
Information Session on the MASC - Age-Friendly Community Collaboration Grant 2026! You are invited...

From Connie Newman - MASC <bltonnwrk@118489890.mailchimpapp.com>

Date Wed 2026-08-05 3:07 PM

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



Community Collaboration Grant 2026 — Information Session

Age-Friendly Manitoba invites eligible Age-Friendly municipalities and their community partners to join us for a free information session on the 2026 Community Collaboration Grant.

This grant supports practical, community-driven projects that strengthen connection, inclusion, accessibility, communication, participation, and healthy active aging with awards of up to \$10,000. Eligible projects bring together a municipality and at least three community organizations to plan, deliver, and share a project rooted in local Age-Friendly priorities.

Join us on Zoom to learn how the grant works, walk through the application step by step, and get tips for a strong submission.

When: Aug 18, 2026 01:00 PM Winnipeg

Register in advance for this meeting:

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/txAfhYN-QpGLoKt_jWiG6Q

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

The Community Collaboration Grant 2026 is open!

With whom would you collaborate?

The strongest community projects rarely start with a budget. They start with a conversation. Someone notices a need, someone else says "what if we tried this," and a few good partners decide to build it together.

That's exactly what the Community Collaboration Grant 2026 is here to support. Age-Friendly Manitoba is now accepting applications from our Age-Friendly Municipalities* for projects that strengthen connection, inclusion, accessibility, and healthy active aging.

Mark the dates:

- Applications opened: June 25, 2026
- Zoom information session: August 18, 2026, 1pm
- Application deadline: October 16, 2026

So here's the part worth sitting with: what does your community already care about, and who would you want beside you to make it happen? The idea doesn't have to be big. It has to be shared, with at least three partners bringing real roles to the table alongside your municipality.

The application and cover letter are available below. Read them over, start a conversation!

We are excited to see what your community dreams up, together.

With Enthusiasm...

The Age-Friendly Manitoba Team

**Only municipalities that are on the Age-Friendly pathway may apply.*

Click the buttons below for the grant details!

Community Collaboration Grant Letter

Community Collaboration Grant Application



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

Our mailing address is:

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July 16, 2026

Honourable Jamie Moses
Minister of Business, Mining, Trade and Job Creation
Room 358 Legislative Building, 450 Broadway
Winnipeg, MB R3C 0V8
Via email: minbmtjc@manitoba.ca

Dear Minister Moses,

On behalf of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM), I am writing to bring your attention to an issue raised by several of our members related to greater rural entrepreneur support.

On June 25, 2026, the AMM Board of Directors reviewed the attached resolution and kindly requested that your department provide an official response directly to the co-sponsors outlining how the provincial government is responding to this issue and what support is available to municipalities. For your convenience, we have enclosed a copy of the resolution for your thorough review.

Your timely response is greatly appreciated, and we value your commitment to addressing critical issues affecting our communities.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Denys Volkov
Executive Director

cc: Hon. Glen Simard, Minister of Municipal and Northern Relations
CAO Celia Gray, Town of Melita
CAO Iris Vercaigne, RM of Wallace-Woodworth
CAO Lisa Greig, RM of Sifton
Interim CAO Teresa McConnell, Town of Carberry
CAO Douglas Jay, RM of Pipestone
CAO Grace Carr, Municipality of Two-Borders
CAO Neil Smith, Town of Virden
CAO Joni Swidnicki, Municipality of Oakland-Wawanessa
CAO Megan Cuvelier, Municipality of Killarney-Turtle Mountain
CAO Leo Poulin, Municipality of Boissevain-Morton
CAO Shelley Boulet, Municipality of Brenda-Waskada
CAO Pamela Pannagel, Municipality of Souris-Glenwood

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26 May, 2026

RESOLUTION

Resolution # 2026-100

Moved by: David Stead

Seconded by: Rob Adams

WHEREAS rural communities rely on small businesses and local entrepreneurs to sustain economic growth, population retention, and essential services;

AND WHEREAS individuals in rural municipalities—particularly young entrepreneurs and new business owners—are increasingly unable to secure financing due to stringent lending requirements, including high equity thresholds and risk-averse banking practices;

AND WHEREAS this lack of access to capital is creating significant barriers to business succession, new business development, and local investment, ultimately threatening the long-term viability of rural communities;

AND WHEREAS traditional financial institutions are reducing their rural presence and limiting flexible lending options tailored to small or emerging markets;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality call upon the AMM to lobby both Provincial and Federal Governments to develop and expand accessible financing tools for rural entrepreneurs to support business succession and startup opportunities in small communities.

Carried

I, Leo Poulin, CMMA and CAO of the Municipality of Boissevain-Morton hereby certify the above Resolution is a true and correct copy of a Resolution passed by Council in session assembled the 26th of May, 2026.



Leo Poulin, CAO



July 16, 2026

Honourable Glen Simard
Minister of Municipal and Northern Relations
Room 141 Legislative Building, 450 Broadway
Winnipeg, MB R3C 0V8
Via email: minmnr@manitoba.ca

Dear Minister Simard,

On behalf of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM), I am writing to bring your attention to an issue raised by several of our members regarding municipal council communications.

On June 25, 2026, the AMM Board of Directors reviewed the attached resolution and kindly requested that your department provide an official response directly to the co-sponsors outlining how the provincial government is responding to this issue and what support is available to municipalities. For your convenience, we have enclosed a copy of the resolution for your thorough review.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Denys Volkov', is written over a horizontal line.

Denys Volkov
Executive Director

cc: CAO Pamela Pannagl, Municipality of Souris-Glenwood
Interim CAO Teresa McConnell, Town of Carberry
CAO Douglas Jay, RM of Pipestone
CAO Darren Myers, Municipality of Glenboro-South Cypress
CAO Joni Swidnicki, Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa

Certified Resolution

TOWN OF CARBERRY

Res # 299-25 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council:

WHEREAS secure and reliable communication is essential for the effective governance and administration of municipalities;

AND WHEREAS the use of personal email accounts by Council members for municipal business may pose risks to information security, privacy, and accountability, as personal email accounts may be accessible to individuals other than the Council member, such as family members, who should not have access to confidential Council communications;

AND WHEREAS designated municipal email accounts provide greater assurance of security, record-keeping, and compliance with legislative requirements, and also support continuity for members of a new Council term by ensuring that incoming Council members have access to relevant correspondence and records regarding ongoing municipal business;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Carberry requests the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) lobby the provincial government to make it a requirement that all municipalities use secure, designated municipal email accounts for Council communications, and prohibit the use of personal email accounts for municipal business.

Moved by: M. Sudak **Seconded by:** S. Van Damme

"Carried"

I, Teresa McConnell, CAO of the Town of Carberry, do hereby certify the above to be a true and correct copy of a resolution passed by the Council of the Town of Carberry at their regular meeting on November 10, 2025.

Dated at Carberry this 12th day of November, 2025.


Teresa McConnell, CMMA



July 16, 2026

Honourable Ron Kostyshyn
Minister of Agriculture
Room 165 Legislative Building, 450 Broadway
Winnipeg, MB R3C 0V8
Via email: minagr@manitoba.ca

Dear Minister Kostyshyn,

On behalf of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM), I am writing to bring your attention to an issue raised by several of our members related to gopher control.

On June 25, 2026, the AMM Board of Directors reviewed the attached resolution and kindly requested that your department provide an official response directly to the co-sponsors outlining how the provincial government is responding to this issue and what support is available to municipalities. For your convenience, we have enclosed a copy of the resolution for your thorough review.

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Denys Volkov
Executive Director

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CAO Lorra Eastcott, Municipality of Hamiota

Municipality of Wallace-Woodworth

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28 April, 2026

RESOLUTION

Resolution # 26/124

Moved by: Diana MacDonald

Seconded by: Barb Stambuski

WHEREAS gopher infestations continue to cause significant crop damage, increase operational costs, and pose safety risks to livestock due to unstable grounds conditions;

AND WHEREAS strychnine-based pest control products are currently restricted under federal regulations administered by Health Canada and are not available for use in Manitoba;

AND WHEREAS a recent time-limited emergency authorization has been granted for controlled use of strychnine in Alberta and Saskatchewan, creating unequal access to effective pest control tools and placing Manitoba producers at a competitive and economic disadvantage;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the R.M. of Wallace-Woodworth requests the Association of Manitoba Municipalities to lobby the Province of Manitoba to:

1. Advocate to the federal government and Health Canada to expand the current emergency authorization, or establish a similar approval framework, to include Manitoba producers; and
2. Engage with AMM and relevant stakeholders to promote equitable and consistent access to effective gopher control tools across the Province.

Carried

Certified to be a true and correct copy of this resolution, passed by the Council of Rural Municipality of Wallace-Woodworth on the date mentioned above.



Iris Vercaigne
Chief Administrative Officer



Outlook

Member Advisory - AMM Spring Convention 2027 DATE CHANGE

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

Date Tue 2026-08-04 11:09 AM

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



Association of
Manitoba Municipalities

Member Advisory

To Our Members:

We would like to inform you that the dates for our **2027 Spring Convention** have changed.

The 2027 Spring Convention originally scheduled for April 20–22, 2027, has been **MOVED** to a **NEW DATE April 13–15, 2027**. The event will still be held at the Keystone Centre in Brandon, MB.

This change has been made to accommodate the exciting news that the Keystone Centre will be hosting the **2027 TELUS Cup National Championship** during our original convention dates.

If you have already booked accommodations at Canad Inns (1125 18th Street, Brandon, MB), your reservation should have been updated to the new convention dates.

We encourage you to contact the hotel directly at 204-727-1422 to confirm your reservation details.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Denys Volkov
Executive Director

Association of Manitoba Municipalities



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Lake of the Prairies zebra mussel detection - Follow-up Notice #1

From Peterniak, Kayla <Kayla.Peterniak@gov.mb.ca>

Date Wed 2026-07-22 11:58 AM

This message is in follow-up to the message you received previously regarding the detection of Zebra Mussels in the Lake of the Prairies.

The Manitoba and Saskatchewan response teams are continuing sampling efforts to delineate the invasion and there is nothing new to report at this time.

Containment measures remain in affect to prevent the spread to other water bodies. All watercraft and water-related equipment are required to be decontaminated before launching in another waterbody.

Manitoba watercraft inspectors will be present at Lake of the Prairies on the following dates:

July 23-27

August 13-17

September 10-14

September 24-28

Additional dates later in the fall are expected to be scheduled as well. Additional inspection station locations including an up-to-date schedule can be found here:

https://www.manitoba.ca/stopais/spread/watercraft_inspection.html

Please circulate this notification within your organization as appropriate.

If you no longer wish to receive these updates, please reply to this email and we will remove you from the distribution list.

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From FCM Communique <communique@fcm.ca>

Date Mon 2026-07-27 4:05 PM

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

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FCM

July 27, 2026



FCM brings municipal priorities to Canada's premiers



Last week in Charlottetown, FCM President Tim Tierney and CEO Carole Saab joined Canada's premiers for the summer meeting of the Council of the Federation. Premiers and municipal leaders agree that scaling up investment in local infrastructure is essential to delivering on our shared goals to build more housing, increase economic development, diversify trade and make Canada more secure and resilient. Strong relationships across all orders of government are essential to deliver results. FCM will continue engaging with partners at all orders of government to bring your priorities to the national, provincial and territorial stages.

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FCM VOICE SURVEY

What do you think about this newsletter?

We are seeking your opinion on how FCM can improve communications with you and how we can improve our weekly member newsletter, FCM Voice. It will only take 5-10 minutes.

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NEWS

REMINDER: Identify your municipal land for affordable housing

Be a part of *From the ground*, a national, mayor-driven movement, led by FCM, of municipalities identifying publicly owned or underused land for non-market housing.

By joining this movement, you are helping build a national picture of municipal land opportunities, demonstrating local leadership, and informing future partnerships, capacity supports and advocacy to help move suitable sites toward housing

» BE A PART OF IT

Respecting municipal jurisdiction in telecommunications

FCM responded to the latest consultation by Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada on amendments to the tower siting process and decision on roaming, tower sharing and annual reporting requirements for terrestrial licenses (DGSO-001 26). Our submission underlined that municipalities are essential partners in the deployment of various types of antenna systems to provide Canadian communities improved coverage and services that meet the requirements of the latest technology.

For more information, please contact policy advisor Rachel Rizzuto.

FCM IN THE NEWS

» Early conversations helping shape Tierney's FCM presidency | *Municipal World*

FCM President Tim Tierney discussed with *Municipal World* his attendance at this year's Calgary Stampede, as well as meetings in Jasper, Alberta, with provincial and territorial ministers of municipal affairs. His main takeaway: "Communities across Canada are facing the same pressures around infrastructure, housing, climate resilience and economic uncertainty."

» Housing projects in Canada are piling up | *Financial Post*

Construction executives, municipal engineers and developers say aging water and wastewater systems are emerging as one of the country's biggest constraints on housing construction, leaving approved projects that may sit idle for years while upgrades are made.

» St. Catharines commits to affordable housing initiative | *The Standard*

The City of St. Catharines is joining a nationwide FCM campaign called From the ground, where municipalities are pledging to use unwanted public land to create affordable housing. "Over the last few years at FCM, we've had a lot of conversations about what can municipalities do and what role can they play when it comes to building non-market housing and getting involved," said Councillor Robin McPherson, a member of the FCM Board of Directors.

» Pathways agreement: Alberta, Ottawa and oilsands companies sign MOU | *CTV News*

The Alberta and federal governments, along with five major oilsands producers, have signed a memorandum of understanding to advance the multi-billion-dollar Pathways carbon capture and storage project, which is a condition for a new west coast oilsands pipeline to move ahead.

RESOURCES

Pre-construction grants for affordable housing energy retrofits

The Green Municipal Fund's (GMF) Sustainable Affordable Housing (SAH) initiative offers support to affordable housing providers seeking to undertake deep energy retrofits of existing affordable housing units to reduce their GHG emissions and improve residents' comfort, affordability and cost certainty.

Learn about SAH's newly available pre-construction study grants, as well as the many other ways that GMF is supporting Canadian housing providers with knowledge-building and capacity development.

» **LEARN MORE**

Build stronger neighbourhoods from the start

Low-carbon neighbourhoods can help municipalities attract investment, support sustainable growth and strengthen resilience.

The Green Municipal Fund's Net-Zero Transformation funding supports pre-development and pre-construction studies, modelling, design and investment readiness activities that help communities advance innovative neighbourhood developments before critical infrastructure decisions are locked in.

» **EXPLORE THE FUNDING OPPORTUNITY**

Tree planting: Choosing and preparing sites effectively

Did you know good planting sites are a foundation of successful tree planting projects? If your municipality wants to ensure its new trees thrive for years to come, our site selection and preparation factsheet will help you succeed. This resource covers important steps for choosing the right place for the trees, preparing the site for planting, creating a site inventory, assessing site conditions and more.

» **READ THE FACTSHEET**

LOCAL DATA

Statistics Canada property tax outreach

Statistics Canada is collecting property tax information from selected municipalities across Canada to produce the *Property Tax and Other Special Charges Price Index*, a key component of the Consumer Price Index (Canada's official measure of inflation).

Municipalities may be contacted to provide assessment values, tax rates, taxes levied, and special charges in addition to access to assessment rolls, tax databases or other administrative data sources. Your collaboration is essential and helps improve the quality, efficiency, comparability and timeliness of these statistics while reducing reporting burden.

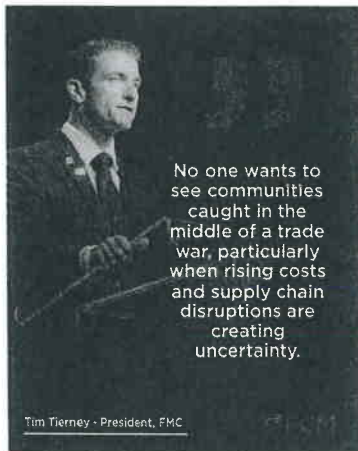
If contacted by Statistics Canada, please support their data collection efforts.

For more information, **reach out here**.

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New tariffs are likely to cause great pain in certain regions, and for those businesses, workers and families, the challenges are real. We remain confident that the federal government is working in Canada's best interests to secure the strongest possible outcome for Canadians.

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FCM President Tim Tierney and CEO Carole Saab have been in Charlottetown this week for the Council of the Federation's summer meeting.

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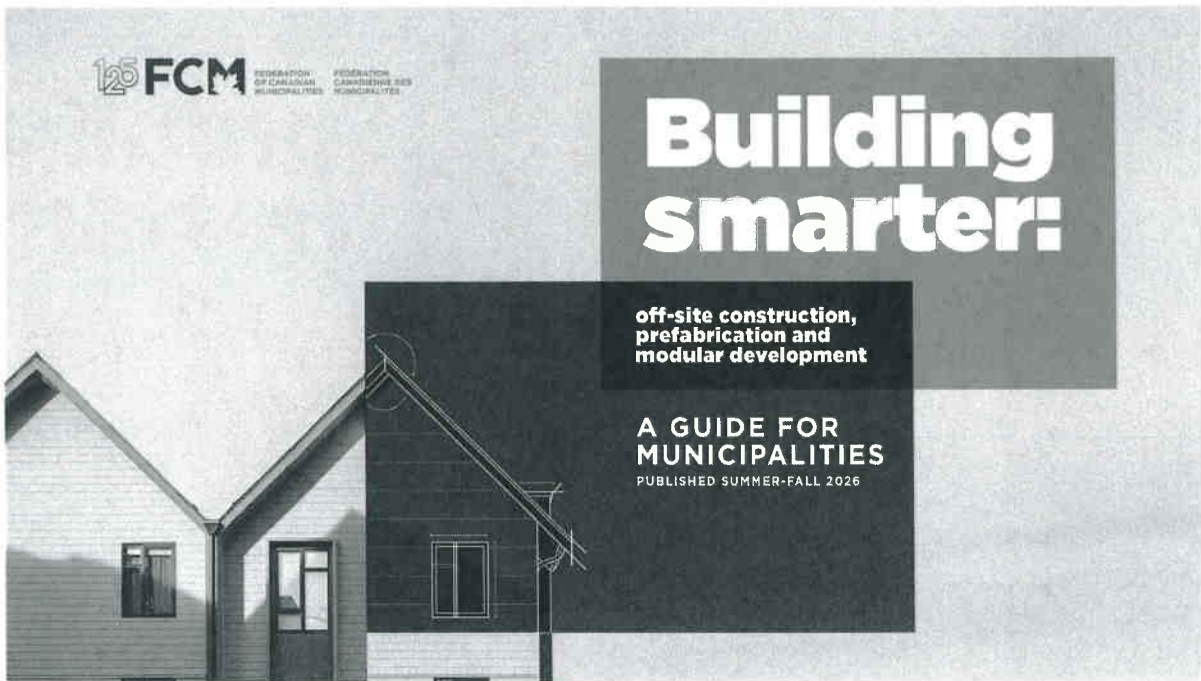
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August 10, 2026



Your guide to modular, off-site and prefabricated development



FCM's new guide, *Building smarter*, is designed to help Canadian municipalities understand and evaluate modern methods of construction, including off-site construction, prefabrication and modular development.

By exploring how off-site production can shorten project timelines, improve quality and support sustainability goals, this guide is intended to support municipalities in the context of historically-high housing demand, labour shortages, rising costs and climate commitments.

» [DOWNLOAD THE GUIDE](#)

NEWS

New call for proposals open under Rail Safety Improvement Program

The Rail Safety Improvement Program (RSIP) is an important program for rail safety and economic activity in Canada. RSIP provides federal funding to help improve rail safety at grade crossings and along rail lines.

Transport Canada has opened a new call for funding proposals under the Infrastructure, Technology and Research stream of RSIP. This stream supports projects that enhance public safety at high-risk grade crossings and along rail lines through infrastructure upgrades and modifications, technology implementation and research activities. The deadline for proposals is September 4.

For questions, please contact this email.

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EVENTS

Summit on Housing and the Canadian Economy

On September 23, FCM, the Canadian Housing and Renewal Association and the Canadian Chamber of Commerce are co-hosting a summit in Ottawa bringing together leaders from multiple economic sectors to explore the links between a strong Canadian economy and housing affordability, find solutions, make connections and identify actions.

Housing affordability's impact on the labour market, economic productivity, poverty and economic advancement cannot be ignored. Housing construction and development is a powerful economic engine in Canada.

» [REGISTER NOW](#)

FCM IN THE NEWS

» [Feds announce almost \\$2B for 45 hybrid battery-diesel Via Rail passenger locomotives | CBC News](#)

The federal government is investing \$1.95 billion to modernize Via Rail's fleet with 45 new hybrid battery-diesel passenger locomotives, including \$1.6 billion for the trains and \$357 million for a new assembly and maintenance facility in Montreal. Most of the trains will be assembled in Canada, a move expected to support about 1,200 jobs.

» [Carney calls August byelections for 3 ridings in Ontario, Quebec and B.C. | CBC News](#)

Prime Minister Mark Carney has called byelections for August 31 in the ridings of North Vancouver-Capilano (B.C.), Beaches-East York (Ontario) and Chicoutimi-Le Fjord (Quebec) to replace three departing MPs.

» [City of Saskatoon says it will keep cutting emissions with or without province's help | CBC News](#)

The City of Saskatoon has unveiled a 25-year climate action strategy that aims to continue reducing emissions over the next decade and achieve net-zero emissions by 2050 by consolidating two existing climate plans into a single framework. City officials say progress can continue through local measures such as energy-efficiency programs and building improvements, but meeting the 2050 net-zero target will require support from the Saskatchewan government and a cleaner provincial electricity grid.

RESOURCES

Pre-construction grants for affordable housing energy retrofits

For Canada's affordable housing sector, energy-efficient retrofits are a great way to reduce energy use and greenhouse gas emissions, improve climate resilience and maintain affordability.

Newly available funding from the Green Municipal Fund's (GMF) Sustainable Affordable Housing initiative is here to help Canadian housing providers in the pre-construction stages of retrofit projects as they look to turn ideas into impact.

» **LEARN MORE**

Funding for clean energy systems: Keep the lights on and costs down

Use GMF funding to explore and implement clean energy solutions that work best for your community. Eligible projects include:

- Renewable energy systems—such as solar, wind and geothermal—that help stabilize energy prices and manage peak demand hours when combined with energy storage solutions.
- District energy systems that offer local control over heating and cooling, with the added benefit of being able to recover quickly after natural disasters.

Funding is open to municipalities and their partners.

» **LEARN MORE**

Transitioning to electric vehicles: Leasing vs buying

The City of Kingston, Ontario, transitioned its light-duty municipal fleet to electric vehicles by introducing flexible EV leasing agreements. This approach is projected to save over \$28,000 across two vehicle types, cut maintenance costs by 25% and reduce annual emissions by 41 tonnes of CO₂.

GMF can help your community start an electric fleet with up to \$200,000 to explore your options and up to \$10 million to get started.

» **START THE TRANSITION**

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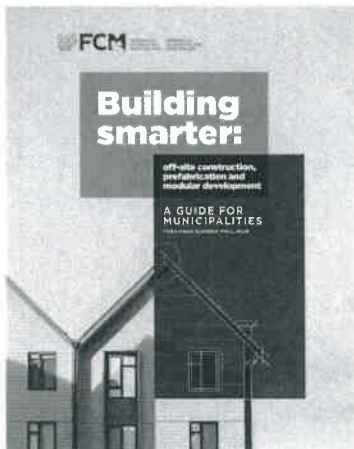
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Swipe through some of the milestones that have helped strengthen municipalities—and Canada—over the past 125 years.

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44% of Canadians identify housing affordability as their top concern. Off-site, prefabricated or modular construction can help communities with the timely delivery of housing, facilities and infrastructure.

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Municipalities are ready to deliver, and FCM's Green Municipal Fund is a proven partner to help them bring their impact to scale.

Alberta's Clean Energy Improvement Program demonstrates the power of an established federal-municipal delivery platform to drive sector-wide transformation. With support from the Government of Canada through FCM's Green Municipal Fund, municipalities are helping homeowners access energy-saving retrofits, lower energy costs, support local jobs and strengthen local economies.

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Important Communications Regarding Public Land Access

From Dennis Schindler <Dschindler@mwf.mb.ca>

Date Tue 2026-08-11 10:28 AM

To dennis.schindler@outlook.com <schindler.manitoba@gmail.com>

Cc Carly Deacon <cdeacon@mwf.mb.ca>; Chris Heald <cheald@mwf.mb.ca>; Jonathan Scarth <jscarth@mwf.mb.ca>

 1 attachment (30 KB)

WMA TLE Transfer ENews.pdf;

Please read the attached pdf for important information regarding potential changes to some Wildlife Management Areas in the Interlake. These actions if implemented could set significant precedent across Manitoba.

This item will be in our E-News to be published today.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Dennis Schindler
Senior Land Conservation Specialist
Manitoba Wildlife Federation
204-481-7756

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PEGUIS FIRST NATION SUBMITS CLAIM FOR PORTIONS OF INTERLAKE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS

The Manitoba Wildlife Federation (MWF) has just learned that lands within several Interlake Wildlife Management Area (WMA)s are being considered for transfer to Peguis First Nation through the Treaty Land Entitlement (TLE) process.

MWF fully supports the resolution of TLE claims. However, WMAs, Provincial Parks and other designated lands were established to protect critical habitat for elk, moose, white-tailed deer and other wildlife for the benefit of all Manitobans. Many of these lands were purchased, gifted, or transferred to the provincial government specifically for conservation purposes and with the expectation that they would be protected and managed by the province in perpetuity for the benefit of wildlife and all Manitobans.

These lands are currently enjoyed by hunters, anglers, outdoor enthusiasts, First Nations and Métis peoples alike. Transferring ownership would place control over public access in the hands of a single First Nation and would fundamentally change how these lands are accessed and managed. A similar proposal was previously rejected by the Selinger government.

MWF is deeply concerned that this could set a precedent for transferring additional WMAs and potentially other public lands such as Provincial Parks, through the TLE process.

The TLE Framework Agreement makes it clear that WMAs and provincial parks are not eligible for TLE claims except in extraordinary circumstances. The provincial government has a responsibility to settle TLE claims while honouring the TLE Framework Agreement and protecting the interests of all Manitobans.

MWF has spoken with the provincial government and is in the process of speaking with affected Rural Municipalities and local elected officials. We will continue to advocate that WMAs remain open and accessible to all Manitobans and managed for the conservation purposes for which these lands were acquired and designated. We will keep our members informed as this matter progresses.

Bulletin #2026-23

MUNICIPAL AND NORTHERN RELATIONS

Important Notice to All Elected Officials and Chief Administrative Officers

SHORT TERM ACCOMMODATION TAX CHANGES

Recent amendments to *The Municipal Act* enable councils to directly impose an accommodation tax on the use of short-term accommodations within the municipality. This moves the authority for municipalities to enact an accommodation tax by-law from *The Municipal Taxation and Funding Act*, which required approval from Manitoba for accommodation tax by-laws to come into force.

Division 5.1 Short-Term Accommodation Tax under *The Municipal Act* enhances municipal autonomy by enabling councils to determine which types of premises may be included in a short-term accommodation tax by-law, the applicable tax rate or amount, and the method of calculating the tax. A public hearing will be required before adopting or amending any such by-law. Approval from Manitoba for accommodation tax by-laws is no longer required.

Short Term Accommodation Tax by-laws are now completely within municipal authority. These by-laws may help in addressing tax fairness in the accommodations industry by broadening the tax's applicability to other accommodation types beyond only hotels and motels.

A brief Q&A on these changes is attached. Should you require any additional information, please email mrmaas@gov.mb.ca, or phone 204-945-2572 to speak to a Municipal Services Officer.

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Changes to The Municipal Act – Short-Term Accommodation Tax

BACKGROUND

- Effective June 1, 2026, Manitoba has removed itself from approving each municipal accommodation tax as previously required under subsection 4(2) of The Municipal Funding and Taxation Act.
- The Municipal Act now enables municipalities to set their own short-term accommodation tax, at NEW sections 328.1 to 328.4 in NEW Division 5.1, Short Term Accommodation Tax.
- The legislation defines short-term accommodation as any premises where living accommodation is provided on a transient basis for a period of 30 consecutive days or less.
- Municipalities may specify the types of premises that are subject to the tax, create differing classes of taxation, set the rates (a percentage or a flat rate) and requirements for remittance to the municipality, create exemptions, and provide for the collection of the tax.
- Municipalities are required to give public notice and hold a public hearing before adopting or amending an accommodations tax by-law.
- The Municipal Act can be viewed at https://web2.gov.mb.ca/laws/statutes/ccsm/_pdf.php?cap=m225.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q: What is the reason behind Manitoba changing its laws to allow municipalities to set by-laws for taxing short-term accommodations?

A: Previous legislation under The Municipal Taxation and Funding Act required municipalities to apply for provincial government approval of their accommodation tax by-laws. It also limited taxation to only hotels and motels. As types of short-term (traveller) accommodations evolved, it became clear this definition was too limiting.

This legislation allows municipalities to create a level playing field of the accommodations industry. It also provides municipal governments with the independence to set their own accommodations taxes, similar to other municipal taxes like property, business and amusement taxes.

The new provisions include a requirement for a public hearing, providing transparency and a formal opportunity for stakeholders and the public to have a say.

Q: What will happen to municipalities that already have established accommodation tax bylaws?

A: Several municipalities already have accommodation tax by-laws. Manitoba is reaching out to all municipalities to inform them of the legislative amendments, and those municipalities that already have accommodation taxes are encouraged to review their by-laws to ensure they are in line with the enabling legislation. Provincial staff will provide advisory support to municipalities as needed, consistent with usual service commitments.

Q: Were stakeholder organizations consulted before proposing these changes?

A: Yes. Several leading organizations have highlighted the need for a more equitable regulatory environment between the hotel sector and the expanding short-term rental market. These proposed changes are designed to promote fairness while limiting disruptions to the hotel industry.

Q: Will the province have oversight of municipalities that impose accommodation taxes?

A: No. The province has an ongoing commitment to support municipalities as needed, while recognizing these important partners as mature and autonomous governments that already have considerable authority under The Municipal Act. This support includes governance and financial advisory services provided by Municipal Services Officers in the department of Municipal and Northern Relations, and such services include information and advice about accommodation tax by-laws. The province has removed itself from the process of approving accommodation tax by-laws.

Q: The City of Winnipeg has an accommodation tax by-law. Does the new legislation apply to the city?

A: Yes, Division 5.1 of The Municipal Act regarding short-term accommodation tax applies to all Manitoba municipalities including the City of Winnipeg.

The Municipal Act applies only in municipalities. Parts of Manitoba that are not included within municipal boundaries, such as provincial or federal parks, Northern Affairs communities and settlements, Crown lands and unorganized territory, and First Nations member-communities (reserves), are not subject to The Municipal Act.

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Start Date: Sept. 15, 2026
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NG9-1-1 Transition Update

From Robert Stewart <r.stewart@brandon.ca>

Date Thu 2026-08-06 1:56 PM

Cc DL Public-Safety Communications <bpcc@brandon.ca>

Dear Community Partners,

I would like to provide you with an update on the Brandon Public-Safety Communications Centre's progress toward the implementation of Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1).

BPCC Readiness

Over the past several months, our team has been working closely with Bell Canada, our technology vendors, and our internal IT resources to prepare for the transition to NG9-1-1. This work has included multiple rounds of testing involving the NG9-1-1 network, our call handling software, and the new 9-1-1 connections.

I am pleased to report that we are now in the final stages of testing. Barring any unforeseen issues, we expect to complete our technical readiness within the next week. This is a significant milestone and reflects a tremendous amount of work by everyone involved.

A Remaining Requirement

While BPCC is nearly ready to transition, there is one remaining requirement that must be completed before we can migrate to the NG9-1-1 network. Each PSAP Authority (the municipality, First Nation, or other authority responsible for 9-1-1 service within its jurisdiction) must execute the Next Generation 9-1-1 Service Agreement with Bell Canada. At the time of writing, 59 of the communities served by BPCC have not yet completed this agreement.

Unfortunately, BPCC cannot transition to NG9-1-1 until every community we serve has completed this requirement. As a result, communities with outstanding agreements are currently preventing the transition for all BPCC clients.

Why This Matters

The national transition to NG9-1-1 is mandatory. Legacy 9-1-1 technology will be retired, with the current deadline scheduled for March 2027. While there is still time to complete the required agreements, communities that do not have an executed agreement with Bell Canada before the legacy network is decommissioned risk losing access to 9-1-1 service until the agreement is in place and they are connected to the NG9-1-1 network. Our goal is to ensure that every community we serve transitions well in advance of that deadline, avoiding unnecessary risk or disruption to emergency services.

If your municipality or organization has questions regarding the Bell Canada service agreement, I encourage you to contact your Bell representative directly. The Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) is also familiar with the transition process and may be able to provide guidance.

If it would be helpful, please don't hesitate to contact me as well. While I cannot answer questions regarding Bell's agreement itself, I would be happy to discuss the overall transition process, explain why the agreement is required, or help connect you with the appropriate resources.

Thank you for your continued partnership and for helping ensure a smooth and successful transition to Next Generation 9-1-1 for all of our communities.

Sincerely,

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The PUB is Manitoba's independent regulator of rates for essential services – electricity, natural gas, and water/wastewater. PUB's job is to make sure rates are fair, utilities are financially healthy, and decisions are made openly and in the public interest.

PUB decisions affect the daily lives of every Manitoban – from the cost of heating and cooling your home, to basic auto insurance rates, to the long-term sustainability of essential water and wastewater services. PUB's work helps to ensure utilities remain reliable, affordable, and accountable.

[Who is the PUB?](#)

PUB Members are appointed to bring a mix of skills, perspectives, and experience. Together, they form a Board that is:

- Knowledgeable about regulation, governance, finance and the energy sector.
- Grounded in strong personal qualities like integrity, sound judgment, collaboration, and clear communication.

Members are appointed by Cabinet. PUB Chair, **Robert Gabor, K.C.**, is the only full-time Member; the rest serve part-time. In May 2026, the PUB welcomed three new appointees: **Lloyd Schreyer, Serge Scrafield, and Dr. Hugh Grant** (the university professor, not the actor).

- Lloyd Schreyer is a human resources professional who has worked both inside government and the University of Manitoba, at the most senior levels.
- Serge Scrafield spent 38 years with the Manitoba Government, including as Assistant Deputy Minister of the Departments of Environment as well as Conservation and Water Stewardship. He was Chair of the Clean Environment Commission (CEC) from 2017-2022 and currently sits as a member of the CEC.
- Dr. Hugh Grant is the Dean of the Faculty of Business and Economics at the University of Winnipeg and previously served as a member of the PUB from 2013-23.

That brings the PUB to **one full-time and twelve part-time Members**, which is enough to start a soccer team! More detailed information on the Members can be found [on the PUB website](#).

The Team Behind the Board

The PUB's staff (small in number but mighty in skill and dedication) play a crucial role in supporting the Board's work. Staff are responsible for:

- policy and regulatory analysis
- stakeholder relations and communications
- maintaining public and evidentiary records
- daily case management across all regulatory portfolios
- ensuring long-term continuity and stability of PUB operations
- IT technology maintenance and upgrades
- Jurisdictional information and contacts

In addition to staff, the PUB also engages external advisors. Regulatory matters can be highly technical, and advisors help everyone navigate large volumes of technical information by providing legal, accounting, actuarial, engineering, IT, and utility-sector expertise. And because communicating regulatory processes and decisions to the public

in non-technical language can be challenging, the PUB also engages a communications advisor to help support their commitment to transparency and public engagement.

PUB's Guiding Principles

- **Protecting the public interest** by balancing fair, affordable rates for Manitobans with the financial health and long-term sustainability of regulated utilities.
- **Maintaining institutional integrity** as an independent, quasi-judicial tribunal that makes evidence-based decisions free from political or industry influence.
- **Ensuring transparency and accountability** through open public hearings — live-streamed, fully documented, and supported by clear, plain-language reasons for decisions.
- **Encouraging public participation** by welcoming stakeholder input, inviting public presentations, and using modern communication tools, including social media, to connect with Manitobans.

What Makes a Strong PUB?

To serve the public well, Members must understand more than the technical aspects of utility regulation — they must bring a broad mix of skills, perspectives, and experience.

The following criteria, taken together, help build a strong, effective PUB:

- 1. Regulatory Understanding** Experience with regulatory frameworks, public policy, government processes, or administrative law.
 - 2. Governance Competencies** Board-level experience, strategic thinking, risk management, and a strong understanding of how to oversee management while delivering on a public mandate.
 - 3. Financial & Performance Management** Skills in assessing outcomes, financial analysis, executive performance management, project oversight, and technology or risk management.
 - 4. Technical Knowledge** Collective energy literacy — including experience in electricity and gas markets, environmental expertise, and innovation in the energy sector.
 - 5. Personal Attributes** Members who demonstrate integrity, sound judgment, collaboration, strong communication skills, and independence.
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Energy Integrated Resource Plan Update

The Government of Manitoba directed the PUB to review and provide recommendations for two major Manitoba Hydro (Hydro) projects: Hydro's 2025 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) – its long-term plan for meeting electricity needs with a development plan for the next 10 years and a proposed major new generating facility – a 750-megawatt dual-fuel combustion turbine project at the Brandon Generating Station.

The Manitoba government directed a joint review to ensure that decisions about the new facility are considered alongside Hydro's long-term planning assumptions, risks, and future energy needs.

Under provincial legislation and the government's Terms of Reference, the PUB must assess:

- Whether the new facility is needed, and what alternatives exist.
- How the project could affect electricity rates, both short-term and long-term.
- Impacts on Manitoba Hydro's financial health.
- System reliability considerations, including how different generation options support a stable grid.

How it all works

The IRP lays out Manitoba's energy direction for the next 10 years. It's the starting point for future decisions about how our energy system grows and changes. Since these choices affect all Manitobans, the PUB has designed a clear and open process everyone can follow.

The PUB issued several procedural orders that together outline how Hydro's long-term planning and a proposed major new power facility will be reviewed, who can participate, and what Manitobans can expect from the process.

These orders set the rules of engagement, defined the scope of the review, and established the schedule that led up to the public hearings.

When combined, the procedural orders clearly set out:

- The hearing process for reviewing Hydro's 2025 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP).

- A parallel review of Hydro's proposed 750-MW dual-fuel generating facility at the Brandon Generating Station.
- A joint review structure, ensuring both the IRP and the new facility are assessed together so decisions reflect Manitoba's long-term energy strategy.
- Who may participate, including which groups are granted intervener status and what evidence they may bring forward.
- Timelines and expectations for filings, information requests, expert evidence, and hearing dates.

Order 25/26 — Setting the foundation

Order 25/26 established the initial procedural framework for the IRP review. It outlined:

- The PUB's mandate under *The Manitoba Hydro Act*.
- The overall scope of the IRP review, including reliability, affordability, demand forecasts, and resource options.
- Expectations for Hydro's filings and responses to information requests.
- Early scheduling milestones.

This order essentially "opened" the IRP review and set out the expectations for all parties.

Order 39/26 — Intervener participation and hearing structure

Order 39/26 built on the earlier framework by:

- Confirming the hearing process for the IRP review.
- Granting intervener status to several organizations, including consumer advocates, environmental groups, Indigenous organizations, and industrial power users.
- Outlining what each intervener may focus on and how they may participate.
- Establishing expectations for information requests, evidence, and procedural fairness.

This order ensured a broad range of perspectives would be included in the IRP review.

Order 41/26 — Additional procedural direction

Order 41/26 provided further clarification on process matters, including:

- Deadlines for filings and responses.
- Expectations for Hydro's evidence and modelling.
- Additional guidance on how interveners may submit expert evidence.
- Updates to the hearing schedule.

This order fine-tuned the process to keep the review on track and ensure transparency.

Order 68/26 — Joint review of the IRP and new generating facility

Order 68/26 was the most significant update. It:

- Formally established a joint review of the IRP and the proposed major new generating facility.
- Confirmed that both reviews will be conducted under the PUB's statutory authority and government Terms of Reference.
- Approved (in part) requests from interveners to bring additional expert evidence (including independent rate-impact analysis).
- Set the final hearing schedule, with public hearings beginning on July 27, 2026.
- Clarified that the PUB's review of the new facility will be comprehensive, covering need, alternatives, reliability, costs, and rate impacts.

This order ensured that decisions about a major new investment are considered alongside Manitoba's long-term energy needs.

What happens next

Across these orders, the PUB established a clear, structured process for reviewing Manitoba Hydro's long-term plan and proposed new facility, a full roster of participants who will bring forward evidence and perspectives and a detailed schedule leading to public hearings that will be live streamed on the PUB's website: July 27-31; August 4-6, 11-14, 17-21, 24, 25, 27, 28, 31; and September 1 and 4, 2026.

The PUB will ultimately issue recommendations to government on:

- Whether the proposed generating facility should proceed.
- How Hydro's long-term plan aligns with reliability, affordability, and sustainability goals.
- What alternatives or mitigation measures should be considered.

Why this matters for Manitobans

These reviews will shape:

- How Manitoba meets future electricity demand.
- The reliability of the province's power system.
- The affordability of electricity rates over time.
- Major infrastructure decisions that could impact generations.

The PUB's process ensures these decisions are made transparently, with public input and independent analysis.



MPI Update

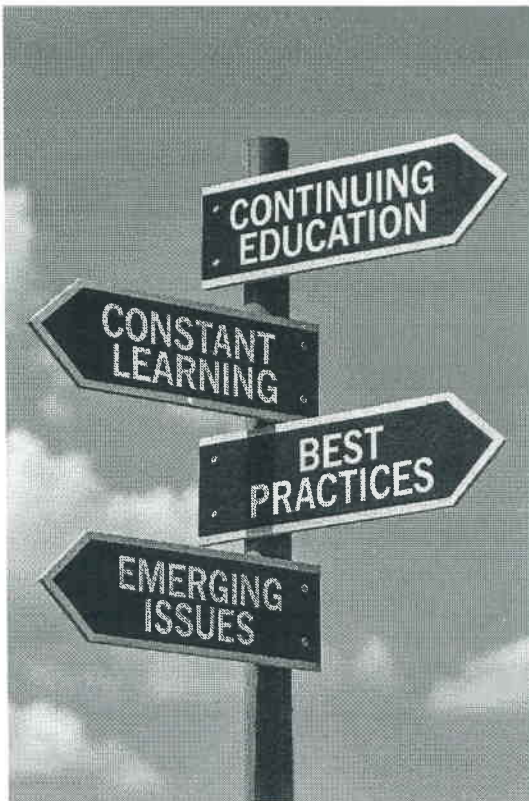
On June 24, 2026, Manitoba Public Insurance (MPI) filed its 2027 General Rate Application (GRA), which asked the PUB to approve a 2.38% rate increase for the Basic Autopac vehicle insurance rates and premiums, effective April 1, 2027 through March 31, 2028. The rate application does not apply to the rates in the non-compulsory (Extension) line of business. Examples of Extension insurance products include lower deductibles, increased third party liability coverage, and rental vehicle insurance. Rate decisions for Extension insurance are made by the MPI Board of Directors, and do not require the approval of the PUB.

The 60 days leading up to an election are governed by Section 92 (Restrictions on Government Advertising) of The Election Financing Act. This provision places restrictions on communications to ensure government resources are not used to support an election campaign. Due to a July 21, 2026, byelection for the provincial constituency of The Pas-Kameesak, the PUB was delayed in publishing a notice in the Winnipeg Free Press informing the public of the application and advising of important steps and deadlines that occur prior to the public hearing. Previous interveners of record in PUB proceedings were advised of the application and interested parties who wanted to seek Intervener status at the hearing were asked to file application with the PUB by June 30.

A pre-hearing conference was held on July 2nd to set out the initial procedural framework for the GRA review. It established the preliminary issues list, expectations for MPI's filings and responses to information requests, and set early scheduling milestones and expectations for all parties.

The public hearing for the 2027 GRA is scheduled from Tuesday, October 13, 2026 - Friday, October 30, 2026, and it will be livestreamed on the PUB's website.

Continuing Education



The PUB employs an innovation and continuous improvement philosophy to enhance its decision-making and its responsiveness to stakeholders.

This fall, members of the PUB will attend the 2026 CAMPUT AGM which brings together regulators from across the country to discuss current issues facing the energy sector and best practices to help navigate a constantly evolving landscape.

This event is for CAMPUT members only and, unlike CAMPUT's annual conference, is not open to industry or the public.

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



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