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Fw: AF Connections April 2026: Building Belonging Across Our Communities

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

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From: Connie Newman - MASC <info@manitobaseniorcommunities.ca>

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Subject: AF Connections April 2026: Building Belonging Across Our Communities



Hello there!

This month's *AF Connections* highlights the power of connection in action across Manitoba. Inside, you'll find inspiration from the Prescription for Connection Challenge, Men's Sheds, Age-Friendly community projects, and intergenerational initiatives that are helping build stronger, healthier communities. Click below to read the full newsletter.

Enjoy!



CONNECTIONS

Working together for stronger, healthier communities.

ISSUE 8 - APR 2026



COLLABORATION IS CENTRAL TO A HEALTHY COMMUNITY

Welcome Readers!

We're still feeling the positive momentum from Social Prescribing Day and the response it sparked across our communities. It feels like a natural time to carry that forward and introduce the Let No One Be Alone Week of Awareness - a Manitoba homegrown initiative, supported and promoted since 2012. Inviting all of us, in our own way, to reach out, connect, and build a stronger sense of belonging.

RIPPLES OF GOODNESS

A Simple Act Can Go A Long Way!!

As part of the **Let No One Be Alone Week of Awareness (May 3-9)**, we're inviting everyone to take part in a simple and meaningful challenge that reminds us how powerful connection can be.

Whether you're an individual, member of a senior centre, an Age-Friendly committee, a municipality, or a local organization, there are many ways to get involved. You might choose to make a special effort during the week to reach out to someone who could use a friendly voice, invite someone for a visit, or simply take time to connect.

OR, you can take part more formally by joining our

Prescription for Connection Challenge!

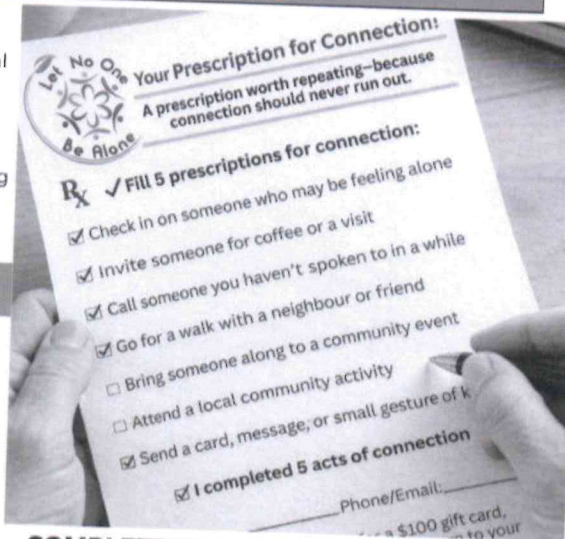
A simple and meaningful way to spread kindness and connection in your community.

Senior Resource Coordinators across Manitoba have been supporting this initiative since 2012 helping it grow into a strong, community-driven movement.

While their leadership has been instrumental, this is truly an initiative for everyone: businesses, churches, service clubs, and community groups are all welcome.

THE MORE THE MERRIER!

When we reach out to others, we're not just brightening someone else's day... we're enriching our own as well.



COMPLETE THE PRESCRIPTION FOR CONNECTION!

Take part May 3-9—connect in a small way or join the full challenge in your community.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

- **Explore online:** Access the full info package by [clicking here!](#)
- **Individuals:** by visiting our Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/LetNoOneBeAlone>
- **Community organizer:** request an information package with everything you need to get started! bltonnwrk@gmail.com

TAKE PART AND YOU COULD WIN

- **Individuals:** Entered into a \$100 gift card draw
- **Organizations:** Entered into a separate \$100 gift card draw!

Complete by May 15 | Draw: May 31

Click the button below to read our latest issue!

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

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Accessibility News - April 2026

From Manitoba Accessibility Office <mao@gov.mb.ca>

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



Accessibility News
What you need to know about Manitoba's accessibility laws.

Issue 66 | April 2026

This newsletter is available in alternate formats on request.

Guide Development of the Accessible Outdoor Spaces Standard

The Manitoba government is developing a draft of the Accessible Outdoor Spaces Standard Regulation and is looking for your input.

Whether it's creating safer streetscapes, re-imagining bike lanes, or taking a wider approach to designing communities for people of all ages and abilities, let's collaborate to ensure our

outdoor spaces are accessible for everyone.



Take this survey to share your feedback on the current state of Accessible Outdoor Spaces

Take the Survey

Participez à un sondage

Survey Closes: April 23, 2026

Additional Ways to Share Your Experiences

If you need assistance taking the survey or would prefer to provide your comments and feedback by speaking directly with someone, please contact the Manitoba Accessibility Office at (204) 945-7613 or by email at MAO@gov.mb.ca.

Visit [AccessibilityMB.ca](https://www.accessibilitymb.ca) to learn more about the Accessible Outdoor Spaces Standard.

Spotlight on an Accessibility Project in the Community



Featured Project – Menno Home for the Aged Inc.

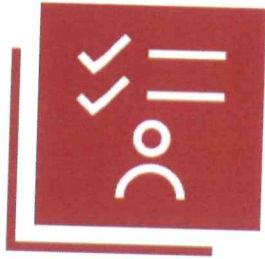
Menno Home for the Aged is a faith-based not-for-profit long-term care facility affiliated with the Southern Health-Santé Sud health region and operating in Grunthal, MB since 1964. Originally opened by several community churches, the facility is home to 40 seniors and employs 80 staff.

A grant provided by the Manitoba Accessibility Fund allowed us to redesign and create an accessible website offering information to families and friends of residents. The website offers information about programs and services, location, current news, upcoming events, job postings and includes a contact us page for general inquiries. The website also gives leadership and the board of directors a face, helping alleviate the concern of the unknown experienced by many elders and families when a loved one requires long-term care.

The accessibility of resources is particularly important in rural locations where people may have to travel long distances to receive services. An accessible web presence allows individuals to know what services are available and who to contact, and we will continue to build on the accessibility of the site. [Click to view the accessible website.](#)

Thank you, Manitoba Accessibility Fund.

~ Article provided by Menno Home for the Aged Inc.



Compliance Corner

Accessible Public Events – What to Know

Manitoba's [Accessible Customer Service Standard Regulation](#) sets out specific requirements for the government and other public sector bodies in the province to make the public events they hold accessible. Public sector bodies in Manitoba include crown corporations, municipalities, cities, health authorities, school divisions, universities and colleges.

What is considered a Public Event?

A "**public event**" includes a public meeting, a public hearing and a consultation process required under an enactment. Examples may include, but are not limited to, community forums, town halls or council meetings that are open to the public.

How to Make Public Events Accessible

When holding a public event, reasonable measures must be taken by public sector bodies to:

- give notice of the event in an accessible manner
- inform persons that they may request relevant accessibility supports to participate in the event
- hold the event in a meeting space that is accessible
- upon request, meet the physical and communication needs of persons disabled by barriers

Remember: Other organizations and businesses may choose to adhere to the above accessibility measures as a recommended practice when holding events.

American Sign Language Interpretation Now Available for Broadcasts of House Proceedings

The Manitoba Legislative Assembly has taken an important step towards greater accessibility and inclusion. As of December 3, 2025, all broadcasts of the legislative proceedings feature picture-in-picture live ASL interpretation.

This enhances the proceedings for Deaf and hard-of-hearing Manitobans as they can now follow the debates in real time. It removes a communication barrier and makes the democratic process more accessible to people across the province.

[Click to view past broadcasts on the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba's website](#)

In the News

[“Not just boys: The overlooked story of ADHD in women and girls” featured on The Conversation](#)

When people think about attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), they often picture a hyperactive young boy running around a classroom, not the quiet girl daydreaming in the corner, the chatty student who can't finish her work or the mother who is chronically late and constantly searching for her keys.

[Read the full article](#)

[“How building with people who face barriers benefits everyone, especially during crises” featured on The Conversation](#)

Imagine approaching a curb in a wheelchair. The step is only a few inches, but for some of us, it might as well be a wall. Now imagine that wall turned into a slope. With that single design change, movement becomes possible again.

[Read the full article](#)

Learn About Manitoba’s Accessibility Regulations

The Manitoba Accessibility Office is hosting a series of educational webinars. Join and learn more about The Accessibility for Manitobans Act and its accessibility standards.

Upcoming Webinar Topics:

- May 19, 2026: **Creating Accessible Documents**
 - [Register to Attend](#)
- September 22, 2026: **Understanding Service Animals Accessibility in Manitoba**
 - [Register to Attend](#)
- November 17, 2026: **Driving Inclusion: Understanding Manitoba’s Accessible Transportation Standard Regulation**

- [Register to Attend](#)

Webinars will be hosted virtually on Zoom from 1 to 2 p.m. and will feature accessibility measures such as American Sign Language interpretation (ASL) and live closed captioning.

Visit [AccessibilityMB.ca](#) to learn more about these webinars or to register to attend.

Save the Date: Manitoba Access Awareness Week



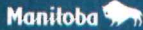
Manitoba Access Awareness Week runs May 31 to June 6, 2026. This weeklong awareness celebration promotes accessibility and inclusion. It also acknowledges the people who are working to prevent, identify and remove barriers to accessibility, while also raising awareness about accessibility issues within the province that affect people with disabilities and many others.

Watch [AccessibilityMB.ca](#) for announcements about special events during this week.

Upcoming Awareness Dates

- [World Autism Awareness Day](#) (April 2)
- [World Functional Neurological Disorder Awareness Day](#) (April 13)

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Member Advisory: Have Your Say: Veterinary Services District Model

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

Date Fri 2026-03-13 12:28 PM

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



Member Advisory

Have Your Say: Manitoba Veterinary Services District Model

Note: This message is being sent on behalf of Manitoba Agriculture

March 13, 2026 – Minister Kostyshyn has announced the formation of the Veterinary Services District Working Group. The working group will evaluate the current Veterinary Services Districts and Veterinary Services Commission model in Manitoba and provide an Options Report to the Minister of Agriculture.

The working group invites public input on the current model and proposed changes to it.

How You Can Participate

Your input is essential to this process. You can participate in the following ways:

- **Submit Written Feedback**

- Written submissions can be sent to: vetdistricts2026@gov.mb.ca
- **Attend an In-Person Meeting (all scheduled 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.)**
 - **Fisher Branch: Wednesday, March 11**
Ukrainian Hall, 33 Provencher Street (233 Highway)
 - **Souris: Wednesday, March 18**
Souris Glennwood Memorial Centre, 39 - 3rd Avenue
 - **Dauphin: Wednesday, March 25**
Aspen Lodge in Credit Union Place, 200 - 1st Street SE
 - **Morden: Wednesday, April 8**
MCC Room, Morden Access Centre, 111- D Gilmour Street
 - **Neepawa: Wednesday, April 15**
CE Room United - Anglican Church, 475 Mountain Avenue
- **Online Survey: Engagement on Rural Veterinary Medical Services**

The deadline to share your feedback through the EngageMB survey is **May 1, 2026**. Your input will help shape future improvements to the program.

Questions? Please email vetdistricts2026@gov.mb.ca.

Sincerely,

Denys Volkov
Executive Director

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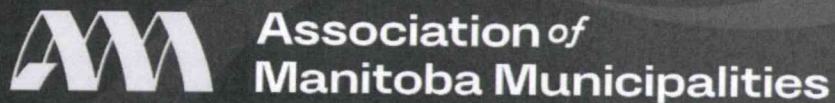
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Member Advisory-2025 Municipal Recycling Program - Cost Monitoring Survey

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



Member Advisory

2025 Municipal Recycling Program - Cost Monitoring Survey

Note: This message is being sent on behalf of Multi-Material Stewardship Manitoba (MMSM)

March 16, 2026 – The Cost Monitoring Survey (CMS) has been distributed to administrative staff in communities participating in the MMSM program. This is a friendly reminder that the final deadline to submit your CMS to Multi-Material Stewardship Manitoba (MMSM) is **Thursday, April 16, 2026**. The survey period covers January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025, and participation is mandatory for communities that receive Municipal Recycling Funding Payments.

If you require another copy or have any questions regarding the process or survey, please contact **Kalin McDonald** at kmcdonald@stewardshipmanitoba.org or at **1-204-953-2018**.

Thank you in advance for your careful participation.

Sincerely,

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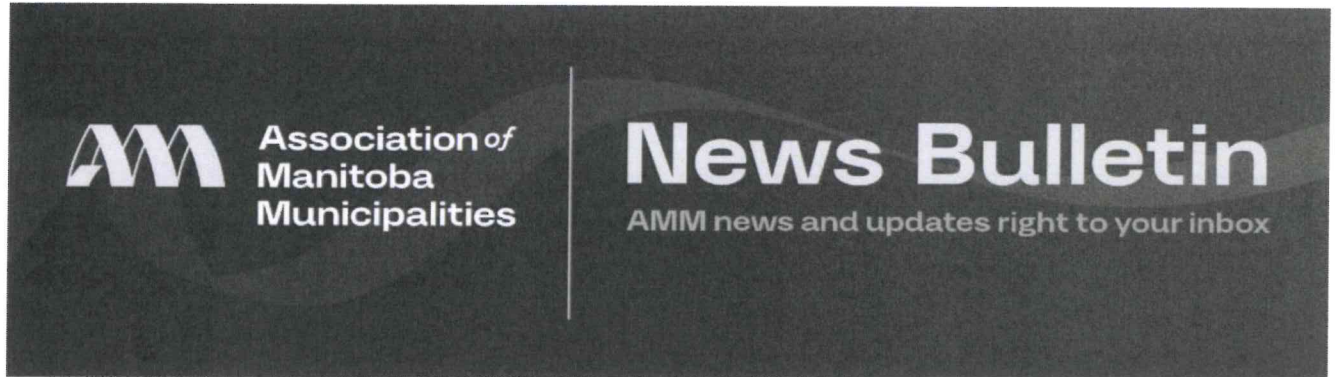
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Latest Updates

REGISTRATION OPEN: 2026 Spring Convention & Trade Show



Registration is now open for the [2026 AMM Spring Convention & Trade Show](#), taking place **April 21-23, 2026** at the Keystone Centre in Brandon.

This April, AMM is exploring **Legacy That Lasts** at our annual Spring Convention. As we move toward a time of transition, AMM sets to inspire our provincial leaders to continue forward-thinking by taking action today that will make change for the future.

REGISTER NOW for the 2026 Spring Convention [HERE](#).

SECURE YOUR BOOTH for the 2026 Spring Trade Show [HERE](#).

AMM Executive Meets with the Minister of Justice & Minister of Environment and Climate Change



The AMM Executive was pleased to meet with the Hon. Mike Moyes, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, to discuss key municipal priorities.

Read our 2026 [Position Paper](#).



The AMM Executive met with the Hon. Matt Wiebe, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, to advance key municipal priorities, with a focus on strengthening public safety.

Learn more in our 2026 [Position Paper](#).

Click [HERE](#) for recap video.

AMM Executive Meets with Manitoba RCMP



On March 19, 2026, the AMM Executive met with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Manitoba to discuss key municipal priorities related to public safety and policing.

Trade Diversification Corridors Fund & Arctic Infrastructure Fund Call for Proposals Open

On March 4, 2026, the federal Minister of Transport announced the launch of the calls for proposals for both the \$5 billion Trade Diversification Corridors Fund and the \$1 billion Arctic Infrastructure Fund. These funds respond to national advocacy efforts aimed at increasing investment in municipal infrastructure in the North and across Canada to enhance trade diversification. See Transport Canada's website for the announcement and program eligibility details.

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**REGISTRATION OPEN:
2026 Manitoba Planning Conference (May 6-8, 2026)**



Manitoba Professional Planners Institute

The Manitoba Planning Conference is an annual event attended by over 225 municipal officials and planning and development professionals. It promotes effective land use and community planning, economic development, and environmental and natural resources management in Manitoba. To be held at the Delta Winnipeg Hotel in Winnipeg from May 6-8, 2026. The conference theme is: **Momentum in Muddy Waters: Planning Through Turbulent Times.**

Program information can be viewed [HERE](#).

Click [HERE](#) to register.

ClimateWest 2026 Forum Registration Now Open

ClimateWest 2026 Forum

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

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The annual ClimateWest Forum is returning to Winnipeg on **May 12-13, 2026**. This year's event will be held at **The Leaf**, a spectacular gathering space that overlooks vibrant garden biomes, providing a natural and tranquil setting for the Forum.

The ClimateWest 2026 Forum will bring together a diverse mix of Indigenous and non-Indigenous organizations, individuals, communities, municipalities, businesses, and academics who share our goal of building a climate-resilient future. Now entering its fourth year, the ClimateWest Forum supports those looking to understand current climate impacts and prepare for future risks in the face of a changing climate. This annual event serves as a hub for the climate adaptation network across Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba, providing

opportunities to network and exchange knowledge on climate preparedness and adaptation action.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Free Training Webinar - Hazard Awareness & Best Practices for Operating Heavy Equipment in MB Waste Management Facilities

Project Funding & Collaborating Partners

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On behalf of MEIA, MARR and our project partners and funders, we are pleased to invite members of your waste management and public works teams to a **FREE** training webinar on the topic of “Hazard Awareness & Best Practices for Operating Heavy Equipment in MB Waste Management Facilities”.

Date: **Thursday, April 23, 2026**

Time: **1:00pm – 2:00pm**

Location: **online via Zoom (agenda and log in details will be sent to registrants ~5 days before the event takes place)**

To take advantage of this valuable (and FREE) training opportunity, reply to **mikefernandes@strategymakers.ca** with the following information:

- **Name and job title of participant(s)**
- **Name of community and site where worker is employed**
- **Contact information (email, phone number) of participants and/or the person who we should correspond with further details**

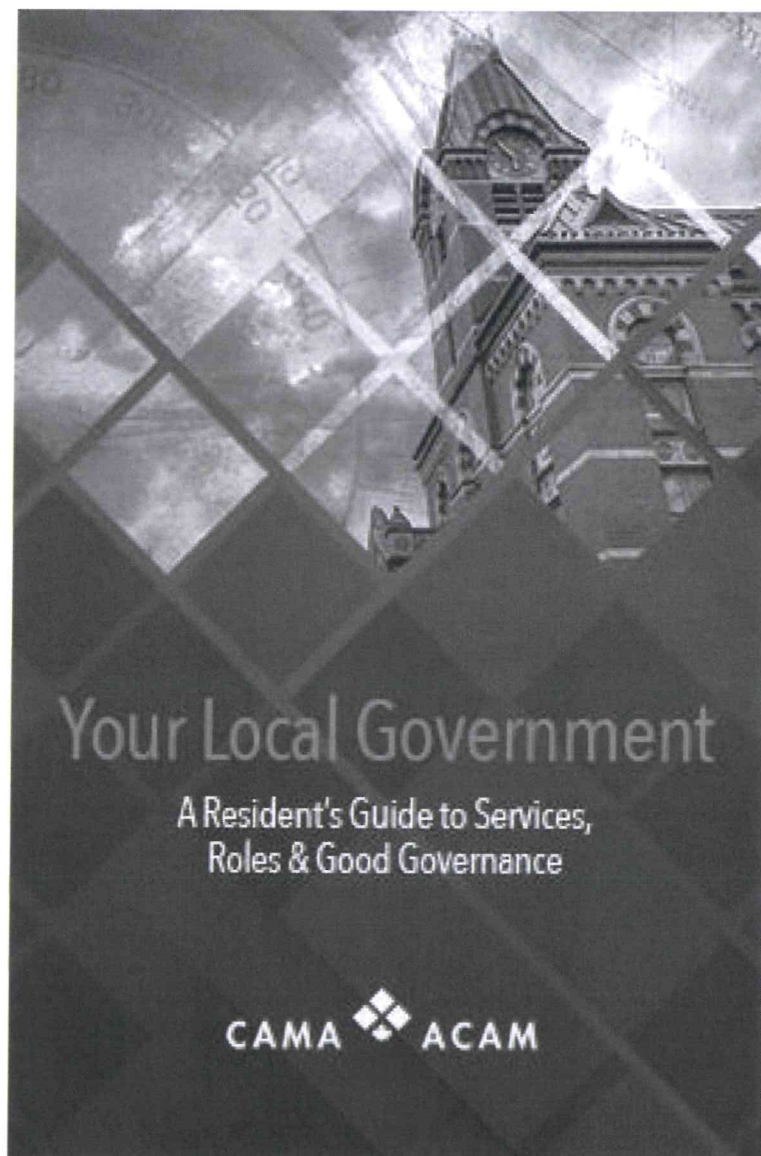
See **[Brochure](#)** for more details.

ESF Municipal Energy Dialogue

Planning on attending FCM 2026 in Edmonton?

As Canada expands energy exports, electricity production, and data center development, community readiness is essential. Register now for the [ESF Municipal Energy Dialogue 2026](#) and join municipal leaders and key stakeholders to discuss how local decisions are shaping Canada's energy and economic future. The event, held on June 4th, right before the start of FCM's conference in Edmonton. It is hosted by [Energy for a Secure Future](#).

Your Local Government: A Resident's Guide to Services, Roles & Good Governance



Your Local Government: A Resident's Guide to Services, Roles & Good Governance is a practical resource developed by the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators (CAMA) to help residents better understand how their municipality works.

Download the Resources

- [Download the Full Residents' Guide](#)
- [Download the Stand-Alone Chapter: Understanding Your Municipality – Quick Facts for Residents](#)
- [Download: How CAOs and Municipal Leaders Can Use the Residents' Guide Toolkit](#)

This guide provides clear, plain-language explanations of municipal governance, services, and decision-making processes across Canadian municipalities. It is designed to support municipalities in educating residents about the roles of Council, administration, and the community, while encouraging respectful and informed civic engagement.

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Wednesday, March 25 | 11:00 AM MST

REGISTER NOW

Stéphanie Dion
Manager of Procurement
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Tony De Sciscio
Manager of Supplier Relations
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Canoe's dynamic duo - ***Stéphanie Dion*** and ***Tony De Sciscio*** - are back at it with their wildest, unexpected, and downright unbelievable tales of their professional procurement careers. Join us on Wednesday, March 25, for an engaging session where Stéphanie and Tony unpack mistakes and share the valuable lessons they've picked up along the way.

Register now to secure your spot.

You're Invited to Canoe University 2026!

Canoe University is a one-day learning and networking event designed specifically for sales professionals in the Canoe supplier network.

Join other suppliers like you to explore proven strategies, share best practices, and gain insights into how Canoe and Sourcwell contracts can strengthen your sales approach. You'll walk away with a deeper understanding of how Canoe fits into the public procurement process, and how to position it effectively with your clients.

Don't miss this opportunity to sharpen your skills, connect with peers, and take full advantage of the support Canoe offers.

Register ***HERE***.

Municipal Tax Envelopes for the 2026 tax year

This is a friendly reminder to place your order for **Municipal Tax Envelopes for the 2026 tax year**.

Below are the **standard envelope specifications and pricing** for the 2026 program:

2026 Tax Envelope Specifications

- Size: **5 ¾" x 9 ½"**

- Construction: **Open side, side seam**
- Stock: **60 lb Grey Kraft**
- Window: **Special window**
- Printing: **Black ink**
- Packaging: **500 envelopes per box**

Pricing – Minimum order 2500

- **2,500 envelopes – \$1,781.40**
- **5,000 envelopes – \$2,711.00**

To ensure timely production and delivery, we recommend submitting your order as soon as possible. Ordering early helps avoid delays during peak production periods.

If you have already placed your order, thank you — no further action is required.

If you have further questions, please contact:

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Snow may still be falling, but we're springing ahead with our next issue of the Municipal Leader.

This edition features a comprehensive preview of our upcoming Spring Convention, everything you need to know is here, including registration details. Be sure to register before the deadline! With our theme, Legacy That Lasts, this year's Convention offers something for everyone, come be part of the conversation and make an impact.

You'll also find articles from the Manitoba Emergency Management Organization (EMO) on the wildfire after-action review process, updates on the Manitoba government's land use planning action plan, insights on building asset management capacity, and more.

Flip open the issue to read more.

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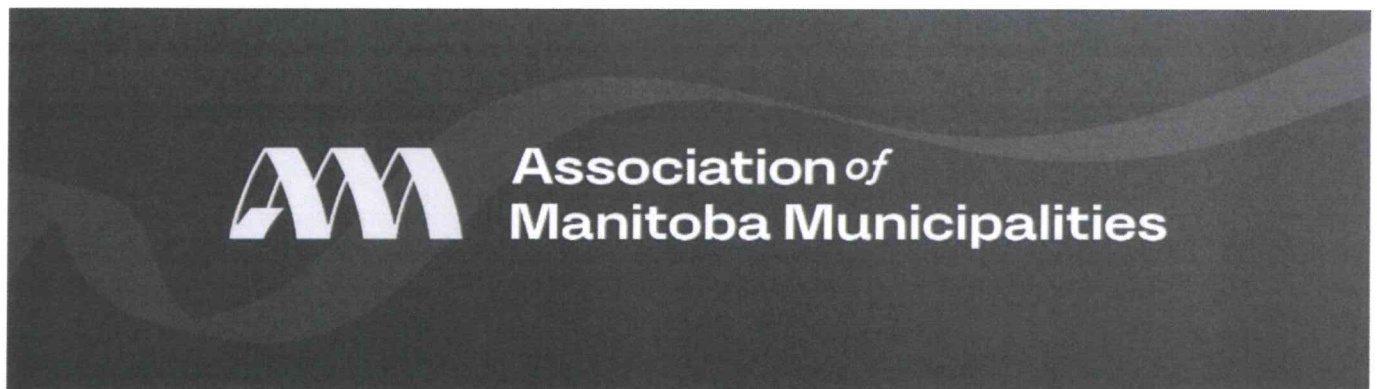
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Member Advisory - 2026 Provincial Budget

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Member Advisory

2026 Provincial Budget



AMM President Kathy Valentino speaking with media at the Manitoba Legislature following the reading of Budget 2026.

March 25, 2026 – Please be advised that the provincial government has tabled **Budget 2026**.

The AMM appreciates the additional 2% increase to municipal operating and public safety basket funding. We also welcome the One Manitoba Growth Fund, first introduced last year, which will provide \$62 million over five years, including \$12.6 million allocated this year—an increase of \$200,000. While these investments are positive, we look forward to continuing discussions with the Province on modernizing the current funding model to better support growth across all regions of Manitoba.

However, we are disappointed that both the Strategic Infrastructure (Capital) Basket and the Manitoba Water Services Board's budget (MWSB) have remained **frozen** for a second consecutive year. Municipalities have identified more than 300 shovel-ready projects totaling **\$1.35 billion** to support critical water and wastewater infrastructure. This year's budget represents a missed opportunity to invest in these essential projects.

Preliminary highlights for Manitoba municipalities include:

- **2% increase** to both the Municipal Operating Basket and Public Safety Basket.
- **\$12.6 million** through the One Manitoba Growth Revenue Fund—distributed on a per capita basis (previously announced at AMM Fall Convention in November 2024);

- **\$39 million** (4.3% increase) for public safety initiatives to support policing and public safety, enhanced investments in law enforcement to target retail crime and impacts of settled collective agreements. This includes **\$1.2 million** to expand electronic monitoring;
- **\$13.5 million** to the From the Ground Up Grant Program and **\$6.9 million** to the Urban/Hometown Green Team Program, maintained from last year;
- **\$10 million** Churchill Plus Catalyst Fund;
- **\$4 million** commitment in annual funding to preserve Manitoba's aquatic ecosystems and biodiversity through Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) prevention and response, with further details forthcoming;
- **\$1.2 million** to add 19 more firefighters to fight wildfires;
- **\$700,000** increase in annual funding for libraries, bringing the total investment to **\$9.6 million**;
- **\$459,000** to hire four more conservation officers;
- \$100 increase to the Homeowners Affordability Tax Credit starting in 2027, bringing the total to **\$1,700**, applicable only to qualified homes;
- **\$1 billion** (10.3% increase) for Health, Seniors, and Long-Term Care, including **\$6.3 million** to recruit more doctors to rural Manitoba; and
- New Economic Development Agency (EDA) to support economic development across all regions, providing single-window access to programs, services, and business supports.

The AMM will continue to emphasize the importance of investing in infrastructure that sustains growth, attracts business, and ensures the long-term viability of communities across Manitoba. At a time of economic uncertainty and geopolitical pressure, strategic investment in municipalities is essential to supporting the province's overall growth and economic strength.

AMM pre-Budget Submission

Province of Manitoba press release

Link to Budget 2026 documents

It is important to note that these are preliminary observations from this year's budget, and additional information will be released in the coming days and weeks.

Sincerely,

Denys Volkov
Executive Director

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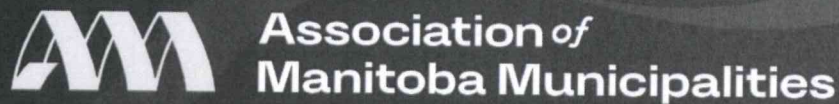
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Date Wed 2026-03-25 2:42 PM

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



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MNR Technical Briefing on Bill 33 (Amendments to *The Planning Act and City of Winnipeg Charter*)

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

March 25, 2026 – Please be advised that an AMM technical briefing on Bill 33 has been scheduled for **April 8th, 2026 from 3:00-4:00pm** and can be accessed from the link below.

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- **Date:** Wednesday, April 8, 2026
- **Time:** 3:00–4:00 PM
- **Platform:** Microsoft Teams
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Member Advisory: MNR-Office of the Fire Commissioner - 2026 Wildfire Season Planning Seminars

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Date Mon 2026-03-30 10:42 AM

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



Member Advisory

Bulletin #2026-11 - Municipal and Northern Relations - Office of the Fire Commissioner - 2026 Wildfire Season Planning Seminars

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

March 30, 2026 – Purpose: Invitation to members of the Manitoba Fire Service (MFS) and local authorities to participate in the Office of the Fire Commissioner's (OFC) 2026 wildfire season planning seminars.

Why Your Attendance Matters: These seminars provide an important opportunity for the MFS and administrators to receive: fire weather forecasting and wildfire hazard information; mitigation and community wildfire protection planning; wildfire and wildland urban interface (WUI) response coordination, training, and mobilization of MFS through the provincial Mutual Aid System; and improvements to the reimbursement policy and procedures.

This content is tailored specifically to the operational needs of fire departments and local administrators and is intended to complement the Manitoba Emergency Management Organization (EMO) seminars.

Seminar Agenda:

- Manitoba Wildfire Service (MWS) Information:
 - Weather Outlook
 - Wildfire Information – Fire Hazard Maps
- Burning and Travel Restrictions (Provincial and Municipal)
- Wildfire/WUI Response Training for the MFS
- Municipal Request for Support/Resources
- Provincial Request for MFS Resources
 - OFC Wildfire/WUI Response Guidelines
 - Municipal/Community Reimbursement
- FireSmart and Community Wildfire Protection Planning
- Exposure Assessments
- FireSmart Considerations
- MFS Resource Availability Planning
- Review of 2025 Wildfire Season After Action Review Highlights

Recommended Attendance: Fire Chiefs and Deputies, Chief Administrative Officers and emergency community personnel.

Seminar Schedule: Seminars will be hosted by the OFC using Microsoft Teams. Seminars will be in the evenings on the same days as the scheduled EMO wildfire emergency management seminars:

- **April 14, 2026, 19:00-20:30**

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/2783792983787?p=euMau1wshkshSAs4pp>

- **April 15, 2026, 19:00-20:30**

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/25021261362022?p=jQFshuiiRByLUan8Pb>

- **April 16, 2026, 19:00-20:30**

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/25204420123855?p=HEWWYdDOroUNyboozk>

Registration: The OFC requests attendees confirm their intent to participate by email to ofcresponse@gov.mb.ca with your name and email address.

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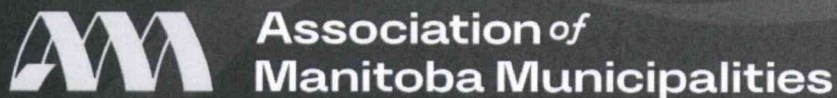
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REMINDER Member Advisory - 2026 AMM June District Resolution Process

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

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



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2026 AMM June District Resolution Process

REMINDER - April 1, 2026 – The 2026 June District Meetings (JDMs) are scheduled for June 9-10 and 15-19.

Call for JDM Resolutions (June 1, 2026 deadline):

Resolutions will be debated during the upcoming JDMs. The deadline for submitting resolutions to the AMM office is **June 1, 2026**.

Submission Requirements:

- Resolutions must be passed by your local Council.
- **NEW EMAIL: A signed, certified copy must be submitted to the Resolutions Team at resolutions@amm.mb.ca by June 1, 2026.**
- Submitting a PDF version via email is sufficient. Please also submit the plain text of the resolution in either an email or Microsoft Word.
- If a municipality wishes to co-sponsor a resolution originating from another municipality, Council must formally endorse the exact same wording as the original resolution and submit a signed, certified copy of that resolution to the Resolutions Team.

NEW: Resolutions Process Changes

Effective this year, please note that the AMM Board of Directors enacted the following process changes:

1. **No Duplicate Active Resolutions:** Identical resolutions will not be accepted at June District Meetings if the same resolution has already passed and is currently being advocated by the AMM.
2. **Cooling-Off Period:** Identically worded resolutions that were defeated cannot be re-submitted for **up to 2 years**. The cooling-off period may be waived if significant new developments change the context (e.g., government change, new legislation, major policy announcement).

Additional Information:

- All districts will be categorized by all seven (7) elected District Resolution Chairs on a virtual meeting in early June following the June 1st submission deadline and before the start of June District Meetings.
- The wording of **any proposed amendment must be provided in writing in advance** to the District Resolutions Chair/Convention Resolutions Chair before debating the resolution. Please click **HERE** for the form. AMM staff will also have copies available at each district meeting.

For more information on resolutions, please review the following resources:

- **2026 Resolutions Seminar Presentation**
- **2026 Resolutions Seminar Recording**
- **JDM Resolutions Process**
- **How to Write a Resolution**
- **Late and Emergent Resolutions**
- **Proposed Amendment Form**

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Official Responses to 2025 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 March 31, 2026:

[Resolution response from MB Municipal and Northern Relations](#)

[Resolution response from MB Housing, Addictions and Homelessness](#)

[Resolution response from MB Justice](#)

[Resolution response from MB Transportation and Infrastructure](#)

[Resolution response from MB Environment & Climate Change](#)

[Resolution response from MB Natural Resources and Indigenous Futures -1](#)
[Resolution response from MB Natural Resources & Indigenous Futures -2](#)
[Resolution response from Public Safety Canada](#)
[Resolution response from Justice Canada](#)

Outstanding responses from:

- MB Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care
- Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada

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

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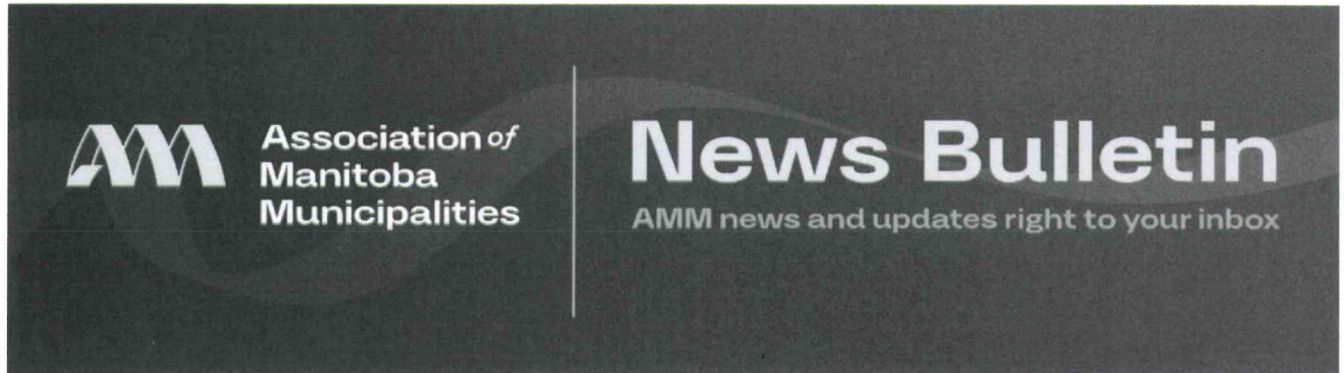
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To Norma Will <adminassist@oakland-wawanesa.ca>



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

Latest Updates

**2026 Spring Convention & Trade Show
REGISTRATON DEADLINE IS APRIL 3,2026**



Registration is now open for the **2026 AMM Spring Convention & Trade Show**, taking place **April 21-23, 2026** at the Keystone Centre in Brandon.

This April, AMM is exploring **Legacy That Lasts** at our annual Spring Convention. As we move toward a time of transition, AMM sets to inspire our provincial leaders to continue forward-thinking by taking action today that will make change for the future.

REGISTER NOW for the 2026 Spring Convention **HERE**.

SECURE YOUR BOOTH for the 2026 Spring Trade Show **HERE**.

2026 Provincial Budget



The AMM appreciates the additional 2% increase to municipal operating and public safety basket funding. We also welcome the One Manitoba Growth Fund, first introduced last year, which will provide \$62 million over five years, including \$12.6 million allocated this year—an increase of \$200,000. While these investments are positive, we look forward to continuing discussions with the Province on modernizing the current funding model to better support growth across all regions of Manitoba.

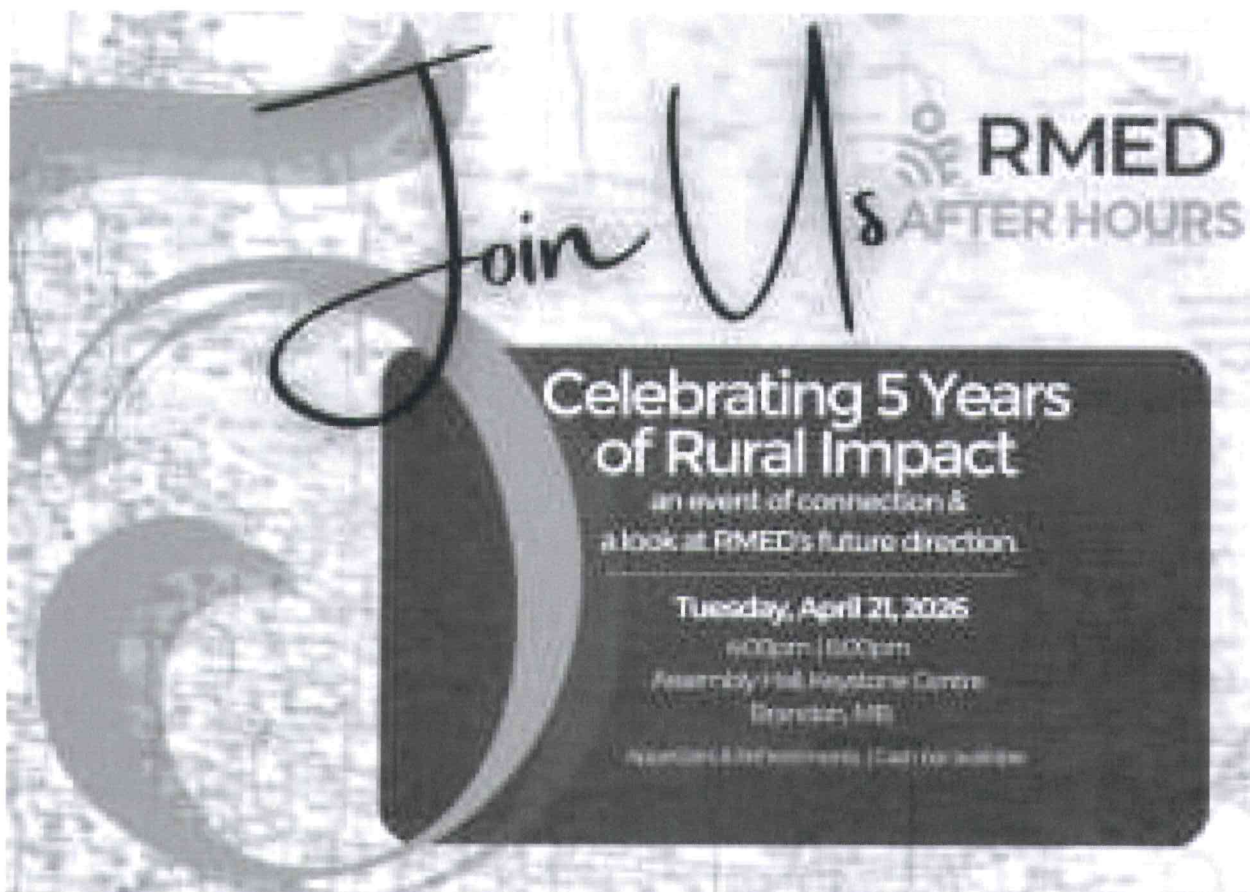
However, we are disappointed that both the Strategic Infrastructure (Capital) Basket and the Manitoba Water Services Board's budget (MWSB) have remained **frozen** for a second consecutive year. Municipalities have identified more than 300 shovel-ready projects totaling

\$1.35 billion to support critical water and wastewater infrastructure. This year's budget represents a missed opportunity to invest in these essential projects.

The AMM will continue to emphasize the importance of investing in infrastructure that sustains growth, attracts business, and ensures the long-term viability of communities across Manitoba. At a time of economic uncertainty and geopolitical pressure, strategic investment in municipalities is essential to supporting the province's overall growth and economic strength.

View Budget Highlights [HERE](#)

You're Invited | RMED After Hours, Celebrating 5 Years of Rural Impact



On behalf of the Rural Manitoba Economic Development Corporation, we are pleased to invite you to ***RMED After Hours, Celebrating 5 Years of Rural Impact***.

Over the past five years, RMED has worked alongside communities, partners, and stakeholders to support economic development across rural Manitoba. As we mark this milestone, we will share what has been achieved, recognize the partnerships that have shaped our work, and highlight what lies ahead.

We will also officially launch our new interactive regional economic profile portal, developed in collaboration with Local intel, designed to support data-informed decision-making and investment readiness for Manitoba economic regions.

Expect an engaging and relaxed evening with peers, featuring light refreshments, conversation, and meaningful connections.

Event Details

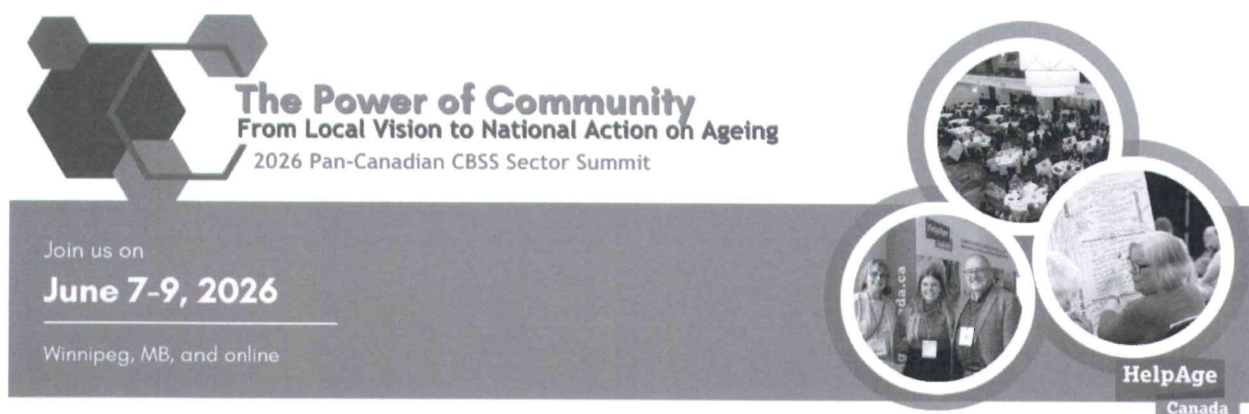
Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2026

Time: 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Location: Keystone Centre, Assembly Hall

RSVP [*Here*](#).

MASC - REGISTRATION OPEN: 2026 Pan-Canadian CBSS Sector Summit - JUNE 7-9



The 2026 Pan-Canadian Community-Based Seniors' Services (CBSS) Sector Summit is bringing together grassroots leaders, advocates, and policymakers from across Canada for powerful conversations, shared learning, and real impact.

Early bird pricing is available until April 15th. Grab your discounted ticket today and join us in building what's next.

[Register Now](#)

You're Invited to Participate in a Survey on the Current State of Accessible Outdoor Spaces in Manitoba

Whether it's creating safer streetscapes, re-imagining bike lanes, or taking a wider approach to designing communities for people of all ages and abilities, let's collaborate to ensure our outdoor spaces are accessible for everyone. Take this survey to share your feedback on the current state of Accessible Outdoor Spaces.

[Take the Survey](#)

[Participez à un sondage!](#)

Survey Closes: April 23, 2026

Additional Ways to Share Your Experiences

If you need assistance taking the survey or would prefer to provide your comments and feedback by speaking directly with someone, please contact the Manitoba Accessibility Office at (204) 945-7613 or by email at MAO@gov.mb.ca.

Creating Accessible Outdoor Spaces

Results from this survey will help guide the development of the Accessible Outdoor Spaces Standard Regulation. This new accessibility standard will aim to create a path for accessible, barrier-free and inclusive outdoor spaces. It will use the principles of universal accessibility to build a Manitoba that is accessible to everyone.

The standard will outline a framework to identify, prevent and remove barriers. It will set minimum technical requirements to guide the design and construction of exterior environments and modifications to existing outdoor constructed spaces. It is not intended to limit the creativity of the design process during planning, construction or maintenance of public infrastructure, but to ensure accessibility remains a top priority.

The Accessible Outdoor Spaces Standard would address the following areas, but is not limited to:

- paths of travel, including pedestrian crossings and recreational trails
- play areas, sports facilities, boat launches, docks and beach routes
- outdoor seating, service counters, permanent washrooms and parking/loading areas

Learn more about the development of the fifth accessibility standard under The Accessibility for Manitobans Act, the Accessible Outdoor Spaces Standard Regulation by visiting AccessibilityMB.ca.

FCM's Board Nominations Are Now Open

Are you motivated by influencing and driving change on a national scale? Are you interested in defining municipal priorities? If so, submit your nomination to join FCM's Board of Directors today! The **nomination process is now open** for those who wish to run for FCM Board of Directors.

FCM's 2026 Annual Conference and Trade Show

Our **2026 Annual Conference and Trade Show** is just around the corner! Thank you for helping us spread the word about this flagship event by promoting it with your members on social media or in your newsletters. Here's an example of a message you can share:

From June 4 to 7 in Edmonton, join your municipal colleagues at FCM's Annual Conference and Trade Show, under the theme Building the Future Together. Connect with municipal experts and partners from across the country who understand your community's realities. This is the must-attend event for influencing the decisions that will shape the future of local governments. **Register by April 23** to take advantage of the Early Bird discount.

FCM's new initiative: Accelerating Circularity in Construction Materials

Funding now available: GMF's Accelerating circularity in construction materials

The Green Municipal Fund is now accepting applications for *Accelerating Circularity in Construction Materials*, a funding and a 2-year peer learning cohort opportunity to help Canadian municipalities reduce construction, renovation and demolition waste and advance circular solutions.

Eligible applicants can apply for up to \$100,000 in grant funding, covering 50% to 80% of eligible costs, and up to 100% for Northern and eligible Indigenous first-time applicants. Applications are open until **June 26, 2026**.

APPLY NOW

Help shape Efficiency Manitoba's 2027-30 Efficiency Plan

We're developing our 2027-30 Efficiency Plan, and we want to hear from you. Your feedback will help inform future initiatives, identify barriers to participation, and improve how we reach Manitobans across the province.

Every response makes a real difference in ensuring our programs reflect the needs and aspirations of the people we serve — you can help shape the future of energy efficiency in Manitoba.

Probe Research is hosting the survey on behalf of Efficiency Manitoba. The survey will be open until **April 21, 2026**.

TAKE THE SURVEY

RRC Polytech-Upcoming Building Code Courses



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Course Descriptions/ More Information:
www.rrc.ca/techsolutions/manitoba-building-code-courses/

Download Course Registration Form at
www.rrc.ca/techsolutions/registration/

Course Questions? Email
techsolutions@rrc.ca

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Upcoming Canoe Procurement Month Webinar Invite



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You're Invited to Canoe University 2026!

Canoe University is a one-day learning and networking event designed specifically for sales professionals in the Canoe supplier network.

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Don't miss this opportunity to sharpen your skills, connect with peers, and take full advantage of the support Canoe offers.

Register [HERE](#).

Municipal Tax Envelopes for the 2026 tax year

This is a friendly reminder to place your order for **Municipal Tax Envelopes for the 2026 tax year**.

Below are the **standard envelope specifications and pricing** for the 2026 program:

2026 Tax Envelope Specifications

- Size: **5 ¾" x 9 ½"**
- Construction: **Open side, side seam**
- Stock: **60 lb Grey Kraft**
- Window: **Special window**
- Printing: **Black ink**
- Packaging: **500 envelopes per box**

Pricing – Minimum order 2500

- **2,500 envelopes – \$1,781.40**
- **5,000 envelopes – \$2,711.00**

To ensure timely production and delivery, we recommend submitting your order as soon as possible. Ordering early helps avoid delays during peak production periods.

If you have already placed your order, thank you — no further action is required.

If you have further questions, please contact:

Catharine Beattie (she/her)

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Snow may still be falling, but we're springing ahead with our next issue of the Municipal Leader.

This edition features a comprehensive preview of our upcoming Spring Convention, everything you need to know is here, including registration details. Be sure to register before the deadline! With our theme, Legacy That Lasts, this year's Convention offers something for everyone, come be part of the conversation and make an impact.

You'll also find articles from the Manitoba Emergency Management Organization (EMO) on the wildfire after-action review process, updates on the Manitoba government's land use planning action plan, insights on building asset management capacity, and more.

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PETER KENYON

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May 2026
09:00 AM
04:00 PM

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Creative Communities
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Registration open from
March 16th - May 4th
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DON'T MISS THIS: COMMUNITY BUILDERS WORKSHOP COMING TO SHOAL LAKE

Registration Now Open | May 11, 2026 | Prairie Mountain Regional Museum, Shoal Lake

Community Futures Westman is excited to announce the 2026 Community Builders Workshop Series, and this year's event is one you won't want to miss.

On May 11th, 2026, we are bringing internationally recognized community development expert Peter Kenyon to Shoal Lake for a full-day workshop exploring Creative Communities and the Experience Economy.

WHAT IS THE EXPERIENCE ECONOMY AND WHY DOES IT MATTER TO YOUR COMMUNITY?

The experience economy is reshaping how consumers spend their time and money. Rather than simply buying products or services, today's customers are increasingly seeking out meaningful experiences and the communities and businesses that understand this are thriving.

This workshop will dig into what that means in practical terms for our region: from tourism and hospitality to retail, artisan businesses, and small-scale manufacturing. Whether you are a business owner, economic development officer, municipal leader, or community champion, this day is designed for you.

MEET THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER: PETER KENYON

Peter Kenyon is a globally respected figure in community development, known for his work helping rural and regional communities unlock their creative potential and build stronger local economies. He brings real-world examples, contagious enthusiasm, and a genuine belief in the power of communities to shape their own futures.

HOW TO REGISTER

Registration is open from March 16th to May 4th, 2026. Spots are limited, so we encourage you to register early.

Register here: [Creative Communities and the Experience Economy with Peter Kenyon - May 11, 2026](#)

For more information, contact us at:

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Event Date	May 11, 2026 - 9:00 am
Event End Date	May 11, 2026 - 4:00 pm

Registration Start Date	March 16, 2026
Capacity	25
Cut Off Date	May 04, 2026
Individual Price	\$49.00
Location	Prairie Mountain Regional Museum

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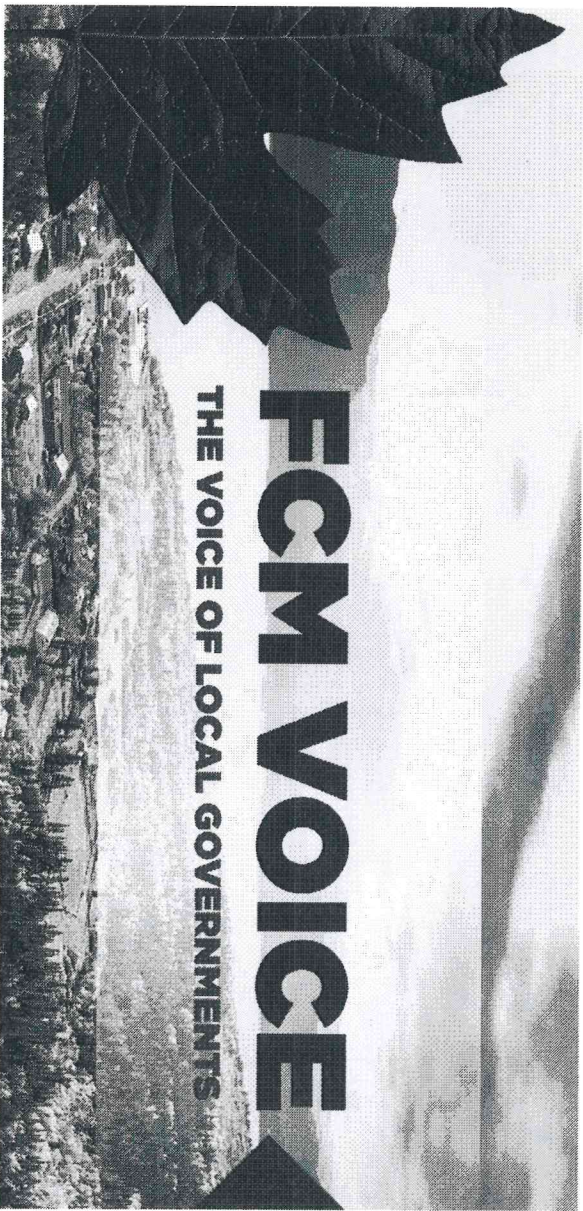
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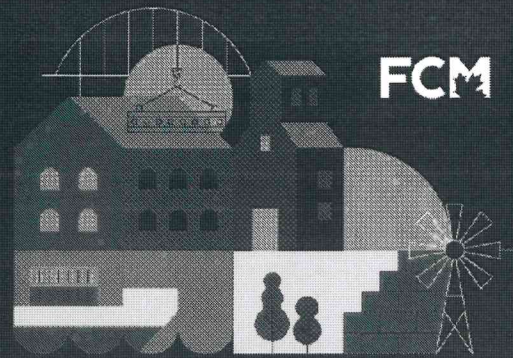
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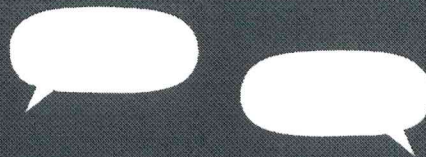
Women leaders recognized in Sri Lanka

As part of the PMI-WILL project, funded by Global Affairs Canada, women leaders in Sri Lanka were celebrated during the Abhimani 2026 Awards, organized by our partner the Federation of Sri Lankan Local Government Authorities, to mark International Women's Day.

In her remarks, Isabella Martin, Canada's High Commissioner to Sri Lanka and the Maldives, highlighted historic milestones for women in leadership while emphasizing the need to further strengthen women's political representation and participation. The ceremony recognized women mayors, chairpersons, councillors, administrators and civil society leaders advancing inclusive local governance.

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Pulse check



Does your municipality plan on submitting a proposal for consideration to the **Trade Corridors Diversification Fund** or the **Arctic Infrastructure Fund**?

We want to hear from you.

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EVENTS

Mentorship in action: reflections from women in local leadership

Strong local governance depends on strong leadership, and mentorship is one of the most effective tools for cultivating it. Organized by the Partnerships for Municipal Innovation–Women in Local Leadership (PMI-WILL) initiative, a FCM project funded by Global Affairs, this webinar will spotlight mentorship as a strategic driver of women’s political participation and leadership advancement. Speakers will share insights and lived experiences from Sri Lanka, Zambia, and Benin, highlighting how mentorship models are advancing women’s leadership in different governance contexts. Join us on March 25 at 8 a.m. (ET).

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Planning for thermal energy networks: a municipal guide

Municipalities across Canada are advancing thermal energy networks (TENS) to lower energy costs, reduce emissions and strengthen local resilience. TENS use shared infrastructure to heat and cool buildings efficiently, delivering scalable, community-scale energy solutions.

Join us on March 26 at 2 p.m. (ET) for a practical session designed to strengthen your municipality’s capacity to implement thermal energy networks. Experts and climate advisors will connect insights to real municipal experience including business case development, resource assessment, municipal roles and funding pathways.

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FCM IN THE NEWS

» **'It's outright degrading': Regina councillor speaks out on treatment of women in municipal politics | Global News**

As part of International Women's Day on March 8, Global News highlighted the challenges women in municipal politics continue to face, such as harassment and degrading comments. The reporter interviewed several women who serve as elected officials, including FCM President Rebecca Bligh.

» **Canada announces nearly \$1B in defence investment with Bombardier | CTV News**

Last week, the federal government announced over \$900 million for defence innovation in Canada as part of Canada's Defence Industrial Strategy, which will focus on supporting local production, doubling Canada's defence exports, and creating 125,000 new jobs over the next decade.

» **Rural leaders gathered in Regina for the annual SARM convention | CTV News**

Saskatchewan's rural leaders gathered in Regina for the annual Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM) convention, where topics such as fuel costs and government policies were discussed. SARM President Bill Huber pointed out that rising gasoline prices, especially considering the conflict in the Middle East, are an issue affecting all members across the province.

» **Price tag pegged at \$49B for Calgary's capital infrastructure needs over next decade | CBC News**

The City of Calgary estimates that it will require \$49 billion over the next decade to build, replace and maintain municipal infrastructure, including roads, bridges, rail lines and water supply networks.

RESOURCES

Funding to tap into the power of trees

Apply for up to \$10M to plant new trees in your community. New trees are essential to improving quality of life for all Canadians, delivering shade and shelter that lowers community energy bills, improves public health and increases resilience to floods and extreme heat. Our tree planting funding supports projects in communities of all sizes.

To ensure your community receives the most value from its planting project, you can also apply for up to \$175,000 in funding to update a tree planting strategy, develop a new urban forestry policy, or analyze canopy cover. Build on the work you're doing with our funding, coaching and resources.

- » [APPLY FOR TREE PLANTING FUNDING BY JUNE 16](#)
- » [APPLY FOR URBAN FORESTRY PLANS AND STUDIES FUNDING BY APRIL 15](#)

Helping residents achieve home-energy savings

Rural municipalities are making energy upgrades more affordable for homeowners, helping them save money on utility bills and cut emissions.

In the Heiltsuk Nation, BC, homeowners are replacing oil furnaces with electric heat pumps to improve comfort and save an average of \$1,500/year, and in the town of Rocky Mountain House, AB, homeowners are completing cost-effective retrofits that will save them about \$800/year on utilities.

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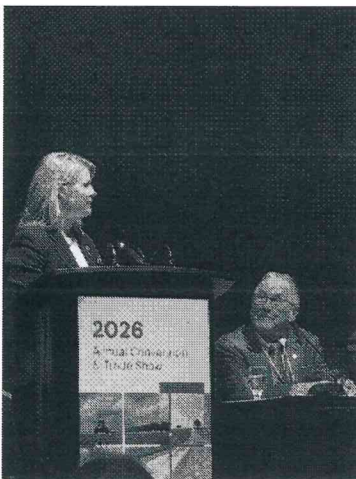
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Nominations are open for our FCM Awards! Help us celebrate outstanding leadership and innovation in local leadership across Canada and abroad. Award recipients will be celebrated at our 2026 Annual Conference and Trade Show, taking place June 4-7 in Edmonton. Nominations are open for FCM members. The deadline is April 7.

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Canadian communities are going through an intense period of change. In Saskatchewan, and across the country, municipalities of all sizes are stepping up to strengthen Canada's economic resilience, support national defense and keep international trade moving.

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Local governments bring a measure of certainty when the world does not, and we will keep putting forward solutions that deliver for Canadians." - FCM President Rebecca Bligh

More on last week's Board of Directors meeting in St. John's

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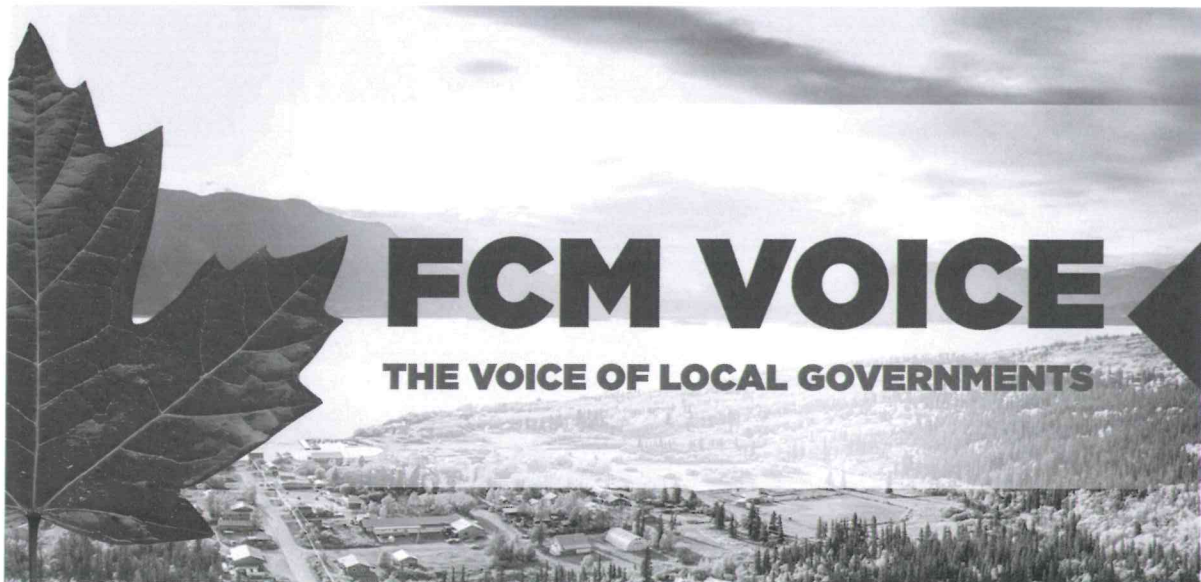
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Level up your learning with AC2026's workshops

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Municipal leaders are driving the local solutions and innovations that improve Canadian's daily lives. Join us at FCM's Annual Conference and Trade Show in Edmonton from June 4-7, where you can attend a wide range of workshops that offer practical tools you can put to work in your community. Explore sessions on infrastructure planning, housing strategies, equity and inclusion, visitor tourism growth, disaster prevention, social media strategies and so much more. With workshops tailored to your local realities, you'll be sure to return home with fresh insights and renewed momentum to continue driving progress.

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NEWS

FCM urges doubling of Community stream of BCSF to strengthen Canada's economic resilience

Last week, as the federal government announced an investment of \$183M for public transit in Toronto via the Community stream of the new Build Communities Strong Fund (BCSF), FCM took the opportunity to highlight the importance of this proven, cost-effective funding stream. Formerly known as the Canada Community Building Fund, the Community stream is essential to renewing the vital municipal infrastructure that supports our trade and economy.

However, the scale of infrastructure renewal that is necessary must be recognized. That's why FCM is recommending doubling the funding for the Community stream and indexing it to GDP, so we can truly meet the full extent of Canada's ambition and infrastructure needs.

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FCM Board elections: Nominations open

Are you also interested in making a difference in your municipality and others across Canada? FCM is currently accepting nominations for its Board of Directors. Submit by May 17 for a director or a table officer position.

This year, elections for FCM's Board of Directors will take place during our **Annual Conference and Trade Show** from June 4-7 2026 in Edmonton. More details on the nomination process, **election changes** taking effect this year and all required submissions are available online.

» [SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION TODAY](#)

Deadline to renew your FCM membership is coming up

There is still time to renew your 2026–2027 FCM membership and access its full benefits. For 125 years, FCM has delivered results by amplifying local voices in Ottawa and driving national progress. Whether it's strengthening rural connectivity or supporting northern infrastructure, we're advancing priorities that matter most to your communities. Let's continue to strengthen local leadership from coast to coast to coast, together.

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EVENTS

Planning for thermal energy networks: a municipal guide

Planning thermal energy networks (TENs) in your municipality? TENs help municipalities reduce energy costs, balance heating and cooling across buildings, and strengthen local energy resilience.

Join our webinar on Thursday, March 26, at 2 p.m. ET to learn practical steps for feasibility assessment, municipal roles, and engagement with partners. Experts and climate advisors will share real-world examples, funding guidance and governance tips.

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Advancing Reconciliation in urban forestry

Municipalities can play an important role in incorporating Indigenous knowledge systems, build long-term trust and address broader social and environmental injustices that exist within the urban forestry landscape. Join us for Advancing Reconciliation in urban forestry, an in-person workshop in Peterborough, ON, from May 12-13. This workshop will help you gather Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and learn about its applications in urban forestry, discover culturally significant tree species and Indigenous stewardship practices, explore collaborative models for planning and decision-making and more. Apply before April 9, 2026.

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FCM IN THE NEWS

» **The Hill Times' Top 100 Lobbyists in 2026 | The Hill Times**

The Hill Times and *The Lobby Monitor* released their yearly top 100 lobbyist list, which includes FCM's CEO Carole Saab.

» **Carney announces \$35B for defence, infrastructure in Canada's North | CBC News**

The federal government has announced \$35 billion to expand Canada's military footprint in the North and Arctic, as well as to improve civilian infrastructure.

» **FCM challenges federal closure of research stations | The Graphic Leader**

With the work of Joe Masi, Portage la Prairie city councillor and Manitoba Director for the FCM board, FCM is launching a national advocacy strategy to oppose the federal government's decision to close agricultural research stations in Western Canada.

» **Alberta reviewing plan on forcing oil companies to pay outstanding municipal taxes | Global News**

Alberta may soon require oil and gas companies to keep on top of their municipal property tax payments if they want to keep producing. It's one of the proposals released recently in a report by the Rural Municipalities of Alberta and the province. Unpaid property taxes by some in the energy industry are a long-standing issue, with Alberta's rural communities owing more than \$250 million as of last year.

RESOURCES

Toolkit: making better flood decisions, sooner

Flooding is already affecting municipal infrastructure, service delivery and long-term budgets. The Community Flood Resilience Toolkit helps elected officials and senior staff understand where flood risks are most likely to disrupt their community and what response options are available. It supports clearer prioritization, stronger project rationale and more informed decisions before investments are made. It also helps municipal teams move from awareness of flood risks to more confident action.

» [EXPLORE THE TOOLKIT](#)

Future energy, circular solutions: How communities are redefining local energy resilience

Rising energy costs, extreme weather and aging infrastructure are challenging communities across Canada. With support from Green Municipal Fund through the Community Energy Systems and Organic Waste-to Energy funding offers, municipalities are adopting practical solutions focusing on systems such as district energy, solar installations, geo-exchange networks, waste-heat recovery and organic waste-to-energy projects.

Explore how GMF funding can help your municipality turn local energy challenges into success stories and replicate proven approaches to create new opportunities.

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GMF's impact in the Prairies: Supporting local success stories

From agriculture to energy and everything in between, municipalities across the Prairies are a major contributor to Canada's economy. With aging infrastructure and increasing maintenance costs, municipalities are seeking sustainable, cost-effective solutions.

Discover inspiring success stories from across the region and learn how sustainable building and infrastructure upgrades could benefit your community.

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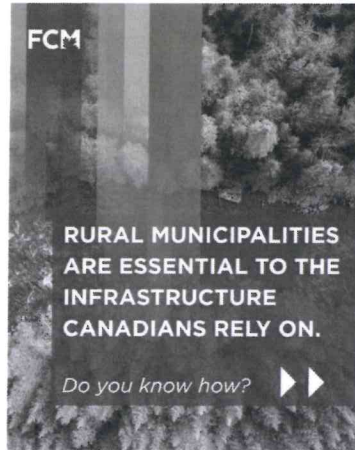
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Canada is experiencing intense change and in Alberta and across the country, rural municipalities are meeting the moment on trade, economic resilience and more.

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Budget 2025 had few commitments to grow rural Canada. With the Spring Economic Update around the corner, strong investment in rural infrastructure is essential to economic growth and community wellbeing.

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FCM welcomes the federal government's generational investments in the North and Arctic. Strengthening Canada's defence posture and enabling nation-building infrastructure in the North is critical for sovereignty and security. Equally important are investments in local infrastructure and wellbeing for communities across this region.

Local leaders are calling for multi-use investments that enable their communities to deliver services, boost economies and enable full partnership to defend Canada's sovereignty. Local capacity is national sovereignty.

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AC2026: Prairie and Northern voices shaping Canada's future

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Prairie and territorial municipal leaders will find forward-looking, solutions-driven learning opportunities at AC2026. Start with the ***Building Canada's future: Infrastructure, housing and economic insights*** workshop where a dynamic panel explores how municipal leaders can collaborate with industry, private finance, other orders of government and their own teams to accelerate community building.

Then join ***How satellite technology is advancing cellular and internet connectivity for rural communities, and enabling enhanced safety for government employees and remote solutions for critical infrastructure management***. This workshop showcases how expanded satellite coverage is strengthening emergency services, enabling remote infrastructure monitoring and improving connectivity across rural, remote and Indigenous regions.

And that's just the beginning! Discover even more workshops tailored to your needs on our website. Join us in Edmonton and help shape Canada's municipal future—let's build the future together.

» [BROWSE OUR AC2026 WORKSHOPS](#)

NEWS

This morning, the federal government unveiled details on the new **Build Communities Strong Fund**, the primary vehicle for federal infrastructure funding. Stay tuned for an advocacy update from FCM on this announcement.

Federal government announces renewal of Building Safer Communities Fund

Last week, the federal government announced up to \$157.5M over three years to replenish the successful Building Safer Communities Fund, a critical program that helps municipalities across the country advance community-based efforts to address the root causes of gun and gang violence.

This investment responds to FCM's advocacy for crime prevention programming that helps keep young people away from gangs, drugs and violence. Community-led, upstream interventions are essential to supporting at-risk youth, meeting local needs and stopping gun crime and gang violence before it starts.

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EVENTS

What to do about the resilience infrastructure funding gap

Municipalities are on the front lines of climate change and know what it takes to build climate resilience. Join FCM, Addenda Capital and Co-operators on April 23 at 12 p.m. (ET) to explore Co-operators' Resilience Acceleration Lab—an innovative investing initiative designed to help Canadian municipalities finance climate-resilient infrastructure. Hear how other municipal leaders are thinking creatively about resilience projects, including how to address the growing infrastructure gap, and how this resource can help you move towards climate resilient communities and economies.

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FCM IN THE NEWS

» [Canada Post says it will move ahead with plan to end home delivery | Global News](#)

Canada Post has announced it will proceed with its modernization plan, which will cease door-to-door mail delivery across the country and result in the closure of some post offices.

» [Better transit makes our cities stronger: These cuts won't help | Toronto Sun](#)

Columnist Mark Wessel's op-ed about the importance of the Canadian Public Transit Fund, where he says, "Unsurprisingly, FCM and mayors from leading cities across the country have also publicly asked the Carney government to reinstate the \$5 billion cut."

» [Ottawa launches consultation on national anti-fraud strategy | CityNews](#)

The federal government announced that it will conduct consultations over the next four weeks on a national strategy to combat economic crime activities targeting Canadians and businesses.

» [Cochrane Mayor pushes premier to expand off-site levies for growth infrastructure | CochraneNow](#)

The City of Cochrane will introduce a resolution at the Alberta Municipalities Association's fall convention, urging the province to grant municipalities greater flexibility in charging developers for growth-related infrastructure.

RESOURCES

Funding now available: GMF's Accelerating circularity in construction materials offer

The Green Municipal Fund (GMF) is now accepting applications for *Accelerating Circularity in Construction Materials*, a funding and a 2-year peer learning cohort opportunity to help Canadian municipalities reduce construction, renovation and demolition waste and advance circular solutions.

Eligible applicants can apply for up to \$100,000 in grant funding, covering 50% to 80% of eligible costs, and up to 100% for Northern and eligible Indigenous first-time applicants. Applications are open until June 26.

Want to learn more? [Register for our webinar](#) on Thursday, April 16 at 2 p.m. (ET).

» **APPLY NOW**

Case study: How Kitchener is scaling up its urban canopy cover

With support from GMF's Growing Canada's Community Canopies initiative, the City of Kitchener, ON, has embarked on a transformative journey to expand its tree canopy and ensure all residents receive the benefits of trees. Watch the video case study to learn about the ambitious journey to plant more than 19,000 trees and build a greener and healthier community for all residents.

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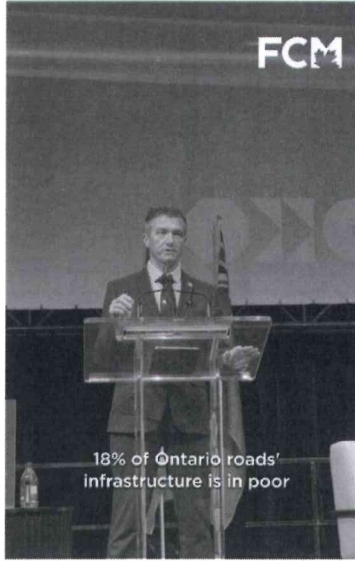


Monday's announcement shows governments working together to reduce the cost of housing construction and build more homes.

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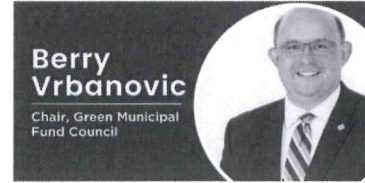
Municipal development charges pay for the local infrastructure that enables housing. As municipalities work to reduce fees, municipal revenue must be fully replaced so that local governments can continue investing in infrastructure. FCM is concerned about how this will be achieved in Ontario through today's announcement, and elsewhere as new agreements emerge.

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Our call to the federal government is clear: we must reinvest in the vital infrastructure that supports or economy and trade.

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FCM is pleased to welcome Kitchener Mayor Berry Vrbanovic as Chair of the Green Municipal Fund (GMF) Council, effective April 1.

With more than three decades of municipal leadership and a strong track record in sustainability, Mayor Vrbanovic brings the experience and momentum needed to help GMF continue delivering innovative, scalable solutions that strengthen local economies, create jobs and advance climate priorities.

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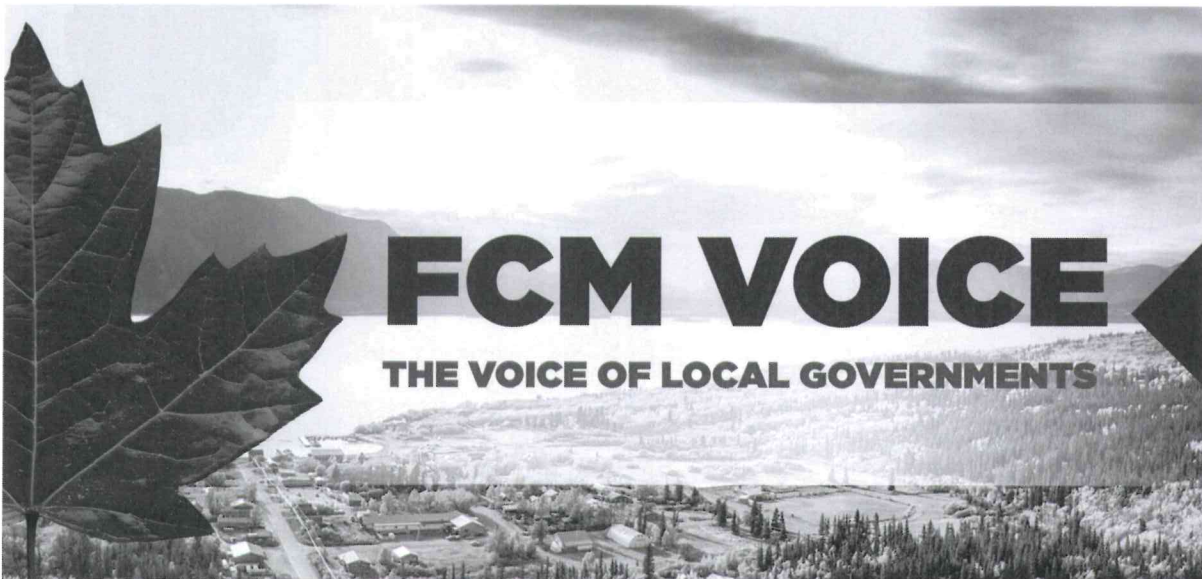
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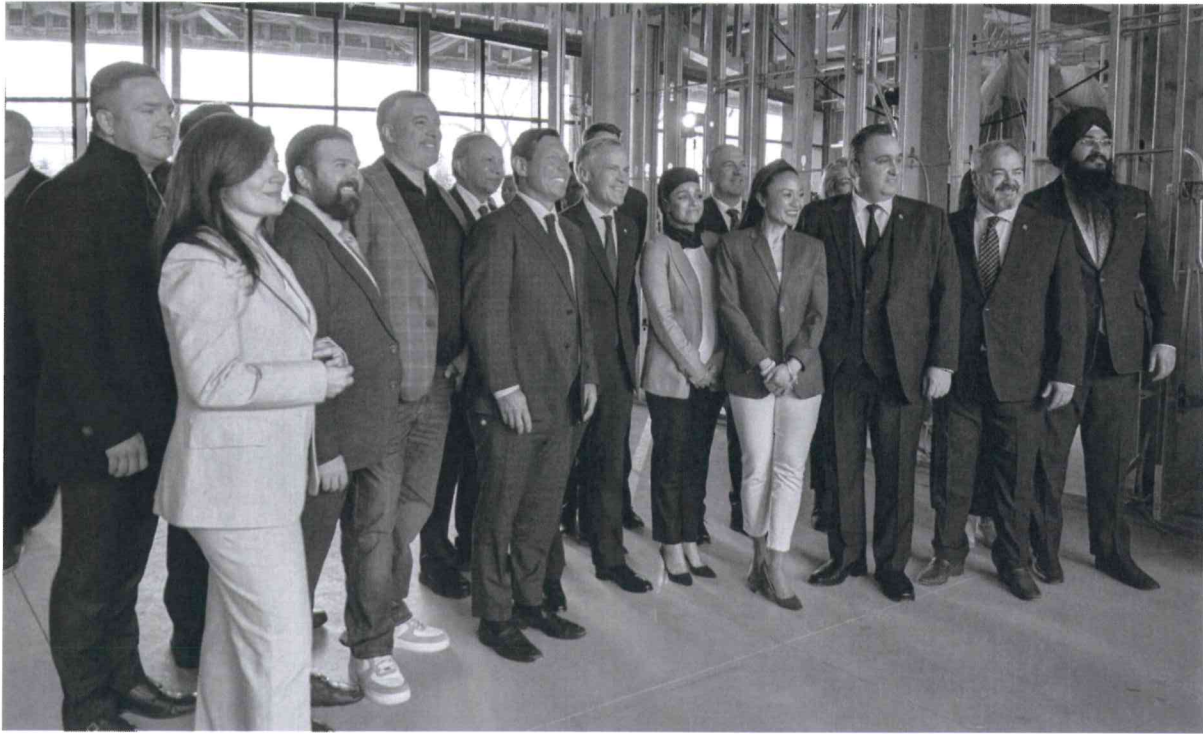
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Advocacy update: Build Communities Strong Fund



Last week, FCM welcomed the federal government's official launch of the Build Communities Strong Fund (BCSF). BCSF is the primary vehicle for delivering much-needed infrastructure funding across Canada and shows what can be accomplished when federal and local governments work together to deliver results for Canadians this construction season.

FCM continues to call for dedicated infrastructure funding for rural and northern municipalities and for the Community Stream of the BCSF (formerly the Canada Community-Building Fund) to be increased and indexed to GDP, providing stable, long-term investment certainty so municipalities can plan, tender and build faster.

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NEWS

Building the future together through connection

From June 4-7, municipal leaders will gather in Edmonton for FCM's 2026 Annual Conference and Trade Show—where the power of connection comes to life. Our signature event is where conversations spark ideas, relationships are built and collaboration takes root. From receptions and the FCM Hub to the Trade Show floor, delegates connect through shared moments like a film night featuring *Thinking Beyond the Market* and the closing plenary with Zita Cobb, founder of the Fogo Island Inn and a leader in place-based economic development. At AC2026, every experience brings local leaders together and strengthens Canada's municipal community at a pivotal time. Register before April 23 to take advantage of Early Bird pricing!

» REGISTER NOW

DEADLINE APPROACHING: Survey on trade uncertainty and tariffs

Experiencing economic pressures from ongoing trade negotiations and tariffs measures? FCM wants to know how Canadian communities are coping with trade uncertainty. Your insights will provide governmental decision-makers with local examples of the impacts communities are experiencing, the resilience strategies they are pursuing, and how they coordinate with governments and business communities. Please take this survey led by the Lawrence National Centre for Policy and Management (Ivey Business School) and the City of London by April 15.

» TAKE THE SURVEY

EVENTS

Prepare or Repair: How climate proofing public infrastructure pays off

Join us on April 16 at 1 p.m. (ET) for a virtual briefing on the Canadian Climate Institute's recent report: *Prepare or Repair: How climate proofing public infrastructure pays off*. Climate change is taking a toll on Canada's aging roads, bridges, storm sewers, and water treatment systems—and those pressures are set to intensify. Prepare or Repair estimates how changing climate conditions—including extreme heat, heavy rainfall, and select flooding impacts—will affect the cost of maintaining and renewing public infrastructure across Canada, and outlines how all orders of government can take action to advance public infrastructure adaptation.

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GMF's Accelerating circularity in construction materials offer

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FCM IN THE NEWS

» **Carney unveils early infrastructure spending plan | The National | CBC**
Prime Minister Mark Carney recently launched the Build Communities Strong Fund, which will provide nationwide infrastructure funding. FCM President Rebecca Bligh said the announcement "is a welcome signal that the federal government is recognizing how essential this local infrastructure is."

» **Feds to extend initiative to reduce homelessness with \$125M investment | CityNews**

The federal government announced it will extend the Unsheltered Homelessness and Encampments Initiative, which will invest \$125 million across the country.

» **Infrastructure funding: Is the federal government supporting enough? | OHdio | Radio-Canada**

FCM's Third Vice-President Marc Doret spoke with Rudy Desjardins of *Panorama* to discuss the impact of the new \$51 billion Build Communities Strong Fund on Canadian municipalities, highlighting the urgency of action to address the infrastructure deficit.

» **Ottawa announces millions for Northern projects as it rolls out national infrastructure plan | CBC News**

The federal government recently announced millions for three northern projects as part of the rollout of the new Build Communities Strong Fund. Iqaluit will receive \$108 million for a major expansion of water infrastructure. Hay River will get \$20 million for a new water treatment plant, and Whitehorse will be allocated \$8.7 million for a bike path connecting Whistle Bend and the downtown core.

RESOURCES

Funding to tap into the power of trees

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ParticipACTION invites municipalities to make room to move in June! Every year, hundreds of communities across Canada join the Community Challenge and make local history. To learn how to rally your residents and track your community's participation, attend webinars on April 22 (English) and April 23 (French) from 1–2 p.m. (ET).

Sign up early for a chance to win \$500! Registration opens April 15.

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“It’s a welcome signal that the federal government is recognizing how essential local infrastructure is.” - FCM President @rebeccaleeblich on yesterday’s announcement.

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Public infrastructure is the roads, bridges, and pipes that move people and goods, keep businesses running, and make new housing possible. It is Canada’s economic backbone and a practical foundation for growth, trade and everyday life.

FCM welcomes the federal government’s launch of the Build Communities Strong Fund (BCSF), which signals a growing recognition that local infrastructure is essential to delivering for Canadians.

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FCM CEO Carole Saab, in her role as Secretary General of the United Cities and Local Governments North American section, joined Kitchener Mayor Berry Vrbanovic, Co-President of United Cities and Local Governments for the #UCLGMeets Executive Bureau in Mexico City this week.

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Development on Class 6 & 7 Soils - Resolution & Update

From Ashley Haigh <ashley@triwave.ca>
Date Thu 2026-04-09 4:45 PM
To Ashley Haigh <ashley@triwave.ca>

 1 attachment (790 KB)
Resolution #19-2025.pdf;

Good afternoon!

It has been a while since my last update. Since then, the resolution (attached) which you have all expressed interest in, supported, and voted for passed with more support than I've seen any resolution pass within recent years!

I have spoken with the drainage department since the resolution was submitted to them. They have indicated that an official response is in review - to be issued soon. I have been told that they intend to request more information from RM's regarding specifically where they are encountering developmental restrictions so that the drainage department may better understand the impacts. If the response from the department aligns with what I've been told, please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you would like assistance in compiling this information for their review.

I have persistently been working towards arranging a meeting with the Minister of Environment to further discuss the legality of internal policies within the drainage and water works branch. While this has been an agonizingly slow process, I anticipate a meeting to be set within the next month. I will provide another update then! If you wish to be removed from this email chain, please send me a request.

Thanks,

 	Ashley Haigh, P.Eng. Engineering Manager Tri-Wave Construction Ltd. Trenchworks Ltd. Waverly Developments Office: 204-728-3669 Cell: 204-761-7025
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 [Chat with me in Teams](#)

From: Ashley Haigh a.haigh@bmce.ca
Sent: June 23, 2025 10:11 AM
To: ashley@triwave.ca
Cc: Ashley Haigh a.haigh@bmce.ca
Subject: New Contact Information - Class 6 & 7 Soils

Good morning,

I have accepted a new job opportunity and will no longer be employed at Burns Maendel Consulting Engineers after June 30th, 2025. The Class 6 & 7 soils resolution has been a personal project of mine and will continue to be after I move on. Please direct any future inquiries to ashley@triwave.ca. My cell phone number is 204-761-7025. I am happy to answer any questions you may have and continue working on this process.

Regards,

Ashley Haigh, P.Eng.
Civil Engineer



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*Summer Hours beginning June 2nd, 2025:
Monday-Thursday: 7am to 5pm
Friday: 8am to 12pm*



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From: Ashley Haigh
Sent: April 30, 2025 3:58 PM
To: Ashley Haigh a.haigh@bmce.ca
Subject: Drainage Restrictions to Development - Proposed Resolution for June AMM's District Meetings

Good afternoon,

Further to my email on Monday, please see the attached proposed resolution for consideration and approval by your council members.

If this is a resolution you choose to pass, please see the below instructions for the resolution to be submitted to AMM:

Submission Requirements:

- Resolutions must be passed by your local Council.
- A signed, certified copy must be submitted to **AMM Senior Policy Analyst Stefanie Vieira** at svieira@amm.mb.ca before **June 1, 2025**.
- Submitting a PDF version via email is sufficient. Please also submit the plain text of the resolution in either an email or Microsoft Word.

I have attached both a PDF version and a plain text version for your reference.

I can be available to answer any questions or provide further clarification if needed! Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Regards,

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From: Ashley Haigh
Sent: April 28, 2025 2:49 PM
To: Ashley Haigh a.haigh@bmce.ca
Subject: Drainage Restrictions to Development - Proposed Resolution for June AMM's District Meetings

Good afternoon,

I am writing to you all today to discuss an 'internal policy' that the Drainage and Water Rights Licensing Branch has adopted that halts the development of certain types of land. In my job as a civil engineer, I frequently come across this issue and have taken it upon myself to request accountability and justification for this 'internal policy' from the Branch and have received none to-date. Furthermore, the currently published Act's and Regulation's do not restrict development in the manner that the 'internal policy' is being enforced.

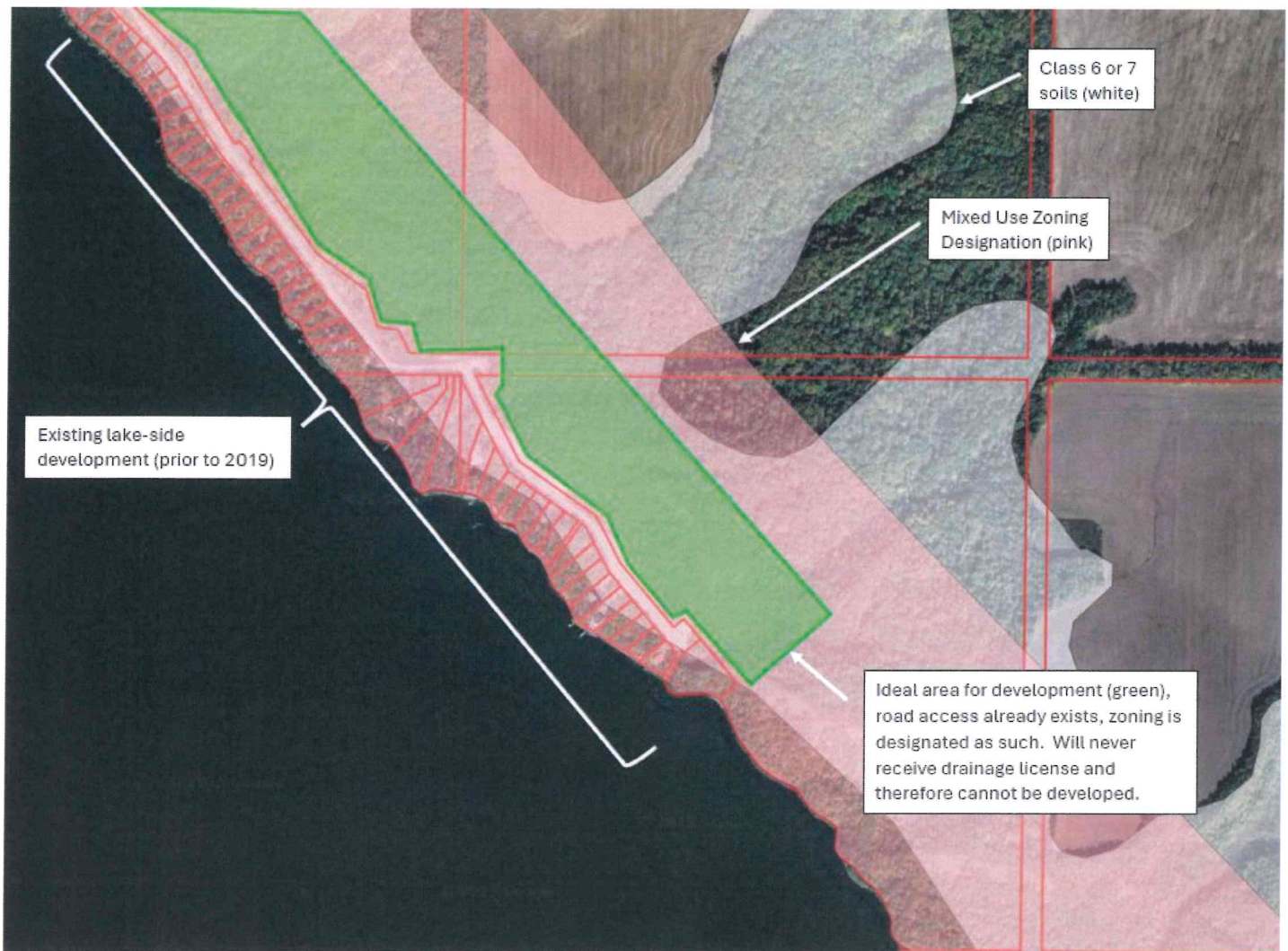
I have been in contact with many of the Municipalities included in this email over the last 3 months to discuss the details of what this 'internal policy' is, what it means, and how it affects them. Many of you are concerned and have expressed a desire to pass a resolution regarding this matter and submit said resolution for consideration at the June AMM District Meetings.

I would like to update you all and let you know that a draft resolution has been written, the final resolution will be distributed this week for your review and consideration. I hope this is provided in enough time to have these resolutions passed and submitted prior to the June 1st deadline.

I have also included in this email, Municipalities which I have not reached out to previously about this matter. You may be lost and wanting some background on what I'm talking about.

- In 2019 the Drainage and Water Rights Licensing Branch implemented an 'internal policy' stating "the drainage of Class 6 and 7 soils cannot be approved".
- Class 6 and 7 soils are defined to be poorly suited soils for agricultural practices (forested, sandy & gravely areas, saline soils, high groundwater table, stony, sloping soils, and wetlands and marshes) – maps of the locations of these soils can be found on AgriMaps.
 - Please note, the development of wetlands and marshes is already restricted under the Water Right Regulation, however many other soil types in Class 6 and 7 categories can be developed.
- Most of these areas are considered desirable for development of rural subdivisions, cottages, lakeside residence and recreation, campgrounds, etc. and have already been designated/zoned as such within your municipalities.
- The branch is denying any drainage licenses on these types of soils, which means that if these areas have not already been developed or licenced, they will never be approved for subdivision or development.
- This also affects lands which have not been zoned for development but may have been planned for development in the future.
- I have contacted the most affected Municipalities in the province and have been met with confusion and concern – prompting coordination to generate a resolution for the AMM to lobby the province to cease enforcing policies which are not documented in the Act's or Regulation's.

An example of the types of impacts this has on municipalities:



Even though many of the municipalities included in this email are minimally affected by this 'internal policy', I am reaching out with this information so that you also have the option to pass this resolution and support. If you are lucky enough not to be located in an area with many Class 6 and 7 soils, the precedent of the Water Rights Branch imposing 'internal policies' which are unsupported in current Act's and Regulation's, is something which affects us all.

I do not intend to spam anyone with information they do not want or care about, the only other email I will be sending regarding this matter is the resolution this week. If you would like more information or have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me.

Regards,

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AMM Resolution #19-2025

Class 6 and 7 Soils

Sponsor(s)

Lac du Bonnet, RM (Eastern)
Stuartburn, RM (Eastern)
Reynolds, RM (Eastern)
Whitemouth, RM (Eastern)
Springfield, RM (Eastern)
Piney, RM (Eastern)
Alexander, RM (Eastern)
North Norfolk, Municipality (Central)
St. Laurent, RM (Interlake)
Rockwood, RM (Interlake)
Armstrong, RM (Interlake)
Bifrost-Riverton, Municipality (Interlake)
Ellice Archie, RM (Midwestern)
Prairie View, Municipality (Midwestern)
Yellowhead, Municipality (Midwestern)
Dauphin, RM (Parkland)
Mossey River, Municipality (Parkland)
Swan Valley West, Municipality (Parkland)
North Cypress-Langford, Municipality (Western)
Glenboro-South Cypress, Municipality (Western)
Whitehead, RM (Western)
Oakland-Wawanesa, Municipality (Western)
Souris-Glenwood, Municipality (Western)
Sifton, RM (Western)
Kelsey, RM (Northern)

Department(s)

Manitoba Environment and Climate Change

WHEREAS in the Province of Manitoba, reconnaissance soil surveys were completed between 1926 and 1996 and detailed soil surveys were completed between 1972 and 2022, classifying surface soils by their agricultural capability in accordance with the Canada Land Inventory; and

WHEREAS the soil classification from the Canada Land Inventory referenced in the *Planning Regulation*, the *Water Rights Regulation*, and the *Nutrient Management Regulation* are defined as: the mineral soils are grouped into seven classes according to their potentialities and limitations for agricultural use. Where Class 6 soils are capable only of producing perennial forage crops, and improvement practices are not feasible and Class 7 soils have no capability for arable culture or permanent pasture; and

WHEREAS Manitoba Environment and Climate Change through the Drainage and Water Rights Licensing Branch regulate drainage within the Province of Manitoba through the *Water Rights Act*; and

WHEREAS all persons including municipalities must obtain a valid and subsisting license as per the *Water Rights Act*; and

WHEREAS development of land cannot take place without obtaining a valid drainage license to construct pertinent development features such as roads and ditches; and

WHEREAS the Drainage and Water Rights Licensing Branch, as of 2019, has implemented an internal policy in which drainage licenses on Class 6 and 7 soils cannot be approved, for registrable or licensable projects; and

WHEREAS the term “registerable project” is defined, separately from other licensable projects for drainage works, in the *Water Rights Act*. These are typically minor or less impactful drainage projects, often involving surface or subsurface drains. Registration allows for a streamlined process compared to full licensing, but still ensures compliance with regulations; and

WHEREAS licensable applications for water control works are not restricted on Class 6 and 7 soils, only “registerable projects” are restricted per the *Water Rights Regulation*; and

WHEREAS municipalities recognize the need to restrict development in environmentally sensitive areas and critical/significant wildlife habitats such as wetlands and habitats for migratory species; and

WHEREAS *The Planning Act, The Planning Regulation, The Environmental Act, The Water Protection Act, The Water Rights Act, The Water Rights Regulation, and The Nutrient Management Regulation* do not restrict the issuance of Water Control Works Licenses on Class 6 and 7 soils; and

WHEREAS the municipalities recognize that some subclasses of Class 6 and 7 soils are strongly associated with presence of wetlands, however development of wetlands is already limited per the *Water Rights Regulation*; and

WHEREAS many subclasses of Class 6 and 7 soils are often viewed as desirable for rural subdivisions, lakeside cottage developments, and campgrounds due to their lack of agricultural capability, including soils which:

- Have a restricted rooting zone depth for crops,
- Contain poisonous plants to farm animals,
- Are heavily forested,
- Are affected by drouthiness (sandy and gravelly soils),
- Have high salinity,
- Have high groundwater table,

- Are too stony to permit cultivation, and
- Have a topographic slope of greater than 31%; and

WHEREAS the Canada Land Inventory soil classification system used in the reconnaissance and detailed soil surveys was published in 1965, this classification speaks only to agricultural uses, and predates current drainage practices and drainage regulations by 60 years; and

WHEREAS the Drainage and Water Rights Licensing Branch is applying this internal policy to all undeveloped lands on Class 6 and 7 soils, regardless of current zoning designations; and

WHEREAS many municipalities are experiencing significant loss of developable land, portions of which have already been designated/zoned for development, from the implementation of this internal policy; and

WHEREAS this internal policy is unnecessarily restricting development and the potential for increased tax-base of municipalities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to only enforce current limitations published in the *Acts* and *Regulations*, and remove the internal policy denying Water Control Works Licenses on Class 6 and 7 soils; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of Manitoba engage AMM to participate as stakeholders in the preparations of future internal policies within the Drainage and Water Rights Licensing Branch to adequately evaluate the impact of these internal policies on growth and future development.

RADON



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW: Municipal Edition

Sandy Hutchison, Radiation Protection Bureau, Health Canada

April 10, 2026

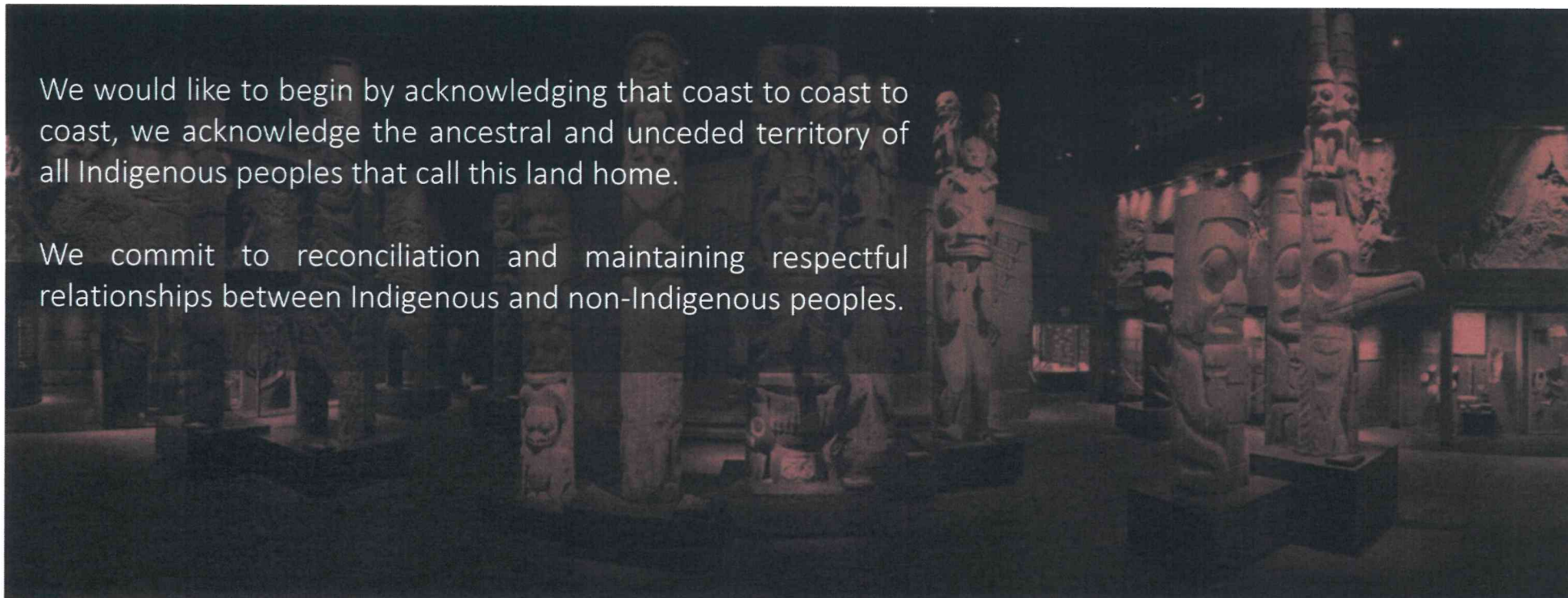


YOUR HEALTH AND SAFETY... OUR PRIORITY.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We would like to begin by acknowledging that coast to coast to coast, we acknowledge the ancestral and unceded territory of all Indigenous peoples that call this land home.

We commit to reconciliation and maintaining respectful relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples.

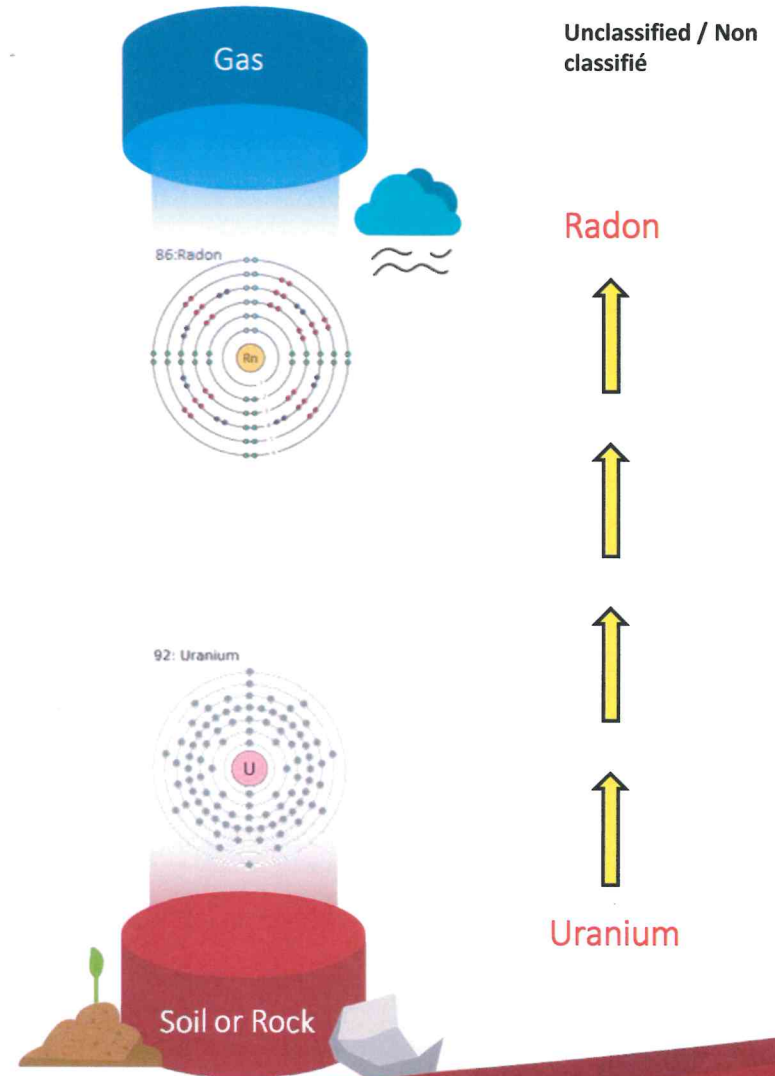
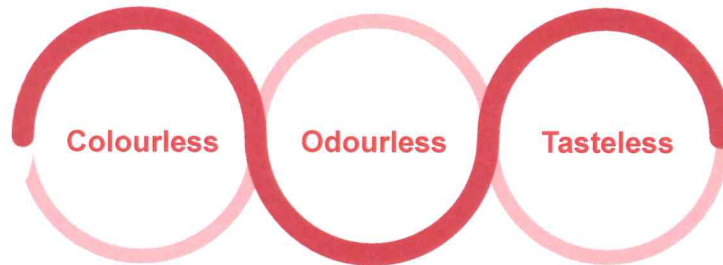


Totem Hall - First People Gallery – Royal BC Museum

WHAT IS RADON?

Radon is a naturally occurring **radioactive gas** that is produced by the breakdown of **uranium** in the ground

Radon is:



CLOUD CHAMBER



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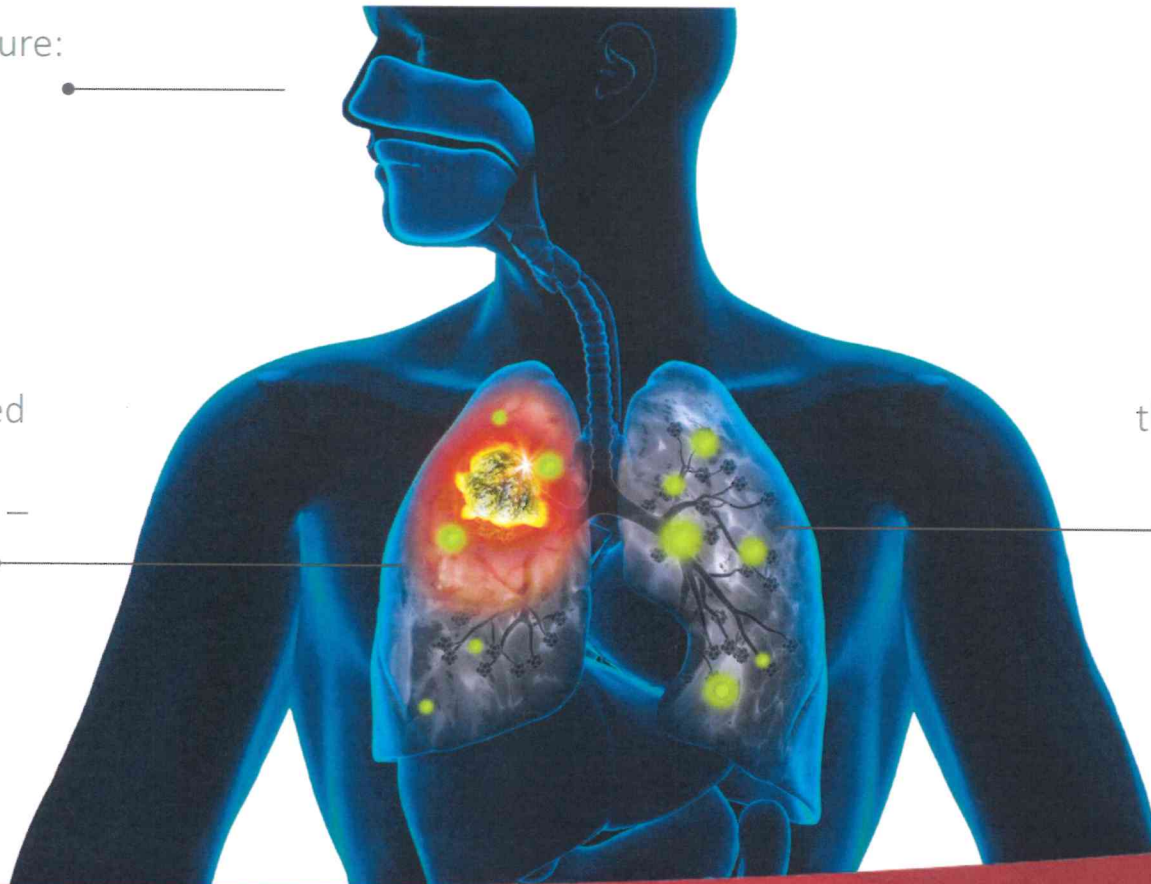
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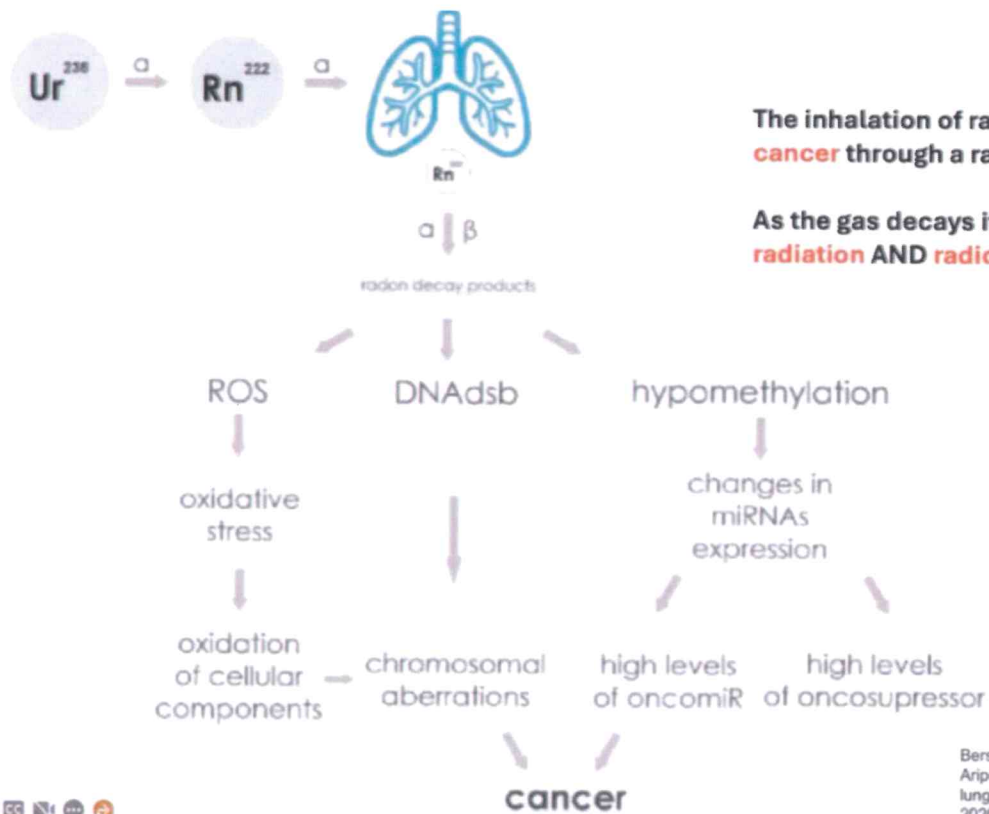
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Route of exposure:
Inhalation

The energy released
causes damage to
the lung cell tissue –
resulting in an
increased risk of
lung cancer

Radon's radioactive
properties mean
that it spontaneously
changes and
releases energy





The inhalation of radon gas can **cause lung cancer** through a range of mechanisms

As the gas decays it releases **alpha particle radiation AND radioactive progeny**

Bersimbaev R, Pulliero A, Bulgakova O, Kussainova A, Aripova A, Izzotti A. Radon biomonitoring and microRNA in lung cancer. International journal of molecular sciences. 2020 Mar 20;21(6):2154.



LIFETIME LUNG CANCER RISKS

Radon Level (Bq/m ³)	Lifetime Risk Non-Smoker	Lifetime Risk Smoker
Background	1%	12%
200	2%	17%
400	3%	22%
800	5%	30%

The combined effects of **radon exposure** and **smoking** create a **RISK** greater than the two actions separately

RADON IN CANADA

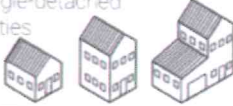
**1 in 5
homes**

**There are no
areas of the
country that are
'radon free'**

**Two houses
built side-by-
side can have
different indoor
radon levels**

SINGLE-DETACHED


82.1% of residential buildings are single-detached properties



1 in 5 (21.4%) ≥ 200 Bq/m³
Avg. Radon = 120.0 Bq/m³

SEMI-DETACHED

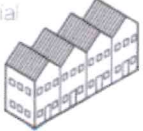
9.6% of residential buildings are semi-detached properties such as duplexes



1 in 6 (16.1%) ≥ 200 Bq/m³
Avg. Radon = 96.8 Bq/m³

ROW-STYLE

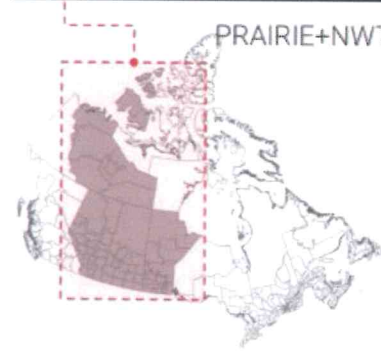
8.3% of residential buildings are row-style (attached) properties



1 in 10 (10.3%) ≥ 200 Bq/m³
Avg. Radon = 71.2 Bq/m³

2024 CROSS-CANADA RADON SURVEY

RESIDENTIAL RADON LEVELS FOR PRAIRIES and NWT



OVERALL

1 in 5 (20.0%) ≥ 200 Bq/m³
Avg. Radon = 113.6 Bq/m³

URBAN COMMUNITIES


62.6% of residential buildings are in urban communities



1 in 6 (15.9%) ≥ 200 Bq/m³
Avg. Radon = 104.3 Bq/m³

RURAL COMMUNITIES

37.4% of residential buildings are in rural communities



1 in 4 (26.7%) ≥ 200 Bq/m³
Avg. Radon = 129.2 Bq/m³

BY PROVINCE / TERRITORY

MANITOBA:
>1 in 3 (43.1%) ≥ 200 Bq/m³
Avg. Radon = 168.6 Bq/m³

SASKATCHEWAN:
1 in 3 (32.9%) ≥ 200 Bq/m³
Avg. Radon = 140.7 Bq/m³

ALBERTA:
1 in 6 (16.7%) ≥ 200 Bq/m³
Avg. Radon = 106.1 Bq/m³

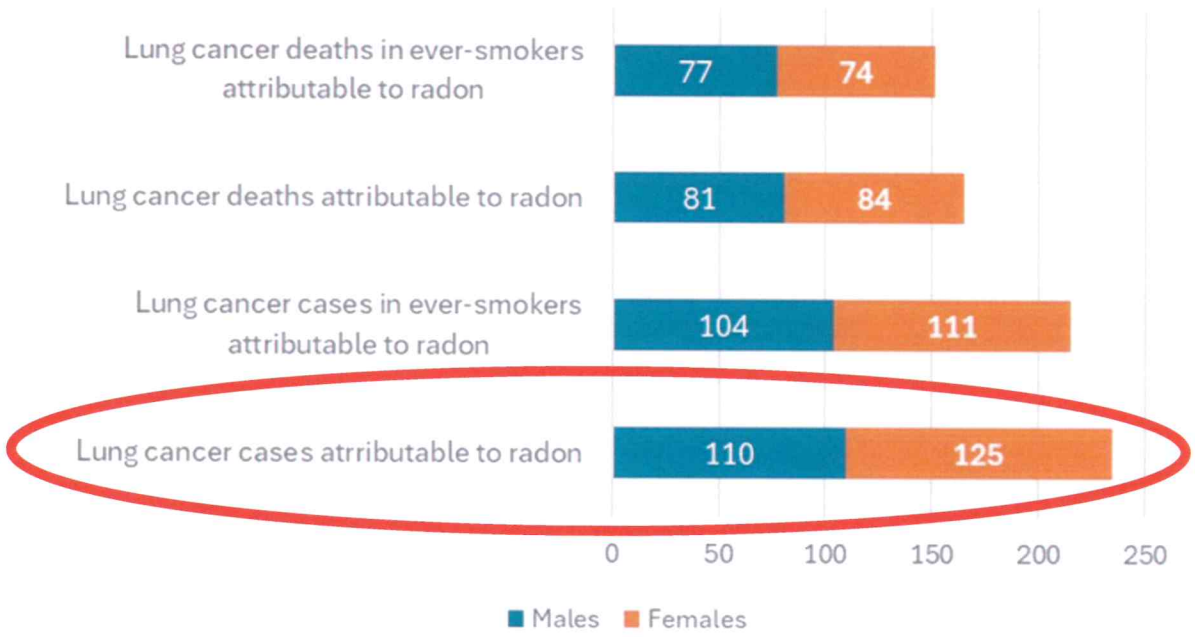
NW TERRITORIES:
1 in 5 (21.7%) ≥ 200 Bq/m³
Avg. Radon = 70.3 Bq/m³

UPDATED CROSS-CANADA SURVEY

Census Division ID	Name of Census Division or Census Division Cluster	Census Division Province(s)	Number of Radon Readings	1 in X houses (%) are in this radon exposure category			Geometric Mean Radon Level (Bq/m ³)	Lower 95% Confidence Interval	Upper 95% Confidence Interval	Maximum Observed Radon Level to Date (Bq/m ³)
4602, 4601	Division No. 2, Division No. 1	MB	95	1 in 3	33.7	< 100 Bq/m ³	129.3	110.1	151.9	720
				1 in 3	37.9	100-200				
				1 in 4	28.4	≥ 200 Bq/m ³				
4606, 4605, 4604, 4603	Division No. 6, Division No. 5, Division No. 4, Division No. 3	MB	25	1 in 4	24	< 100 Bq/m ³	221.9	141.5	348.1	1763
				1 in 4	24	100-200				
				1 in 2	52	≥ 200 Bq/m ³				
4607	Division No. 7	MB	86	1 in 3	32.6	< 100 Bq/m ³	144.7	125.0	167.4	559
				1 in 3	32.6	100-200				
				1 in 3	34.9	≥ 200 Bq/m ³				
4608, 4615, 4616	Division No. 16, Division No. 15, Division No. 8	MB	59	1 in 12	8.5	< 100 Bq/m ³	325.3	259.5	407.7	1569
				1 in 6	16.9	100-200				
				(3 in 4)	74.6	≥ 200 Bq/m ³				
4610, 4614, 4613, 4612, 4617, 4618, 4609	Division No. 18, Division No. 17, Division No. 14, Division No. 13, Division No. 12, Division No. 10, Division No. 9	MB	175	1 in 8	12.6	< 100 Bq/m ³	280.9	241.0	327.4	3567
				1 in 4	22.3	100-200				
				1 in 2	65.1	≥ 200 Bq/m ³				
4611	Division No. 11	MB	392	1 in 3	32.4	< 100 Bq/m ³	133.6	121.6	146.8	1176
				1 in 3	33.2	100-200				
				1 in 3	34.4	≥ 200 Bq/m ³				

You may not be able to detect radon with the human senses, but everyone feels the impact of lung cancer.

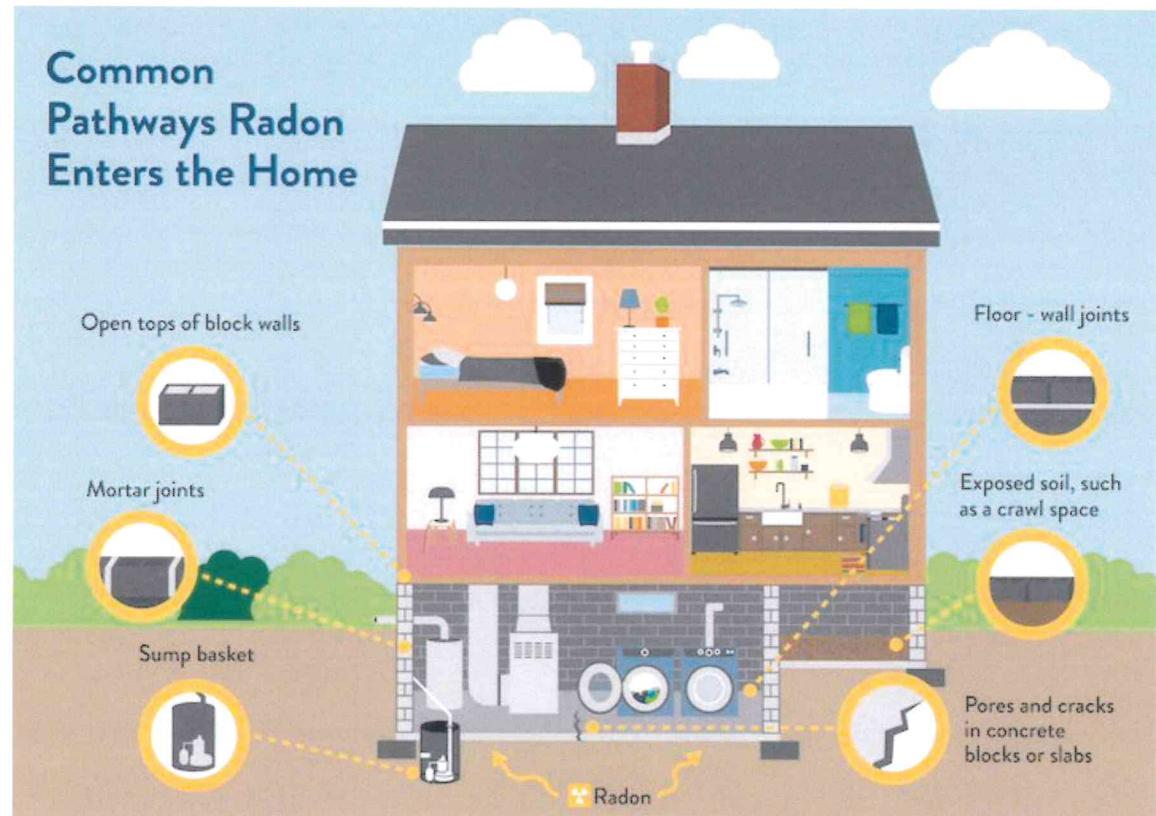
Annual LUNG CANCER Burden in MANITOBA



Bozat-Emre, S. (personal communication, August 19, 2025)

ENTRY PATHWAYS

- Any cracks, opening or gaps in foundation walls or floors provide route(s) of entry into home.
- The air pressure inside a house is normally lower than the pressure underneath or around the foundation.
- This difference in pressure acts like a vacuum drawing radon in through foundation cracks and other openings.



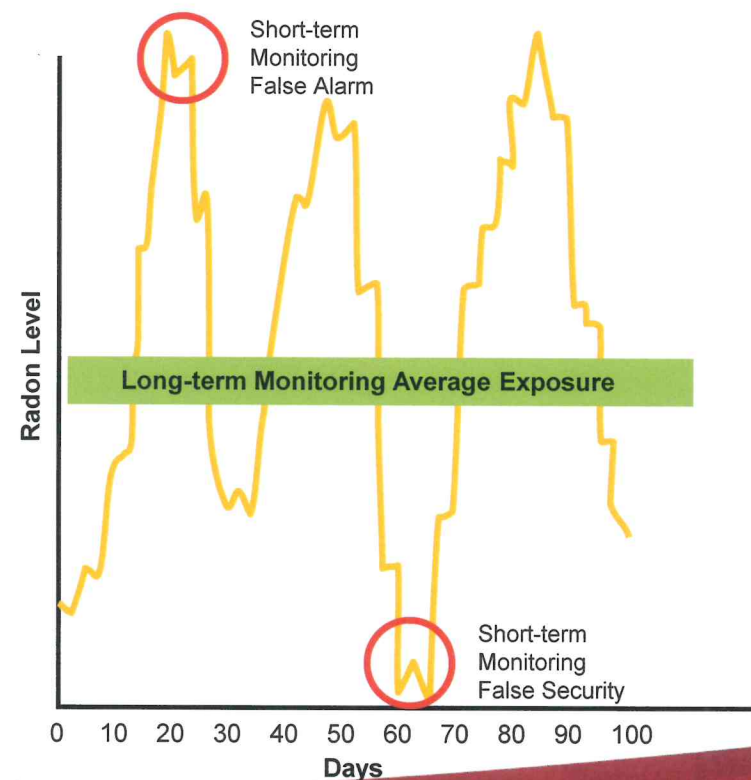
YOU CANNOT PREDICT RADON LEVELS... THE ONLY WAY TO KNOW IS TO TEST!

- Source Strength
- Construction Methods
- Construction Quality
- HVAC
- Heat Recovery Ventilators
- Heating Methods
- Occupant Activity
- Wind Forces
- Renovations
- Diurnal cycle



WHY LONG-TERM TESTING?

- Indoor radon levels vary greatly even over a 24-hour period.
- **Measurements gathered over a longer period of time** will provide a better estimate of the annual average exposure.
- Several factors including building design, building condition, occupancy pattern etc. **influence radon levels** in a house.



HOW CAN YOU TEST FOR RADON?

Option 1: Purchase a Do It Yourself kit



Option 2: Hire a certified radon measurement professional



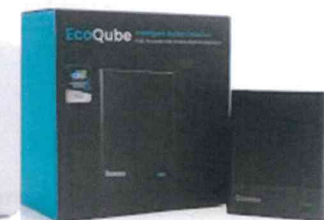
OR



To find a radon test kit or certified measurement professional go to:
www.TakeActiononRadon.ca/test



Alpha Track devices



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Consumer-grade Electronic Radon Monitors

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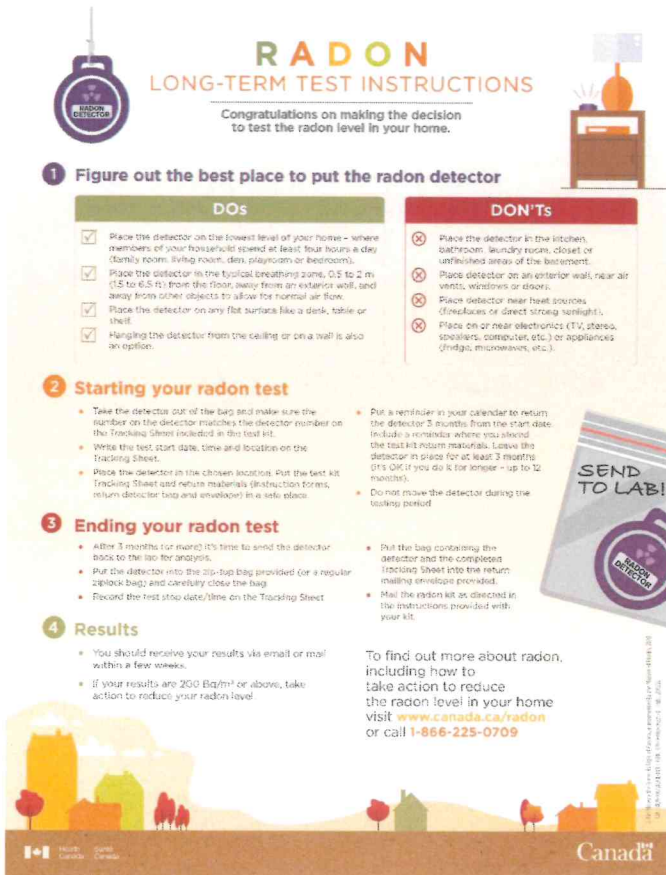
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Consumer-Grade Electronic Radon Monitors

Make/Model	Manufacturers stated Accuracy	Frequency of Reading	Digital Display or cell-phone app	Battery or Plug-in	Approved Find details here:
 Airthings Corentium Home	±10% (after 7 days at 200 Bq/m3), ±5% after 2 months of monitoring	12 hours 24 hours 7 days (first reading will take 24 hrs)	Short-term and long-term average shown on monitor display.	Battery	APPROVED 
 Airthings View	After 30 days at 200 Bq/m3, ±10% on the 7 day average and +/- 5% on the 2 month average	Hourly	Short-term average shown on monitor display; long-term average shown on app.	Battery or plug in (USB-C)	APPROVED 
 Aranet RN+	±8% Accuracy of 24 h, 7 d, 30 d averages	Can be adjusted to show 10 min, 24h, 7 d or 30d	Display on device shows either short-term or long-term level depending on setting. Long-term shown on app.	Battery	APPROVED 
 Ecosense EcoQube	±10% at 370 Bq/m ³ after 10 hours of measurement	Takes measurements every 10 minutes; displays an hourly rolling average	Hourly levels are displayed on LED; short-term and long-term averages, and hourly data points on the mobile app.	Plug in	APPROVED 
 Ecosense RadonEye	±10% at 370 Bq/m ³ after 10 hours of measurement	Takes measurements every 10 minutes; displays an hourly rolling average	Hourly levels are shown on the OLED display; short-term and long-term averages are available in the mobile app	Plug in	APPROVED 
 SunRadon Luft	±10% (after 7 days at 200 Bq/m3)	Hourly, (initial reading takes 90 mins)	Long-term and short-term averages shown on the app. Color coded indication of levels on monitor display.	Plug in	APPROVED 

Manufacturer / Brand	Model / Link to Health Canada recall (when applicable)	NOT APPROVED
 Air Shield	Recalled by Health Canada	
 Booru	R1VED	
 Boyd Graham	Radon Detector - Recalled by Health Canada	
 CRADTEC	PRVPC24	
 CRADTEC	PRVPC24	
 Fummy Klasher	NRDM02 - Recalled by Health Canada	
 HACONALU	Smart Radon Gas Detector	
 Hanshen	Home Radon Detector - Recalled by Health Canada	
 INQIRD	Home Radon Meter - Recalled by Health Canada	
 INQIRD	INQIRD - Recalled by Health Canada	
 LifeBasis	INQIRD - Recalled by Health Canada	
 LifeBasis	LCARV001 - Recalled by Health Canada	
 Radon Guard	Recalled by Health Canada	
 ScoriaH	Radon Detector - Recalled by Health Canada	

WHERE SHOULD I PLACE MY RADON DETECTOR?



RADON
LONG-TERM TEST INSTRUCTIONS

Congratulations on making the decision to test the radon level in your home.

1 Figure out the best place to put the radon detector

DOs	DON'Ts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place the detector on the lowest level of your home – where members of your household spend at least four hours a day (family room, living room, den, playroom or bedroom). Place the detector in the typical breathing zone, 0.5 to 2 m (0.5 to 6.5 ft) from the floor, away from an exterior wall, and away from other objects to allow for normal air flow. Place the detector on any flat surface like a desk, table or shelf. Hanging the detector from the ceiling or on a wall is also an option. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place the detector in the kitchen, bathroom, laundry room, closet or unfinished areas of the basement. Place detector on an exterior wall, near air vents, windows or doors. Place detector near heat sources (fireplaces or direct strong sunlight). Place on or near electronics (TV, stereo, speakers, computer, etc.) or appliances (fridge, microwave, etc.).

2 Starting your radon test

- Take the detector out of the bag and make sure the number on the detector matches the detector number on the Tracking Sheet included in the test kit.
- Write the test start date, time and location on the Tracking Sheet.
- Place the detector in the chosen location. Put the test kit Tracking Sheet and return materials (instruction forms, return detector bag and envelope) in a safe place.
- Put a reminder in your calendar to return the detector 3 months from the start date. Include a reminder where you stored the test kit return materials. Leave the detector in place for at least 3 months (it's OK if you do it for longer – up to 12 months).
- Do not move the detector during the testing period.

3 Ending your radon test

- After 3 months (or more) it's time to send the detector back to the lab for analysis.
- Put the detector into the zip-top bag provided (or a regular ziplock bag) and carefully close the bag.
- Record the test stop date/time on the Tracking Sheet.
- Put the bag containing the detector and the completed Tracking Sheet into the return mailing envelope provided.
- Mail the return kit as directed in the instructions provided with your kit.

4 Results

- You should receive your results via email or mail within a few weeks.
- If your results are 200 Bq/m³ or above, take action to reduce your radon level.

To find out more about radon, including how to take action to reduce the radon level in your home visit www.canada.ca/radon or call 1-866-225-0709

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RADON – FEDERAL GUIDELINES

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Radon Guideline in Canada

200 Bq/m³

Places where we spend
more than 4 hours per day

-  Remedial measures should be undertaken in a dwelling whenever the average annual radon concentration exceeds 200 Bq/m³
-  The higher the radon concentration, the sooner remedial measures should be undertaken
-  While the health risk from radon exposure below the Canadian Guideline is considered reasonable, there is still an associated potential health risk which is proportional to the exposure

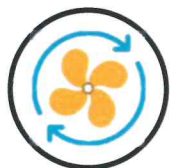
RADON LEVELS CAN BE REDUCED

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How to reduce radon in your home



Having the Active Soil Depressurization system can lower radon by **90% or more**



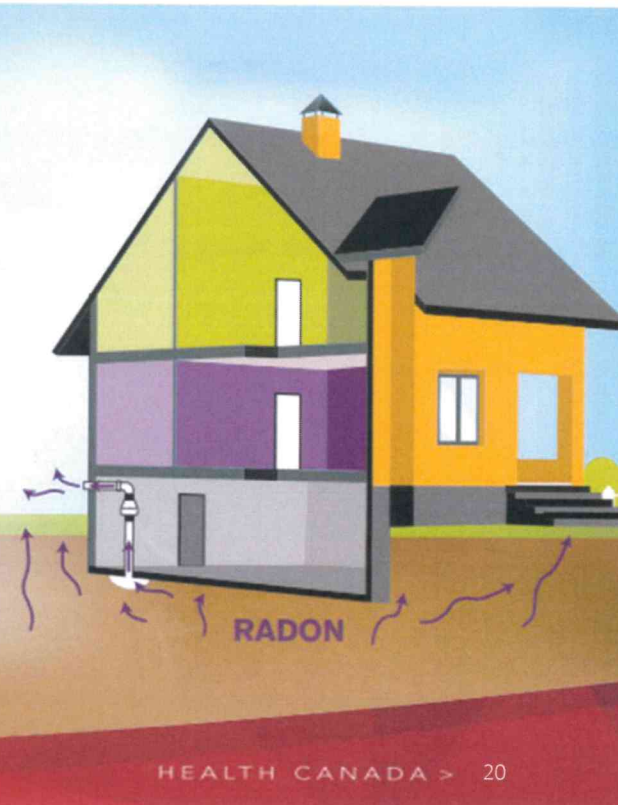
Increasing home ventilation lowers radon by up to **25-50%**



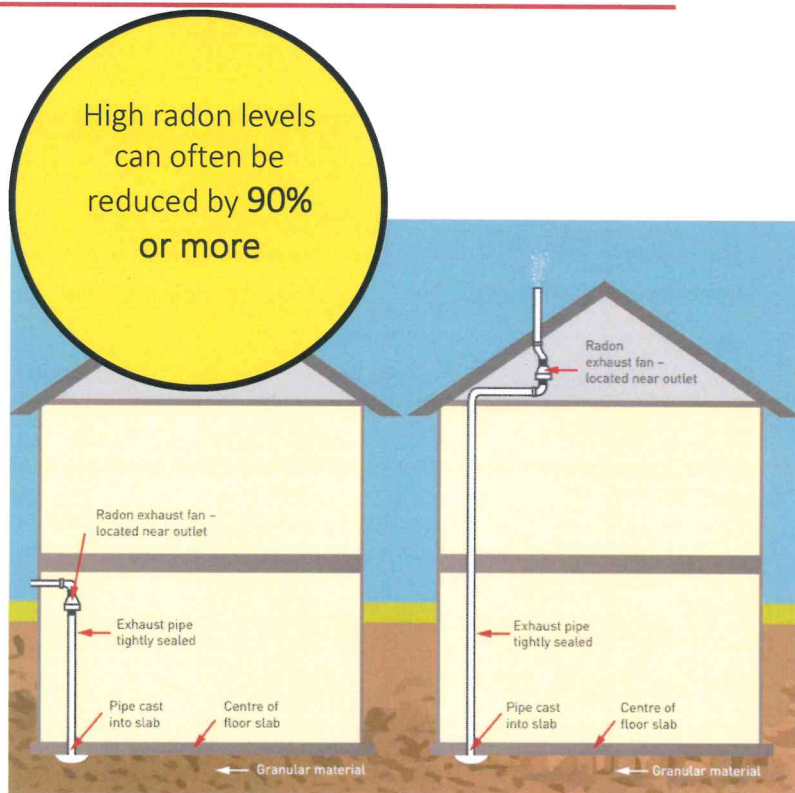
Techniques to lower radon levels are effective and can save lives. A radon mitigation system can be installed in less than a day.



Hire a radon mitigation professional that has been certified under the Canadian National Radon Proficiency Program (C-NRPP) to help you find the best way to reduce the radon level in your home.



ACTIVE SOIL DEPRESSURISATION (ASD) SYSTEM



Installation typically costs ~\$2000 - \$4000

- ☢ Also called active sub-slab depressurization
- ☢ Most effective, reliable and common technique
- ☢ A pipe is installed through the foundation and directed outside
- ☢ A fan is attached to the pipe that is continuously run to draw radon from beneath the home and vented outdoors, where it gets diluted
- ☢ ASD reverses the air pressure difference between the house and soil, reducing the amount of radon that is drawn into the home through the foundation

Made-in-Manitoba Radon Action Plan

Made-in-Manitoba Radon Action Plan

A comprehensive strategy to reduce radon-related lung cancer cases across Manitoba through targeted action in children's environments, improved accessibility, and better building practices.



Release Date: October 16, 2025

This Plan is intended to support collaboration and informed action among Manitoba's governments, organizations, and communities working to reduce radon exposure. While each jurisdiction may adapt its own approach, the evidence and examples shared here show that meaningful progress is well within reach.

This Plan is informed by current evidence and recognized best practices and is intended to guide coordinated action across Manitoba. It is not a regulatory or legally binding document but serves as a framework to support informed policy development and collective progress toward a healthier Manitoba.

<https://takeactiononradon.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/Made-in-Manitoba-Radon-Action-Plan-1.pdf>

Priority in Prevention

Where we are:

Treating lung cancer after diagnosis is among the most expensive and resource-intensive areas of the healthcare system: surgery, chemotherapy, immunotherapy, radiation treatment, hospitalizations, long-term follow-up care, and palliative services place significant and sustained pressure on provincial health budgets.



Where we want to be:

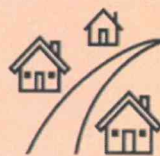
Preventing radon exposure, by contrast, is cost-effective, evidence-based, and achievable.

Made-in-Manitoba Radon Action Plan: Core Priorities



Children's Lung Health

Preventing radon exposure in early years provides a better platform for future health of Manitobans, and is expected to result in reduced economic burden of future lung cancer cases.



Awareness & Accessibility for All

Removing barriers to action to increase health equity, so all Manitobans are protected regardless of their living situation or economic status.



A Better Built Environment

Improvements in energy efficiency, technology and comfort in our homes and buildings can go hand in hand with measures that support healthy indoor environments. We have proven methods to reduce radon entry for buildings in contact with the ground.

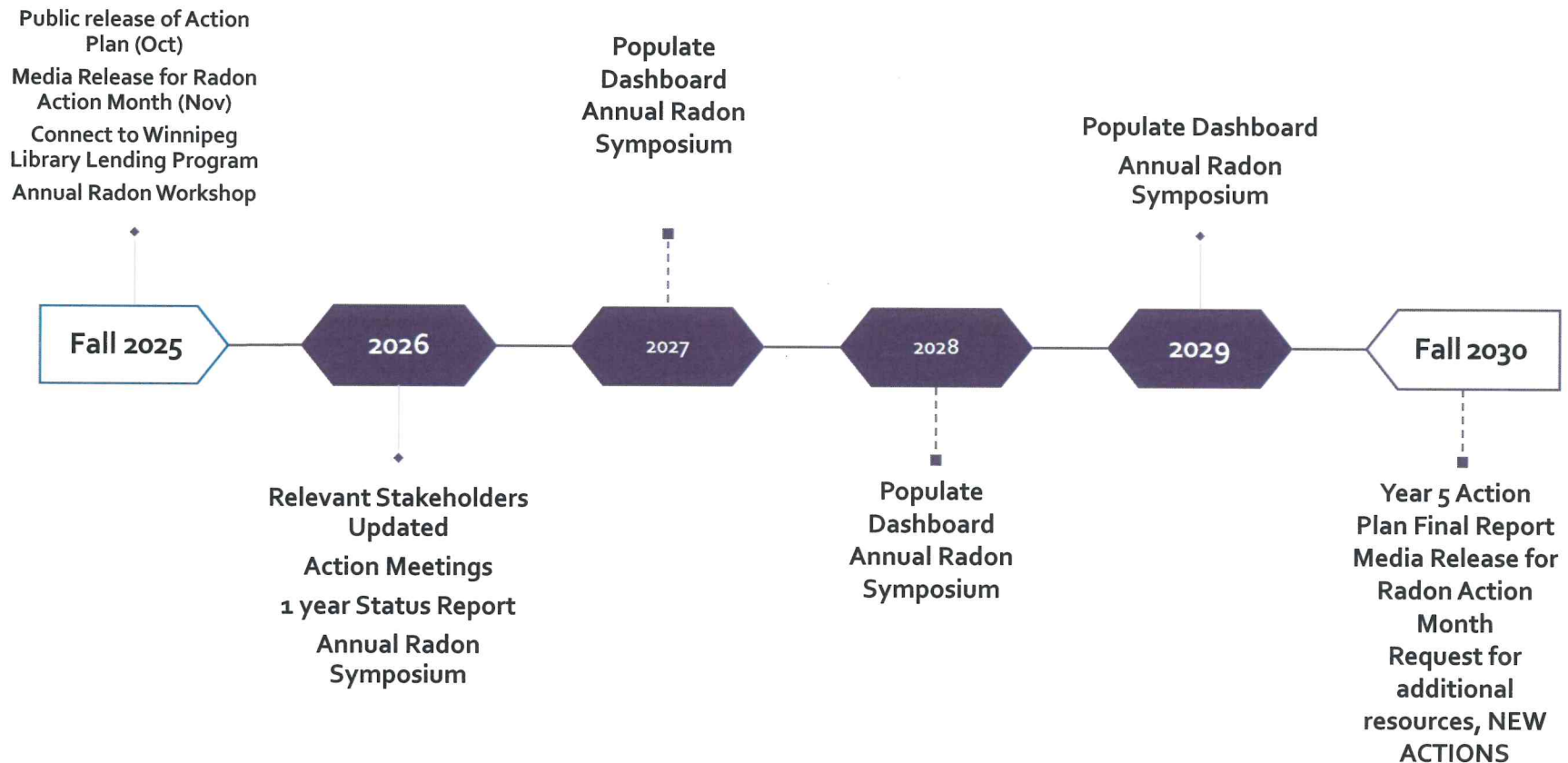
Made-in-Manitoba Radon Action Plan: Actions

1. Require radon testing and mitigation in childcare facilities
2. Require radon testing and mitigation in schools.
3. Specify radon testing and mitigation requirements in Tenancy Laws.
4. Offer financial support for mitigation.
5. Support an awareness campaign that reaches all Manitobans.
6. Include radon in building envelope processes and education.
7. Adopt advanced radon control options for new buildings.

Radon Action in Manitoba: Policy Recommendations

1. Dedicated funding to test licensed child care centres and schools for radon, or to assess and implement mandatory testing requirements.
2. Provincial investment into the Lungs Matter Radon Mitigation Support Program so funds flow directly to Manitobans for mitigation.
3. Funding for a comprehensive, government-led radon awareness and promotion campaign.
4. A formal commitment to use the [Made-in-Manitoba Radon Action Plan](#) to guide cross-government decision-making and reduce lung cancer risk across the province.

Made-in-Manitoba Radon Action Plan: Milestones



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[Radon action guides - Canada.ca](#)

These radon action guides will help municipalities, provinces and territories develop programs and policies to address radon. They describe broader radon planning and strategy development and includes appendices with examples and specific guidance to help formulate policy and regulatory change.

The National Radon Program at Health Canada can help municipalities, provinces, and territories develop programs and policies to deal with radon.



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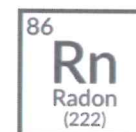
Please see the City of Dauphin's **Radon Action Plan for 2024 to 2027** to see how the City will be tackling radon exposure in Dauphin.

What is Radon?

Radon is the #1 cause of lung cancer in non-smokers. Exposure to high levels of radon in indoor air results in an increased risk of developing lung cancer. The risk of cancer depends on the level of radon and how long a person is exposed to those levels.

Radon is a radioactive gas that comes from the breakdown of uranium in soil and rock. It is invisible, odourless and tasteless. When radon is released from the ground into the outdoor air, it is diluted and is not a concern. However, in enclosed spaces, like homes, it can accumulate to high levels and become a risk to the health of you and your family.

Radon gas breaks down to form radioactive elements that can be inhaled into the lungs. In the lungs, radon continues to breakdown, creating radioactive particles that release small bursts of energy. This energy is absorbed by nearby lung tissue, damaging the lung cells. When cells are damaged, they have the potential to result in cancer when they reproduce.



How radon gets into your home

The air pressure inside your home is usually lower than in the soil surrounding the foundation. This difference in pressure draws air and other gases, including radon, from the soil into your home.

Radon can enter a home any place it finds an opening where the house contacts the ground: cracks in foundation floor and walls, construction joints, gaps around service pipes, support posts, window casements, floor drains, sumps or cavities inside walls. (source: **Health Canada**)

Dauphin and the surrounding area have been identified as having high levels of radon, so it is very important that you get your home tested to protect your family's health.

During the winter of 2023/24, 139 homes participated in the City of Dauphin's 200 Radon Test Kit Challenge, using 91-day alpha track tests. This represents 4% of the community's dwellings. The people of Dauphin need to be aware that 92% of these homes tested above Health Canada's guideline of 200 Bq/m³. You can see the results in the Take Action on Radon **Community Report** for Dauphin.

New Program Alert!

The City of Dauphin, in partnership with the Dauphin Public Library, is excited to announce a Library Lending Program for Digital Radon Screening Devices! With funding from Health Canada and the Manitoba Lung Association, this initiative will help residents easily check radon levels in their homes.

How It Works: Borrow a digital radon screening device for a 4-week period to get a quick reading of radon levels in your home. After your initial screening, be sure to follow up with a 90-day radon test kit for a more accurate reading. These kits can be purchased from **Take Action on Radon**.

This program is a great way to help you to take the first steps in protecting yourself and your family from dangerous radon levels that can affect your health. Let's work together to ensure safer homes for Dauphin residents and our community.

Stop by the Dauphin Public Library to sign out a device, or call **204-638-6410** for more details!

[City of Dauphin - Radon Information](#)

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ASSOCIATION OF MANITOBA MUNICIPALITIES RESOLUTION

DATE: April 30, 2025
FROM: City of Dauphin
TO: Association of Manitoba Municipalities
RE: Advocating for a Provincial Radon Action Strategy in Manitoba

WHEREAS radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that comes from the soil and enters homes and buildings as a carcinogen that causes more than 3,200 deaths per year in Canada; and

WHEREAS non-smokers who have high levels of radon in their homes over their lifetime have a 1 in 20 chance of developing lung cancer, and for smokers this risk is 1 in 3; and

WHEREAS data from Health Canada shows that Manitoba has some of the highest indoor radon levels in Canada, with approximately one in four homes testing above the national guideline of 200 becquerels per cubic metre, which highlights the urgent need to address radon levels in the homes, public buildings, and workplaces in our province; and

WHEREAS prolonged exposure to elevated radon levels poses a serious and preventable public health risk to Manitobans across all communities and housing types and results in incalculable health care costs; and

WHEREAS many homeowners and tenants are unaware of the dangers of radon exposure or lack the financial means to conduct testing and undertake mitigation to protect their health, which can range from \$50 for a test kit to \$3,000 or more for professional remediation; and

WHEREAS there is currently no comprehensive provincial strategy in Manitoba addressing radon awareness, testing, mitigation, or financial support for residents, and there is a risk of this responsibility being off-loaded to municipalities; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) lobby the Province of Manitoba to develop and implement a comprehensive Radon Action Strategy that includes:

1. Providing free or subsidized radon test kits to residents through public health agencies, schools, and libraries.
2. Establishing a provincial grant or rebate program to assist homeowners and landlords with the costs associated with radon testing and mitigation, prioritizing low- and moderate-income households.
3. Introducing a Manitoba Radon Mitigation Tax Credit, allowing residents to claim a percentage of certified radon mitigation expenses, making mitigation more affordable and accessible.
4. Requiring regular radon testing in schools, child care centres, and social housing units, with results made publicly available and mitigation efforts undertaken where necessary to protect vulnerable populations.
5. Updating *The Residential Tenancies Act* to mandate radon testing and disclosure in rental properties, ensuring landlords address elevated radon levels to safeguard tenant health.
6. Collaborating with stakeholders to include radon mitigation measures in new home warranty programs, ensuring that new constructions meet radon safety standards and provide recourse for homeowners if elevated levels are detected.
7. Exploring regulatory changes to require radon testing and disclosure during real estate transactions and for rental properties.
8. Revising the Manitoba Building Code to assess the effectiveness of radon control standards and incorporate more protective measures from CAN/CGSB 149.11-2024, particularly in high-risk areas, to prevent radon infiltration from the outset.
9. Launching comprehensive education initiatives to inform Manitobans about the health risks of radon, the importance of testing, and the availability of resources for mitigation.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT AMM advocate for interdepartmental collaboration within the provincial government, engaging Manitoba Health, Manitoba Housing, and other relevant agencies, including the Manitoba Lung Association and CancerCare Manitoba, to coordinate efforts and resources across sectors in addressing radon exposure throughout Manitoba.

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July 22, 2025

File: 09.01.RADON

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Re: Provincial Radon Action Strategy – Resolution from the City of Dauphin

Dear Minister Asagwara:

On behalf of the Council for the City of Dauphin, we wish to express our continued concern regarding the serious public health risks associated with prolonged exposure to indoor radon gas in Manitoba.

At its regular meeting of May 12, 2025, Council passed resolution 2025-289, formally advocating for the development and implementation of a comprehensive Provincial Radon Action Strategy. Our resolution highlights the disproportionate impact of radon on Manitobans, which is particularly pressing given the 2024 Cross Canada Radon Survey findings that 43% of homes in Manitoba exceed the national radon guideline of 200 Bq/m³. This rate is among the highest in the country, and Health Canada has estimated 256 lung cancer deaths to be attributable to indoor radon exposure in Manitoba in 2024.

100 TEST KIT CHALLENGE

Are you a 100 Radon Test kit Challenge Participant this year?

Click the button to complete the Start Survey

START TEST

Click the button to complete the End Survey

END TEST

Click the button for 100 Radon Test-Kit Instructions

DOWNLOAD

We are challenging municipalities across Canada to take part in the 100 Radon Test Kit Challenge.

The 100 Radon Test Kit Challenge targets municipalities across Canada where radon testing has thus far been limited, but where there is a potential for homes to have elevated radon levels. The program will provide up to 100 test kits to each participating municipality, to be distributed to citizens for free. Each community needs to have a Community Liaison to take on this project in their community and provide local support. Do you want your community to participate in the 100 Radon Test Kit Challenge? The program is full for the fall of 2025, but if you are representing a municipality that's interested in participating, you may [Apply for the fall of 2026 here](#).

Past 100 Radon Test Kit Challenge Participants

Did you participate in the 100 Radon Test Kit challenge in the past? **Radon reports have been emailed out to participants. Please check your spam folders if you don't see your report. Please contact us at info@takeactiononradon.ca if you have questions or concerns.** If you haven't returned your detector you can still return your test directly to us in a regular envelope at: Take Action on Radon, 4 Donald McClintock Bay, Winnipeg, MB R2G 3N3 Please remember to complete your end survey before returning your detector.

[100 Radon Test Kit Challenge - Take Action on Radon](#)

RADON LENDING PROGRAMS

Radon Monitor Lending Programs are helping to educate Canadians and increase their understanding of the actions they can take to reduce their risk. Libraries, in particular, have recognized this as a great opportunity to add a new resource to their lending library, however other organizations such as community groups, provincial or federal legislatures, municipalities may also be well set up to launch a program.

There are a few things for lending programs to keep in mind:

- › Take Action on Radon has resources to help you with setting up a Radon Monitor Lending program, we can support you with printable materials as well as connect you with an individual to help you walk through the process.
- › Organizations starting lending programs, may also want to start by sharing basic radon information to their community. Take Action on Radon has some general awareness material that we can email or mail to you for distribution.
- › Health Canada recommends that radon monitor lending programs run from October – March during the heating season to be in-line with Health Canada's radon testing messaging.



Is your organization interested in setting up a radon monitor lending program? Special reduced pricing is available on radon monitors to get your program off the ground. [REGISTER HERE](#) to get in touch with the program coordinator and access a downloadable guidance document and sample information booklet.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

[Radon Monitor Lending Programs - Take Action on Radon](#)

LUNGS MATTER: MITIGATION SUPPORT

Despite concerning radon levels, some families cannot afford the cost of mitigation. You may be eligible for up to \$1,500 towards radon mitigation.

Applicants must submit the following documents:

- the latest **Notice of Assessment from the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA)** indicating an total annual household income less than the provincial median income in which they reside. If two people are on the home title, both have to submit a **Notice of Assessment**.
- long term test results (minimum 90 days) from a C-NRPP certified radon test kit indicating remediation is need (above 200 Bq/m³); and
- a quote from a C-NRPP certified radon mitigation professional who will be used to complete the mitigation.

This Program is for mitigations that have not already been completed. If the mitigation has already been completed you are not eligible to apply.

Are you eligible?

In order to be eligible for funding, applicants to Lungs Matter must:

- have been diagnosed with lung cancer or
- be from low- or moderate-income households (priority will be given to low-income households).

Total household incomes must be no more than:

- **Alberta** \$112,700
- **British Columbia** \$102,500
- **Manitoba** \$88,900

[Lungs Matter: Radon Mitigation Support | Canadian Lung Association](#)

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www.canada.ca/radon

TAKE ACTION ON RADON:

www.takeactiononradon.ca

CANADIAN – NATIONAL RADON
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Managed IT Services

From Daniel Fontaine <daniel.fontaine@infometrics.net>

Date Thu 2026-03-26 11:38 AM

To Daniel Fontaine <daniel.fontaine@infometrics.net>

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InfoMetrics - InfoFlyer - Why MSP .pdf; Infometrics introductory letter - March 2026.pdf;

Good afternoon Chief Administration Officer

A new Fiscal year is upon us and Information Technology is a serious part of your daily operations. InfoMetrics Network Data Solutions is a Brandon Based IT services company that can assist you with the management of your IT needs. We are positioned to provide on-site services as needed, while we work remotely in the background providing security, monitoring, Help Desk assistance and maintenance for your network systems. We work with a number of Manitoba Municipalities and have many years of experience working with networks exactly like yours. We would like an opportunity to meet with you in person to further discuss your IT needs and how we can be of assistance. We are confident that we can improve your network efficiency and lower your IT expenses over time.

Please feel free to reach out to me to make an appointment, or stop by our booth at the AMM Spring Conference Trade show in Brandon April 22, 23 2026

Thank you
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What can a Managed Service Provider bring to my Organization?

An MSP, or Managed Service Provider, is a company that remotely manages a customer's IT infrastructure and/or end-user systems, typically on a proactive basis and under a subscription model. Here are several reasons why you might need an MSP:

1. **Expertise and Experience:** MSPs usually have a broad range of expertise in various IT areas. They can provide specialized skills that may not exist in-house.
2. **Cost Efficiency:** Hiring an MSP can be more cost-effective than maintaining a full in-house IT team, especially for small and medium-sized businesses.
3. **Proactive Support and Maintenance:** MSPs often focus on preventing IT issues before they occur, which can reduce downtime and the costs associated with fixing problems after they've happened.
4. **Scalability:** As your business grows, an MSP can easily scale your IT services to match your needs without the need for significant capital investment.
5. **Focus on Core Business:** By outsourcing IT management, you and your team can focus on your core business activities without being distracted by complex IT decisions.
6. **Advanced Technology and Tools:** MSPs have access to the latest technologies and tools, which they use to manage and support your IT infrastructure.
7. **Compliance and Security:** MSPs can help ensure that your IT systems comply with relevant laws, and regulations as well as enhancing the security of your IT environment.
8. **24/7 Monitoring and Support:** Many MSPs offer round-the-clock monitoring and support, ensuring that issues can be addressed at any time.
9. **Data Backup and Disaster Recovery:** MSPs can manage your data backup needs and develop disaster recovery plans to minimize data loss in the event of a disaster.
10. **Vendor Management:** MSPs can handle your relationships with various software and hardware vendors, saving you time and hassle.



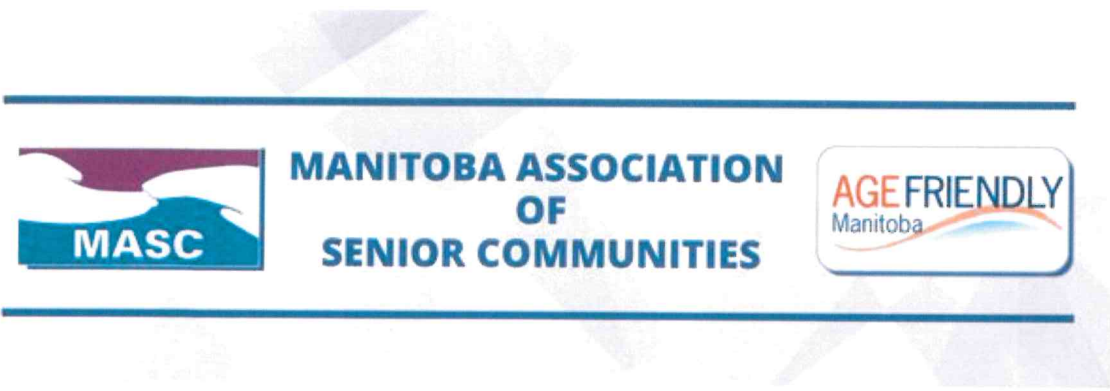
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Social Prescribing Day! - Connection is Health! March 26, 2026

From Connie Newman - MASC <info@manitobaseniorkommunities.ca>
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Date Tue 2026-03-24 10:35 AM

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



Manitoba Celebrates International Social Prescribing Day

We all need connection. Feeling welcomed, included, and part of community is so important to our health and well-being. In communities across Manitoba, senior centres and senior resource coordinators help make that possible every day through the care, support, and opportunities they provide for older adults to stay engaged and connected.

International Social Prescribing Day gives us a chance to celebrate this

important work and to remind us all that even small acts of connection can have a lasting impact. Together, we can help build communities where no one feels alone and everyone has the chance to belong.

Please see the media release below and share as you are able....you can click on the image for a downloadable/printable pdf.

Manitoba Celebrates International Social Prescribing Day – March 26th!

**Strengthening Connections to Improve
Health & Well-Being Across the Province!**



March 26, 2026 – Manitoba is joining a global movement to recognize International Social Prescribing Day, highlighting the growing importance of connection as a key factor in health and well-being. Social Prescribing is an international initiative that supports primary healthcare providers in connecting older adult patients to a range of resources in their community which improve social engagement, and well-being.

The Manitoba Association of Senior Communities (MASC) continues to play a leading role in supporting the rollout of social prescribing across the province. Social prescribing recognizes that health is shaped by more than medical care alone. By linking individuals to local supports such as senior centres, community programs, and social services, it helps address isolation and improves quality of life.

"Loneliness is a major health concern for older Manitobans, with research showing it can increase the risk of stroke, heart disease, depression, and dementia," said Dr. Nichelle Desilets, President of Doctors Manitoba.

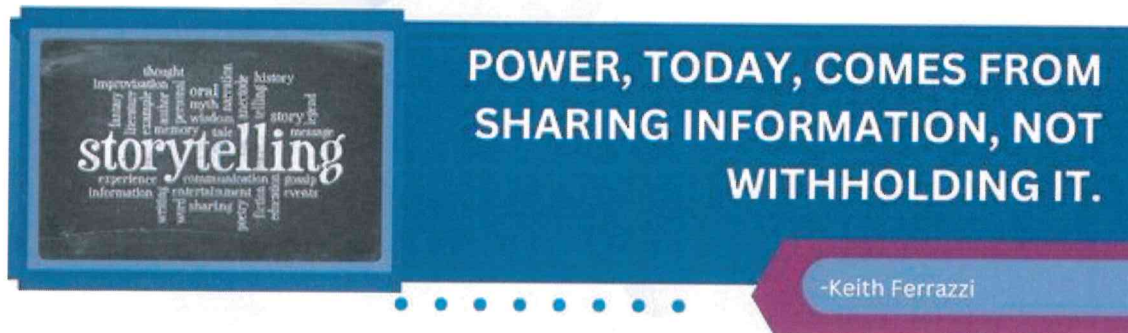
"Social prescribing allows doctors to help patients at risk of social isolation by referring them to personalized supports and resources. We deeply appreciate the extended provincial resources to support social prescribing, and we encourage patients to connect with their local senior centre or talk to their doctor about loneliness and isolation as part of their routine check-up."

Older adults who are experiencing isolation or loneliness can self-refer, and primary healthcare providers can also connect patients to a Senior Resource Coordinator in their community—ensuring individuals receive the right supports at the right time.

As Manitoba continues to strengthen its social prescribing network, collaboration between primary healthcare providers, community organizations, and local leaders remains essential to building healthier, more connected communities.

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MGRA Banquet information

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Good afternoon,

- 1) The deadline to order tickets is fast approaching. If you have not already done so, please email me your ticket order form as soon as you can! I have emailed everyone back who has either emailed or faxed me a ticket order. If you have not received confirmation, please email me to confirm I received your ticket order.
- 2) This year I have decided NOT to mail the tickets. I will have a list at the door of the name of the RM that ordered the tickets and mark the number entering as they come in. I will not have names listed, just the total number ordered. There are no reserved tables other than for MGRA board and judges. If you have a big number of people please get there early to ensure you can sit together.
- 3) There will be NO photographer this year as most people have someone taking a picture with a phone. If you are a winner, please be quick in taking a picture with the presenter. If you wish additional pictures, please move to the hallway so that we can keep the awards presentation moving along! If you need someone to take a picture with your phone give me a wave or one of the judges can take for you if you all want in the picture.
- 4) Don't forget to attend the AGM the day of the banquet at 3:30 for a chance to win back your membership!

If you have any questions please feel free to email me!

Have a great day!

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Terra Van Deynze
Executive Director
Manitoba Good Roads Association



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April 7, 2026

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finance@oakland-wawanesa.ca

Dear Head of Council Dave Kreklewich:

I am pleased to advise the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa has been approved for a recycling rebate for the July 1 to December 31, 2025, intake as part of the Waste Reduction and Recycling Support Program. An electronic funds transfer totaling \$3,416.74 will be provided to your community in the next few days.

The Waste Reduction and Recycling Support Program promotes blue bin recycling in Manitoba. Communities play an important role in supporting the delivery of residential recycling.

Thank you for supporting waste diversion and recycling efforts in Manitoba. Projects such as yours contribute to creating a cleaner and greener environment for current and future generations, and I extend my best wishes for your continued success.

If you have any questions, please contact the Waste Reduction and Recycling Support Program at RecycleMB@gov.mb.ca or 431-373-3726.

Kind regards,

Honourable Mike Moyes



Minister for Municipal and Northern Relations

Minister responsible for Francophone Affairs

Minister responsible for the Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries Corporation

Legislative Building, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 0V8 CANADA

March 26, 2026

Dear Mayors and Reeves:

I am pleased to provide details on funding available to communities outside the City of Winnipeg for the 2026 municipal fiscal year. Through Budget 2026, the Government of Manitoba remains committed to working in partnership with municipalities to make life better for all Manitobans as we work together to build one Manitoba.

Municipal Operating Support

Budget 2026 continues to build on the increase in annual funding that began in 2024, with another 2% increase to base operating funding. This increase in the unconditional Municipal Operating Grant results in total operating support of \$233.6 million for all municipalities: \$149.5 million for the City of Winnipeg and \$84.1 million for all other communities.

Increased operating funding provided to all communities reflects a 2% escalator applied to the Municipal Operating Grant, which is distributed based on population and support for municipal-specific services.

Additionally, Budget 2026 continues Manitoba's five-year commitment through the One Manitoba Growth Revenue Fund (OMGRF) for local governments to address local priorities as they see fit. For 2026, this fund will allocate up to \$12.6 million, distributed on a per capita and unconditional basis to all communities, with municipalities (outside Winnipeg) and Northern Affairs and First Nations communities receiving approximately \$5.6 million in OMGRF funding.

In 2026, municipalities (outside Winnipeg) and Northern Affairs and First Nation communities will receive a total of \$89.7 million in unconditional operating funding.

The first payments for the 2026 Municipal Operating Grant and One Manitoba Growth Revenue Fund will be deposited into municipal accounts in the spring of 2026. Letters accompanying the payment will include a breakdown of the funding.

Ongoing Support for Strategic Infrastructure

For 2026, \$167.7 million will continue to be invested through the Strategic Infrastructure Basket. This funding is allocated based on population, with a total of \$93.9 million for Winnipeg and \$73.8 million for Rural Manitoba – from which \$42 million has been used to provide grants to municipal projects that service critical infrastructure needs of municipalities or their surrounding region.

Please note that distribution of the Rural Strategic Infrastructure Basket is yet to be determined. In the coming weeks, the department will work collaboratively with municipal officials once the final 2026/27 funding allocations under the Strategic Infrastructure Basket have been determined.

Through the ten-year Canadian Housing Investment Fund (CHIF), up to \$209 million in federal government and support will be allocated to critical infrastructure for the management of drinking water, wastewater, stormwater and solid waste – to meet the needs of growing communities and address growing demands for affordable housing. A total of \$76.9 million under the CHIF agreement will fund rural water and wastewater regional projects, including, but not limited to, the Red-Seine-Rat (RSR) Wastewater Cooperative, the Pembina Valley Water Co-op capital plan and other projects. This is in addition to the \$24 million in core budget support to the Manitoba Water Services Board, which is provided to improve water and wastewater infrastructure across the province.

Additional Government Supports

Budget 2026 will continue to provide ongoing support for other key municipal and provincial priorities – including public safety – with a focus on urban policing, gun and gang response initiatives, and victim services support. Funding will also be provided for waste management and waste reduction, recycling and composting programs. Additional priorities include Dutch Elm disease management, West Nile Virus prevention, fluoridation funding, public library services, and municipal airport assistance funding. This additional dedicated funding will total over \$44 million. Please see the attachment for a list of provincial funding provided to municipalities from other government departments.

Budget 2026 also includes \$1.7 million for the Mobility Disadvantaged Transportation Program, providing annual operating grants to 70 municipalities that sponsor Handi-transit services, continued support for the Keystone Centre (\$775,000 in operating funding and \$1 million in capital funding), and for the Association of Manitoba Bilingual Municipalities (\$235,000 in operating funding).

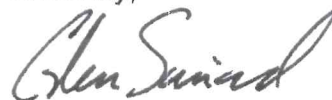
Budget 2026 also maintains funding support for community development and youth employment initiatives. This includes \$13.5 million for the From the Ground

Up Program, to support a broad range of community led projects across Manitoba, and an additional \$6.9 million for the Urban/Hometown Green Team Program, to support youth in reaching their full potential through employment projects.

The Government of Manitoba is committed to providing continued operational funding and technical assistance to the Capital Planning Region, as it works to support member municipalities' planning efforts and unlock opportunities for regional funding for the future.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to ensuring that our communities are prosperous, safe, and healthy for all Manitobans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Glen Simard". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "G".

Honourable Glen Simard
Minister

c. Municipal Chief Administrative Officers

**ATTACHMENT – OTHER MUNICIPALITIES
2026 FUNDING FROM ALL DEPARTMENTS**

Funding to Municipalities Outside of Winnipeg		
Department	Program/Grant	up to Amount (000s)
Municipal and Northern Relations	Municipal Operating Grant	84,120
	Strategic Infrastructure Grants	73,800
	One Manitoba Growth Revenue Fund	5,546
Subtotal (MNR)		\$163,466
Manitoba Justice	Urban Policing Grant	34,283
	Gun and Gang Violence Action Fund	225
	Brandon Police Victim Services	35
	Pembina Valley Victim Services	26
Environment and Climate Change	Waste Reduction & Recycling Support	2,767
	Manitoba Compost Support	62
Sport, Culture, Heritage and Tourism	Library Funding	5,634
Natural Resources and Indigenous Futures	Dutch Elm Disease Control	950
MB Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care	West Nile Virus Larviciding	235
	Fluoridation Grant	12
Transportation and Infrastructure	Manitoba Airport Grant Assistance	160
Subtotal (Other Departments)		\$44,389
Total Support:		\$207,855

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Every community needs a long-term financial plan to translate current services into a baseline lifecycle cost estimate. That baseline is essential for decisions on increasing or decreasing service levels, renewal timing, climate mitigation and adaptation investments - and also identifying work that must be deferred as expectations and risks shift. Communities cannot make defensible long-term decisions without a clear view of affordability, and that clarity depends on long-term financial planning.

The need for long-term planning is increasingly reflected in funding and compliance expectations; requirements vary by province and territory but point in the same direction. For example, in British Columbia, long-term financial planning is explicitly tied to asset management commitments under the Canada Community-Building Fund, reinforcing the need for a clear line of sight from service expectations to cost, risk and funding strategy.

The theme is consistent: communities are increasingly expected to connect infrastructure decisions to long-term financial strategy and credible asset management plans.

"As we work with communities across Canada, we are seeing growing pressure to demonstrate how infrastructure decisions connect to long-term affordability. While requirements vary by province and territory, funding and compliance frameworks increasingly expect a clear link between service levels, lifecycle costs, risk and long-term financial strategy."

Nicole Allen
Executive Director | NAMS Canada



To support that work, NAMS Canada is offering the Expanded Professional Certificate in Infrastructure Financial Management at a federally-subsidized rate. The course supports infrastructure stewardship through integrated asset management and financial management planning. Participants build financial planning scenarios using sustainability indicators to test decisions, including climate impacts, equity and green infrastructure.

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If this aligns with the work your community is currently undertaking, please explore the course and NAMS+ resources through the links above. As always, we're here to help: please reach out with any questions. We look forward to continuing this journey together,
Nicole

Nicole Allen, PEng, MSc
Executive Director, NAMS Canada

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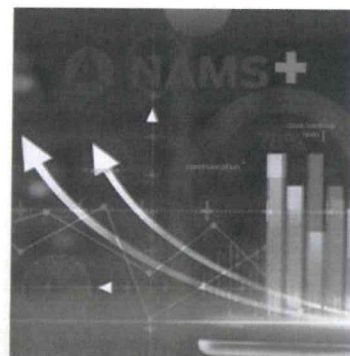
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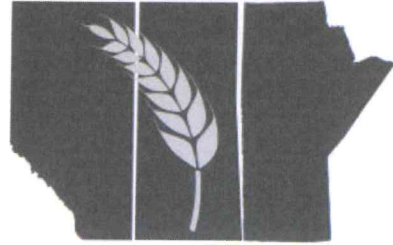


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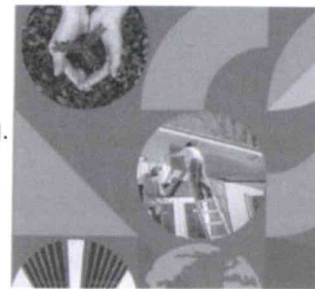
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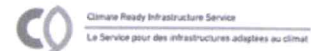
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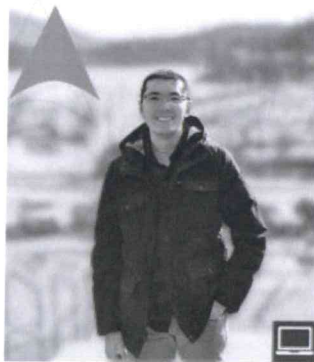
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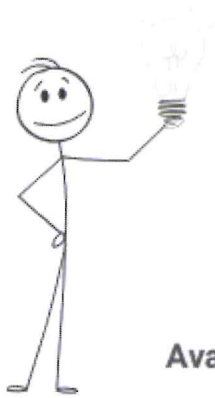
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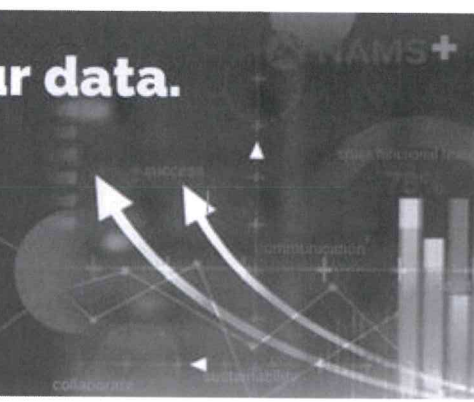


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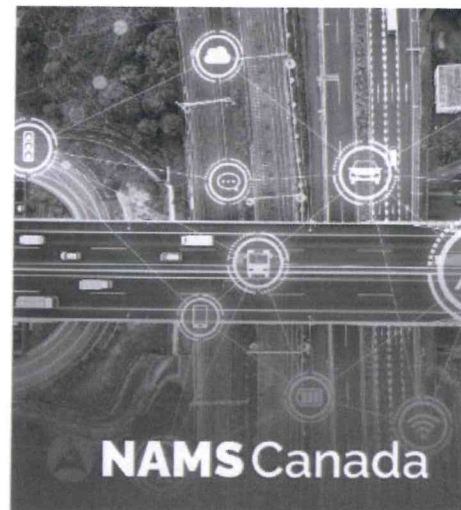
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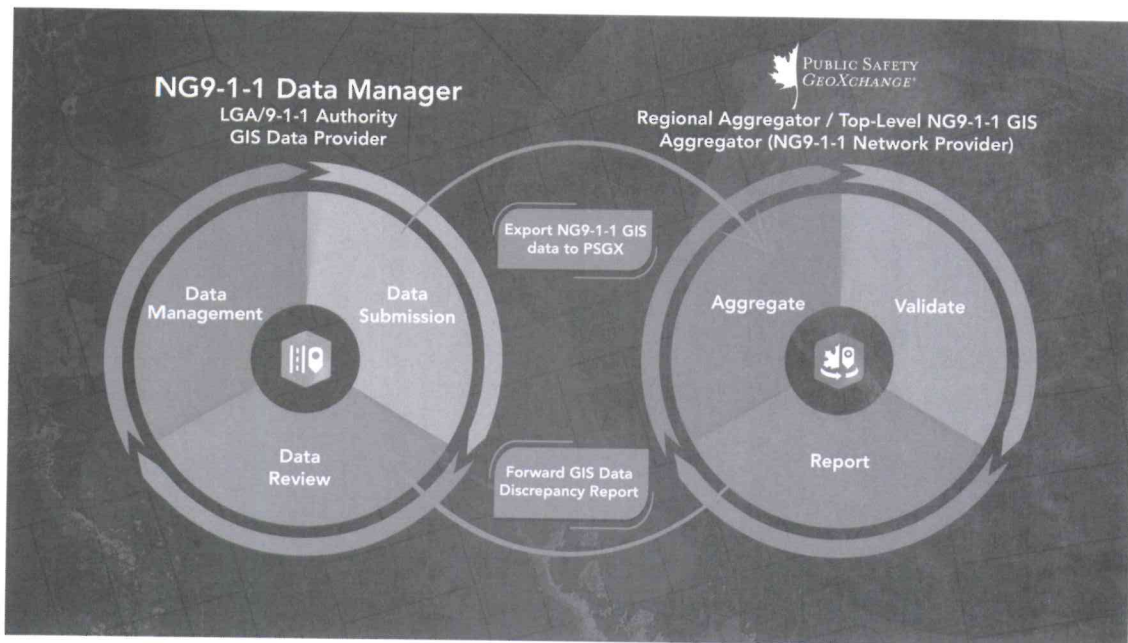
As part of Canada's ongoing transition to Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1), we're pleased to share that **Address Manager has been rebranded to NG9-1-1 Data Manager**. This new name reflects the solution's role in supporting the creation and maintenance of NG9-1-1-compliant GIS data.

NG9-1-1 Data Manager is Esri Canada's web-based application designed to help communities prepare and manage the GIS data layers required for NG9-1-1, including civic addresses, road centre lines, and emergency service boundaries. The solution aligns with published NG9-1-1 GIS data standards and supports the NG9-1-1 data readiness workflows that municipalities and regional governments are planning for today.

What this means for you

- **Clear alignment with NG9-1-1 GIS data requirements:** The rebrand reflects the solution's dedicated role in supporting the GIS data standards and workflows that underpin NG9-1-1 services.
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- **A reliable foundation for NG9-1-1 planning:** NG9-1-1 Data Manager supports consistent, accurate GIS data – an essential component of future emergency call

routing, location validation, and emergency response.



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2026 Wildfire Season Planning Seminar for the Manitoba Fire Service and Local Authorities

Date Issued: March 27, 2026
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Purpose: Invitation to members of the Manitoba Fire Service (MFS) and local authorities to participate in the Office of the Fire Commissioner's (OFC) 2026 wildfire season planning seminars.

Why Your Attendance Matters: These seminars provide an important opportunity for the MFS and administrators to receive: fire weather forecasting and wildfire hazard information; mitigation and community wildfire protection planning; wildfire and wildland urban interface (WUI) response coordination, training, and mobilization of MFS through the provincial Mutual Aid System; and improvements to the reimbursement policy and procedures.

This content is tailored specifically to the operational needs of fire departments and local administrators and is intended to complement the Manitoba Emergency Management Organization (EMO) seminars.

Seminar Agenda:

- Manitoba Wildfire Service (MWS) Information:
 - Weather Outlook
 - Wildfire Information – Fire Hazard Maps
- Burning and Travel Restrictions (Provincial and Municipal)
- Wildfire/WUI Response Training for the MFS
- Municipal Request for Support/Resources
- Provincial Request for MFS Resources
 - OFC Wildfire/WUI Response Guidelines
 - Municipal/Community Reimbursement
- FireSmart and Community Wildfire Protection Planning
 - Exposure Assessments
 - FireSmart Considerations
- MFS Resource Availability Planning
- Review of 2025 Wildfire Season After Action Review Highlights

Recommended Attendance: Fire Chiefs and Deputies, Chief Administrative Officers and emergency community personnel.

Seminar Schedule: Seminars will be hosted by the OFC using Microsoft Teams. Seminars will be in the evenings on the same days as the scheduled EMO wildfire emergency management seminars:

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Registration: The OFC requests attendees confirm their intent to participate by email to ofcresponse@gov.mb.ca with your name and email address.

**Public Safety Communication Services (PSCS)
Manitoba Innovation and New Technology
Circular # 1, April 8, 2026**

RE: Bell Mobility Radio sold to Motorola Solutions Canada

PSCS Public Safety Entities,

We would like to inform you of an important announcement we recently received which will affect the Public Safety Communication Services (PSCS) agreement with Bell Mobility, originally signed on July 30, 2018, and will end on June 30, 2036:

Motorola Solutions Canada Networks Inc., a subsidiary of Motorola Solutions, has entered into a definitive agreement to acquire Bell Mobility's land mobile radio (LMR) networks services business. The acquisition is expected to close in the fourth quarter of 2026, pending regulatory and third-party approvals, as well as other standard closing conditions.

We want to reassure you that the services and support remain the same. The PSCS agreement with Bell Mobility, remains fully in effect. Manitoba, Bell, and Motorola are committed to communicate transparently and will work together to ensure a smooth transition.

We will continue to keep you informed as additional details become available.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to PSCSsupport@gov.mb.ca.

Thank you for your continued trust and support.

Kathleen Wegner
Manager, Broadband and Public Safety Communications
Department of Innovation and New Technology

March 31, 2026

Joni Swidnicki, CMMA
Chief Administrative Officer
Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa
Via email: adminassist@oakland-wawanesa.ca

Dear Ms. Swidnicki:

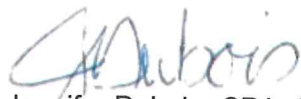
**Re: Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa – Wawanesa Water and Wastewater Utility -
Rate Adequacy**

The Public Utilities Board (Board) in its Board Order No. 101/22, directed the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa (Municipality) to review the Wawanesa Water and Wastewater Utility (Utility) rates for adequacy and file a report as well as an application for revised rates (if applicable), on or before December 31, 2025.

On February 24, 2026, the Board received a rate adequacy report for the Utility. Subsequently on March 12, 2026, the Board received Council Resolution No. 1437 stating the rates set in Board Order No. 101/22 are adequate to meet the requirements for a self-sustaining operation.

Upon review of the information provided and the 2024 audited financial statements, the Board accepts the Municipality's Rate Adequacy Report and notes the Municipality has indicated a full rate application will be submitted to the Board by December 31, 2027, in order to account for expiring debt payment revenues.

Thank you,



Jennifer Dubois, CPA, CMA, CTAJ
Associate Secretary

Introducing talkNOW Business: A Smarter Way for Manitoba Municipalities to Cut Costs

From RFNOW Fiber Internet. <Business.sales@rfnw.net>

Date Fri 2026-04-10 8:06 AM

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



As Manitoba municipalities look for ways to reduce overhead while improving service delivery, modernizing communications has become an impactful place to start.

With legacy copper phone networks being retired, monthly costs going up and outages becoming more frequent, many municipalities are finding that traditional phone systems can no longer keep up with today's operational demands —especially during storms or emergency situations.

Introducing talkNOW Business - our new cloud based phone solution built specifically for municipalities like yours.



Because talkNOW is fully cloud based, there's no onsite PBX hardware to install or maintain;—helping lower upfront costs and reduce ongoing IT effort.

With talkNOW Business, municipalities can:

- Eliminate expensive PBX hardware and ongoing maintenance
- Lower monthly communication costs with predictable pricing
- Keep office staff, CAOs, public works, and field crews connected anywhere.
- With mobile and desktop apps, staff can call and receive calls from their work number on any device
- Enable remote attendance for council and committee meetings
- Maintain communications during storms and outages with builtin auto routing, failover, and stormproof reliability options.

Municipal administrators and IT teams can manage the entire phone system through a simple online dashboard —making it easy to monitor calls, manage users and devices, and gain visibility without added complexity.

As a Manitoba-based connectivity provider, RFNOW understands the unique challenges RMs, towns, and villages face — and we're here to help you connect more efficiently and affordably.

If you're reviewing communication costs this year, we'd be happy to walk you through a **Service Review** to show how talkNOW can replace aging phone infrastructure with a simpler, more reliable solution.

aging phone infrastructure with a simpler, more reliable solution.

We can also explore bundling talkNOW with RFNOW fiber internet or backup solutions for seamless, storm ready connectivity across your facilities.

Meet the RFNOW Team at the AMM Spring Convention — April 21–22

Heading to the AMM Spring Convention? We'll be there! Book an appointment to learn more to see how talkNOW Business can support your municipality's communication needs.

We'll be happy to show you how talkNOW keeps municipalities connected—even when weather or aging infrastructure gets in the way.



-Jose Gomez, Account Executive



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The Rural Municipality of Cornwallis

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE PLANNING ACT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

BY-LAW NO. 1745-11-2025 being an **AMENDMENT** to the **The Rural Municipality of Cornwallis Zoning By-law** **No. 1664-03-2016, as amended.**

HEARING LOCATION: Rural Municipality of Cornwallis Office
107191 - Unit C Veterans Way
Brandon, Manitoba R7A-5Y5

DATE & TIME: April 21st at 5:05 P.M.

GENERAL INTENT OF BYLAW No. 1745-11-2025

1. To re-classify Pt. NE-17-10-19 WPM, at 56126 50th St.

FROM: "AG80" – Agricultural General Zone
TO: "RR2" - Residential Rural Zone

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

To involve the public in the planning of our community, owners of property located within 100m (328') of the above-mentioned property have received a copy of this notice. A notice is also posted in the office of the Keystone Planning District to inform those residents who are not neighbouring property owners about the Public Hearing. If you would like more information on this application, please call the Keystone Planning District at (204) 725-2001 or email: info@keystonepd.ca

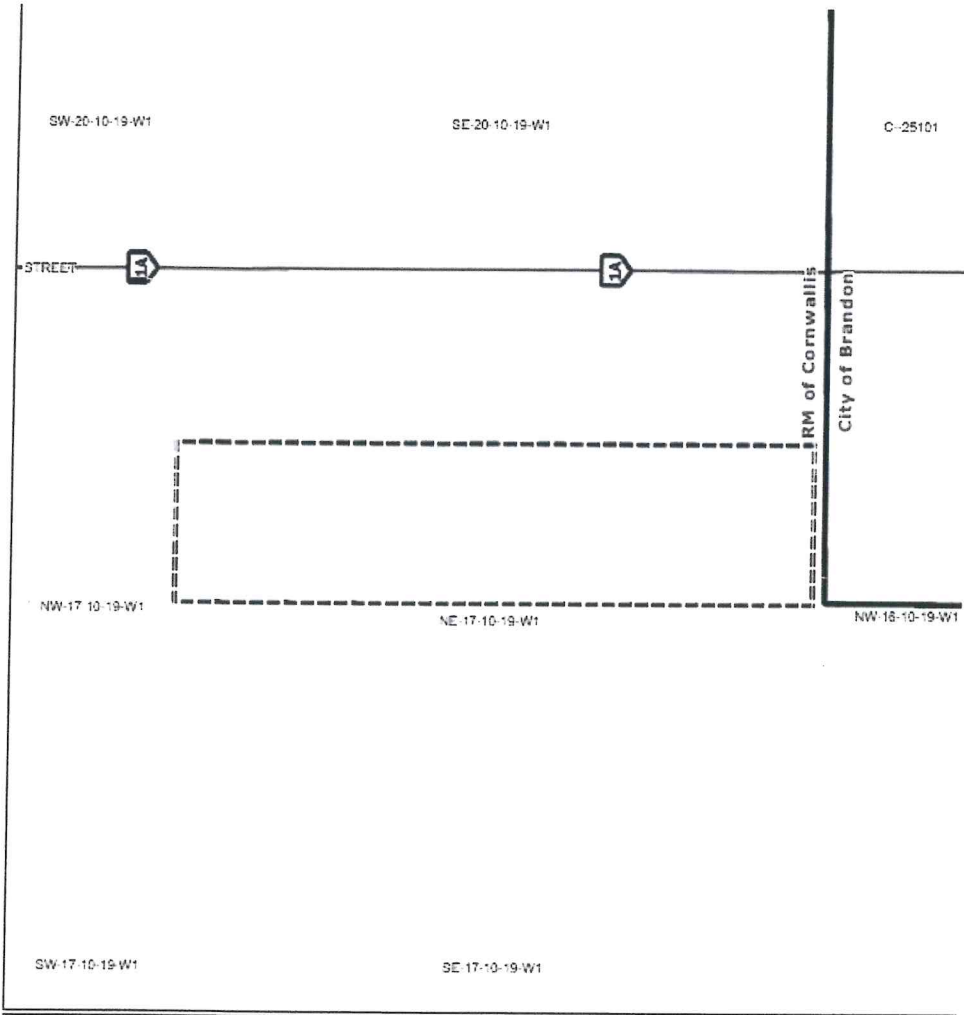
What if I have objections?

Objections can be raised in person at the Public Hearing or by submitting written comments to the Rural Municipality of Cornwallis Office at least one week before the date of the hearing - Phone (204) 725-8686; Fax (204)725-3659 or email: info@gov.cornwallis.mb.ca Please be advised that all correspondence received in conjunction with, or as a result of, an application that requires Council approval becomes public information, therefore personal information [such as names, addresses etc.] contained in the correspondence is released in the public domain.

What happens at the hearing?

At the time and date noted above, the Reeve may ask the applicant to speak about his/her application and then Council may ask questions. After that, the Reeve will ask if anyone would like to speak for or against the application. When the hearing is concluded, there will be no further opportunity to address the Council.


FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Korrena Bethinger
Development Officer
Keystone Planning District
P.O. Box 10, Site 500, RR5
Brandon, Manitoba R7A 5Y5
Office: Phone (204) 725-2001

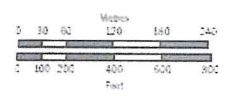


Schedule "A"

Attached to By-law No. 1745-11-2025 of the Rural Municipality of Cornwallis amending Maps 1 and 7 of the Rural Municipality of Cornwallis Zoning By-law No. 1664-03-2016.

Being Pt. of NE-17-10-19-WPM

 Limit of affected area



Application

Building Comm nities Grant Progra

The application deadline is **April 30, 2026**.

[Download Application Form](#)



Application Criteria

Sunrise Credit Union considers all applications based on their merit related to the grant criteria and available funds. We will review all qualified applications received and,

Each grant application will be required to meet the following criteria:

if necessary, conduct interviews of representatives of the applicant and consider such other information as the members may view reasonable and may set terms and conditions on any grants awarded.

To maximize the impact and effectiveness of

- Build on the strengths of the community to respond to identified issues and priorities;
- Be timely;
- Must have other funding committed to the project. (i.e., Sunrise Credit Union cannot

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sources in the future or indicate the project is for a limited time;

- Must be able to provide a contractor or supplier quote if requested.

Eligibility

Sunrise Credit Union will not fund:

- Operational expenses.
- Endowments.
- Fundraising events.
- Retroactive funding or any project expenses incurred before Sunrise Credit Union's decision date.
- Debt retirement.
- Individuals.
- Replacement of public sector funds.
- Conference operational expenses, registration fees, and memberships.
- Direct religious activities.

THANK YOU



April 2026

RM Oakland/Wawanesa
Council.

Thank-you for your
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us to continue Community
outreach programs.