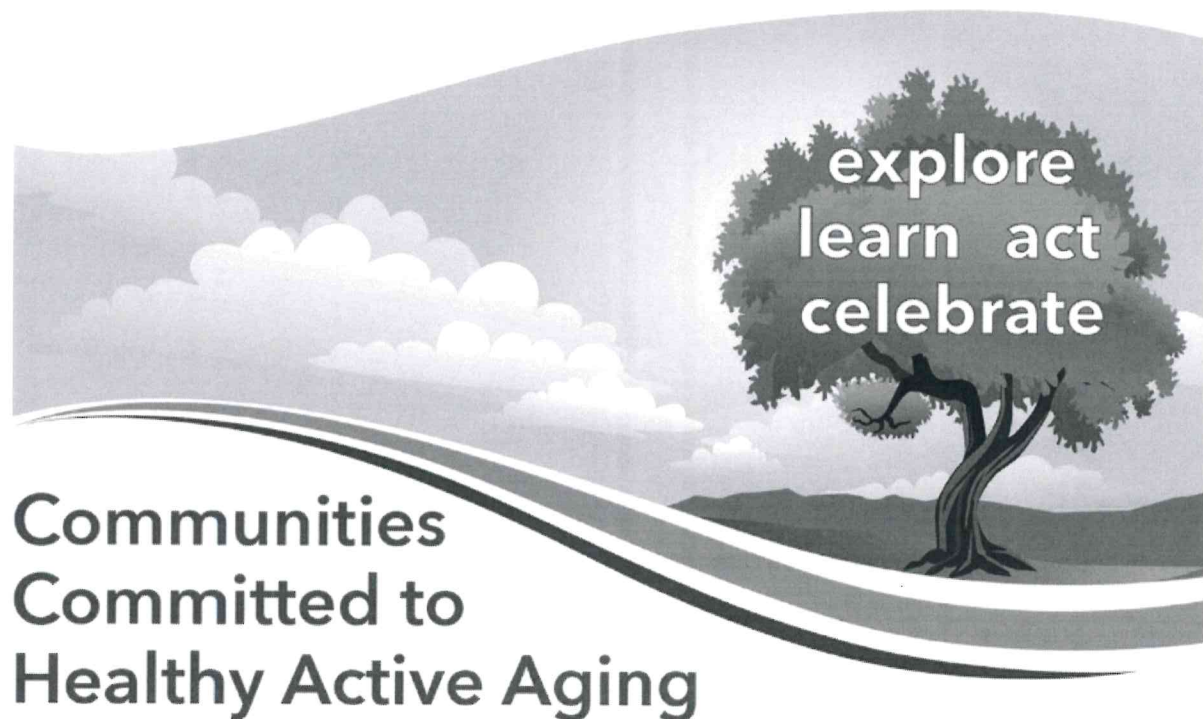


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March 17, 2023

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**Manitoba Government Invests More Than \$12 Million in First
Initiatives toward Support for 1,000 Addictions Treatment Spaces for
Timely, Effective Recovery**



"Communities can't thrive economically and socially if we don't all work together to address mental health issues," - Kam Blight, AMM President.

Click [HERE](#) to view the provincial news release.

Multi-Year Infrastructure Investment Strategy Details Planned Highway, Water Control, Northern Airport Capital Projects



Investing in infrastructure that connects all of us as Manitobans translates into a stronger Manitoba," - Kam Blight, AMM President

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Waterfowl Hunting Regulations Changes

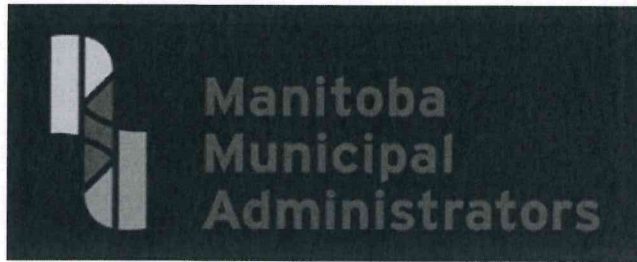
On November 3, 2022, Manitoba implemented a new provincial Waterfowl Modernization Strategy. The new regulations will impact the fall 2023 waterfowl hunting season for foreign resident¹ hunters who intend to hunt waterfowl in Manitoba either on their own as freelance hunters, or if they choose to hunt with an outfitter.

This document communicates the reasons for the changes, describes Manitoba's vision to protect the waterfowl hunting culture that exists in this Province and explains how foreign residents can continue to enjoy hunting in Manitoba.

A Guide to Changes in Migratory Game Bird Hunting Regulations for Foreign Residents in Manitoba – 2023

For more information, concerns or questions, contact:
Rob Olson at Rob.Olson@gov.mb.ca

MMA Professional Development Session Protecting Your Municipalities Bottom Line



**Friday, March 24, 2023
9:00 am – 4:30 pm.
Hyatt House, Winnipeg
700 Sterling Lyon Parkway
Winnipeg, MB**

As a Municipality, you play a critical role in providing essential services and maintaining public trust. However, with that responsibility comes the risk of fraud, which can have a significant impact on your operations, finances and reputation.

Municipal fraud can take many forms and the consequences can be devastating, including loss of taxpayer dollars, damaged public trust, and even legal action.

This is why it's crucial to have strong fraud prevention measures in place to protect your municipality. This may include implementing internal controls and procedures to prevent, detect and investigate fraud, as well as fostering a culture of transparency and accountability.

In this professional development session, we bring together municipal experts that will explore key strategies and best practices for protecting your municipality.

Click [HERE](#) for more info and to get tickets.

Professional Development Open to Public Works Professionals ONLY

Manitoba Good Roads Association (MGRA), in partnership with the **Canadian Public Works Association (CPWA)** presents a half day seminar providing professional development opportunity for Public Works Professionals (managers, supervisors, employees).

**How Municipalities can achieve Sustainable Service Delivery
through the integration of an Asset Management System**

TUESDAY, April 4, 2023

9:00 - 11:45 AM

Assiniboia Room, Delta Hotel, Winnipeg

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register



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AMM Events

2023 Spring Convention

April 3, 2023 - 9:00 am – April 5, 2023 - 3:30 pm

RBC Convention Centre Winnipeg

Agenda

This event includes (subject to change):

April 3, 2023 – Meetings for Mayors, Reeves and CAO's

April 4, 2023 – Spring Convention Program

April 4, 2023 – AMM Trade Show

April 5, 2023 – Spring Convention Program

Pre-registration is required to attend all Convention events.

Spring Convention Registration

Other Convention Components

April 3 – Meetings for Mayors, Reeves & CAO's
Room 2EF, 2nd Floor - North Building

***9:30 am to 11:30 am – Central, Eastern & Interlake Districts**

click here to register

***1:00 pm to 3:00 pm – Midwestern, Northern, Parkland & Western Districts**

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April 4 – Public Works Employee Registration – AMM Municipal Trade Show

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April 5 - Women in Municipal Government Lunch

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Registration for all Convention Event Components is open from February 21 - March 27

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AMM Education Workshop
Under the Umbrella: How to Weather a PR Storm

April 3, 2023
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Under the Umbrella: How to Weather a PR Storm workshop

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[Click here to view a full outline and list of objectives of the workshop.](#)

Registration fee: \$115.00 plus GST per person.

Registration deadline: 9:00 am, Monday, March 27, 2023.

AMM will invoice your municipality following the event.

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Women in Municipal Government Lunch
April 5, 2023 - 11:45am to 1:00pm

Join us on April 5 for our SECOND
AMM Women in Municipal Government Event.

This lunch is open to all delegates and features greetings from the Hon. Rochelle Squires, Minister of Families and Minister responsible for the Status of Women as well as a panel featuring five distinguished speakers.

As 45 per cent of elected officials are new to their role, this event will act as a great opportunity to network with your counterparts and learn from them. Dialogue will explore strategies to ensure all voices are equally represented around the Council table, while underscoring the importance of mentorship opportunities and how we can all work together to help influence and encourage leaders to drive change.

RBC Convention Center - Meeting Room 5, 1st Floor
Doors open at 11:45 am. Program will begin at 12:00pm.
Seating is limited. Cancellations will not be accepted.

*Delegates registered for the AMM Spring Convention **do not need to pay** for this event **but must register** as seating is limited.*

For those that have not registered for the Spring Convention the **fee is \$50 plus GST per person.** AMM will invoice following the events.

[Click HERE to register for the April 5 lunch.](#)

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MEMBER ADVISORY

REQUEST FOR QUESTIONS AMM to host Provincial Leaders' Forum

March 24, 2023 - The AMM is pleased to announce that we have secured one of the first provincial leaders' forums leading up to this year's provincial election. The forum will take place on **April 4, 2023** during the AMM Spring Convention in Winnipeg.

Premier Heather Stefanson, Leader of the Official Opposition Wab Kinew, and Leader of the Manitoba Liberal Party Dougald Lamont have all confirmed their participation in the forum.

President Blight notes that municipal issues will be front and centre heading into the provincial campaign, and it is important to AMM members to hear first-hand how each of the three major parties plan to address these issues if elected.

In order to prepare for the upcoming Provincial Leaders' Forum, the AMM would like to hear from you. Please submit any questions you would like

answered during this forum to Senior Policy Analyst **Stefanie Vieira** by email svieira@amm.mb.ca.

The deadline to submit questions is March 30, 2023 at 4:00 pm. Please note that the AMM will review all submitted questions and select common themes.

The leaders will be asked to respond to questions about these issues during the 75-minute forum, which will be moderated by Richard Cloutier, Co-Host News Director of CJOB Radio.

Sincerely,

Denys Volkov
Executive Director

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MEMBER ADVISORY

District Elections for AMM Board Positions

March 27, 2023 – Please be advised that during the 2023 June District Meetings (JDMs), we will be conducting elections for the AMM Board of Directors in all 7 Districts. Each District is entitled to 2 Directors per District.

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

Nominations and Candidate Requirements:

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

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

Date of District Elections:

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Denys Volkov
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Subject: Member Advisory: Cybersecurity Audit Service for AMM Members



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Cybersecurity Audit Service for AMM Members

March 29, 2023 – Given cyber-attacks are becoming more frequent, targeted, and complex, cybersecurity is increasingly important. Please be advised that the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) has negotiated an agreement with Bloom Software Co. to offer optional **Cybersecurity audits to AMM municipal members.**

A cybersecurity assessment allows organizations to identify areas where they are weakest, and provides a clear roadmap to addressing the risks and gaps that could be exploited and cause a significant issue.

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

Bloom will engage to deliver three key bodies of service:

- Discovery and assessment of the client's current cybersecurity;
- Recommendations and observations to be discussed for potential implementation; and

- Provide consultation efforts for the client to make informed decisions from the information discovered from the assessment.

For more information, please attend the Cyber Security Breakout Session at the 2023 AMM Spring Convention:

- Date: Wednesday, April 5th, 2023
- Room: 2F at the RBC Convention Centre, Winnipeg MB
- Time: 1:00PM

[Click HERE to learn how your municipality can benefit](#)

Sincerely,

Denys Volkov
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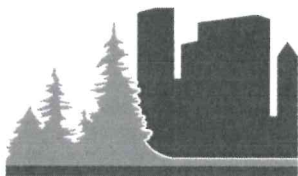
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MEDIA ADVISORY

JOINT STATEMENT

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



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- Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA)
- Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA)
- Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM)
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Traffic Marking Coatings

Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) Concentration Limits and Seasonal Use Restriction

The Government of Canada has set limits on volatile organic compound (VOC) concentrations contained in **traffic marking coatings**. Traffic marking coatings are paints and coatings used for marking surfaces such as streets, highways, parking lots, and airport runways.

The *Volatile Organic Compound Concentration Limits for Architectural Coatings Regulations* outline the requirements for **manufacturers, importers, sellers, and users** of traffic marking coatings. The regulations protect the health of Canadians and the environment by reducing the release of VOCs into the atmosphere, as they contribute to the formation of smog and degrade air quality.

Traffic marking coatings manufactured, imported or sold in Canada must not contain more than 450 g/L of VOCs. Additionally, traffic marking coatings are **subject to a seasonal use restriction of 150 g/L of VOCs in effect from May 1 to October 15. There are no exceptions to the seasonal use restriction.**

Seasonal Use Restriction

May 1 to Oct 15

VOC Concentration Limit: 150 g/L

Product Labelling Requirements

Manufacturers and importers must ensure that containers of products with VOC concentrations greater than 150 g/L state on the label or lid **"Not for application for the period beginning on May 1 and ending on Oct 15"**. The date of manufacture or a code representing the date must also appear on the container's label, lid or bottom. Other labelling requirements may apply.



FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Questions and inquiries can be directed to:

Environment and Climate Change Canada
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Produits-Products@ec.gc.ca
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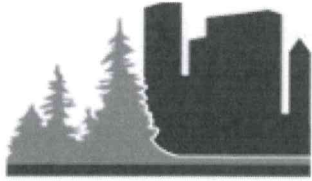
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**Manitoba Government Invests More Than \$15.3 Million to Support
Critical Infrastructure in Three Rural Communities**



"As the AMM makes it a priority to tour across Manitoba to meet one on one with municipalities, it is clear that there is a great need for increased dollars to support water and wastewater infrastructure" - Kam Blight, AMM President.

Click [HERE](#) to view the provincial news release.

Public Forum – Five-Year Review of The Accessibility for Manitobans Act

The review will focus on initiatives already taken under the **Accessibility for Manitobans Act (AMA)** and the structures that support it. The final report, with recommendations, will be completed before the end of the year. As part of this review, in-person public forums will be hosted. These public forums will be an opportunity for you to provide your input on the AMA.

Brandon

Date: April 20, 2023

Time: 1:00 to 3:30 pm

Location: Keystone Centre - 1175 18th Street, Unit 1, Brandon MB

Thompson

Date: May 2, 2023

Time: 1:00 to 2:30 pm

Location: Ma-Mow-We-Tak Friendship Centre - 4 Nelson Road, Thompson MB

Winnipeg

Date: May 15, 2023

Time: 1:00 to 3:30 pm

Location: Viscount Gort Hotel - 1670 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg MB

If you cannot attend any of these events, there will be an opportunity to provide your feedback on [EngageMB.ca](https://engage.mb.ca) and a virtual public forum will take place in mid-May 2023.

To assist with our planning, please email mao@gov.mb.ca or phone: **204-945-7613**, Toll-free: 1-800-282-8069, Ext. 7613, if you plan to attend one of the public forums and require accessibility measures to access the event.

CMHC Housing Accelerator Fund webinars



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Following the launch of the **Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF)**, FCM has received information from the **Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC)** that it will host two webinars aimed at providing further

information to municipalities interested in applying for HAF.

The webinars will take place on **Thursday, April 6 at 1 pm ET** and **Thursday, April 13 at 1 pm ET**. According to CMHC, these webinars will offer municipalities more information about HAF's funding details, expected outcomes and resources to support your application. You can sign up for the CMHC [HAF webinars here](#).

The CMHC program delivery team is also currently fielding inquiries from municipalities. If you wish to send questions to the CMHC directly on your municipality's behalf, email: haf-facl@cmhc-schl.gc.ca

Cities Adapt with Flood-Resilient Infrastructure Webinar

Across Canada, different types of public infrastructure are impacted by a wide range of climate hazards. Each year, municipal buildings, transportation systems, water supply, wastewater treatment and many other types of public infrastructure are affected by severe weather events in communities across the country.

As Canadian municipalities continue to be threatened and impacted by these events, most communities are rethinking the way they design and manage municipal infrastructure to ensure their long-term durability and performance under current and future climate conditions.

The recently published report: *Cities Adapt with Climate Resilient Infrastructure: Celebrating Local Leadership* showcases 20 case studies of communities that implemented strong actions to increase the resilience of their public infrastructure. This presentation will focus specifically on flood resilient infrastructure.

Register: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_iaWWaiMYQRKcXcjRm4pJnw

When: Friday, April 14, 2023, 1:00 - 2:30 PM CST

National Public Works Week



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CPWA Manitoba Chapter National Public Works Week (NPWW) Award

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

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

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- 9:00 am: Under the Umbrella: How to Weather a PR Storm
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April 4 & 5 – AMM Spring Convention, Room 2H, 2nd Floor

Please assign **ONE (1)** person to pick up your municipality's delegate badges on either Monday April 3 outside of Room 2E or on Tuesday, April 4 outside of Room 2H.

April 5 - Women in Municipal Government Lunch, 1st Floor

- 11:45 am: this is a pre-registered/ticketed event.

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TogetherAll is an online mental health platform and provides access to community and professional support 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The service is proven to help those who are struggling with stress, isolation, anxiety, and other common mental health issues.

Click the link below to learn more about this valuable resource and to register yourself and your employees: **www.togetherall.com**

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MEMBER ADVISORY

REMINDER #2 - 2023 June District Resolutions

Attention AMM Members:

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

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

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

For more information, please review:

JDM Resolutions Process and How to Write a Resolution

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

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

Additional suggestions to consider:

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

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

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

NEW

AMM Resolutions Policy*

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Denys Volkov
Executive Director

Association of Manitoba Municipalities



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You're Invited
Meet with your AMM Executive

AMM EXECUTIVE



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AMM President



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Vice-President



Kathy Valentino
Vice-President



April 5, 2023 - Please be advised that the AMM Executive will be hosting virtual meetings on **April 14, and April 21, 2023**, to meet with all AMM members.

The Executive would like to hear from you regarding any municipal issues or answer any questions you may have. These meetings will act as a great opportunity to virtually network with your counterparts and learn from them. We want to hear directly from you on any successes or challenges happening in your community to assist with our ongoing advocacy efforts. Additionally, the Executive can answer any questions you may have regarding AMM advocacy efforts.

Please note that each meeting invite is specific to the corresponding date. We hope to see you at one of the two meetings!

Date: April 14, 2023

Time: 2:00pm-3:00pm

Join Zoom Meeting

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Date: April 21, 2023

Time: 2:00pm-3:00pm

Join Zoom Meeting

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Cybersecurity Audit Service Information Webinar

April 11, 2023 – Given cyber-attacks are becoming more frequent, targeted, and complex, cybersecurity is increasingly important. The Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) has negotiated an agreement with Bloom Software Co. to offer optional **Cybersecurity audits to AMM municipal members.**

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

Join Michael Hepples, President of Bloom Software for a comprehensive review the Bloom Software cybersecurity assessment benefits, approach, and outcomes. The presentation will be followed by a live Q&A.

- **Date:** Wednesday, April 19, 2023
- **Register Here:** [Bloom Software Cybersecurity Assessment Webinar](#)
- **Time:** 12:00 pm
- **Or** [visit the webpage for this AMM Event](#)

Norma Will

From: Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) <amm@amm.mb.ca>
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Subject: AMM Western Director's Update - March 2023

MARCH 2023 - AMM WESTERN DIRECTOR'S UPDATE



AMM Western Director's Update

Councillor Rhonda Coupland
Councillor Scott Phillips

As your AMM Board Directors, we are pleased to provide an update on the issues we discussed at the last Board meeting that was held on **March 23, 2023**.

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

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



AMM Welcomes the Removal of the Municipal Funding Freeze in Budget 2023

Due to our advocacy efforts, Manitoba Premier Heather Stefanson and Municipal Relations Minister Andrew Smith announced that the Manitoba government is increasing the Municipal Operating basket from **\$170M to \$217M** (an increase of **\$47M**) and a **\$23.4M** increase to the Strategic Infrastructure Basket (from **\$137M to \$160.4M**) in the 2023 year.

The AMM has long called on the Province to work as '*Partners in Growth*' to ensure long-term stable and predictable funding, and thus we applaud the Province for listening to the concerns raised by our organization and municipalities about the importance of investing in communities to help build a stronger Manitoba. We also thank the provincial government for providing certainty to municipalities by announcing the permanency of this additional funding in future years.

The AMM looks forward to working with the Province of Manitoba to continue simplifying the municipal funding model and indexing funds in future years to keep up with Manitoba's growing economy.

Accessibility Submission

The Accessible Transportation Standard regulation is the fourth of five standards under the Accessibility for Manitobans Act (AMA). On March 24, the AMM formally submitted comments regarding the accessibility regulation standard for transportation in accordance with *The Accessibility for Manitobans Act*.

The AMM believes that the Manitoba Accessibility Office must continue to enhance communication, increase funding, and ensure any forthcoming resources are responsive to the needs of local communities. Designing an accessible Manitoba involves collaborative municipal-provincial support.

To read our submission click [HERE](#).

Bill 28 and Bill 34 Update

The Hon. Kelvin Goertzen, Minister of Justice, recently introduced *Bill 34: The Police Services Amendment Act* and *Bill 28: The Local Government Statutes Amendment Act*.

The Manitoba Government introduced the Police Services Amendment Act, that would create a new, layered public safety model to expand the scope and authority of Community Safety Officers (CSOs). The proposed amendments would enable CSOs to enforce provincial statutes and by-laws, and to respond to a range of lower-risk

incidents that do not require investigative or tactical interventions, freeing up police to respond to violent and complex crime.

Moreover, the Manitoba government also introduced *Bill 28: The Local Government Statutes Amendment Act* which proposes new rules for school trustees and municipal councillors in provincial races. The proposed legislation would require municipal councillors to take a leave of absence from their job if they are nominated to run for a seat in the Manitoba legislature. The Bill would also address real and perceived conflicts of interest for candidates who hold public office while campaigning to become a member of the legislature. Moreover, it would repeal a section of *The Elections Act* which prohibited a municipal council member from being nominated for election in the legislative assembly.

The AMM will be formally submitting written responses to the Manitoba government on both of these proposed bills. We encourage municipalities to consider making a submission as well.

PUB Application Rate

In response to ongoing discussions through a Working Group between AMM, Manitoba Municipal Administrators (MMA) and Public Utilities Board (PUB), on March 2, 2023, the PUB announced a revised simplified rate application process. The PUB has reviewed and varied Board Order No. 86/17 an order respecting water and/or wastewater utilities simplified rate application process and revised minimum filing requirements for municipally owned public utilities.

To learn more, please read the letter [HERE](#).

June Districts Update

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

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

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

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

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

For more information regarding the resolutions process, please click [HERE](#).

STAY CONNECTED

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



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MEMBER ADVISORY

Webinar - Manitoba Agriculture/MASC Service Centres

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

April 12, 2023 – You are invited to participate in a webinar with Executive Members of Manitoba Agriculture and Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation (MASC) to discuss challenges and address questions you may have regarding Service Centres within the province.

Two representatives from each municipality are welcome to join this conversation.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Meeting Details:

- Date: Wednesday, May 10, 2023
- Time: 2:30 - 3:30PM
- Microsoft Teams Meeting

In order to prepare for the discussion, please submit any questions you would like to bring forward in advance to **AMM Senior Policy Analyst Stefanie Vieira** via email svieira@amm.mb.ca.

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

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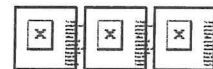
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Town/County Sponsorship Podcast/Website Episode

My name is Craig Baird and I run the podcast and website Canadian History Ehx. My podcast centres on all aspects of Canadian history, from the stories of the regular settlers to the tales of important Canadians and momentous events.

My podcast is currently one of the top history shows on Apple Podcasts and one of the top podcasts overall. Currently, my podcast has one million downloads per year and averages 100,000 downloads per month.

As for my website, it receives 1,000 visits per day.

On my podcast and website, I have featured dozens of small towns. Towns in Canada have amazing histories that go back a century or more in many cases. From the people who founded the community to the people to the notable names and events in that community's history, there is a story to tell.

Each sponsored episode or post would focus on the community's history from its founding to today, as well as items about the interesting places to see and the things to do there today.

Each episode would include:

- The community's history
- Things to do in the area
- Why someone should visit

The charge for this a one-time fee of:

- \$250 - Website post about the town's history, with keywords so that it ranks high in Google Rankings. This drives traffic to the post, which showcases the things people can visit in your area. It also features a link to your website.
- \$1,000 - A sponsored episode that goes out on the podcast, reaching tens of thousands of people. This episode remains up for good, and I provide you with a streaming link you can use anywhere you like.

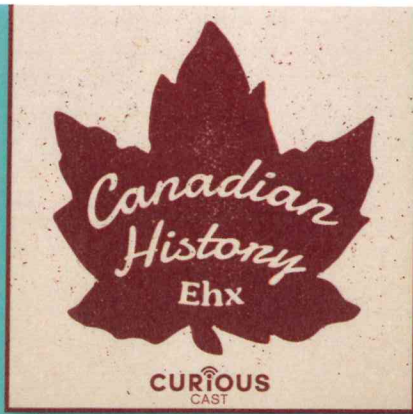
The episode stays up forever on the podcast feed so it can be discovered months and even years after it airs, helping more people find out about the community long after the podcast episode airs.

As for my background, I have been doing this podcast and website since 2019 and prior to that I spent over a decade working as a journalist in British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan. I work from home currently with this podcast on an acreage outside Edmonton. I also write weekly and monthly local history columns for newspapers in B.C., Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

I am available to talk over phone or Zoom to discuss this further or if there are any questions.

SINCERELY,

CRAIG BAIRD
CANADIAN HISTORY EHX



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ABOUT THE SHOW

Since 2019, Canadian History Ehx was launched as a podcast and website.

The podcast has been featured on CBC Radio, 630 CHED, the Prairie Post, Reader's Digest and the Edmonton Journal. Today, it ranks as one of the top Canadian history podcasts on Apple Podcasts Canada.

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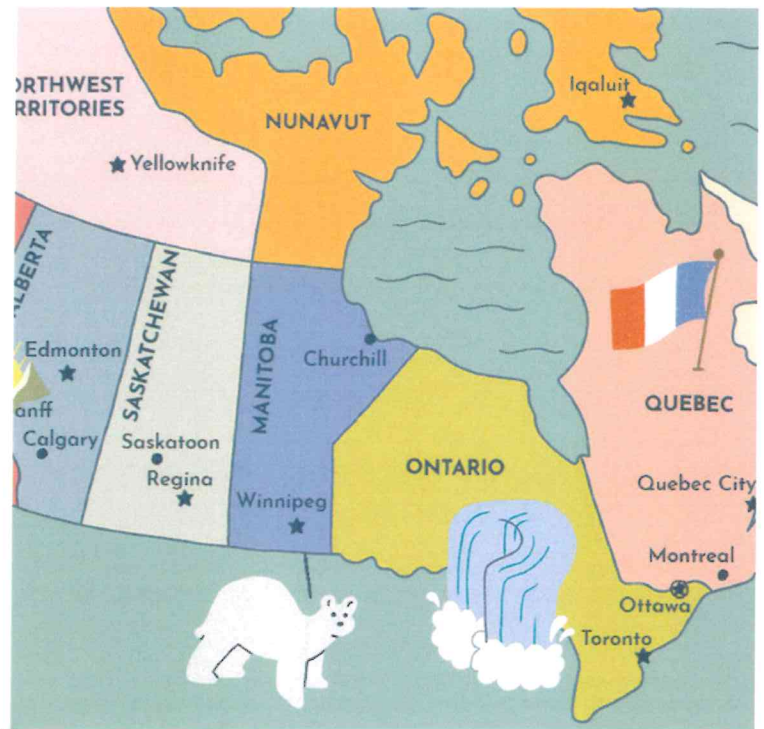
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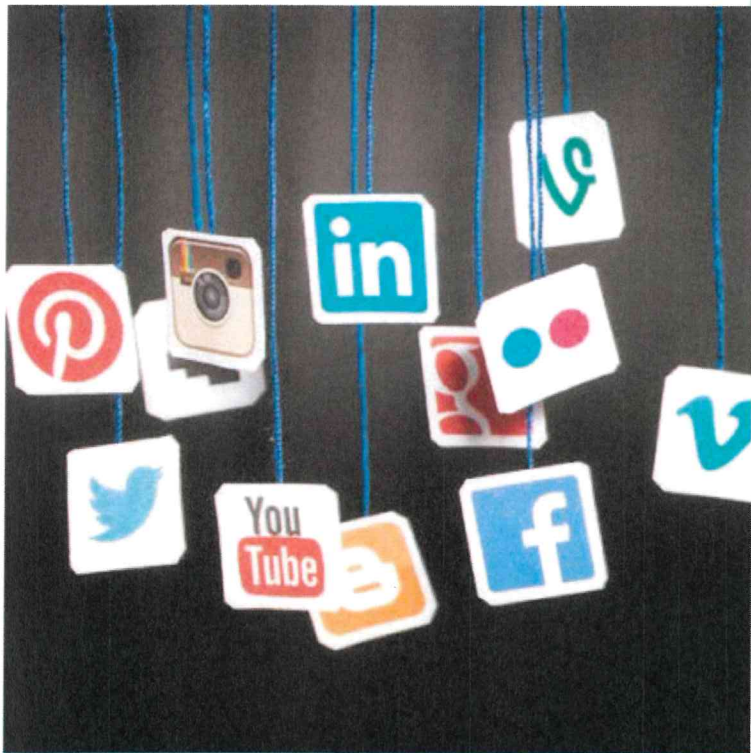


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Along with being featured on Canadian History Ehx and its spin-off podcasts, you would also be featured on all of the social media of the show.

With 3,000+ fans on Facebook, 16000 followers on TikTok and 5000 on Twitter, I can ensure you are promoted beyond the listeners of the show.

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THE GOAL OF MY SHOWS

I want to show listeners how amazing Canadian history is. From the man who tried to jump the St. Lawrence River in a rocket car, to the margarine bootleggers of Newfoundland. There is so much to discover, and I want to spread my passion for it to my listeners.

I also want to show the dark sides of Canadian history, in the hopes that we can learn from them and ensure such things never happen again.



April 6, 2023

Manitoba Public Safety Communication Service (PSCS) Update

The PSCS network has seen a tremendous amount of success since its inception, with over 11, 000 radios currently active on the network across 200+ Public Safety Entities (PSEs). The network build and transition to commercial operations has been a success because of everyone's collective efforts. The team at Bell looks forward to continuing to support the public safety communications needs across the province.

PSCS Network Survey Update

Bell and the Government of Manitoba have reviewed the feedback from the PSCS network survey and the overall results were favourable with 84% of the PSEs either satisfied or very satisfied. Bell is very pleased with this high percentage of PSCS network and service satisfaction, while recognizing that there is room for service improvement.

Based on the feedback received on the survey, Bell is committed to the following changes:

- Implementation of internal escalation paths to increase visibility on concerns and delays
- Improved turnaround times of up to 48 hours from our service desk

Some of the top items that came up in the comments were network coverage and battery issues. To better support PSEs when they use the PSCS network, we would like to provide additional guidance to improve the user experience. We look forward to working together to gain additional information through tickets to better understand the root causes of the issues, which will improve our ability to provide an appropriate solution or recommended course of action.

While we did receive feedback that provided enough information to understand the exact concerns described by survey respondents, we do require tickets to be submitted to our service desk for all other concerns. In order for us to support and resolve network coverage and radio concerns, please follow the below guidelines:

- Submit ticket requests with completed forms and applicable information to bmradiocc@bell.ca
- Common PSCS standard operating procedures can be found below:

PSCS Operating Procedures	
PSCS Standard Operating Procedures	https://www.gov.mb.ca/central/psc/pscs/pscs-standard-operating-procedures.html
PSCS Network Trouble Report Form	https://www.gov.mb.ca/central/psc/pscs/pubs/network trouble report form.pdf
PSCS Radio Repairs Process	https://www.gov.mb.ca/central/psc/pscs/pubs/radio repairs.pdf
IMPRESS Battery Care Guidelines	https://www.gov.mb.ca/central/psc/pscs/pubs/impres-battery-care-guidelines-2.pdf

This will provide the following benefits:

- Bell visibility into the issues to dispatch the right resources to investigate

- Reporting and tracking - Ability to manage and track activities to resolve or propose solutions to rectify. Review internally on trends to find opportunities to improve.
- Resolve any coverage areas that have good predicted coverage and issues that may come up between scheduled annual network maintenance

Radio Certification

PSEs may be allowed to use non-Motorola radios on the PSCS network providing the radios meet a minimum set of requirements and are certified to be on the PSCS network. The certification process will verify compliance and also identify any features/functionalities that may deviate from other manufacturer radios that are currently certified for use on the network.

The PSCS is an industry standards based land mobile radio (LMR) communications network which enables the use of any compatible and compliant user equipment that meets the minimum operating requirements of the radio network. The minimum requirements are as follows:

- Meet ISED (Industry, Science and Economic Development) Canada's specifications
- Have been tested and appropriate documentation provided that demonstrates compliance with the APCO Project 25 compliance acceptance program (P25 CAP)
- Meet the minimum functional requirements specified by the IWG (Interoperability Working Group), and
- Compliant with the minimum operational requirements of the network service levels.

For more information on the procedures, please contact PSCSSupport@gov.mb.ca

Radio Purchases

Bell has extended the special discount on Motorola APX™ radios with the new Motorola price list, both of which are valid until to April 29th, 2023. Public Safety Entities will continue to be able to take advantage of a 30 - 35% discount off Motorola Canadian list price on Motorola APX™ radios and a 20% discount on Motorola accessories. This special offer is available to PSEs that purchase approved radios from Bell for use on the PSCS radio network.

In order to simplify the way you request standard equipment. Please contact Bell Radio Sales (BMR_sales@bell.ca) or your Bell Service Partner to receive a quote and place an order. When requesting product, please provide the following:

- PSCS Account Number
- Contact Name and Number
- Package Name for Radios / Bell SKU for accessories
- Quantity
- Shipping Address (if not the same as billing)

Protect PSCS Network

The PSCS is primarily a public safety network that provides a highly reliable and secure radio communication to public safety services in Manitoba. To protect the integrity and security of PSCS, it is vital that all PSEs are aware of the responsibilities that come with accessing the network. PSEs are expected to provide continuous accountability and protection against loss or unauthorized access of their radio inventory at all times because

the loss of an active PSCS radio could enable unauthorized users to listen in on, or access confidential information and data.

PSEs should immediately report to [Bell Customer Service](#) when radios are [Lost, Stolen or Compromised](#).

PSCS Radio & Network Support

Please contact the Bell Service Desk or a Bell Service Partner if you experience any issues with your radios or the PSCS radio network. Bell will open a case for your service request. The repair cannot proceed without a Bell service case number.

Service Desk

Please contact Bell National Service Desk if you experience any issues with your radios or the PSCS Radio Network.

Toll Free: 1-833-551-3925

Email: bmradiocc@bell.ca

Service Partners

Alcom Electronic Communications
Unit 12-846 Marion Street
Winnipeg, Manitoba
204-237-9099
<https://www.alcom.ca/>

Prairie Mobile Communications
1305 King Edward Street
Winnipeg, Manitoba
204-632-7800
<https://www.prairiemobile.com/>

We look forward to continuing our work with you to support the public safety communications needs now and into the future.

Kind regards,


BellMTS

Brad Olinyk

Strategic Sales Planner – Public Safety & IC | Bell Business Markets

BMRadioCC@bell.ca

Support Contact Information



For PSCS and VHF network issues, equipment repair and, service requests, contact Bell's National Service Desk Monday-Friday 07:00-15:30 CDT (excluding Statutory holidays) at:

Toll Free: 1-833-551-3925

E-mail: BMRadioCC@bell.ca

Outside above business hours, calls are routed to Bell Wireless Network Operations Centre (WNOC):

- For **network** issues WNOC will create an incident ticket and provide you with the number for reference
- For **user equipment** issues use the above email address; you will receive an email receipt with the case number on the morning of the next business day with the resolution process outlined.

Norma Will

From: crocuscountryedc@gmail.com
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Good morning and happy Thursday,

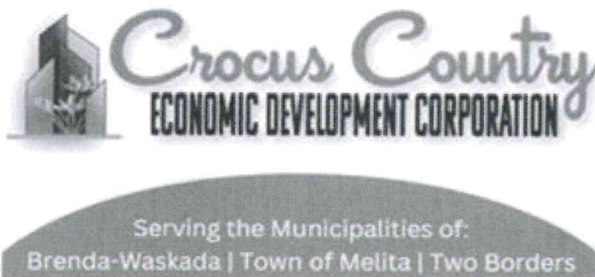
The Crocus Country EDC will be hosting Module 3 of the CommunityEdge training program, on **Saturday, April 22**. This module was created by the Economic Developers Association of Manitoba and is titled: Community Economic Development Strategies and shares a review of CED strategies which includes business development, sustainable development, community revitalization, population development, workforce development and more.

A video outlining module 3 and the learning outcomes can be found at <https://youtu.be/KT8q7i6fNco>

Please find attached the advertisement poster for this training outlining location, cost and the expected timeframe for the training and be sure to let me know as soon as possible if you wish to attend this program as we are limited to only 15 seats.

Have a great weekend and a very happy Easter.

- Eric



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Saturday
April 22 '23



Waskada, MB
Community Rink



\$125 per person
incl. coffee break



12:30 PM TO
5:00 PM

**Understanding community needs
through Community Profiles**

EDAM'S CommunityEdge Module #3:

**Examining various strategies
for building the local economy**

**"Sweet Spot" between supporting
businesses, workers and quality of life**



INSTRUCTOR:
LANA COWLING-MASON

General Manager for Community
Futures West Interlake

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NEWS | March 20, 2023



FCM VOICE

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FCM statement on Housing Accelerator Fund announcement

The federal government launched the long-awaited Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF) last Friday—an important sign of progress in the national effort to improve housing supply across the country.

FCM has been a long-time proponent of the potential of this fund and welcome the fact that the federal government continues to view municipalities as a partner in the mission to address Canada's housing challenges.

FCM will be pressing forward with its advocacy in the coming weeks, with a focus on ensuring a streamlined and accessible application process for all Canadian municipalities.

» [READ THE STATEMENT IN FULL](#)

NEWS

Closing event brings Canadian experts to Jordan

Last week in Jordan, Canadian experts, the Ministry of Local Administration (MoLA), 12 partner municipalities, 20 replication municipalities, community members and FCM project staff gathered to mark the end of our Jordan Municipal Support Project (JMSP).

Under the slogan 'We Built Together', the closing event highlighted achievements and lessons learned during the past six years. Discussion sessions and an exhibition showcasing good practices were also held. We thank the Government of Canada for its financial support of JMSP.

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EVENTS

From National Adaptation Strategy to local climate resilience

Climate perils continue to strike our communities, but the opportunity to reduce risk and increase resiliency is growing. The federal government's ambitious new proposed targets are timely, as is the initial \$1.2B in adaptation funding. Join us on March 23 at 12 p.m. ET for *From National Adaptation Strategy to local climate resilience*, the next edition of the FCM Collective webinar series.

In this moderated conversation, panelists will offer perspectives on the federal government's new National Adaptation Strategy and Action Plan and discuss the new federal funding and innovation support to tackle climate risks.

FCM is proud to present this webinar alongside our partner *the Co-operators*.

» [REGISTER TODAY](#)

Webinar: Sustainable municipal water management

Making your municipality's water systems more resilient to the impacts of climate change can help ensure clean and reliable water to your residents and businesses. Join our sustainable municipal water management webinar on March 30 from 1 – 2 p.m. ET, to:

- Learn about concepts like water conservation, green infrastructure and circular water and how they can help you adapt to climate change
- Increase your understanding of the importance of water and water conversation in Canada

- Learn about FCM's funding and resources to help you build your water management skills and knowledge

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RESOURCES

Case study: Local climate data supports retrofit decisions

Thinking of retrofitting your local recreation facilities? Learn more about the strategic approach the Town of Halton Hills, ON, took to include important climate data into their community building retrofit project to ensure they were making the best decisions that generated the highest triple-bottom-line returns for their community.

» [READ THE CASE STUDY](#)

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FCM TWEETS

Mar 18: From interactive panels to workshops and study tours, [#FCM2023AC](#) offers so many ways to learn. Pick up best

Mar 19: Local leaders are working hard to build a better life for everyone. For [#Budget2023](#), FCM is asking the fed gov't to

Mar 20: At FCM, we are driven by the desire to showcase the initiatives of Francophone and bilingual municipalities across the

practices and gain new insights to help meet your municipality's ongoing challenges. Workshop descriptions are now available on our website: <https://t.co/7l3QPzLh4Y>

invest at least \$500 million/year in municipal community, culture and recreational infrastructure for the next 10 years starting in 2024–25. <https://fcm.ca/betterlife>

country. On this International Day of [#LaFrancophonie](#), we celebrate Francophone culture and its rich diversity across our [#municipal](#) communities.

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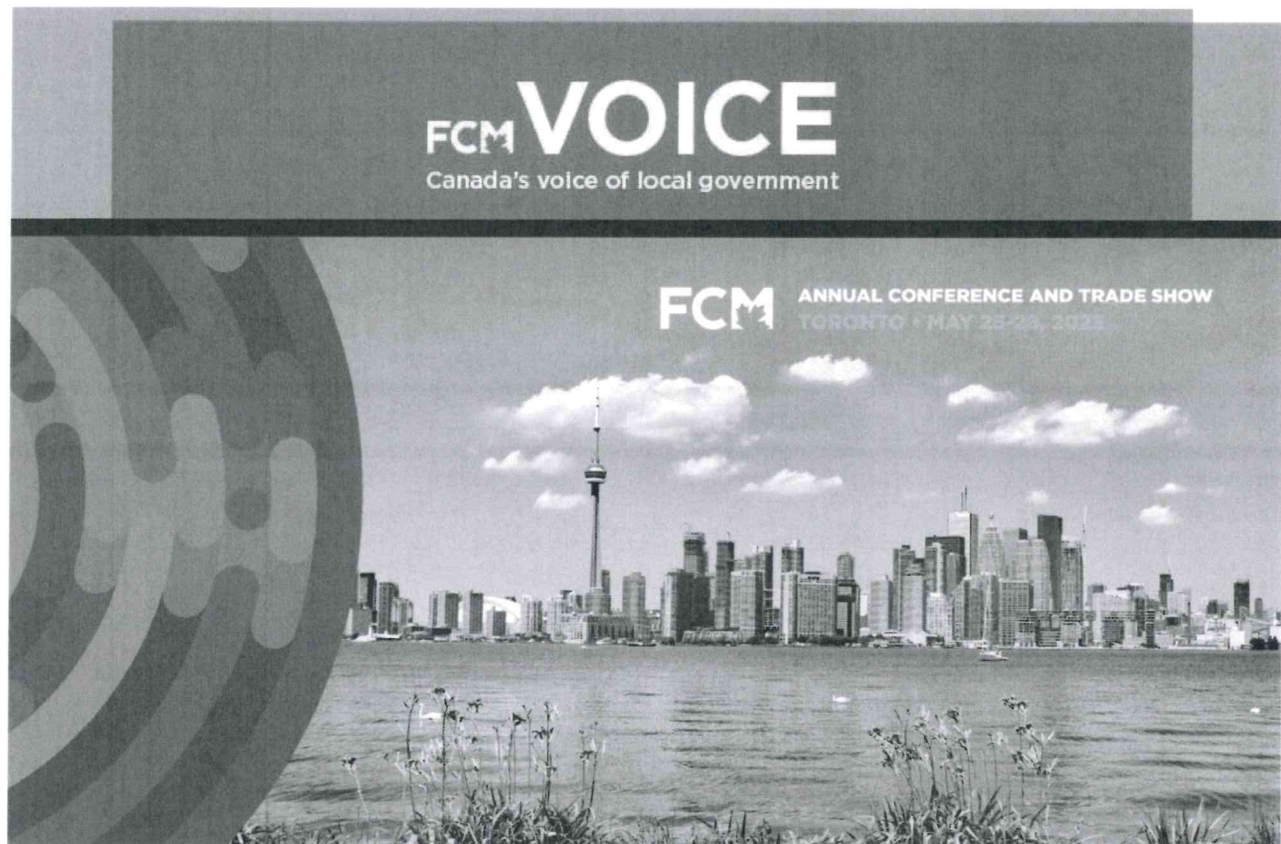
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Helping you build the case to attend AC2023

To help you attend FCM's 2023 Annual Conference and Trade Show, which will be held May 25-28 in Toronto, we've put together a [template council resolution](#) that you can adopt or amend to present your case for attendance. Many elected officials have found it useful in the past, and we hope you will too.

Don't forget—only three weeks left to get the early bird rate.

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We encourage you to put your name forward!

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Carole Saab named as top lobbyist for 2023

We are proud of our CEO Carole Saab for once again being named as one of the Top Lobbyists in Canada for 2023 by the Hill Times. Carole, alongside FCM staff and members from across the country, works tirelessly to make sure that the voice of Canadian municipalities is elevated to the federal stage and heard loud and clear on Parliament Hill, and last week's recognition reflects this hard work.

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EVENTS

Webinar: The climate benefits of ground source heat pumps

Installing ground source heat pumps (GSHPs) to heat and cool community buildings can help you reduce GHG emissions and save on operating costs. Join us and ICLEI Canada on March 29 from 1–3 p.m. ET for a free webinar to hear from industry experts on topics such as:

- The benefits of GHSPs, including how they can help you meet your climate goals
- How GHSPs can fit within rural, urban and suburban contexts
- And more

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

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Exploring women-led reconciliation for municipalities

Our Canadian Women in Local leadership project is proud to collaborate with Women Transforming Cities for a series of two free, interactive webinars exploring avenues for reconciliation. These are designed for local government leaders wondering how municipalities can approach the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's calls to action. Don't miss this opportunity to learn from municipalities in British Columbia. The first webinar is Wednesday, March 29, from 2–3:30 p.m. ET.

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RESOURCES

Municipal Marketplace: Join us for the upcoming Lunch & Learn webinar

This month's edition of Municipal Marketplace introduces our members to a special selection of municipally focused service providers. The organizations featured in this month's newsletter are focused on delivering practical insights and technical solutions that are highly applicable to Canadian communities, including in asset management, municipal insurance, sustainability goals, IT, infrastructure management and more.

Learn more at a special [Lunch & Learn webinar set for April 5](#), where these providers will provide rapid, compact presentations — giving you the ability to rapidly assess what can be put to best effect in your community.

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Key lessons from our Tunisia program

As we close our Program for Inclusive Municipal Leadership in Tunisia, we are delighted to share four new case studies highlighting the accomplishments, lessons learned, testimonials, and recommendations of Canadian experts and program managers. Addressing topics such as inclusive crisis management, municipal services that meet the needs of women, and more, they offer a wealth of knowledge. We thank our 24 Canadian partners and Global Affairs Canada for their support.

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CORPORATE PARTNER

Leveraging consumer spending data to help make smarter policy decisions

Municipalities play a critical role in the everyday life of Canadians and it's important that they have accurate data that informs good policy decisions. As Canada's largest provider of unified commerce solutions, Moneris is a valued partner to municipalities and the communities they serve. From national transit trends to transaction and payments data, municipalities can leverage Moneris' Data Services to better understand how consumer spend trends are impacting the economic growth in their communities.



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<https://t.co/Jxsq8YGqZJ>

Mar 23: Join us in Toronto May 25-28 for [#FCM2023AC](#). You'll have access to: Informative workshops & plenaries
Networking opportunities
Study tours that highlight local innovation
Our ever-popular Trade Show
Guest speakers and more
Register: <https://fcm.ca/ac>
[#CDNmuni](#)

Mar 24: Our Big City Mayors' Caucus met with the Federal Housing Advocate today to discuss the critical issue of homelessness in Canada in 2023. [#CDNmuni](#) have a crucial role to play in finding lasting solutions to this challenge and we thank Ms. Houle for today's discussion.

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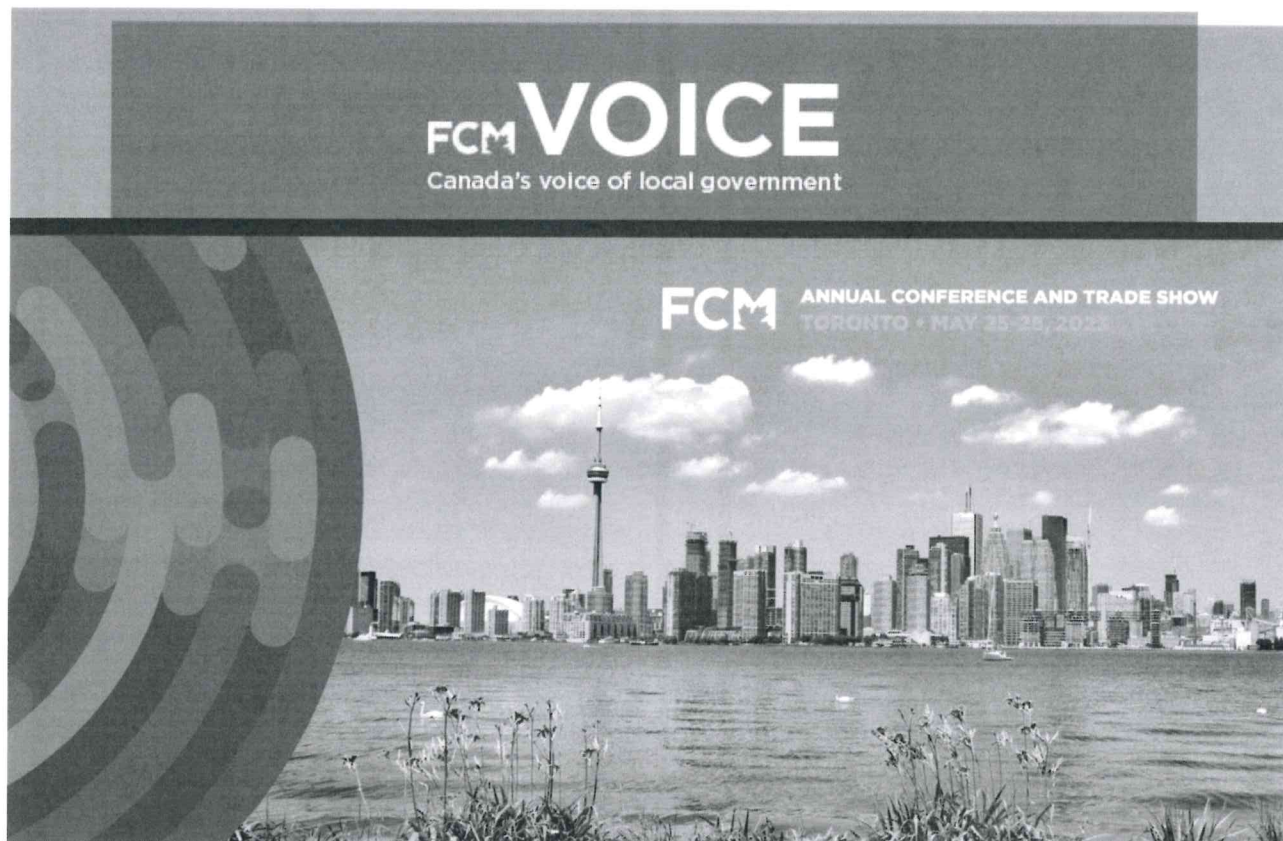
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Learn, network and raise your community's profile at AC2023

FCM's AC 2023 is your opportunity to network with more than 1,000 local leaders at the largest pan-Canadian gathering of elected officials. Connect with peers, partners and federal representatives and raise your community's profile, sharing your wins with hundreds of municipal leaders who are focused on the same issues. Get the insights you need, and learn about powerful tools and best practices to help your community foster action and deliver results — locally and nationally. Early bird rates end soon, don't miss out!

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New migratory birds regulations

The modernized [Migratory Birds Regulations \(MBR\), 2022](#) came into force on July 30, 2022 and may have impacts on municipal activities.

The modernization of these regulations served multiple purposes, including to:

- increase clarity, facilitate interpretation and compliance
- ensure that the Regulations recognize the Aboriginal and treaty rights of individuals exercising the rights recognized and affirmed in section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982
- improve the ability to effectively manage migratory birds in Canada
- provide a more streamlined regulation that offers greater flexibility to stakeholders

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RESOURCES

New insights on asset management

Do you want to know how Canadian municipalities are integrating asset management into policy and governance activities to improve their infrastructure decision-making practices?

Check out our new *Asset management insights: Policy and governance report*. This web-based report is the first of a series that will provide information on the impact of the Municipal Asset Management Program and blends key findings with real examples of what communities are doing to improve their decision-making on infrastructure.

FCM IN THE NEWS

FCM in the news on RCMP retroactive pay costs

Since the federal government indicated that it will not be absorbing the retroactive costs associated with the latest RCMP collective bargaining agreement, FCM has continued advocating strongly on behalf of our members burdened with these unacceptable costs by posting on social media, having direct conversations with Ministers and key departmental officials and undertaking media outreach.

We've generated news coverage from coast to coast, from [CBC PEI](#) to [CTV Edmonton](#), [The Western Producer](#), [ICI Radio Canada Acadie](#) and [Global News BC](#).

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FCM TWEETS

Apr 3: Are you attending FCM's Annual Conference and Trade Show for the first time? Miramichi, NB Mayor [@adamlordon](#) shares what he's looking forward to the most at [#FCM2023AC](#). Join us in Toronto May 25-28, 2023. <https://t.co/KcMSIhIFpZ>

Apr 4: Today, [@FCM_online](#) celebrates an important milestone as [@INFC_eng](#) [@DLeBlancNB](#) announce that all \$33 billion of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program has been allocated to local and regional infrastructure

Apr 5: Shippagan Mayor Kassim Doumbia explains why you should attend this year's FCM Annual Conference & Trade Show. [#FCM2023AC](#) gives you the best opportunities to network with other local leaders, like Kassim, from all over Canada. We hope

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Joni Swidnicki

From: Joni Swidnicki
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 12:52 PM
To: Peter Hart
Subject: RE: Pilot Invitation - Ai in Facilities

Hello,

I will place this item on the April 21 Council agenda to see if Council has an interest in pursuing.

Joni Swidnicki, CMMA (Hons)
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From: Peter Hart <phart@sustainergy.ca>
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 12:09 PM
To: Joni Swidnicki <cao@oakland-wawanesa.ca>
Subject: Pilot Invitation - Ai in Facilities

Hello Joni,

We would like to invite your municipality to participate in our pilot program for optimizing facility performance and energy efficiency. Over 100 municipalities are already involved in the program, and your municipality would benefit greatly from participating.

Benefits of participating in our program include:

- No- Cost - Tens- of Thousands of dollars of sensors will be installed at no cost that the municipality can keep and benefit from after the pilot.
- Insights and guidance to reduce energy consumption, save money, and extend the lifespan of your equipment

- An algorithm that learns from all the municipal facilities involved to optimize energy efficiency and equipment health
- Regular reports and updates on your facility's performance

Our program works by installing sensors in your facility that collect data on your equipment's performance second by second. This data is then reported and interpreted using our advanced algorithm to identify areas where energy consumption can be reduced, equipment health can be improved, and money can be saved. The insights and guidance provided by our program will help you extend the lifespan of your equipment and optimize energy efficiency.

Funding for this pilot program is provided through an R& D grant we are participating in.

With a 15-minute call, we would be happy to provide you with a short overview of how things work and what exactly we would be doing.

Best regards,

Peter



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The Accessibility for Manitobans Act 5-Year Review

The Accessibility for Manitobans Act (AMA) became law in December 2013 and provides a clear and proactive process for identifying, preventing and removing barriers. Physical, communication and systemic barriers prevent a significant portion of Manitobans from fully participating in society. The act aims to eliminate barriers by developing accessibility standards for government, public and private-sector organizations including municipalities, businesses and not-for-profit organizations.

The AMA is reviewed every five years. The Honourable Rochelle Squires, the Minister responsible for Accessibility, has appointed Sarah Lugtig as the independent reviewer. She will analyze the effectiveness of the act, with a focus on reviewing initiatives already taken under the act and the structures that support it. The final report, with recommendations, will be completed before the end of the year.

Public Forums:

As part of this review, in-person public forums will be hosted. These public forums will be an opportunity for you to provide your input on the AMA.

Brandon

Date: April 20, 2023
Time: 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Location: Keystone Centre - 1175 18th Street Unit 1, Brandon, MB

Thompson

Date: May 2

Time: 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Location: Ma-Mow-We-Tak Friendship Centre - 4 Nelson Road, Thompson, MB

Winnipeg

Date: May 15

Time: 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Location: Viscount Gort Hotel - 1670 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, MB

Each event will be the same session and include small group discussions that will then be summarized and presented to the larger audience, and carefully captured for subsequent analysis. No registration is required to attend these events. For more information on the AMA, visit AccessibilityMB.ca.

If you cannot attend one of these public forums, please note that there will be a virtual public forum in mid-May.

An essential part of planning the forums is ensuring their accessibility. Each event will have accessibility measures such as Braille documents, ASL, Closed Captioning and the provision of personal care attendants. To assist with our planning, please email mao@gov.mb.ca or phone: 204-945-7613, Toll-free: 1-800-282-8069, Ext. 7613, if you plan to attend one of the public forums and require accessibility measures to access the event.

Provide Your Feedback Online:

EngageMB:

Visit the [EngageMB website](http://EngageMB.ca) for an opportunity to provide feedback and participate in an online survey on the AMA.

Share Your Story:

We're interested in hearing from all Manitobans, including people with disabilities, persons with long-term health conditions or illness, seniors, caregivers, family, friends, and natural supports and others interested in this area. Use the story tool on [EngageMB](#) or email your story to MAO@gov.mb.ca.

Accessible Transportation Standard Regulation 60-Day Public Consultations closed April 9

The Manitoba government thanks everyone who provided feedback on the Accessible Transportation Standard during the 60-Day Public Consultations, which closed on April 9, 2023.

During this consultation period, we received feedback on EngageMB, over the telephone and during the public webinar hosted on March 22, 2023. Government will review the feedback and present the final version of the standard to Cabinet in the coming months.

For more information about the Accessible Transportation Standard, to listen to the recorded webinar from March 22, 2023, or to access the FAQ or other resources on the standard, please visit [AccessibilityMB.ca](https://www.accessibilitymb.ca).

Manitoba Access Awareness Week Runs from May 28 to June 3, 2023



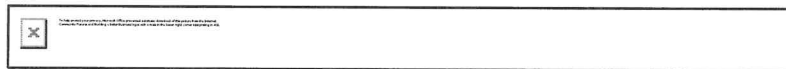
The Manitoba government is proud to once again proclaim May 28 to June 3, 2023 as Manitoba Access Awareness Week (MAAW). Originally recognized in the 1980s, MAAW is celebrated annually each June. This weeklong awareness celebration promotes accessibility and inclusion. It also acknowledges the people 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.

Stay tuned for an announcement about a webinar hosted by the Manitoba Accessibility Office in celebration of MAAW. More information about this webinar will be available in the next edition of Accessibility News and will be posted on AccessibilityMB.ca.

Spotlight on Manitoba Accessibility Fund Projects

The Manitoba Accessibility Fund is proud to spotlight these amazing projects this month: Community Futures Inc., Healthy Muslim Families, Winnipeg Trails, Squarely Social and Manitoba New Media. All these projects were funded during the pilot year of the program.

Community Futures Inc.



Community Futures Manitoba, a non-profit organization that supports small business development in rural and northern Manitoba, is excited to announce that the Build a Better Business training program is now available in American Sign Language (ASL). This program is a series of educational videos designed to provide all the necessary information for individuals interested in starting their own business.

In response to the growing interest from the Deaf community in entrepreneurship, Community Futures Manitoba applied to the Manitoba Accessibility Fund to add ASL to all the business video modules to make them more accessible. To make this goal a reality, Community Futures Manitoba contracted ECCOE to provide translation services from English to ASL.

Community Futures Manitoba's Build a Better Business program is an exciting opportunity for individuals who are interested in starting their own business. This project showcases best practices for the Information and Communication Standard set out by the Accessibility for Manitobans Act. This initiative also reduces transportation barriers often faced by people with disabilities living outside of Winnipeg, making the videos more widely available to all Manitobans.

Healthy Muslim Families



Healthy Muslim Families (HMF) is a charitable organization serving Muslim communities that aims to strengthen and empower families through education, workshops, services, and support, in line with Islamic values.

The MAF-funded project enabled the organization to gain a better understanding of the Accessibility for Manitobans Act (AMA) and other legislation that exists internationally and nationally on the rights of people with disabilities. It raised community awareness about the AMA and accessibility standards and is a supportive employer of people with disabilities. In addition, the organization gained a greater understanding of the intersections of Gender-Based violence as it relates to Muslim women with disabilities.

The project undertook several different activities and sessions aimed to increase the organization's capacity by training all staff members and some volunteers on Accessible Customer Service, and learning from lived experience of a person with disability. This experience helped the team to understand the existing barriers and what role they can play to promote accessibility in their own community. HMF developed a short training guide on AMA for future hires so that whoever joins the team knows from the start that we value accessibility. MAF enabled the organization to build its policies and develop its own Accessible Hiring Practices using expertise of a local organization serving people with disabilities.

'Keep the entrance clear' and 'How can we help' signage was developed in different languages and made available for community centers, partner agencies and ethnic stores to be kept on reception desks and other entrances. Signage can be ordered by calling our office.

The organization website was upgraded to become an accessible one and several resources were developed like 'Resources for women with disabilities facing gender-based violence' and 'Accessibility for all; a guide to understanding disability and removing barriers for daily living' was made available on the website as well as distributed to other organizations. All resources were AMA compliant. For the International Women's Day campaign, HMF produced a video with ASL which they hope to be a regular feature.

An interactive online session was held with a Muslim disability advocate from DEEN Support Services. The session was attended by 15 community representatives and focused on Muslim philosophy, critical thinking, cultural

awareness and ways of increasing accessibility of physical spaces and organizational activities.

HMF offers a youth program and, as a result of project activities, one of the coordinators was able to meet the accessibility needs of a participant on the autism spectrum. Furthermore, an HMF youth representative enrolled in an ASL course at Red River College Polytechnic to be a resource for the community.

HMF aims to providing high quality services to the community and will continue to build on their strengths to increase compliance with the AMA and improving accessibility needs in the community.

Winnipeg Trails - Winterpeg is for Everyone!



This was the third winter that Winnipeg Trails hosted the Winterpeg Mobile Ski Library. It began as a community initiative during the pandemic, where Winnipeggers donated their old cross-country ski equipment, so more folks could have the opportunity to get outside and enjoy being active in the winter. Through guidance from the Accessibility for Manitobans Act and the Manitoba Accessibility Fund, we aspired to create a mobile ski library that demonstrated the different ways folks of all ages and all abilities could have fun outdoors and skiing alongside their friends and family. We did this through improved communication on our website, training opportunities for using the adapted equipment, and hosting a weekly adapted ski event for persons with a disability.

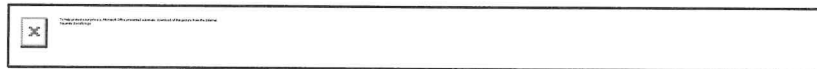
We improved our Winterpeg website by providing event information such as written directions, a map, and the nearest bus stop location. We shared whether there was an accessible washroom onsite or an indoor warm-up space. Participants were encouraged to reach out with any questions about the event location or adapted equipment. We aimed to allow participants to choose their own adventure and see themselves taking part because we demonstrated that we wanted them there! We also hosted a weekly adapted ski night for persons with a disability and their allies. This event surprised us by not only introducing persons with a disability to the adapted equipment but gave teachers, physiotherapists, and occupational therapists who visited an opportunity to learn about the equipment we have available. Although the circumstances were unfortunate, the war in Ukraine brought a retired

paralympic biathlete to Manitoba. His knowledge and passion for accessible sports truly brought our community together.

This winter, thousands of Winnipeggers were introduced to unique adapted equipment such as sit skis, wheelchair blades, kicksleds, and an ahkio sled. We partnered with the Vision Impaired Resource Network to create a training program to have a list of volunteer ski guides for blind or vision-impaired skiers. Next year we want to connect even more schools with the adapted equipment so that they can ski alongside their friends on school trips.

We had so much fun working towards creating a more accessible and inclusive mobile ski library this winter! By providing adapted equipment, ski guide training, and resources for education and outreach, the library has made skiing more inclusive and welcoming for everyone. We will continue to use the AMA guidelines as a foundation for working together toward making recreational activities accessible and enjoyable for people of all ages and abilities, and we will continue this in the future.

Squarely Social



Squarely Social is a Manitoba-based organization that provides web and social media accessibility consulting services and training to clients across Canada. We believe that content can't be conversational until it's inclusive, and we believe conversations are deeper and more meaningful by bringing diverse people and perspectives together.

Thanks to the support of the Manitoba Accessibility Fund, the Social Media and Website Content Accessibility Class is now publicly available to help marketing and communications professionals learn how to create accessible web and social media content, affect change within their organizations and reduce barriers for Manitobans with disabilities. Squarely Social was also able to update its website to meet the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines under the Information and Communications Standard in the Accessibility for Manitobans Act.

Project partners included Ashleigh Lodge, Eclectic Communications, Relish Branding and CNIB Frontier Accessibility.

The class is designed as an immersive learning experience through 2 half-day live, instructor-led online sessions for a total of 5 hours of training, including practical exercises and takeaways participants can use in their organizations.

The initial offerings took place over 2 cohorts on February 15 and 16 and February 27 and 28 with participation from organizations across Canada. We are proud to say that 100% of people who took the class would recommend it to a colleague.

Classes will be offered monthly. The next sessions are on April 19 and 20, 2023. [Registration is available through the Squarely Social website.](#)

Some direct feedback from participants noted new skills they developed in the class:

“Start small and take steps towards accessibility. Everyone is learning and growing at their own pace in this area. I learned about tools like the contrast-ratio checker and standard. Learned a lot about writing for web and social.”

“Simple changes can make a big difference in accessibility.”

“How to access website and social content so I can do better! Specifically getting contrast right, using the right kind of video captioning, and better, more useful links.”

“Better understanding around social media accessibility, use of emojis, that accessibility overlays are hurting rather than helping.”

New Media Manitoba

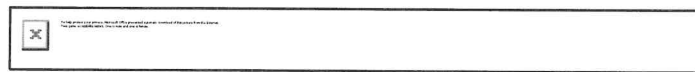
New Media Manitoba (NMM) is the Sector Council lead for Information, Communication and Digital Technologies and a non-profit industry association that is dedicated to supporting Manitoba’s Interactive Digital Media (IDM) industry. Over the last four years, we have seen a growing demand from our member companies for additional training opportunities centred around digital accessibility.



Our training was designed to be customized to the unique services of our companies. This included everything from traditional web page design to user interface design for video games. Each training program included a mixture of learning pathways from classroom-style webinars to applied learning, where participants took the assessments from accessibility auditors and implemented those findings into their product, which were then followed up with applied learning. That is why we were so excited to be a recipient of a MAF grant because it allowed us to extend our services for more in-depth training and specialized audits.

The results of the training initiative were impressive. Participants reported feeling more confident in their ability to create accessible digital products and services. Many noted that the program had opened their eyes to the importance of designing with accessibility in mind.

“We walked away from the training series committed to continued education and improvement of our accessibility-related processes and services and have a better understanding of how to effectively communicate both internally and with our clients around accessibility.” -Karen Niedzwiecki, Studio Manager & Senior Designer, Manoverboard - NMM Member



The website audits conducted by individuals with disabilities provided valuable insights into the accessibility challenges they face daily. The feedback received helped our companies understand the barriers they had inadvertently created with their digital products and course correct to make them more accessible.

New Media Manitoba's training initiative through the MAF Grant is an important step towards creating a more inclusive digital landscape in Manitoba. By equipping digital media professionals with the skills and knowledge needed to create accessible digital products and services, we have created a successful model to help to ensure that everyone, regardless of ability, can access and enjoy the benefits of the digital world.

Our commitment to this important topic will continue after this program but will be built into all our future activities. The support we received from the Manitoba Accessibility Fund was essential in allowing us to provide this training initiative for our members.

Manitoba Government Invests Historic \$104 Million to Support Disability Services, Increase Service Provider Wages as Part of Budget 2023

Commitment Remains Steadfast to Create Meaningful Change for Disability Sector, Improving Lives of All Manitobans: Stefanson, Squires

As part of Budget 2023, *Historic Help for Manitobans*, and its efforts to build stronger communities, the Manitoba government is investing a historic \$104 million to support disability services and increase the wages of staff that deliver them, Premier Heather Stefanson and Families Minister Rochelle Squires, minister responsible for accessibility, announced today.

“Our government remains steadfast in our commitment to create meaningful and impactful change for Manitobans living with disabilities,” said Stefanson. “We are listening and we are taking action to improve the quality of lives of all Manitobans. This historic funding commitment, which represents the largest increase for this sector in our province’s history, will have a tremendous impact on the lives of children with disabilities and adults with an intellectual disability, their families and the staff who support them, now and for generations to come.”

As part of this \$104-million investment, nearly \$82 million will support increased wages for front-line staff, the premier noted, adding that this foundational investment is the largest single investment in Community Living disABILITY Services (CLDS) since the program’s inception.

“Our government is committed to reducing barriers and providing the necessary supports and services that empower children and adults with a disability to discover their talents, pursue their dreams and live independently,” said Squires. “Budget 2023 is about investing in our communities, with a historic \$640-million total annual commitment towards services for the disability community and we look forward to continue working collaboratively with this sector to build a future full of hope and opportunity.”

The CLDS program provides funding to 93 agencies across the province that deliver a range of support services to approximately 7,900 adults with an intellectual disability. Children’s disABILITY Services supports 6,500 children with a variety of resources and supports to assist families to care for their

children at home in their own communities, where children grow and thrive, the minister noted.

“This significant increase provides much-needed stability to people with disabilities and organizations. It will allow front-line staff who love their work to be able to stay and continue that work,” said Margo Powell, executive director, Abilities Manitoba. “This brings hope of being able to recruit and retain direct support staff who are interested, invested and able to stay in support work.”

The Manitoba government values the work performed by the sector’s direct services workers and recognizes their dedication in ensuring Manitobans with a disability receive quality services and supports in communities throughout the province, Stefanson and Squires noted.

“This investment in direct service professional wages is an investment in the quality of life people with intellectual disabilities experience. The value and responsibilities of direct service professionals for many years have greatly outweighed their compensation,” said Scott Smith, member, Intellectual Disability Issues Advisory Council. “The \$104 million will create conditions of stability for the agencies to focus on providing quality services and strengthen supports for families.”

The new funding includes:

- \$79.7 million to increase the baseline funded hourly wage rate to \$19 for direct service workers and \$20.90 for supervisors and program support staff who provide residential, day and respite services to CLDS participants and their families;
- \$2 million to support families raising children with disabilities to increase the funded guideline rate for agency-delivered and self-managed respite services to \$19 per hour, so families supported through self-managed respite can offer a competitive wage when recruiting and retaining respite workers; and
- \$21.4 million to expand the capacity of the CLDS program.

“These investments are a significant step forward in supporting Manitoba’s disability community and will further support service providers in providing a meaningful and competitive wage to front-line workers in the disability sector,” said Squires.

The Budget 2023 commitment builds on previously announced investments of \$29 million towards disability services programming including \$10 million for increasing sector wages, \$13.8 million to build sector capacity, and \$5

million dedicated to building case management services and reducing wait times for therapeutic services for children.

In the News:

“Most Canadians with disabilities face barriers when travelling: AG report” featured on globalnews.ca

In 2019 and 2020 more than 1 million Canadians travelled by air or train and faced a barrier. In a report about accessibility and federally regulated transportation, the auditor general of Canada, stated that Via Rail and the Canadian Air Transport Security Authority have made improvements to accessibility over the last several years, but that more can be done to make travel accessible for all.

Read the full article by visiting: <https://globalnews.ca/news/9581494/travel-barriers-canadians-with-disabilities-ag-report/>

“Yoast SEO Founder Invests in WordPress Accessibility Plugin” featured on searchenginejournal.com

Ensuring a website is accessible involves more than proper colour contrast and assigning alt text to images. To make a website fully accessible it must comply with many standards set out by the WCAG 2.1 standards. Yoast SEO is investing in a WordPress plugin that will scan and report accessibility issues, making it easier for businesses and companies to identify accessibility issues with their websites.

Read the full article by visiting:
<https://www.searchenginejournal.com/equalize-digital-accessibility-checker/483452/#close>

Announcements:

Public Engagements:

- **EngageMB – The Accessibility for Manitobans Act Five-Year Review:** Visit [EngageMB.ca](https://engagemb.ca) to share your feedback on the Act and participate in an online survey.
- **The Accessibility for Manitobans Act Five-Year Review – In-Person Forums***
 - **Brandon:**
 - Date: April 20, 2023
 - Time: 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm
 - Location: Keystone Centre - 1175 18th Street Unit 1, Brandon, MB
 - **Thompson:**
 - Date: May 2
 - Time: 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
 - Location: Ma-Mow-We-Tak Friendship Centre - 4 Nelson Road, Thompson, MB
 - **Winnipeg:**
 - Date: May 15
 - Time: 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm
 - Location: Viscount Gort Hotel - 1670 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, MB
- * No registration is required to attend these events.

Upcoming Webinars:

- **MAAW Celebration Webinar:** Information coming soon.

Important Dates:

- **The Accessibility Standard for Information and Communication** comes into force for the Manitoba government on May 1, 2023

Awareness Dates:

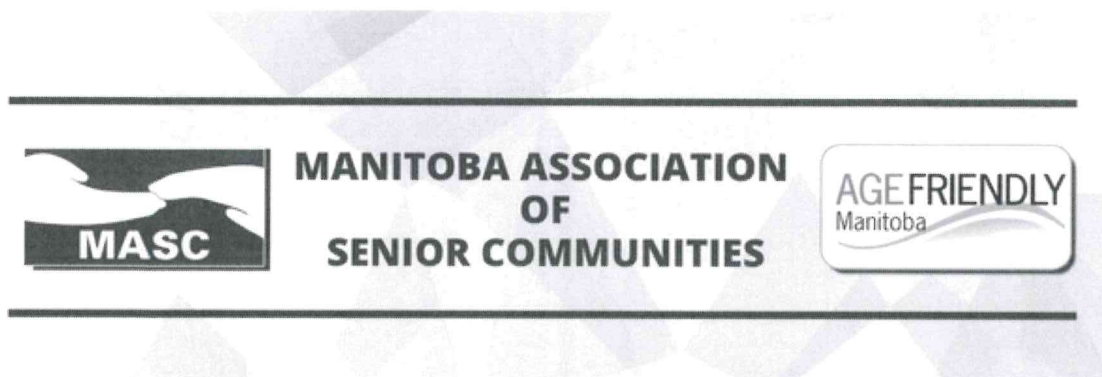
- World Functional Neurological Disorder Awareness Day – April 13



This newsletter is available in alternate formats on request.
 You subscribed to this newsletter on the [AccessibilityMB.ca](https://accessibilitymb.ca) website.
 Manitoba Accessibility Office
 630 - 240 Graham Avenue

Norma Will

From: Connie <info@manitobaseniorcommunities.ca>
Sent: Saturday, March 18, 2023 9:15 AM
To: Oakland-Wawaneesa, Municipality
Subject: The Manitoba 55+ Games are Coming to Portage la Prairie!



Mark your calendars and share!



Printable 55+ Games Promo Poster



Our mailing address is:

Executive Director: Connie Newman
PO Box 54067 Silver Heights PO
Winnipeg, MB R3J 0L5
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Do you know a family that has lost a loved one through homicide?

Dear Mayor:

MOVA is an organization of families of homicide victims who support other families of homicide victims. We know much of what they are going through, because we have also been through it. Unfamiliarity with the court and police processes, uncertainty about what happens after trial – we have all been there. No one is prepared for losing someone through homicide.

MOVA has a variety of ways of supporting victims of homicide, starting with meeting with families at their convenience to just listen and be there for them. We also support through providing sharing sessions each month and holding our Annual Candle Light, in honour of our loved ones lost through murder. We can attend court with families, help write victim impact statements, help victims to understand their rights and help navigate the systems right from when the incident occurs, through the police, court, prison and parole systems.

As an organization of families of homicide victims, we have a unique understanding of the aftermath of murder and what it can do to someone who is suddenly involved in a life they have no experience with.

If you know of someone who has lost a loved one through homicide, please pass along our contact information.

Karen Wiebe, Executive Director

phone - 204-831-8950

email - help@nova.ca

Poster and brochures are available digitally on request.

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Manitoba Organization
for Victim Assistance

Have you lost a loved one through homicide?

MOVA offers support and services to help families navigate the criminal justice system after the homicide of a loved one.

As an organization of families of homicide victims, we have a unique understanding of the aftermath of murder and what it can do to someone who is suddenly involved in a life they have no experience in.

If you would like to talk with someone who has been through what you are going through now, please contact us by phone at 204-831-8950 or by email at help@mova.ca

We are here to help!



MINISTER
OF MUNICIPAL RELATIONS

Room 317 Legislative Building
Winnipeg, Manitoba CANADA R3C 0V8

His Worship David Kreklewich
Mayor
Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa
adminassist@oakland-wawanesa.ca

March 20, 2023

Dear Mayor Kreklewich:

2023 Municipal Operating Grant

I am pleased to advise that the first payment of your municipality's 2023 Municipal Operating grant will be directly deposited into your municipality's account in the coming days. The 2023 Municipal Operating grant for your municipality is part of the historic increase of up to \$47 million to the unconditional operating basket announced on February 24, 2023 by Premier Stefanson. **Please refer to the attachment for your overall estimated grant amount, and first payment.** Future letters will provide information on your remaining payments for the 2023 municipal fiscal (calendar) year.

Please note that overall grant amounts are estimated as Census population appeals are still active. As a result, future adjustments will be made to the per capita allocations of the operating grant once all 2021 Census population count adjustments are finalized by Statistics Canada. Any adjustments to your final 2023 Municipal Operating grant amount as a result of Census changes will be reflected in succeeding payments.

The Municipal Operating grant is unconditional, which gives your municipality full flexibility to allocate the funding according to your local priorities. As noted in the 2023 Budget Day letter to municipalities, we are requesting that municipalities report on the notional or estimated allocation of Municipal Operating grant funding towards core municipal services and programs, and to identify high level outcomes achieved in 2022. This will help the department analyze how the funding is being applied locally, while also ensuring that it continues to address ongoing and evolving specific municipal service needs in the future – through the ongoing review framework for the Municipal Operating grant. Beginning in 2023, municipalities will be able to complete their reporting through Manitoba Municipalities Online. Please complete and submit your 2022 report to the Department of Municipal Relations by June 30, 2023.

Building strong, sustainable communities continues to be a key priority for our government. Thank you for your continued leadership to support your municipality and our shared priorities.

If you have any questions about reporting requirements, please submit your inquiry to mfpp@gov.mb.ca, and department staff will be in contact with your municipality.

Sincerely,

Honourable Andrew Smith
Minister

Attachment

c. Bruce Gray, Deputy Minister of Municipal Relations

Municipal Operating Grant

Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa

Estimated Total Grant 2023
\$ 238,105.47
First Payment – March 2023
\$ 51,577.27



MINISTER
OF MUNICIPAL RELATIONS

Room 317 Legislative Building
Winnipeg, Manitoba CANADA R3C 0V8

April 12, 2023

ATTN: MAYOR/REEVE

2022 PILT Reconciliation Grant

I am pleased to advise that the payment of your municipality's 2022 payment in lieu of taxes (PILT) shortfall grant has been directly deposited into your municipality's account. This deposit represents the 2022 shortfalls from the federal government reducing PILT payments equal to the expected Education Property Tax Rebate.

This funding ensures municipalities do not experience a net loss due to shortfalls resulting from the reduced federal PILT for 2022. The attached document indicates the grant value deposited to your municipality. If you have questions regarding your grant, they can be directed to mrmaas@gov.mb.ca.

We look forward to working together with municipal officials to ensure that municipalities do not experience funding shortfalls due to reduced federal PILT.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Smith'.

Honourable Andrew Smith
Minister

Enclosure

c. Bruce Gray, Deputy Minister, Municipal Relations

2022 PILT Reconciliation Grant

MUNICIPALITY OF OAKLAND-WAWANESA

Amount
\$98.15



**MINISTER
OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

Room 203
Legislative Building
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 0V8
CANADA

March 10, 2023

Their Worship David Kreklewich
Head of Council
Municipality Oakland-Wawanesa

*Book will be
retained in the
Municipal Office.*

Dear Their Worship David Kreklewich:

The 2023 Budget demonstrates a commitment to enhancing provincial long-term capital planning by introducing, for the first time in Manitoba's history, a five-year capital plan with key priorities to strengthen, invest, and build on the province's infrastructure. Over the next ten years, Manitoba will be recognized as a national transportation hub, linking east to west, north to south, and enabling strong economic activity within and across our borders.

A strong economic recovery for Manitoba begins with robust, strategic investment in the infrastructure network connecting our communities across the province. Planned strategic investments in roads, highways, bridges and water-related infrastructure over the next five years totals \$4.1 billion and represents our government's commitment to building our economy and investing in Manitoba's future.

Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure's five-year capital plan includes the continuing commitment to invest \$2.5 billion, a minimum of \$500 million per year, on highway capital infrastructure to support projects under key initiatives such as the Trade and Commerce Grid, Winnipeg One Million Perimeter Freeway, and National Trade Corridor Strategy. It also plans to invest more than \$668.5 million in our water-related capital infrastructure, including projects that support climate

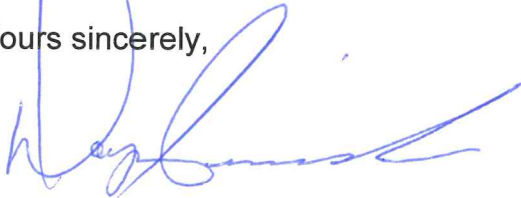
resiliency and adaptation such as flood protection, flood mitigation as well as the proposed Lake Manitoba and Lake St. Martin Outlet Channels Project.

The 2023 Multi-year Infrastructure Investment Strategy also supports Manitoba's ongoing commitment to reconciliation and strengthening relationships with Indigenous communities. Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure is pleased to share that the Multi-year Infrastructure Investment Strategy includes a number of projects to maintain and renew access roads to northern and Indigenous communities. In addition, a number of projects are identified to maintain northern airports and ferries to provide access to and from communities that are not connected to the provincial road network, enabling residents to access necessary services outside of their communities.

The 2023 Budget reflects an historic investment in Manitoba's economy, through strategic transportation system and flood mitigation investments. This budget demonstrates that the Manitoba government is committed to building and maintaining a transportation infrastructure network that is critical to grow and stimulate economic development.

I would personally like to provide you with a copy of our 2023 Multi-Year Infrastructure Investment Strategy. The Strategy and an interactive Manitoba Infrastructure Projects Map are available on our website at [Transportation and Infrastructure | Home Page \(gov.mb.ca\)](https://www.gov.mb.ca/transportation-and-infrastructure/home).

Yours sincerely,



Honourable Doyle Piwniuk
Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure

Bulletin #2023-09

MUNICIPAL RELATIONS

**Important Notice to
All Elected Officials and Chief Administrative Officers**

**2022 Audited Financial Statements
Due June 30, 2023**

2022 Audited Financial Statements Template:

The 2022 audited financial statements template to be used by Municipal Auditors is now available to download from the Department of Municipal Relations website:

https://www.gov.mb.ca/mr/mfas/mfas_psab.html.

Important - Municipalities may now choose to provide a copy of the 2022 audited financial statements template to their auditors or inform their auditors to download the template from the above mentioned website. The department will not send the template to auditors appointed by municipalities.

The 2022 template is substantively unchanged from the 2021 template other than updates to Note 14 – Retirement Benefits (updated by Municipal Employees' Pension Plan), the removal of additional Note 27 – Other Matters (COVID impact disclosure note) and the addition of Note 2(m) – Future Changes in Accounting Standards.

Filing Deadline:

Please be reminded that municipalities' 2022 audited financial statements are due no later than **June 30, 2023** in accordance with The Municipal Act.

Municipal auditors must provide a copy of the audited financial statements by June 30, 2023 to the Head of Council and the Minister of Municipal Relations. An electronic copy of the audited financial statements may be emailed by the auditor to mrmaas@gov.mb.ca no later than June 30, 2023. A hard copy is not required.

Please note that municipal auditors must without delay report to the Minister and the Head of Council any failure of a person or institution to comply with auditors' entitlement to access to the records and information relating to the financial affairs of the municipality (section 189 of The Municipal Act). Auditors can email such a report to mrmaas@gov.mb.ca.

Timely completion of audited financial statements is a key component in assuring the public that their taxes and fees are being used as they expect, providing public accountability and transparency and enabling comparison of actual year-end results with your annual budget. Filing audited financial statements is also required to receive Canada Community Building Fund (formerly Federal Gas Tax) and, at times, other payments.

If you have any questions, please contact Municipal Relations at 204 945-2572 or by email at mrmaas@gov.mb.ca.

Bulletin #2023-10

MUNICIPAL RELATIONS **Outcomes and Strategic Policy Division**

Important Notice to All Elected Officials and/or Chief Administrative Officers

Transit Planning and Affordable Housing

This notice serves to publicly report on the distribution of \$20.7 million in funding provided by the Government of Canada to the Government of Manitoba to address 2022 transit operating losses, and efforts to improve housing supply and affordability with linkages to transit planning, as a shared objective of this funding. This funding has been provided to each of the five municipalities across the province that provide public transit services: Winnipeg, Brandon, Selkirk, Flin Flon, and Thompson.

Municipal Relations is also pleased to highlight provincial and local efforts and initiatives regarding housing affordability, development innovations, and linkages to transit planning that are broadly applicable to many municipalities across the province. These initiatives serve to provide examples that may encourage other local governments across Manitoba to advance similar work in their communities.

Recent Provincial Efforts on Affordable Housing

The Government of Manitoba is taking responsibility to ensure that the regulatory processes in our province operate in an efficient, transparent and consistent manner and achieve the desired outcomes. New mechanisms, such as mandated timelines for planning decisions and independent appeals system will reduce delays to development while ensuring the local governments lead the decision-making process on private sector capital investment opportunities in their communities.

The establishment of the Capital Planning Region and the adoption of a regional plan within two years will support coordinated economic development, deliver a long-term strategy to guide regional investment in key infrastructure and facilitate service sharing among member municipalities. A regional plan will ensure member municipalities maintain autonomy over local matters (zoning, permits, development plans) while working towards achieving an overarching shared vision for the benefit of the region as a whole.

Through the Department of Families, [Manitoba Housing](#) introduced a \$12 million Municipal Grant Program for new affordable housing supply initiatives in 2021/22, and will work with municipalities to meet federal funding conditions. Ten municipalities received this funding to assist with the construction of new affordable housing that meets the needs of vulnerable Manitobans in Brandon, Dauphin, Flin Flon, Morden, Portage la Prairie, Selkirk, Steinbach, The Pas, Thompson and Winkler. Manitoba Housing is also engaged on all federal housing initiatives and will work with municipalities across the province on future housing initiatives.

Recent Federal and Provincial Efforts on Transit Operations

In 2022, the Government of Canada agreed to provide one-time federal funding of \$20.7 million to the Government of Manitoba. The purpose of this funding is to ensure that municipalities have additional resources to address transit operating shortfalls related to reduced transit ridership resulting from the extraordinary impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, and to improve housing supply and affordability. In 2020, similar federal transit funding of \$33 million was distributed.

While the economic impacts of the pandemic have begun to subside, municipal transit systems may require additional support. Building on earlier federal funding of over \$53 million, the 2023 Municipal Relations budget includes up to \$13.4 million in additional one-time provincial transit support to be distributed to Winnipeg, Brandon, Selkirk, Flin Flon, and Thompson.

Current Examples of Municipal Leadership

There are strong linkages between housing availability and transit services. Where public transit services are needed, municipal efforts to improve housing supply, density, and affordability can be directly connected – and integrated with – the provision of efficient and effective transit systems. Manitoba currently has five municipalities that deliver ongoing public transit services. Key innovations from each of these cities are provided below.

Winnipeg – Process (e.g. Zoning/Incentives)

A Transit Oriented Development (TOD) zoning district option was created in 2016 to support high density, mixed-use development adjacent to Rapid Transit Stations. A TOD handbook helps guide site design/development. A zoning by-law review will accelerate the development of affordable housing, increase the range of housing types, reduce parking requirements, and streamline the approval process. At present, affordable housing is encouraged with a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) incentive (\$52 million in 2022) working in partnership with Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC). Also, surplus lands within Winnipeg's identified Housing Improvement Zones and lots acquired through tax sale are offered at a discount to non-profit housing providers.

City of Winnipeg TOD Handbook available at:

<https://legacy.winnipeg.ca/ppd/Documents/CityPlanning/PoliciesGuidelinesStudies/Transit-Oriented-Development-Handbook.pdf>

Brandon – Projects/Funding

Through Manitoba Housing's Municipal Grant Funding program, in 2021 Brandon received \$4.1 million in support of affordable housing development. Four housing projects have been initiated: Fleming, 20-27th Street, Van Horne Avenue, and eight single detached homes to be built for personal ownership by Habitat for Humanity. 26 units of accommodation will be ready for occupancy in March 2023. Brandon is also currently working with potential partners to advance a 24 unit transitional housing facility to provide support for vulnerable populations under the Rapid Housing Initiative. The City is working with CMHC to advance approval of this \$5 million project for construction in 2023, aligning with transit-supportive secondary planning conditions.

Selkirk – Policy/Strategy

The City of Selkirk Strategic Plan identifies housing and transit as key challenges to be addressed, including considering housing density, an appropriate mix of housing stock, and encouraging increased transit use by citizens. A range of policy, planning, and financial mechanisms are used to address Selkirk's strategic goals. Selkirk's Sustainable Growth Incentive (SGI) Policy is designed to encourage higher density, multi-family projects; with financial incentives available. Selkirk will initiate a new development planning process in 2023, which will include community and land use patterns supportive of transit function. The City and the Selkirk Transit Authority are working to update the Community Transportation Strategy to

support current/future transportation planning, determine transit priorities, and encourage high-density, mixed-use projects – to help address the City’s long-term housing and transit needs.

Flin Flon – Process (e.g. Zoning/Incentives)

A recent zoning by-law change will allow multi-family residential in a recreation area which is close to amenities, public transit, and other seniors housing. With Manitoba Housing and Renewal Corporation (MHRC) support, a first time home buyer program is in place to encourage housing purchases by low to moderate income families. Funding is provided for an 8% down payment, and if purchase price is \$100,000 and above, an additional 8% can be applied to cover housing repair/rehabilitation. Program interest is growing. The City of Flin Flon has also been working to purchase Provincial Crown Lands within the city, to provide more options for developers that are considering new single/multi-family projects.

Thompson – Planning

Thompson's Established Neighbourhoods Policy prioritizes infill housing projects over other development that may require the extension of municipal services. Thompson has recently completed one housing infill plan, while a second plan is underway. A former church property is currently in the process of being rezoned to facilitate multi-family apartment accommodations and a student dormitory, as part of an innovative educational training facility. A new 12 unit, three storey complex is currently in the planning stages, to be advanced by the Ma-Mow-We-Tak Friendship Centre (to be supported by MHRC and CMHC) as an inclusive Indigenous-focused facility. This project will provide affordable seniors' housing on a site which formerly contained a condemned building. All projects are located on arterial streets and transit routes.

Key Funding Programs

The Department of Municipal Relations acknowledges all municipalities that are participating in the Government of Canada’s current Rapid Housing Initiative (RHI), through the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) as well as to those municipalities that may be considering potential project applications through CMHC’s new Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF): Please see the CMHC website regarding HAF information sessions scheduled for April 6 and April 13, 2023: [Housing Accelerator Fund | CMHC \(cmhc-schl.gc.ca\)](https://cmhc-schl.gc.ca).

Many municipalities outside of Winnipeg also sponsor paratransit (handi-transit services), and receive funding through the Mobility Disadvantaged Transportation Program: [Province of Manitoba | Mr - Mobility Disadvantaged Transportation Program \(gov.mb.ca\)](https://gov.mb.ca).

All municipalities are encouraged to review the federal government’s Rural Transit Solutions Fund, which has recently opened a new Capital Projects Stream which may offer an option for municipalities wishing to explore new and existing transit/paratransit funding needs: [Infrastructure Canada - Rural Transit Solutions Fund: Capital Projects Stream](https://infrastructurecanada.ca/rural-transit-solutions-fund/capital-projects-stream).

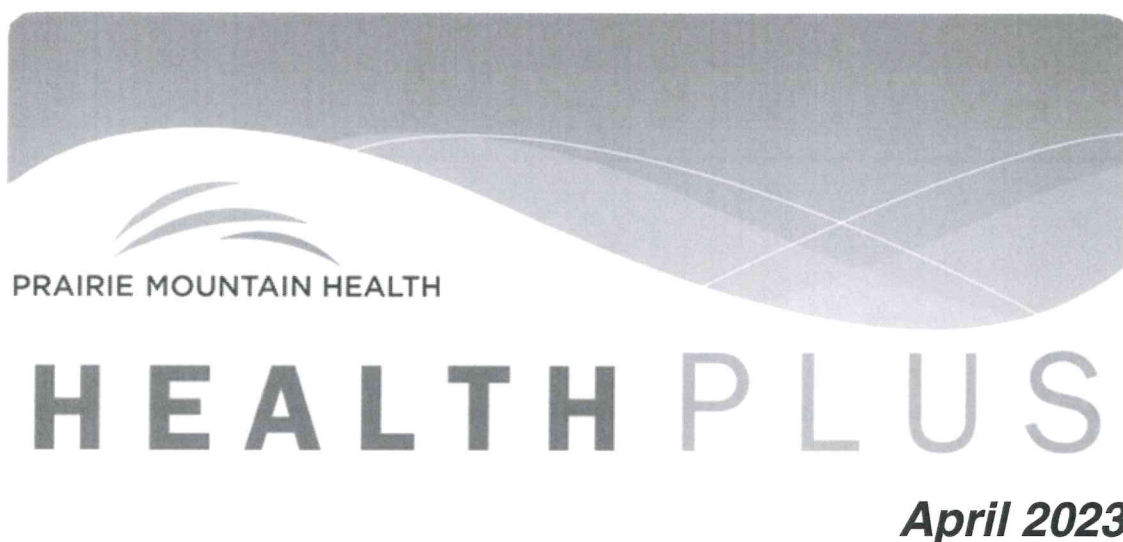
Should you require additional information on the above initiatives, or have any questions, please contact Municipal Funding Policy and Programs at MFPP@gov.mb.ca.

*Department of Municipal Relations
Outcomes and Strategic Policy
600 – 800 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg MB R3G 0N4*

Norma Will

From: Prairie Mountain Health <communications@pmh-mb.ca>
Sent: Thursday, April 6, 2023 2:40 PM
To: oakwawa@outlook.com
Subject: Health Plus April 2023

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PMH Career Expo

Discover Health Care Careers. Bring your resume! Come see us in Dauphin, Swan River, Russell, Virden, Killarney, Brandon & Neepawa. [Read more](#)



PMH releases new five-year Strategic Plan

The Strategic 'roadmap' identifies the health region's four priorities aimed at building a healthier population and creating a quality, integrated and sustainable health system. [Read more](#)



National Volunteer Week | April 16–23, 2023

Recognizing and highlighting this special week provides Prairie Mountain Health with another opportunity to celebrate and thank all of our volunteers for all they do, year-round! [Read more](#)



Mobile Addictions Clinic Pilot Project Underway in PMH

Mobile RAAM Clinics feature a staffing complement consisting of a physician, nursing staff, rehabilitation counsellors, and administration support. [Read more](#)



Making a difference for nearly 35 years: The Dauphin Hospital Foundation

The Dauphin Hospital Foundation has kept an eye on its past and is looking ahead to its future as the volunteer group embarks on 35 years of giving back to the community and area. [Read more](#)



'Suzy Q Cart' cues up better choices within PCH's

This mobile cart keeps food hot (or cold for cold meals) and allows Nutrition services staff to bring the food to the table. Residents can see and smell the food and are offered a choice of which food items to have and how much they wish to eat. [Read more](#)



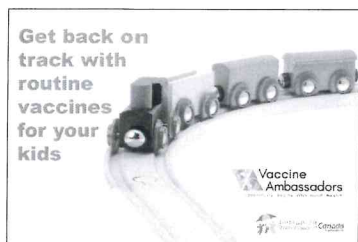
Palliative Care Volunteering Weaves Us Together

The Palliative Care Volunteer Service would like to acknowledge and applaud the contributions of over 200 palliative care volunteers in many communities across Prairie Mountain Health. [Read more](#)



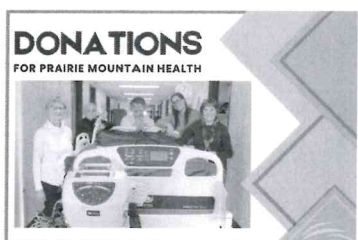
Deloraine's Hope Floats recognized for giving back

What began in 2003 as 'Hope Floats, Friends Fighting Cancer' culminated with the recent recognition of donations to cancer programs in Deloraine, Brandon and the Canadian Cancer Society totalling over \$100 thousand during the past 20 years. [Read more](#)



Immunization Awareness Week | April 24–30

This year's campaign comes with a reminder that it is time to catch-up! Get back on track with routine vaccines for your kids. [Read more](#)



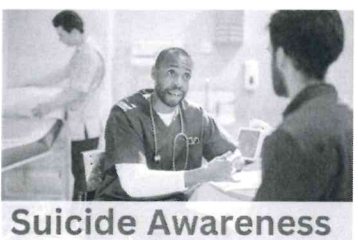
Donations for Prairie Mountain Health

Thank you for the generous donations received around Prairie Mountain Health this past month. [Read more](#)



Major health care capital projects well underway in Brandon

The BRHC redevelopment project represents an investment of nearly \$110 million and the expansion of the cancer centre is nearly \$26 million. [Read more](#)



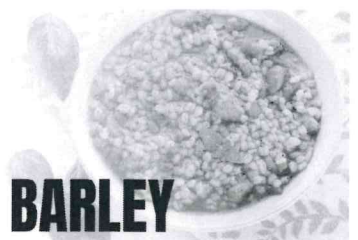
Suicide Awareness

People at risk of suicide are often seen in healthcare settings – we want to have that conversation. We want to connect with you and will ask about your mental and physical health. [Read more](#)



Career Spotlight: Medical Device Reprocessing

Medical Device Reprocessing involves a team that works 24 hours a day to perform a series of detailed technical duties related to the decontamination, sterilization, reassembly, functional testing, record keeping and the distribution of medical and/or surgical supplies. [Read more](#)



Barley

Barley is a yummy and affordable high-fibre grain with a great texture. We tend to think of it as an ingredient in soups and stews but it is also great in salad, casseroles and as a side dish. [Read more](#)

PMH Classes And Activities

Chronic Disease Education Program
Virtual Spring Classes

More Info

For a full listing of classes and workshops click [here](#).

Events

PMH CAREER EXPO *Discover Health Care Careers!*

Meet our Staff & **Bring your resume!**



DAUPHIN Tuesday, April 18
Watson Arts Centre | 104 -1st Ave NW

SWAN RIVER Thursday, April 20
Swan River Regional Secondary School | 1483 - 3rd St N

RUSSELL Thursday, April 27
George P. Buleziuk Centre | 106 Shell River Ave

VIRDEN Tuesday, May 2
Tundra Oil & Gas Place, Sunrise Banquet Hall | 900 Fifth Ave S

KILLARNEY Thursday, May 4
Shamrock Centre | 725 Broadway Ave

BRANDON Tuesday, May 9
Keystone Centre, MNP Hall | 1175 18th St

NEEPAWA Wednesday, May 10
Arts Forward Centre | 293 Mountain Ave

TIME:
12:30 pm to 7 pm
**At All
Locations!**



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Career Opportunities



Registered Dietitians

Positions available in Hamiota,
Dauphin, Swan River & Souris

[Details](#)



Audiologist

Full time Permanent position
in **Brandon**

[Details](#)



Nurse Practitioners

Needed in Shoal Lake, Brandon,
Glenboro, Carberry & Ste. Rose

[Details](#)



Speech Language Pathologists

Needed in Dauphin, Brandon
& Swan River

[Details](#)

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Prairie Mountain Health
Prairie Mountain Health Regional Office

DATE: April 5, 2023

Prairie Mountain Health releases new five-year Strategic Plan

Prairie Mountain Health (PMH) has developed a new five-year Strategic Plan. The 2023-2028 Strategic Plan outlines a 'high-level vision' that will help guide the organization going forward. The Strategic 'roadmap' identifies the health region's four priorities aimed at building a healthier population and creating a quality, integrated and sustainable health system.

PMH Board Chair Lon Cullen says the Strategic Plan, which officially took effect on April 1, 2023, is a compilation of many months of consultations, statistical analyses and input both internally and externally.

"We are essentially building upon our extensive community engagement processes that assisted with the completion of our comprehensive 2019 Community Health Assessment," Cullen added. "I thank all staff, managers, physicians as well as our consultation groups for their input and feedback into this very important health planning document."

PMH Chief Executive Officer Brian Schoonbaert says the Board is responsible to ensure that an adequate process has been put in place to inform the development of the strategic plan and to provide final approval.

"This is our road map of where we are, where we are going and how we will get there. It defines who we are, lists strategic goals to achieve our priorities and provides a solid foundation for decision-making. Throughout the strategic planning process, we built alignment with Manitoba's continued provincial Health System Transformation and the implementation of Manitoba's Clinical and Preventive Services Plan. Routine engagement with our Board, leadership and staff is integral to take action and evaluate whether we are achieving our goals," Schoonbaert stated.

The four strategic priorities listed within the new plan are:

- Positive health care experience for Manitobans with a focus on quality health services
- Improved health system capacity, performance and accountability
- Empowered, adaptable and high-performing workforce
- Strengthen fiscal sustainability and value for money

The Plan identifies several specific goals that are aligned with each strategic priority. Operational strategies will be implemented as resources allow and annual status reports will be produced to describe the health region's progress regarding each strategic priority.

The complete PMH 2023-2028 Strategic Health Plan can be found on the PMH website [here](#).

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Chronic Disease Education Program

VIRTUAL CLASSES

Diabetes Class Series

Class #1 - Diabetes Essentials: Learn what diabetes is, how it affects the body, and how to manage diabetes (including medications). This class provides the foundation for the next 2 classes and is recommended to be taken first.

Class #2 - Eating for Diabetes: Learn how to eat healthier to prevent or manage diabetes. Discover the truth about sugars and carbohydrates, reading food labels, and planning balanced meals.

Class #3 - Physical Activity Essentials: Learn how physical activity can help to manage diabetes and improve your overall well-being.

Prediabetes Class

This session will help participants understand what prediabetes is and to help identify lifestyle changes to improve your health and decrease the risk of progression to type 2 diabetes.

Cholesterol Management

This session will help participants understand what cholesterol is, the target levels for cholesterol and help identify lifestyle changes to improve heart health.

Essentials of Blood Pressure Management

This class will help you gain a better understanding of what blood pressure is, why high blood pressure is a concern, how to manage high blood pressure with the use of medication and lifestyle changes



DATES & TIMES

Diabetes Class Series

- April 5, 12, 19 | 9:30am -11:30am
- May 10, 17, 24 | 9:30am-11:30am
- June 7, 14, 21 | 1pm -3pm

Prediabetes Class

- May 9 | 1:30pm -4:30pm

Cholesterol/Heart Health

- April 14 | 1:30pm -3:30pm
- May 5 | 1:30pm -3:30pm
- June 9 | 1:30pm -3:30pm

Blood Pressure Management

- April 27 | 10am -11:30am
- June 16 | 9:30am -11am

Join us virtually on
Microsoft Teams (video
conferencing over the internet)

Equipment Needed: a computer, tablet or
smart phone that can connect to the internet.

To register call: 1-877-509-7852



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Norma Will

From: Sport Manitoba <drew.todd@sportmanitoba.ca>
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2023 12:00 PM
To: Norma Will
Subject: Reminder to RSVP: Manitoba Games Bid Information Session

[View this email in your browser](#)



Sport Manitoba is hosting a bid information session for the 2026 Manitoba Winter Games on Saturday, April 29 and you are invited to join!

Saturday, April 29, 2023

9:00 a.m.

Sport Manitoba Theatre

145 Pacific Avenue, Winnipeg - lower level inside the Sport Manitoba facility

If you are interested in attending this session to learn more about hosting a Games and the bidding process, **a reminder to please [RSVP HERE](#) no later than April 21, 2023.**

If you have any questions related to the session, please contact Kelly Babb at kelly.babb@sportmanitoba.ca or 204.471.9792.

Thank you for your interest in hosting the Games!

Drew Todd | Senior Games Manager
Sport Manitoba

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