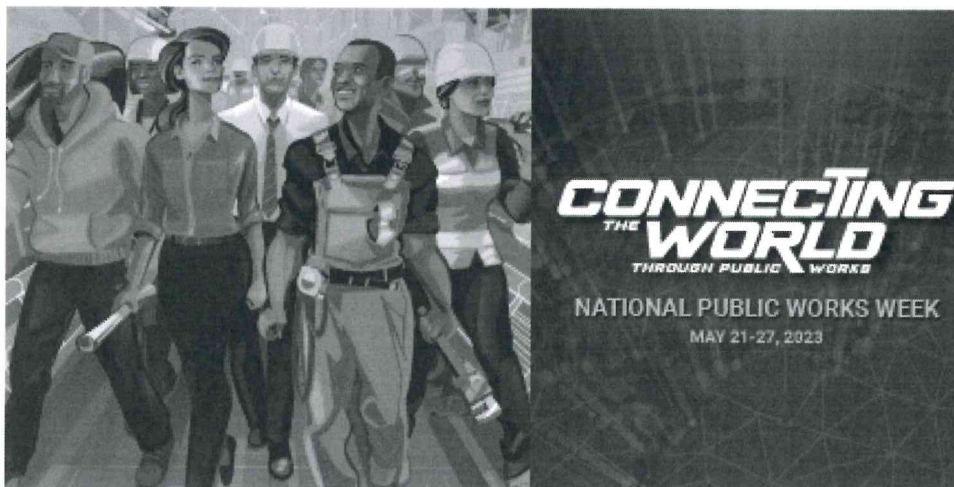
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NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

Description :



Event Date & Time:

5/21/2023 12:00 AM - 5/27/2023 12:00 AM

Venue :

Manitoba

Contact Person :

Steve Blayney

Email : mb.cpwa@gmail.com

Phone : (204) 509-7385

Company :

National Public Works Week

May 21-27, 2023

About National Public Works Week

History

Every year National Public Works Week gets bigger and better. The number of participating municipalities continues to grow, which means the number of citizens who are exposed to the value of public works grows. At APWA/CPWA one of our main goals is to educate the public about the value and necessities of public works projects throughout North America, as well as internationally, and public works professionals like you are our best ambassadors.

Since 1960, APWA/CPWA has sponsored National Public Works Week. Across North America, our more than 30,000 members in the U.S. and Canada use this week to energize and educate the public on the importance of public works to their daily lives: planning, building, managing and operating at the heart of their local communities to improve everyday quality of life.

APWA/CPWA encourages public works agencies and professionals to take the opportunity to make their stories known in their communities. The National Public Works Week [How-To Guide](#) and [Downloads](#) area are available to agencies to assist in the development and implementation of their own individual celebrations. The occasion is marked each year with scores of resolutions and proclamations from mayors and premiers.

[Order your posters here](#)



CPWA Manitoba Chapter National Public Works Week (NPWW) Award

Joni Swidnicki

From: Wendy Petersen <petersenw@cfwestman.ca>
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Cc: Bill Hogan; Kola Oloko; Michelle Frechette; Laura Allen; Wayne Kelly; Laurie Campbell; Debbie Eastcott; Kit Harrison; conrad.kelm@hotmail.com; Bruce Gullett; Liza Park
Subject: Childrens Business Fair
Importance: High

Hello

Last summer we had the opportunity to host a Childrens Business Fair. We had children with businesses that included jewelry, dog treats, slime and baked goods. They displayed their businesses and had a chance to market and promote their businesses. It was a great success, and we will be holding another one this summer.

This is a great opportunity for your community and the young entrepreneurs. Have your community host a Children's Business Fair. Seek out those youth in your community and see what talent and businesses they have. Then pick a day and host a fair for the whole community to attend and support. By reaching out to the link below, you can get involved and get funding to help host the fair. Get local sponsors to contribute as well and have prizes for all the participants. Community Futures Westman will host one in Brandon, and I encourage you to do the same. Don't let this opportunity pass your community by, as they say Youth are the Future and let's give them an opportunity to showcase their businesses. Check out this link and let me know if you have any questions. We are more than happy to share our experience with you and help you host a fair in your community.

[Children's Business Fair: The largest entrepreneurship event for kids in North America. \(childrensbusinessfair.org\)](https://childrensbusinessfair.org)

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I am reaching out to you to let you know that the Federal/Provincial Governments have recently announced two new programs under the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP) framework that may be of interest and value for you to promote to clients in the agri-food and product industry.

Find below a high-level overview of each of the programs:

- **Capital Infrastructure and Investments (CII) Program:**

- The CII program supports the growth and expansion of Manitoba's agri-processing sector by assisting with capital investment purchases for modernization and capacity building activities that enhance efficiency, productivity and environmental sustainability, by providing access to:
 - development and implementation of new technologies
 - new markets through the implementation of quality control measures
 - streamlined and better managed operations, increased efficiency, and increased profitability by integrating company operations
 - new revenue streams associated with offering co-packing services
 - co-packing services for brand owners who may not own their own agri-processing capacity
- Eligible applicants include:
 - agri-food processors
 - agri-product processors
 - primary producers
 - abattoirs
 - licensed commercial kitchens
 - wholesalers (food, ingredients)
 - Indigenous Government/Indigenous individuals, businesses, communities, and organizations, other Indigenous groups undertaking agricultural initiatives
- The intake for this program is currently open, funding requests will be accepted until end-of-day May 17, 2023.

- **Market Development (MD) Program:**

- The MD program is designed to advance the agriculture, agri-food and agri-product sector's innovation and business capacity to maintain existing markets and capture

emerging market opportunities. The program will provide financial assistance to eligible recipients for market development activities that enhance the export capacity of individual businesses and improve overall domestic and international access for the sector.

- Eligible applicants include:
 - primary producers
 - agri-food processors
 - agri-product processors
 - abattoirs
 - brand owners
 - Indigenous Government/Indigenous individuals, businesses, communities, and organizations, other Indigenous groups undertaking agricultural initiatives
- The intake for this program is currently open, funding requests will be accepted from end-of-day May 18, 2023.

For more information on the CII and Market Development Programs click [here](#) to access the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP) website.

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From: Deb Turner <rec.edo@mglgov.ca>
Sent: Friday, April 28, 2023 3:25 PM
Subject: EDAM Forum
Attachments: 2023 FORUM PROGRAM.pdf

Good afternoon everyone,

Happy Friday! I just wanted to send out a quick email to make sure everyone had seen the registration information for the Economic Development Association of Manitoba (EDAM) forum being hosted in Brandon on May 10 – 12. There are also some Communityedge modules happening on May 9 prior to the conference. The deadline has been extended to May 1 (which is Monday). I have also attached a program for you to see what all forum involves.

If you have any questions or want more information about forum please feel free to reach out – it's a great opportunity for professional development and networking in our field!

Here is the registration information from EDAM:

*Our 2023 Forum and Community Edge registration has been extended to the end of day on **Monday, May 1st.***

A program for the week has been attached here. Please register on the EDAM website at:

<https://edamonline.ca/event/edam-2022-forum-and-community-edge-training/>

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2023 FORUM

May 9 - 12, 2023

Victoria Inn & Conference Centre
Brandon, MB

Event Registration & Fees



Register at:

www.edammanitoba.ca

(You must register/create an account on edammanitoba.ca prior to registering for events. To create an account, visit www.edammanitoba.ca/register)

Registration Fees

CommunityEdge Training -

(taking place on Tuesday)

\$175 Member Rate

\$225 Non Member Rate

Forum -

(Tuesday evening to Friday)

\$375 Member Rate

\$425 Non Member Rate

Payments



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TUESDAY, MAY 9



- 8:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. **MODULE 1** - Intro to Community Economic Dev.
8:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. **MODULE 7** - Marketing the Community
Lunch Provided
12:45 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. **MODULE 6** - Communications
12:45 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. **MODULE 8** - Operations & Project Management

7:00 p.m. **WELCOME RECEPTION**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10



- 9:00 a.m. **WELCOME** - Tyler King, Chair of EDAM
9:15 a.m. **MENTAL HEALTH** - Julia Senchuk
10:30 a.m. **COFFEE BREAK**
11:00 a.m. **LOUIS RIEL CAPITAL CORP, PROGRAM UPDATE** -
Shaun Hampton

12:00 p.m. **LUNCH**
1:00 p.m. **A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO RURAL BRE PROGRAMS -**
TIPS & TRICKS - Mark Baxter, Outlook Market
Research

2:30 p.m. **TOURS (choice of 1 of 2)**
1 - Come for the Plants, Stay for the Experience -
The Green Sport Home & Garden
2 - Love your Mother , Support your Neighbour,
Eat your Greens
Neo Nutes (year round urban farm)

THURSDAY, MAY 11



- 9:00 a.m. **OPENING REMARKS** - Tyler King, Chair of EDAM
9:15 a.m. **GROWING YOUTH ENGAGEMENT & LEADERSHIP -**
Panel Discussion
10:15 a.m. **COFFEE BREAK**
10:45 a.m. **READING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -**
Whitney Sharkey, Accent CPA
12:00 p.m. **LUNCH**
1:00 p.m. **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT -**
Panel Discussion
2:30 p.m. **COFFEE BREAK**
3:00 P.M. **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNER UPDATE**

2023 FORUM

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Victoria Inn & Conference Centre
Brandon, MB

THURSDAY, MAY 11 - continued

AWARDS GALA

6:00 p.m.	Awards Gala Cocktails
6:45 p.m.	Awards Gala Dinner
7:45 p.m.	Awards Presentation
8:30 p.m.	Entertainment - live music with Jon Plett

FRIDAY, MAY 12

9:00 a.m.	OPENING REMARKS - Tyler King, Chair of EDAM
9:15 a.m.	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT HIVE HOT TOPICS - Let the EDAM 'hive' help you solve your communities challenges (issues will be submitted by members, more details to come!)
10:15 a.m.	COFFEE BREAK
10:45 a.m.	HIVE HOT TOPICS CONTINUED
11:15 a.m.	EDAM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
12:00 p.m.	CLOSING REMARKS



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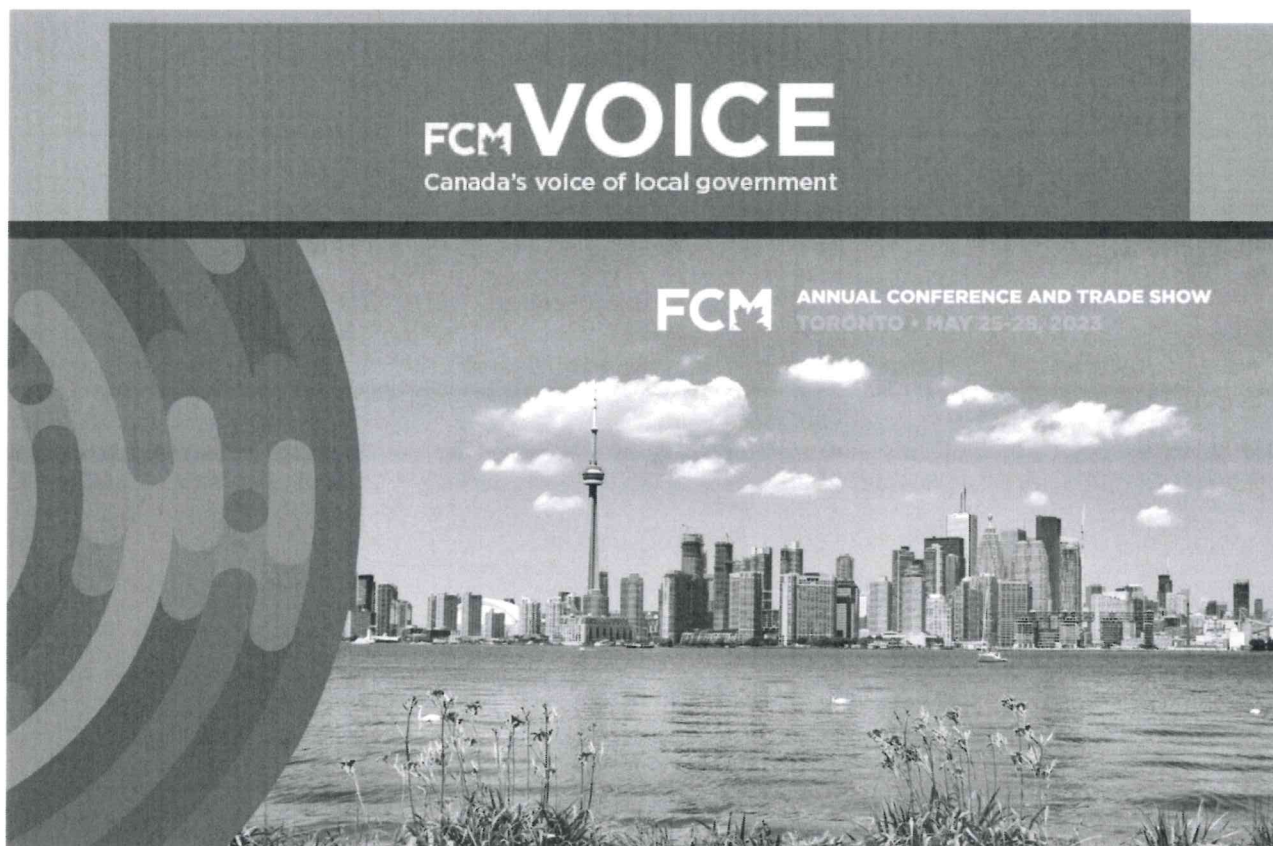
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AC 2023 early bird pricing ends this Friday, April 21

This week is your last chance to take advantage of the special early bird pricing for our 2023 Annual Conference and Trade Show that will be held May 25-28 in Toronto.

AC 2023 will also be a vital forum for FCM members to influence the national agenda and increase communication between Canada's orders of government—and a great opportunity to connect with their federal partners.

We are happy to announce that both Jagmeet Singh M.P., Leader of the New Democratic Party of Canada, and Melissa Lantsman M.P., Deputy Leader of the Conservative Party of Canada will speak in person at AC 2023.

With a packed schedule of thoughtfully curated sessions, workshops and networking opportunities, we have something for everyone.

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NEWS

Nominations sought for the Ann MacLean Award for Outstanding Service

The Ann MacLean Award for Outstanding Service by a Woman/Non-Binary Person in Municipal Politics recognizes retired municipal politicians who have shown exemplary service to their community and constituents, and leadership in mentoring other elected women/non-binary people, or those who want to run.

The deadline for nominations is May 8.

The award winner will be recognized at FCM's 2023 Annual Conference in Toronto.

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The Community Economic Development Initiative (CEDI) is 10 years old

It has been ten years this month since we launched our Community Economic Development Initiative (CEDI), a program implemented in partnership with the Council for the Advancement of Native Development Officers (Cando). Now into Phase 3, we are supporting the latest eight of 32 partnerships between First Nations and municipalities. Through regular meetings, workshops and tools, communities are collaborating for a better, shared future. Congratulations to all participants over the years!

» [LEARN MORE ABOUT CEDI](#)

EVENTS

Join our webinar and become a climate champion for your community

Become a climate champion for your community! Join our webinar on April 27 at 1 p.m. ET and learn how to drive local climate action. Discover your strengths as a leader and find out how to advocate, identify opportunities to advance climate priorities, and develop productive strategies

to overcome barriers and support others. Don't miss this chance to make a difference and become a leader in your community.

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RESOURCES

How councils can better evaluate infrastructure investment priorities

The best way to improve your municipality's infrastructure decision-making is to develop and implement a plan that *integrates* with your existing financial management and investment decision-making processes.

Explore our new *Asset management insights: Planning and decision-making report*. You'll find background, guides and case studies to help your municipality ensure the reliable delivery of services. You'll also discover how other communities are using support from our Municipal Asset Management Program to establish and fund their infrastructure goals.

» [READ THE REPORT TODAY](#)

New video explains the Community Buildings Retrofit's GHG Reduction Pathway approach

The Green Municipal Fund (GMF)'s new video on the Community Buildings Retrofit's (CBR) Reduction Pathway approach provides an easy-to-understand roadmap to achieve (near) net zero emissions over time.

The video explains how CBR's GHG Reduction Pathway funding offer can help your municipality achieve long-term emissions reductions. Additionally, GMF's CBR initiative provides funding opportunities to retrofit community buildings for improved energy efficiency and GHG reductions.

» [WATCH THE VIDEO](#)

LOCAL DATA

Explore the new Statistics Canada Municipal Data portal

Statistics Canada has partnered with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to launch the [Centre for Municipal and Local Data portal](#). The portal provides more accurate, detailed, and accessible data about Canada's economy, society, and environment at a local level. Features include: a data integration and visualization tool, a data catalogue for statistics and indicators relevant to municipalities, and a municipal finance and socioeconomic data dashboard.

Be sure to visit the portal regularly, as new features are added and adapt to the changing data needs of municipalities. For more information, please contact us via the [online form](#), or by email at infostats@statcan.gc.ca.

» [FIND OUT MORE](#)

FCM TWEETS

Apr 14: We're pleased to announce that [@CPC_HQ](#) Deputy Leader [@MelissaLantsman](#) will be joining us for a political keynote at Local Actions, National Results: our 2023 Annual Conference and Trade Show taking place in Toronto this May 25-28. We look forward to hearing from Ms. Lantsman next month. <https://fcm.ca/AC> [#CDNMuni](#) [#CdnPoli](#) [#FCM2023AC](#)

Apr 14: FCM is happy to confirm that [@NDP](#) Leader [@theJagmeetSingh](#) will present a political keynote at Local Actions, National Results: our 2023 Annual Conference and Trade Show taking place in Toronto this May 25-28. Having attended our Annual Conferences virtually and in-person in recent years, we are pleased to welcome Mr. Singh back this year. <https://fcm.ca/AC> [#CDNMuni](#) [#CdnPoli](#) [#FCM2023AC](#)

Apr 16: There are only 6 weeks until our Annual Conference and Trade Show [#FCM2023AC](#) in Toronto from May 25-28. This Friday, April 21, our special early bird pricing will end. Now is the time to register for the largest pan-Canadian gathering of elected officials! <http://fcm.ca/ac>

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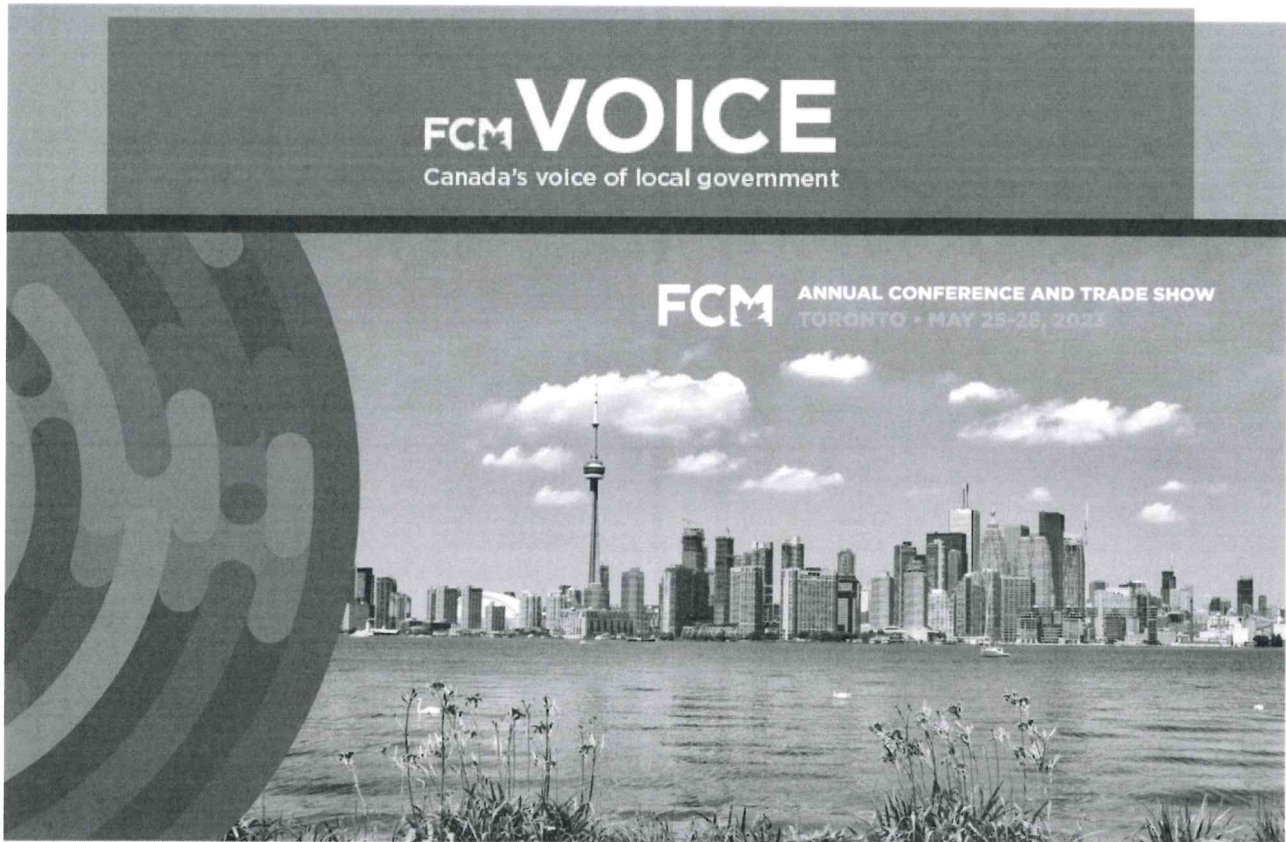


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AC 2023 Early bird deadline extended

As municipal leaders, you strengthen local economies, deliver essential services and advance innovative projects that contribute to our national growth—benefiting all Canadians. But who supports you when you need more tools and insights to deliver for your community?

FCM's 2023 Annual Conference and Trade Show is the place to go to get the expertise, knowledge and connections you need to foster growth in your community. Network with your municipal peers from coast to coast to coast, attend a diverse selection of thoughtfully curated

workshops, and get a front-row seat to panels on the latest municipal trends and burning topics.

Don't forget to register before April 28—we've extended the early bird discount!

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NEWS

CUTA issues recommendations to increase transit safety

The Canadian Urban Transit Association (CUTA) has released a series of recommendations that address the root causes of violence on transit in communities across Canada. FCM welcomes these recommendations and is committed to working with CUTA and all orders of government to drive collaborative solutions—ensuring that all Canadians can ride public transit safely.

» [READ THE RECOMMENDATIONS](#)

EVENTS

Webinar: Doughnut economics and the circular economy

Join us and The Circular Cities and Regions Initiative (CCRI) on May 2 at 11 a.m. ET for a webinar detailing how doughnut economics can be implemented within cities and regions. You'll hear from industry experts on how doughnut economics can help local governments create the conditions for thriving and resilient communities. You'll also discover how combining the concept of doughnut economics with circularity provides pathways to address economic, social and environmental challenges at the local level.

» [SIGN UP TODAY](#)

Being the face of your community's climate action plan

Bold climate action requires dedicated champions who can drive forward new ideas, mobilize partners, build relationships, and make tough decisions. As community leaders, you must learn to recognize how important their voices — and their words — are, especially when it comes to local climate action.

Join our upcoming webinar on April 27 at 1 p.m. ET and become a climate champion for your community!

» [REGISTER NOW](#)

RESOURCES

Strengthen municipal assets against climate change with these tools

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

» [GET STARTED TODAY](#)

LOCAL DATA

Statistics Canada is seeking your input on Census of the Environment

The Census of the Environment is a new program that aims to provide foundational data on Canada's ecosystems to help monitor environmental trends and issues affecting the wellbeing of all Canadians. We are currently looking for feedback from municipalities to aid in the development of urban ecosystem accounts and invite you to complete the feedback e-form on [Statistics Canada's Consulting Canadians page](#).

FCM TWEETS

Apr 19: Nominations are open for FCM's 2023-2024 Board of Directors. Our member-elected Board contributes to shaping national policy priorities on behalf of cities & communities of all sizes. Interested? Here's what you need to know: <https://t.co/Jxsq8YGqZJ> [#CDNmuni](#)

Apr 20: Following the launch of the Housing Accelerator Fund in March, FCM has called on the federal government and the [@CMHC_ca](#) to ensure that the application process for HAF be as accessible as possible to benefit all communities across Canada. We will continue to advocate for our [#CDNmuni](#) members in the weeks ahead to ensure the fund is accessible to all local governments.

Apr 24: Did you miss out on the [#FCM2023AC](#) registration deadline? Good news—we've extended the early bird deadline to April 28. Experience the Canadian municipal event of the year, at the best rate. Register now: <http://fcm.ca/ac> [#CDNmuni](#)

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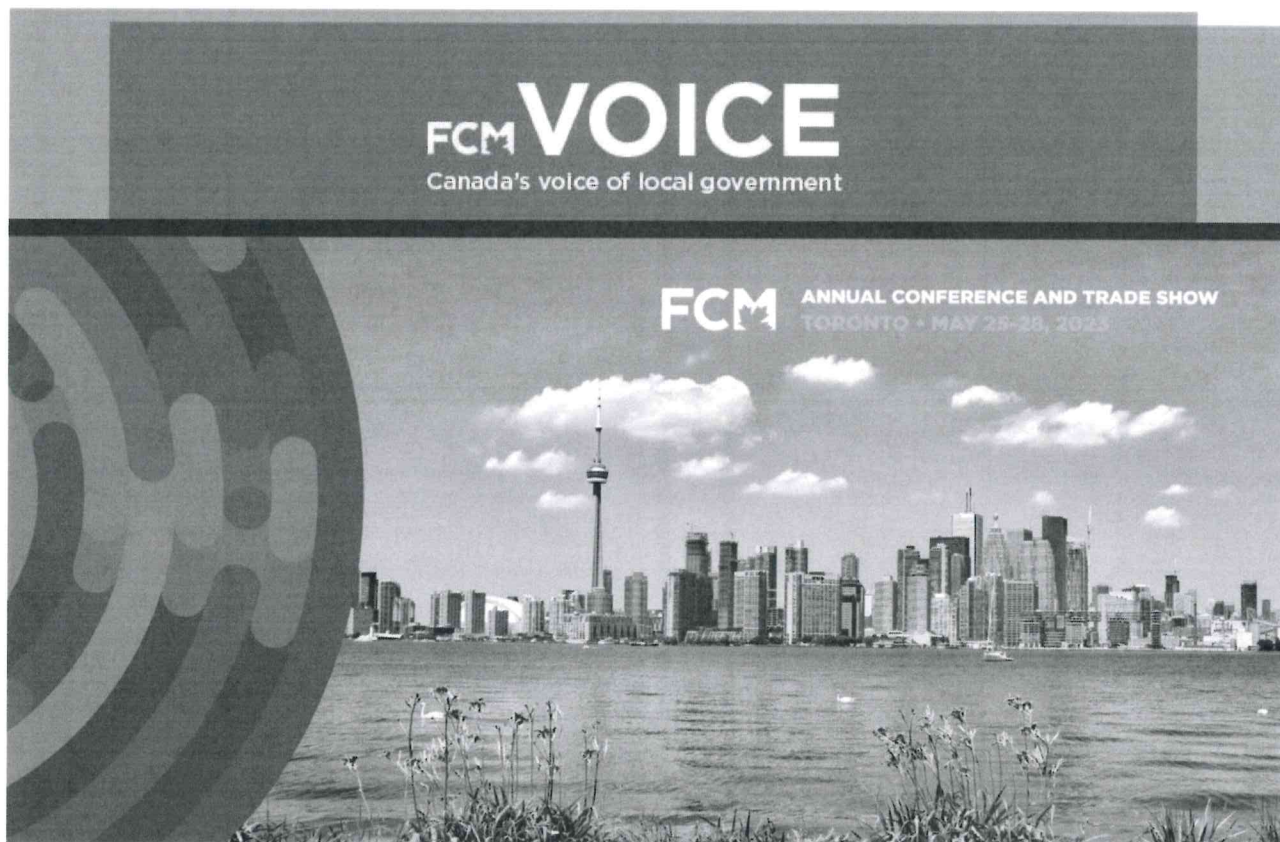
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FCM AC 2023 main stage sessions: what to attend and topics

FCM's Annual Conference and Trade Show 2023 is less than a month away! As ever, delegates can expect multiple main stage sessions providing crucial insights on the most important topics in the municipal sector trending today. These include our President's Forum, focused on the successful growth of Canadian communities, and our Rural Forum, featuring rural advocates driving change in their communities. Additionally, Saturday's Plenary session engages delegates on the fiscal future of municipalities, with Sunday's Closing Plenary set to

examine the issues that will influence the next federal election. Open to all, these sessions are an ideal way to gather key insights—and better meet your municipality's challenges.

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NEWS

Join or nominate FCM's Board of Directors—May deadlines

The deadlines for nominations to serve on FCM's Board of Directors are coming up fast:

- Table Officers: May 7, 2023
- Directors: May 14, 2023

This is a great opportunity to join the democratic engine of our movement, influence the national municipal agenda by helping shape our priorities and contribute to a better quality of life for all Canadians. Board elections will take place during our Annual General Meeting (AGM) at [FCM's Annual Conference and Trade Show](#), set for May 25-28, 2023 in Toronto, ON.

Visit our [Board of Directors](#) page and learn more about running for a director or table officer position, and to access the necessary nomination and consent forms.

» [RUN AS A CANDIDATE](#)

EVENTS

Rural Transit Solutions Fund: Webinars available for applicants

Infrastructure Canada (INFC) has been hosting a series of webinars that will provide information to potential applicants on the process of developing and submitting an application to the Rural Transit Solutions Fund. This fund seeks to help Canadians living in rural and remote areas get around their communities and engage in their daily activities more easily.

Don't miss the final sessions in both English and French on May 10 and 11, respectively.

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RESOURCES

Integrating equity, diversity and inclusion into municipal climate action

Making equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI) core to your community's climate action planning is key to protecting residents who are most at-risk of experiencing extreme heat, flooding and other impacts of climate change.

Watch our webinar recording exploring the *Integrating Equity, Diversity and Inclusion into Municipal Climate Action* resource. You'll hear directly from the authors of the resource on what EDI is and how it can fit within your community's needs.

PCP is a partnership between the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability. PCP receives financial support from the Government of Canada and ICLEI Canada.

» [WATCH THE WEBINAR RECORDING TODAY](#)

Learn from the winners of the Sustainable Communities Awards

Discover the outstanding environmental initiatives that received FCM's 2022 Sustainable Communities Awards in five categories. The recordings of their presentations from the 2023 Sustainable Communities Conference are now live on YouTube.

» [GET INSPIRED](#)

Transition an ice rink to net-zero using low-carbon measures

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

» [READ THE GUIDE](#)

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Join us on the Trade Show floor May 25-27

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Check out our Lunch & Learn on May 26, 12:35 p.m

» FULL PROGRAM HERE

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FCM TWEETS

Apr 25: [#FCM2023AC](#) kicks off in less than a month! [@CathyHeron](#), Mayor of [@cityofstalbert](#) and President of Alberta Municipalities, shares her favourite part about attending FCM's annual conference and explains why it is important for municipal officials to attend. Our early bird deadline has been extended to this Friday, April 28. Register now to get the best value: <http://fcm.ca/ac> [#CDNmuni](#)

Apr 28: Since the launch of the Housing Accelerator Fund, FCM has stressed the need for a streamlined and efficient application process. This will allow [#CDNmuni](#) from across the country to start enacting housing initiatives that will benefit their communities right away without any unnecessary roadblocks.

Apr 28: The fed gov't is passing the bill for retroactive RCMP costs to local gov'ts who depend on RCMP services for local policing. This is unacceptable & must not happen again. [#CDNmuni](#) must be properly consulted on policing costs given their responsibility to keep our communities safe.

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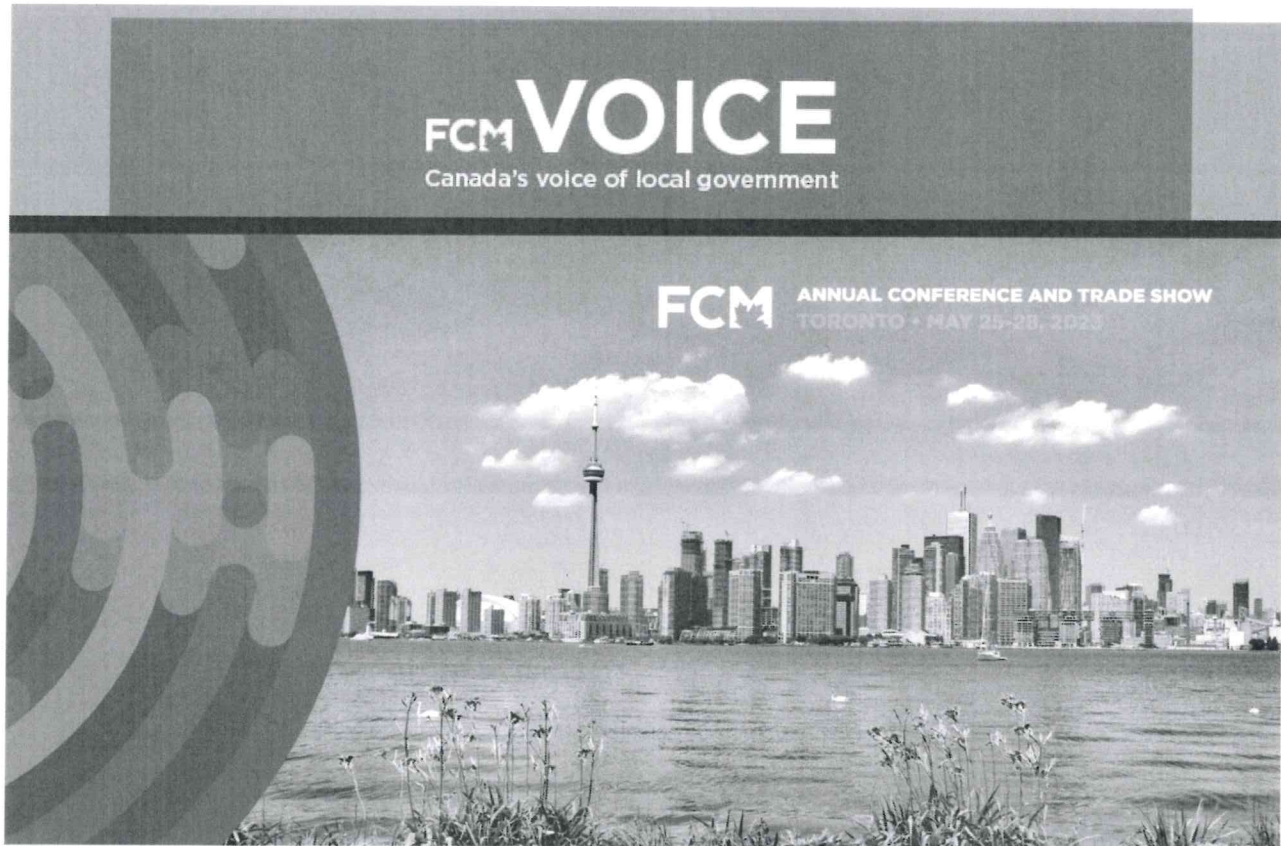
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AC 2023: A must for municipalities of all sizes

Did you know that typically more than half of our delegates come from small (less than 10,000 pop.) and rural municipalities? *Local action, national results*, FCM's 2023 Annual Conference and Trade Show, promises to be a vibrant hub where community leaders will connect with best practices, insights and success stories, offering something for every delegate—including those from rural municipalities. Important discussions will be held on building resiliency in our communities, on affordable housing, on local infrastructure and more. Don't miss the chance to bring your own perspective to the conversation.

» THERE IS STILL TIME TO REGISTER

NEWS

Contribute to the review of homeless encampments

The Federal Housing Advocate is undertaking a systemic review of homeless encampments across Canada and wants to hear from municipalities about their experiences and proposed solutions.

Information can be shared via the Advocate's online portal or by sending an [email here](#). At the conclusion of the review, the Advocate will submit her findings and recommendations to the federal Minister responsible for housing as well as to other levels of government and stakeholders.

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RESOURCES

New tools to implement asset management in your municipality

Your municipality has developed a strategic Asset Management Policy and Asset Management Plan. What comes next and how can you move from planning to practice?

Check out this video, case study and checklist to learn how to embed asset management perspectives into your municipality's daily operations.

» [ACCESS THE TOOLS TODAY](#)

Webinar recording: Start talking about circular economies

Did you know that adopting a circular economy can reduce your community's GHG emissions while saving on operating costs? Watch our introductory webinar exploring the benefits of circularity and how it can fit within the context of your needs. You'll hear from sustainability experts and peers from across Canada on how they adopted circular economies in their communities.

» [WATCH THE WEBINAR RECORDING TODAY](#)

Resources: Reduce waste with the circular economy

Are you looking for ways to reduce the amount of waste produced in your community? By making the circular economy a key part of your municipality's waste strategy, you can tackle pressing environmental challenges like the climate crisis, biodiversity loss and pollution.

Check out our new suite of circular economy resources to find a high-level overview of the hows and whys of circularity, step-by-step exercises and worksheets designed to help you take local initiatives to the next level.

» [GET STARTED TODAY](#)

New guide helps assess feasibility of local energy retrofit programs

Our new Community Efficiency Funding (CEF) market guide helps Canadian municipalities evaluate local financing programs for energy retrofits. It provides insights on housing stock, program uptake, and socio-environmental impacts, and offers guidance on research, methods, and data sources. The market guide's resulting information helps build a case for further feasibility work and supports the pursuit of sustainable and energy-efficient solutions in Canadian communities.

» [READ THE GUIDE](#)

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FCM TWEETS

May 5: Today is [#RedDressDay](#), the National Day of Awareness for [#MMIWG](#) in Canada. We recommend you read the final report of the [#MMIWG](#) inquiry. FCM commits to advocating for safety and inclusion of all Indigenous women and girls in our communities. <https://mmiwg-ffada.ca/final-report/>

May 5: "I go each year. It's important to be a part of the bigger dialogue to get a chance to connect with other communities all across Canada, coast to coast to coast." – [@garthfrizzell](#), City Councillor for the [@CityofPG](#), on why [#FCM2023AC](#) is such a crucial event for [#CDNmuni](#) leaders. Register now: <http://fcm.ca/ac>

May 8: We are thinking of the almost 30,000 Albertans who have been forced from their homes following worsening wildfires in the province over the weekend. Thanks to local leaders and first responders within Alberta and across the country who are working tirelessly to get the fires under control as soon as possible. <https://t.co/rxg5ADGlaO>

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**JOE MASI ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY AS DIRECTOR FOR MANITOBA TO THE FEDERATION OF
CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES BOARD OF DIRECTORS**



Dear Municipal Colleagues

As many of you know, I served as the Executive Director for the Association of Manitoba Municipalities for 20 years. In that role, I was involved in all the major policy files affecting municipalities in Manitoba including working with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to ensure Manitoba received programs and policies that worked for all municipalities in Manitoba.

In October 2022, I was honored to be elected Councillor in the City of Portage la Prairie. I now want to bring my experience, my passion and my voice on your behalf as an elected official to the Board of Directors of FCM for Manitoba. It is critical that Manitoba municipalities are well represented at the federal level so that the issues that are important to us are brought front and centre at the national level.

Over the next several weeks leading up to the vote at FCM in Toronto on May 28th, I will continue to communicate with you and certainly look forward to hearing from you directly.

I ask for your support and vote for Director from Manitoba on the FCM Board of Directors. Please feel free to email me at joemasi1957@gmail.com or call me at 1 204 856 3965.

Joe Masi, Councillor
City of Portage la Prairie



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Landowner/Neighbour
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Re: Manitoba Hydro's 100 Meter Emergency Planning Zone

Dear Landowner/Neighbour

We would like to remind landowners, renters and homeowners that appropriate care and caution is required when conducting any excavation work within "Manitoba Hydro's 100 metre Emergency Planning Zone", which runs along either side of our high-pressure natural gas pipelines throughout the province.

Please remember that if you or a contractor plans to excavate in the vicinity of the pipeline that you must receive a utility clearance from Manitoba Hydro so that we can mark the location of our pipeline prior to the excavation starting, free of charge. Requests for utility clearances can be made to [Click Before You Dig Manitoba](https://www.hydro.mb.ca/safety/around_our_facilities/) at;

ClickBeforeYouDigMB.com
1-800-940-3447

Manitoba Workplace Safety & Health Regulation 217/2006 and the Gas Pipeline Act, Regulation 140/92 requires anyone disturbing the soil to call for utility clearances prior to starting any construction activity. This applies to any projects you may have that involves a ground disturbance including, but not limited to;

- Fencing
- Ploughing / trenching
- Drilling holes
- Grading (land drainage)
- Use of any explosives
- Crossing with heavy equipment
- Any construction within 30 metres of the Manitoba Hydro's Pipeline

Manitoba Hydro's high-pressure natural gas pipelines are made of steel with a plastic coating to prevent corrosion. To ensure the long-term integrity of the pipeline, please contact us if any damage occurs, major or minor, to the pipeline or its coating so we may inspect and ensure proper repairs are done.

To help with planning your excavation, please review our safe excavation guidelines as well as our Pipeline Safety and Landowner Awareness brochure at;

https://www.hydro.mb.ca/safety/around_our_facilities/

We appreciate your cooperation.

MANITOBA HYDRO

Norma Will

From: Grant, David (Maguire, Larry - MP) <david.grant.601@parl.gc.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2023 2:38 PM
To: Norma Will
Subject: Visit

Good afternoon,

I am just wondering if the Reeve and council would be available 26th of May for a short meeting with Larry Maguire MP? We haven't had a chance to get down there to sit and chat about whats happening in Oakland-Wawanesa yet this year. Let me know if they are available.

Thanks,



David Grant CD

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May 5, 2023

Joni Swidnicki
Chief Administrative Officer
Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa
adminassist1@oakland-wawanesa.ca

Dear Joni Swidnicki:

Manitoba municipalities file their annual Financial Plans with the Minister of Municipal by May 15 each year, as outlined within section 162 of The Municipal Act.

On February 24, 2023, Premier Heather Stefanson and Minister Andrew Smith announced a \$47 million increase to the 2023 Municipal Operating grant under a modernized formula that includes a needs-based calculation that will be reviewed regularly. Departmental consideration of future Municipal Operating grant funding levels will involve the potential development of a funding escalator to address inflation as well as to support key areas of need, which may vary from municipality to municipality across the province.

The department's receipt of an annual Financial Plan from each municipality by May 15, 2023, which identifies local priorities, will ensure staff have information needed now to advance proposals related annual municipal funding for 2024 or future years. Plans submitted after the deadline increase the likelihood of information from respective municipalities not being fully or accurately considered.

The June 30 deadline for submission of audited financial statements is similarly important.

As you are aware, clear and accurate financial plans and reports are at the foundation for accountability to ratepayers and are also essential ingredients for municipalities to make informed decisions related to financial management.

Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Sincerely,

Bruce Gray
Deputy Minister

- c. Nick Kulyk, Assistant Deputy Minister, Outcomes and Strategic Policy
Don Hallett, Assistant Deputy Minister, Municipal Assessment and Advisory Service

Norma Will

From: Mike Kelly <mike@mbndp.ca>
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To: Norma Will
Subject: RE: Wab Kinew's Leaders Gala Dinner June 10th
Attachments: Leaders Gala (Fillable Form).pdf

Good afternoon Mayor Kreklewich and council,

Wab Kinew and the Manitoba NDP invite you to join them this spring on June 10th for Manitoba NDP Leaders Gala Dinner.

Recently, Wab announced his plan to start rebuilding Manitoba's rural healthcare system, because healthcare should serve all Manitobans.

The NDP's plan addresses the closures of rural ERs and health care centres, health care staffing shortages, and dangerous wait times for emergency care caused by seven years of cuts to rural health care.

This plan included enhancing the recruitment of rural doctors and health care staff, investing in rural ambulances and internet connectivity for better emergency service, and to connect rural communities to needed specialists, commitment to keep rural health centres open, as well as providing care to help seniors stay in their chosen communities. See more at [here](#).

The June 10th Dinner is great opportunity to come listen to Wab's vision for Manitoba.

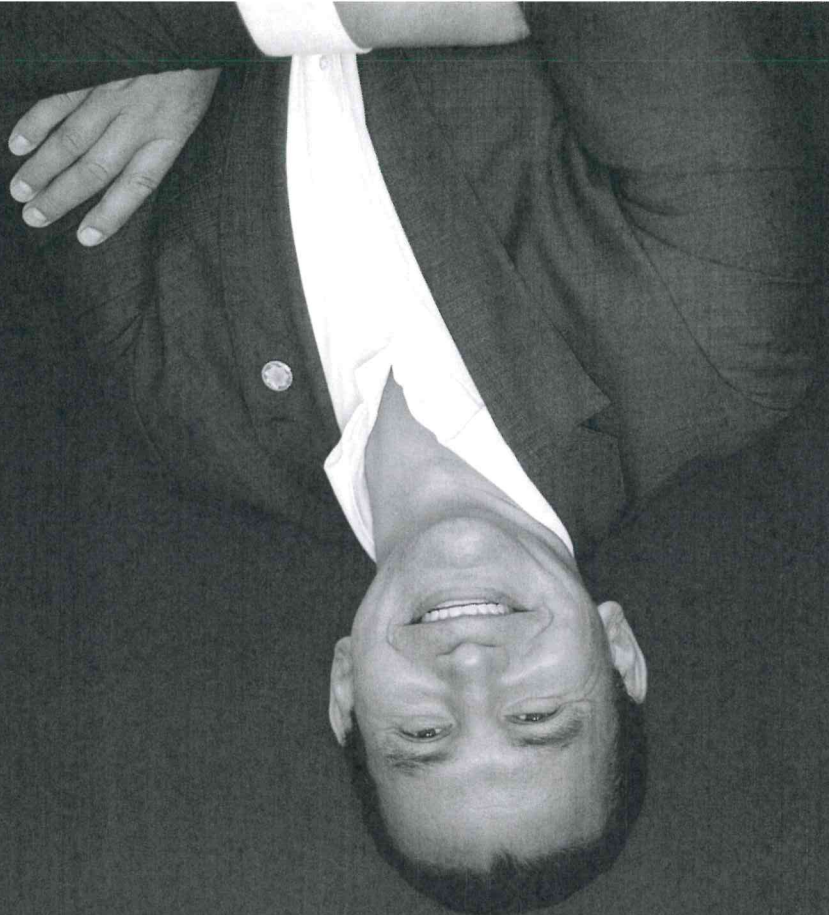
Tables and tickets can be purchased online at https://www.mbndp.ca/leaders_gala_dinner or by filling out and sending back the fillable form attached.

The deadline to purchase tables and tickets is June 5th. For those purchasing or organizing tables please indicate those attending that you would like to sit with and any dietary restrictions in the fields provided.

If you have any questions, or would if you would like to follow up on your tickets, please feel free to contact me at mike@mbndp.ca

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you on June 10th!!

Mike Kelly
MB NDP Fundraiser
mike@mbndp.ca
(204) 999-2527



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WAB KINEW, MANITOBA NDP LEADER

RSVP BY MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2023

RBC CONVENTION CENTRE (NORTH BUILDING MAIN FLOOR)
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JUNE 10 5:30 PM

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LEADER'S GALA DINNER

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Tables seat 8 guests

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All Patron tickets/table include an invite to private VIP reception with the Leader and event speakers

\$2500

\$500

GOLD

8 Patron tickets and a table to the dinner

\$2000

\$250

SILVER

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\$1200

\$150

All tickets must be purchased by end of day Monday, June 5th, 2023.

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Option 2 — Payment by credit card

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Name on card:

Signature:

Good Morning

My name is Liza Park and I am your Economic Development Advisor (EDA) from Rural Manitoba Economic Development (RMED). We help promote economic development in rural communities throughout Manitoba by identifying their unique strengths and opportunities for growth and providing the support and resources needed to achieve their goals.

My role is to be your point of contact to assist with your rural community's development.

We are currently building community profile pages on our website to provide demographic data compiled for your area. This site will be of value to you, your leadership, and your Economic Development Officer. Additionally, the data will provide prospective opportunity holders ease of access to information, assisting them when looking for a community such as yours. We would love to showcase your location and promote essential insight into the unique vibrancy of your community. To assist you in visualizing the potential for your community a mock-up can be seen at www.advanceruralmanitoba.ca. We would request the following information.

1. Your town/area LOGO (Use this naming format e.g. For Town of Virden: Virden.png)
2. 3 to 4 sentences that introduce your area or region (max of 100 words)
3. 3 high-quality photos of your community. All photos should have this dimension w: 400 x h: 300 px if possible. Also use this naming format e.g. For Town of Virden: Virden-1.jpg for first photo, Virden-2.jpg for 2nd photo and Virden-3.jpg)
4. The contact information to appear on your community page on the RMED website.

Kindly use this link to send the information <https://rmedcorp.ca/community-information/>.

Please do not send the information directly to me because the process to create your community page relies on the information being submitted via link.

We would greatly appreciate confirmation that you received this email and kindly ask that you provide us with the requested information and images by Friday, May 5, 2023.

Please reply and CC specialprojects@rmedcorp.ca

I will follow up to ensure receipt of this email. If we are unable to get the information from you by Friday, May 5, your community's data will be included without any community branding, imagery description and contact information.

Let's tell a powerful story that will attract investment, create jobs, and enhance quality of life in your area. Thank you for considering our request, and we look forward to working with you to promote economic development and growth in your community.

If you have any questions, or if I can help with anything, feel free to give me a call.

Best regards,

Liza Park

Economic Development Advisor

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We acknowledge that our Brandon office is located on Treaty 2 Lands, the traditional homelands of the Dakota, Anishanabek, Oji-Cree, Cree, Dene and Metis peoples however our team will be working throughout Manitoba in the lands of Treaties 1 through 4 and the southern portion of Treaty 5. RMED respects the treaties that were made on these lands where we will work together. We commit to reconciliation along the path to economic prosperity.

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From: Sport Manitoba <drew.todd@sportmanitoba.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, May 9, 2023 9:00 AM
To: Norma Will
Subject: Virtual Manitoba Games Bid Information Session

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Sport Manitoba has postponed the 2026 Manitoba Winter Games bid information session. It will now be hosted virtually on May 19, 2023. All communities are invited to join and learn more about the Manitoba Games program.

Friday, May 19, 2023
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Zoom

If you are interested in attending this new virtual session, please RSVP to Kelly Babb at kelly.babb@sportmanitoba.ca. You will receive a Zoom link closer to the date.

Thank you for your interest in hosting the Games!

Drew Todd | Senior Games Manager
Sport Manitoba

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Norma Will

From: Tim Chapman <tim@peacegarden.com>
Sent: Friday, April 21, 2023 4:02 PM
To: office@brendawaskada.ca; admin@delowin.ca; info@mglgov.ca; info@killarney.ca; bill@melitamb.ca; mintoodanah@wcgwave.ca; info@twoborders.ca; Norma Will; Dave Kreklewich
Subject: Peace Garden - Turtle Mountain Tourism Summit
Attachments: Turtle Mountain Tourism Conference Registration Now Open.png; 2023 Turtle Mountain Tourism Summit Program 21APR2023.pdf

Good afternoon Westman area Leaders,

Please see the attached invite and program for the first Turtle Mountain Tourism Summit. The Peace Garden is excited to host this free event to assist our communities on both sides of the border in cross-promotion to increase tourism and economic activity.

If you haven't already registered there is a link below. This will assist us in food numbers.

<https://peacegarden.com/tmt2023/>

Thanks!

Tim

Tim Chapman
CEO
International Peace Garden

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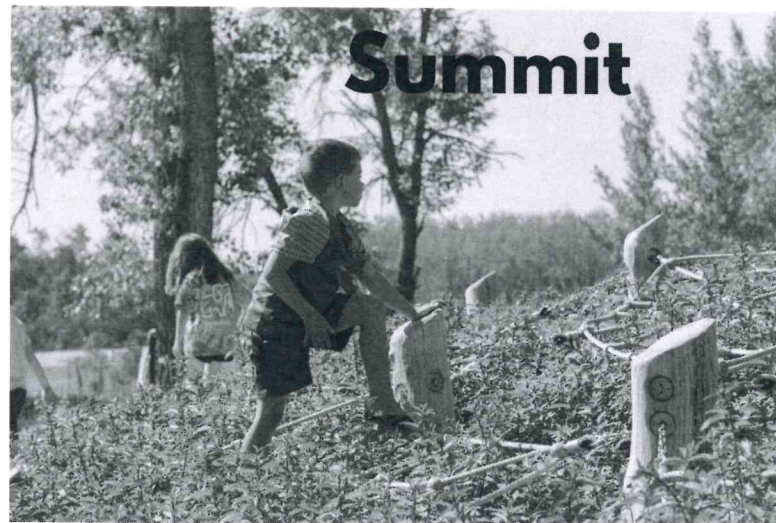
2023 Calendar of Events

May 14	Mother's Day Brunch
June 10	Alcohol Ink Tile Workshop with Betty Sawatzky (Coming Home Tile)
June 18	Father's Day Brunch
July 1	Canada Day
July 4	Independence Day
July 9	International Peace Garden Field Mass, Knights of Columbus
July 18	Canadian Citizenship Ceremony
July 22	Alcohol Ink Tile Workshop with Betty Sawatzky (Prairie Lake Tile)
	Hands Across the Border – Geo-Caching BBQ at Maple Leaf Picnic Area
July 29 & 30	International Peace Garden Peace Triathlon
August 8	Southern Indigenous Concert
August 11 - 13	IPG Weekend & OES/Masonic Weekend
	Summer Cruise-In Car Show (Saturday August 12th)
	Order of the Eastern Star Church Service (Sunday August 13th at 10AM at Peace Chapel)
August 26	IPG Gala in the Garden
August 27	Four Steps to Creative Smartphone Photography Workshop with Clint Saunders
September 11	9/11 Memorial
September 21	International Peace Day
September 23	Alcohol Ink Tile Workshop with Betty Sawatzky (Autumn Splendor Tile)
	Fall Celebration Dinner
	Epic Elton Concert
October 14	Harvest Dinner
November 4	Alcohol Ink Tile Workshop with Betty Sawatzky (Early Winter Morning Tile)
December 9	Santa at the Garden
	Cacti Conservatory Expansion Grand Opening

Current as of April 21, 2023. Dates are subject to change



Turtle Mountain Tourism Summit



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CANADA'S HEART IS CALLING

MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Greetings,

Thank you all for joining our first Turtle Mountain Tourism Summit! We are honoured to have the support of Travel Manitoba and North Dakota Tourism.



The International Peace Garden may be one of the world's most unique institution's, but the Garden's success and vibrancy is only possible with the greater success and vibrancy of our entire Turtle Mountain region. We are pleased to assist in facilitating discussions that will lead to greater communication and cooperation that will benefit all of our Turtle Mountain area towns, attractions and businesses.

Tourism is critical to the health of our communities. The pandemic certainly underscored this reality while also spurring new discussion on what Canadians and Americans can do together to promote the area and cross-border commerce. With border restrictions in our past, we hope to do our part in bringing visitors, jobs and hope to our communities.

We hope you will enjoy keynote speaker Ben Winchester's inspiring insight into the potential of rural communities working together. Other speakers will share the successes of their regions in Manitoba and North Dakota.

Cheers to the cooperative spirit that led to the formation of the world's only Peace Garden on an international border. Let's harness that legacy by learning about each other's passions to strengthen our region's tourism and overall wellbeing.

Tim Chapman
CEO, International Peace Garden

NOTES

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SPEAKER BIOS



**Holly Courchene, CEO,
Indigenous Tourism Manitoba**



**Heather LeMoine, Marketing and Research Manager,
North Dakota Department of Commerce**

Heather LeMoine has been a cheerleader for North Dakota's travel industry ever since she was a high school tour guide at the Bagg Bonanza Farm near Mooreton, ND. Her marketing career took her from the motorsports industry to higher education and full circle to North Dakota's Department of Commerce, Tourism and Marketing Division, where she has been marketing and research manager for 17 years. Heather is a native of rural Wahpeton, ND and a graduate of Concordia College, Moorhead, MN.

**Eve O'Leary, Executive Director
Portage Regional Economic Development**



In 2019, Eve O'Leary became the Director of Economic Development for Portage Regional Economic Development. PRED helps inspire new investment and re-investment across the region. With an extensive background in customer service, information technology and business management, Eve moved from Ireland to Canada in 2014. She has a strong and successful proven track record in relationship-building, investment attraction, tourism, strategic planning, and governance.

SPEAKER BIOS

**Colin Ferguson, President and CEO,
Travel Manitoba**



Colin Ferguson joined Travel Manitoba as President and CEO in early 2011. Since then, he's had the opportunity to travel to all corners of the province experiencing all that makes Manitoba an ideal travel destination. Well known in Winnipeg's advertising and marketing community, prior to joining Travel Manitoba, he was partner in Ferguson Walker Marketing Communications and earlier, Senior Partner and General Manager of Palmer Jarvis Advertising/Palmer Jarvis DDB, working with local, provincial and national clients. He has also been active in the not-for-profit sector, as one of the founding directors of Partners in the Park, now Assiniboine Park Conservancy; president of the Children's Hospital Research Foundation; and strategic planning and marketing lead for Winnipeg's hosting of the 1999 Pan Am Games.

**Sara Otte Coleman, Director of Tourism Division,
North Dakota Department of Commerce**



Sara has been with the North Dakota Department of Commerce as Director of the Tourism Division since 2003 and has over three decades of destination management, marketing and leadership experiences. Her tourism career includes 15 years at the Bismarck-Mandan CVB. She proudly serves the state as Tourism-Marketing Director and focuses on growing the awareness of North Dakota through industry development, strategic planning, statewide branding, consumer marketing and media relations. She attributes the growth of tourism to strong partnerships with tourism providers, a smart marketing team and great visitor services.

**Linda Whitfield, Vice-President, Communications and
Stakeholder Engagement, Travel Manitoba**



Linda joined Travel Manitoba in 2005 and now leads the Communications and Stakeholder Engagement department, responsible for all corporate communications, media, industry, government and public relations, the achievement of revenue generation targets with our partners, and the implementation of various strategic initiatives, including advocacy and recruitment.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER BIO

Benjamin Winchester, Rural Sociologist University of Minnesota Extension, Center for Community

Ben has been working both in and for small towns across the Midwest for over 25 years. He lives in St. Cloud, Minnesota, with his wife and two children. Ben is trained as a Rural Sociologist and works for the University of Minnesota Extension. He conducts applied research on economic, social, and demographic topics surrounding a theme of "rewriting the rural narrative". He recently received the international Rural Renewal Research Prize in 2021 for this work. Winchester received his B.A. in Mathematics and Statistics from the University of Minnesota, Morris (1995) and M.S. in Rural Sociology from the University of Missouri, Columbia (2001). He was a founding employee at the Center for Small Towns, an outreach program at the University of Minnesota, Morris and specializes in community development, demographic analysis, data visualization, and moving communities away from anecdotal.

PANEL PARTICIPANTS

SPEAKER BIOS

Peter Loewen, Executive Director, Explore Morden Winkler



As one of the many immigrants to the RM of Stanley I have called both the cities of Winkler and Morden home. At the age of six my parents decided to uproot the family and move from one "Mennonite area," that of northern Mexico, to another "Mennonite area," that of the RM of Stanley. This has been the place I call home ever since.

I joined the Explore Morden Winkler brand in 2019. I feel as though I have experienced enough places in the world to know that it's in the RM of Stanley where I belong.

Florija "Lule" Naas, Destination Red River Region Project Manager, Red River Regional Council



The Red River Regional Council serves Pembina, Walsh, Grand Forks, and Nelson Counties, and assists in completing projects and initiatives that strengthen where we live, work and play. The Regional Council manages an array of development programs as well as numerous organizations and strategic initiatives.

Lule holds a Bachelor of Science in Occupational Safety & Environmental Health from the University of North Dakota, and a Master of Science in Emergency Management from North Dakota State University. Lule also serves on the Nelson County Job Development Authority, is a Community Champion for Find the Good Life in North Dakota and is an active member of her community and county.

Jackie Tenuta Vice-President, Destination Management, Travel Manitoba



Jackie leads a talented and dedicated team focused on providing market research insights, developing Manitoba's tourism industry, performance measurement and database management. Hailing originally from Saskatchewan, Jackie spent 25 years working in the agriculture and food industry in international market development, market research and consumer marketing roles before moving into the tourism industry four years ago. In her spare time, Jackie enjoys exploring Manitoba's great campgrounds, hiking trails and lakes with her family.

SCHEDULE

9:00AM **Welcome & Opening Remarks**
Tim Chapman

**Colin Ferguson: Travel Manitoba
State of Tourism Industry in MB**

Travel Manitoba is a Crown corporation whose mission is to support the recovery of tourism's contribution to the provincial economy by leading the marketing of Manitoba as a tourism destination and by fostering a competitive and sustainable tourism industry. As the tourism industry emerges from the difficult years of the pandemic, Manitoba is well positioned to be at the forefront of recovery, by responding to the changing expectations of visitors, and by creating new and unique world class experiences. With the launch of its new brand earlier this year, Travel Manitoba is confident that it will draw new visitors with innovative and competitive marketing and destination development.

**Sara Otte Coleman: North Dakota Tourism
State of Tourism Industry in ND**

The opportunities to grow tourism in North Dakota are endless. From developing major attractions to enhancing experiences off the beaten path, developing new experiences in North Dakota is a priority. A summary of the tourism industry's current state, new development and marketing priorities and how the division is working through partnerships to elevate North Dakota as a must-go destination.

**Linda Whitfield: Travel Manitoba
The Importance of Place Branding in Tourism Industry and
How Travel Manitoba Can Assist**

Launched in 2017, Travel Manitoba's Place Brand program is designed to help destinations understand the potential of developing a strong place brand. Defined as the process of image communication to a target market, place branding creates a single brand for a destination and extends it to all its offerings and interactions. A well-articulated place brand strengthens a community's sense of place by creating alignment between the language and messages created by business, the community and visitors.

SCHEDULE

12:00PM Lunch

1:00PM **Rewriting the Rural Narrative**
Ben Winchester, Rural Sociologist, Minnesota Extension

It seems the rural story has already been told. Small towns keep getting smaller. Churches, schools, businesses, and not post offices, have closed their doors as the lucky few migrate out to the big cities. This deficit framework dominates how we discuss and envision our rural communities. However, the story of rural America since 1970 is rich and diverse, with positive trends occurring under the radar. Learn how positive changes around migration, community involvement, economic development, and regional living have diversified this landscape that require us to rewrite the narrative of rural community change.

2:20PM Afternoon Break

2:35PM **PANEL DISCUSSION**
Moderator: Ben Winchester, Rural Sociologist, Minnesota Extension

Our moderator, Ben Winchester, will lead a panel discussion with new residents, businesses and organizations in different rural communities from around the Turtle Mountain region.

We will speak with residents about the reasoning and rationale for why they chose to move or return to the community, what their hopes and expectations were and if they feel they are a part of the community they reside in today.

Organizations and business owners will speak to the importance of welcoming new and returning residents to the community and how it impacts the growth and diversity of the community.

4:00PM **Closing Remarks**
IPG Board Representative

4:30PM **Tour of the International Peace Garden**

Join us in the foyer if you would like to join us on a tour of the International Peace Garden.

SCHEDULE

10:15AM Morning Break

10:30AM Breakout Session
Choose one of following options

Explore Morden Winkler Brand

Peter Loewen, Executive Director,
Explore Morden Winkler

Touching on the character of each entity in the Explore Morden Winkler brand, I will discuss what works, what ties each entity together allowing us to be successful and to address any challenges that work to tear us apart. The pandemic exacerbated a lot of the challenges between the RM of Stanley, the city of Morden and the city of Winkler but by recognizing the importance of working together and promoting each other, the direction the region is headed is a positive one.

Regional Tourism Through a Rural Lens

Florija "Lule" Naas, Destination Red River Project Manager,
Red River Regional Council

Although the Red River region includes a larger city like Grand Forks, communities came together to build greater awareness and promotion of the rural communities and offerings throughout northeast North Dakota. Lule will discuss the successes and challenges in bringing a regional approach to tourism marketing while also highlighting the uniqueness of each area within the region.

Garden Tourism: Trends and Market Insights

Jackie Tenuta, Vice-President, Destination Management, Travel
Manitoba

With a focus on trends and garden tourism insights, this presentation will discuss opportunities and challenges in developing the International Peace Garden and surrounding region as a tourism destination.

SCHEDULE

11:15AM Breakout Session
Choose one of following options

Holly Courchene, CEO, Indigenous Tourism Manitoba

North Dakota Tourism Research Briefing

Heather LeMoine, Marketing and Research Manager,
North Dakota Department of Commerce

Good data and research are paramount to driving successful tourism marketing and development. There are a lot of data sources available – but what information is most useful? From economic impact data to visitor metrics, Heather will review the research available to help drive smart tourism planning.

Unlocking the Power of Community: A Guide to Boosting Tourism Success through Collaboration

Eve O'Leary, Executive Director
Portage Regional Economic Development

Amidst the pandemic's challenges, the Portage Regional Tourism Committee (PRTC) emerged in 2020 to revitalize the Island on the Prairies regional tourism brand for the Portage la Prairie region. From creative programming to inspiring success stories, discover how this dynamic community harnessed the power of their brand to develop a strategy to make Portage la Prairie, one of Manitoba's premier destinations.