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Accessibility News - June 2026

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# Accessibility News

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

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**Join the Manitoba Accessibility Office for a  
Webinar in Celebration of Manitoba Access  
Awareness Week**



Artificial Intelligence is already influencing our interactions, what information we are exposed to, and many of the critical decisions in our lives. AI favours and replicates the average. Disability denotes difference from the average or majority. This presents both life-changing opportunities, but also extreme risks for individuals with disabilities. Join the Manitoba Accessibility Office for this webinar, as we hear from Jutta Treviranus, Director of the Inclusive Design Research Centre (IDRC) and professor in the faculty of Design at OCAD University in Toronto. In this presentation she will discuss how you can mitigate the risks and take advantage of the opportunities of AI.

## **Webinar: Artificial Intelligence on Our Terms: Navigating the Opportunities and Risks of AI**

### **Webinar Details:**

- **Date:** June 4, 2026
- **Time:** 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- **Where:** Virtual via Zoom

Register to Attend by Clicking on this Link

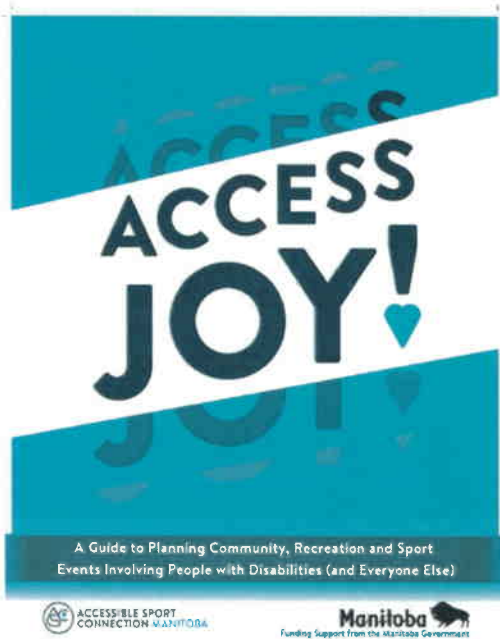
This webinar will have accessibility measures such as American Sign Language interpretation and closed captioning.

A recording of the webinar will be available on [AccessibilityMB.ca](https://www.accessibilitymb.ca) to those unable to participate in real-time.

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## Spotlight on an Accessibility Project in our Community

### Accessible Sport Connection: Access Joy!



Accessible Sport Connection (ASC) works to improve access to sport, recreation, and physical activity opportunities for Manitobans with disabilities. Building on the lived experiences of Manitobans with disabilities, the organization supports inclusive programming, education, advocacy, and community partnerships that help remove barriers to participation.

With support from the Manitoba Accessibility Fund, ASC Manitoba created the "[Access Joy](#)" toolkit, an accessible, user-friendly resource that helps organizations better understand disability inclusion and implement practical accessibility improvements in sport and recreation settings. A major activity was the development of the Access Joy Guide and its companion quick-start summary, Planning Events for Everyone. These resources, which can be accessed through ASC Manitoba, provide real-world strategies for improving accessibility before, during, and after programs and events.

The Access Joy project enhanced accessibility by giving organizations practical tools they can immediately apply in hosting community

programming and events, with an emphasis on proactive planning. Moving forward, Accessible Sport Connection will continue using the Access Joy resource to support accessibility education and inclusive programming throughout Manitoba.

~ Article provided by Accessible Sport Connection.

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## Compliance Corner

### Training Requirements for the Accessible Customer Service Standard Regulation

Manitoba's [Accessible Customer Service Standard Regulation](#) requires organizations with one or more employees to provide access to goods and services in a barrier-free manner. [Section 13](#) of the regulation identifies specific training requirements for accessible customer service.

#### Who needs to take training under this regulation?

Organizations are required to provide training to their employees, agents and volunteers who:

- communicate directly with the public or another Manitoba organization and
- develop or implement an organization's measures, policies and practices on accessible customer service

Public sector organizations and employers with 50 or more employees, are required to document their accessibility training plans and make them available to the public.

## What must be included in the training?

Training content must include:

- how to interact and communicate with individuals with a disability, particularly people who use an assistive device or require the assistance of a support person or service animal
- how to use any equipment or assistive device that may be available to assist an individual with a disability
- what to do if an individual with a disability is having difficulty accessing a good or service
- a review of The Manitoba Human Rights Code, The Accessibility for Manitobans Act and the Accessible Customer Service Standard Regulation

## When must training happen?

Organizations must ensure training is provided as soon as reasonably possible after the person is assigned the applicable duties. Ongoing training is also required whenever your organization updates or changes policies, measures and practices on accessible customer service.

**Remember:** The Manitoba Accessibility Office offers free online training on accessible customer service through its [learning portal](#). It is recommended to print and save certificates of completion for record keeping purposes.

## Want More information?

Visit [Accessible Customer Service Standard Regulation: Handbook](#) or [Checklist: Accessible Customer Service Standard Regulation](#)

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## In the News

**[“A Wheelchair Accessible Guide to Winnipeg, Manitoba: Things to Do, Where to Stay, and How to Get Around”](#)**  
**posted on CURBFREE with Cory Lee**  
**[\(curbfreewithcorylee.com\)](#)**

When thinking of cities in Canada to travel to, it's likely that you think of the bigger places like Montreal, Toronto, and maybe Vancouver. To be honest, I've always thought of the more popular cities as well, but I recently had a chance to check out another, less familiar city and it quickly became one of my favourite places in Canada. Where? Winnipeg, Manitoba!

[Read the full article](#)

**[“Manitoba Possible launches campaign to help build new accessible space”](#)** posted on CTV News ([ctvnews.ca](#))

A local non-profit aimed at eliminating barriers for people with disabilities is raising funds to help transform its new home.

[Read the full article](#)

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**Public review now open: Help shape Canada's standard for accessible procurement**

Accessibility Standards Canada recently launched its public review of its draft standard on Accessible Procurement. Read the draft standard and share your feedback.

Any feedback received will help shape Canada's accessible, accountable and inclusive procurement practices.

Feedback must be received before June 23, 2026 at 11:59 p.m. (Pacific Daylight Time)

[Read the Draft Standard](#)

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## Upcoming Awareness Dates

- [National Access Awareness Week](#) (May 31 – June 6)
- [Manitoba Access Awareness Week](#) (May 31 – June 6)
- [Brain Injury Awareness Month](#) (June)
- [Migraine Awareness Month](#) (June)
- [Tourette Syndrome Awareness Month](#) (June)
- [Helen Keller Deaf-Blind Awareness Week](#) (June 25 – July 1)
- [PTSD Awareness Day](#) (June 27)

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May AF Connections: belonging, laughter, and a few good reminders...

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



**Hello friends,**

Welcome to the May issue of *AF Connections*. This month is all about what happens when people simply make the time to be together. Here's what's inside:

- **Ripples of Goodness** - heartwarming stories from MASC's Intergenerational Grant Program
- **Welcome, RM of Reynolds** - Manitoba's 99th Age-Friendly community
- **The Neepawa Handi-Van** - neighbours teaming up to make grocery trips easier for seniors
- **Social Prescribing** - taking root in the Northern Health Region
- **World Elder Abuse Awareness Day** (June 15)
- **Plus the Risk Screen** tool from the Heart & Stroke Foundation

None of this work happens in big, dramatic gestures. It happens through the quiet, steady effort of people like you. Thank you for the part you play in making our communities more Age-Friendly!

Grab a cup of something warm, (cause mother nature still wants to chill) and enjoy the read.

Kind regards,  
**BrendaTonn**

On behalf of our entire team!

**Click the button below to read our new issue!**

AF CONNECTIONS ISSUE #9

Preview....



# CONNECTIONS

AGE-FRIENDLY

Working together for stronger, healthier communities.



COLLABORATION IS CENTRAL TO A HEALTHY COMMUNITY

## RIPPLES OF GOODNESS

### Welcome Readers!

#### Intergenerational Connections in Action

Last month, we highlighted the importance of creating opportunities for people of all ages to connect, learn from one another, and build stronger communities together.

This month, we are excited to share some of the inspiring reflections submitted through MASC's Intergenerational Grant Program - stories that demonstrate the powerful impact these connections can have on individuals and communities alike.

As consultants, we know that building age-friendly communities is about more than programs and services. It is about creating communities where all ages feel visible, valued, included, and connected. Intergenerational programming plays an important role in helping break down stereotypes around aging while creating opportunities for people of all ages to share experiences, skills, stories, and laughter.

These connections help foster understanding, reduce ageism, and remind us that older adults continue to make meaningful contributions to community life every day.

Across Manitoba, senior centres and community organizations are creating meaningful opportunities for generations to come together through activities such as bowling programs, pen pal projects, technology help sessions, cultural celebrations, swimming programs, music events, and community gatherings.

While every project looked a little different, the impact was remarkably similar: stronger relationships, increased confidence, greater understanding, and a deeper sense of belonging.

Many organizations shared how quickly barriers between generations disappeared once people simply had the opportunity to spend time together. The reports also highlighted opportunities for cultural sharing, recreation, literacy, creativity, volunteerism, and mentorship.

While organizations acknowledged challenges such as transportation, scheduling, and participation barriers, the overwhelming message remained clear: **intergenerational programming matters.**

The stories shared through this year's grant program are powerful reminders that when generations come together, communities become stronger, more welcoming, and more connected for everyone. We are proud to support initiatives that continue creating these meaningful moments across Manitoba.

#### THE IMPACT WE HEARD



**PEN PAL PROJECTS**  
*"Students and adults alike are always excited to receive their latest letters."*

**SHARED JOY**  
*"The room was filled with dancing and laughter across generations."*

**COMING BACK**  
*"Children had so much fun that they asked if they could come back again."*

**FOR ALL GENERATIONS**  
*"Events like this help shift perceptions and demonstrate that our Centre is truly for all generations."*

#### WHY THIS MATTERS

Intergenerational programs help reduce ageism, build understanding, create friendships, and remind people of all ages that they belong.

**WHEN GENERATIONS COME TOGETHER, COMMUNITIES GROW STRONGER, KINDER, AND MORE CONNECTED.**



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

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**Member Advisory - Feedback Request-Development Agreements Guide**

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

Date Wed 2026-05-20 1:15 PM

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



# Member Advisory

## Development Agreements Guide Invitation to Complete Short Survey

*NOTE: This message is being sent on behalf of Manitoba Municipal and Northern Relations*

**May 20, 2026** - The Manitoba government has partnered with Landmark Planning & Design Inc. to update the 2004 Guide to Development Agreements. The intent of the new Guide is to provide practical value-added guidance to municipalities, planning districts and other stakeholders on development agreements using plain language to ensure a common interpretation and application.

Development agreements are a crucial tool used by municipalities and other planning authorities to ensure that new development does not create conflict with surrounding land uses, is built to an appropriate standard, and aligns with the established vision for community growth.

We are gathering feedback through multiple channels, including the Development Agreements Guide Advisory Committee and the Planning and Development Working Group, and we would like to hear from you too! Please complete **this survey** by **Tuesday, May 26, 2026**, to help us understand what information could be included in the new guide that would be helpful to you.

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Sincerely,

Denys Volkov  
Executive Director

**Association of Manitoba Municipalities**



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- **Registration:** 9:30 - 10:30 am
- **Shotgun Start:** 11:00 am



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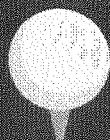
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Time: 5:30 - 6:30pm

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• Last Day to Register: July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026

• Please make cheques payable to  
"Municipality of Deloraine-Winchester"

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**Member Advisory: AMM Advocacy Update #2 - Transition to Next Generation 911 (NG-911)**

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# Member Advisory

## AMM Advocacy Update: Transition to Next Generation 911 (NG-911)

**June 9, 2026** – Please note that the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM), the Department of Justice (lead department), and Bell MTS have been in ongoing discussions regarding the transition to Next Generation 911 (NG-911). Further to the **AMM advocacy update** distributed on March 6, 2026, we would like to provide municipalities with an update on recent discussions and advocacy efforts.

Given the complexity of the NG-911 transition, AMM has been actively advocating since 2022 for greater clarity, communication, and coordination to support municipalities throughout this process. With the transition scheduled for March 2027, AMM has participated in regular meetings with the Department and Bell MTS to help develop an informational FAQ tailored to the Manitoba context. This FAQ has been designed to address common municipal questions and provide greater certainty regarding implementation requirements.

We are pleased to advise that the FAQ has now been finalized and formally released by the Department, which can be viewed **HERE**. This document is intended to serve as a starting point for municipalities as they review and

consider NG-911 Authority Service Agreements with Bell MTS. As additional information becomes available, municipalities can expect further updates and guidance.

### **Signing the Service Agreement?**

In regard to signing the Service Agreement, please refer to **Question #4** in the FAQ. Municipalities are encouraged to sign the Service Agreement **before September 2026** in order to not risk losing access to 911 and having to possibly revert to 10-digit emergency telephone dialing.

### **Next Steps**

In response to AMM advocacy, the Province has also retained a third-party consultant to conduct an environmental scan of existing municipal GIS data across Manitoba. This review, which is expected to take approximately eight to nine weeks, will help identify gaps in available GIS data and better inform next steps for implementation.

Throughout these discussions, AMM has consistently advocated for the Province to take a leadership role in coordinating and resourcing a province-wide GIS data collection and aggregation strategy for NG-911. We continue to emphasize that municipalities should not be expected to absorb additional costs associated with this transition. A coordinated provincial approach will help reduce duplication, improve consistency, and support a more efficient implementation process across Manitoba.

Moving forward, the AMM will continue to urge the Province to support GIS requirements and ensure a smooth NG-911 transition without downloading additional costs or administrative burdens onto municipalities.

In the meantime, for questions regarding the NG-911 service or contents of the NG-911 Agreement, please contact Bell's 911 Service Manager Chris Holigroski at [chris.holigroski@bellmts.ca](mailto:chris.holigroski@bellmts.ca) or **204-941-8189**.

For questions pertaining to the NG-911 Agreement's signature process, please contact [signatures911@bell.ca](mailto:signatures911@bell.ca) or **1-833-691-5277**.

For questions regarding Manitoba's NG-911 implementation activities, please contact Manitoba Justice's Executive Director Dave Dalal at [Dave.Dalal@gov.mb.ca](mailto:Dave.Dalal@gov.mb.ca) or **431-844-3844**.

**Bulletin #2026-18: Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1) Authority Service Agreements – Action Required by Manitoba Municipalities**

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Sincerely,

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



Dear Subscriber,

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

## Latest Updates

### 2026 June District Meetings



Thank you to the **RM of St. Clements** for hosting the Eastern District meeting and to all of the delegates who made the trip.

See recap [Video](#)

Thank you to the **Town of Winnipeg Beach** for the warm hospitality and for hosting the Interlake District.

See recap [Video](#)



Upcoming Meetings:

June 15 - **Central District** - RM of Victoria

June 16 - **Western District** - Town of Melita

June 17 - **Midwestern District** - Town of Minnedosa

June 18 - **Parkland District** - RM of Dauphin

June 19 - **Northern District** - Town of The Pas

## AMA Transportation Training Resource Folder



With provincial compliance deadlines in motion, January 1, 2027 release of our new AMA Transportation Training Resource Folder is now available to support your community. This centralized package of training resources is specifically curated for Manitoba municipalities and local transportation service providers to meet the strict requirements of the Accessibility for Manitobans Act (AMA) training. Inside, you will find practical driver modules, templates for demand-responsive services, and tools designed to streamline local implementation.

Download the training resource folder [Link to the Resources](#) or Join a Presentation **June 23** and **June 25** 1:00pm-2:30pm via ZOOM to equip your team, reduce municipal liability, and ensure accessible, barrier-free service across your region.

## BAM AI Summit 2026



Artificial intelligence is moving quickly, but for many organizations, the biggest challenge is no longer understanding the technology. It's knowing where it creates real value, where caution is needed, and how to turn potential into measurable outcomes.

The AI Summit 2026 brings together business leaders, innovators, policymakers, educators, and technology experts for a day of practical conversations focused on the future of AI in Manitoba and beyond. Throughout the event, attendees will explore how organizations can move past experimentation and develop thoughtful, responsible approaches to AI adoption.

Sessions will examine where AI can have the greatest impact on Manitoba's economy and communities, how organizations can avoid common implementation pitfalls, and why strategy must come before technology. The program will also explore governance, decision-making, workforce transformation, emerging skills, and the growing importance of AI literacy in a rapidly changing workplace.

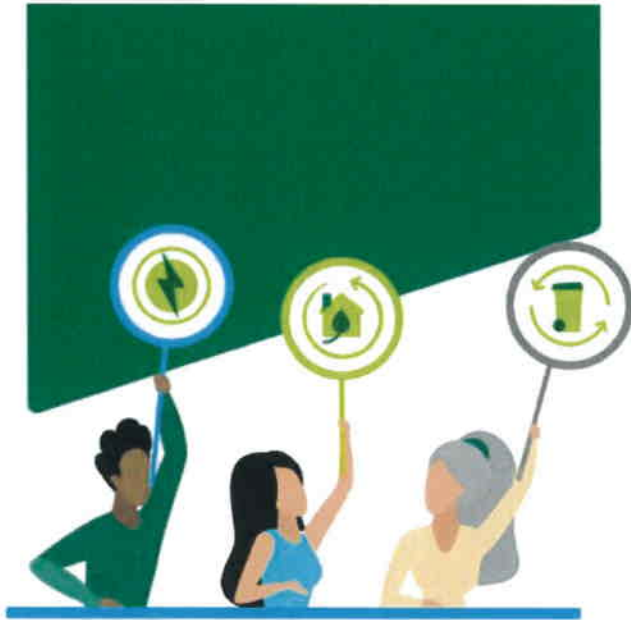
Date: **July 22, 2026**

Time: 8:00 AM - 4:15 PM

Location: ***The Metropolitan Entertainment Centre by Canad Inns***, 281 Donald St, Winnipeg, MB R3C 1M9

***Registration Information***

## FCM's Sustainable Communities Awards



**Nominate a  
project**

## **FCM's Sustainable Communities Awards**



### **Last chance to nominate a project for an FCM Sustainable Communities Award**

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Award winners receive free entry to the **FCM Sustainable Communities Conference 2027** and the opportunity to present their work in a TED Talk-style presentation—with expert coaching in public speaking.

All Canadian municipalities and their partners are eligible, and you can nominate multiple projects within the same category or across the seven different categories. Don't forget to highlight the key benefits and results of your initiatives.

**Hurry—applications close June 28.**

## **Ronald McDonald House Manitoba**



Through ***Ronald McDonald House Manitoba***'s Ronald McDonald House and Ronald McDonald Family Room programs, over 2,000 families each year find comfort, stability, and community during some of their most challenging moments.

Grounded in service and care to families with ill or injured children from across Manitoba, Northwestern Ontario, and beyond, the Ronald McDonald House Manitoba mission is making a difference in your community.

***Click here*** to see our **Communities Served Map**.

We invite all AMM members to join us on **July 8** from **10:30 a.m. to noon** for a special webinar to learn more about how Ronald McDonald House Manitoba supports families from your community.

Join the webinar ***Here***.

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## **Municipal Leader - Spring 2026**



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

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

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

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## Bulletin #2026-18

### JUSTICE

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

## **Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1) Authority Service Agreements – Action Required by Manitoba Municipalities**

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this bulletin is to provide Manitoba municipalities with information regarding the transition to Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1) service and the requirement to execute Bell's NG9-1-1 Authority Service Agreement.

### **Background**

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) has mandated the retirement of the existing Enhanced 9-1-1 (E9-1-1) network effective March 31, 2027. NG9-1-1 will replace the current system and provide the foundation for future emergency communications capabilities, including geospatial call routing, real-time text, and multimedia communications.

All Manitoba Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) are preparing to migrate to NG9-1-1 before the national deadline. Municipal participation is a required component of this transition.

### **Action Required**

Municipalities and other entities acting as a 9-1-1 Authority must execute Bell's NG9-1-1 Authority Service Agreement.

A PSAP cannot complete its migration to NG9-1-1 until all required agreements have been executed by the 9-1-1 Authorities it serves. Municipalities that have not yet signed are encouraged to do so as soon as possible to avoid delays in migration planning and implementation.

### **Implications of Not Signing**

Municipalities that do not execute the NG9-1-1 Agreement will not be eligible to receive NG9-1-1 service.

Once a PSAP migrates from E9-1-1 to NG9-1-1, municipalities without an executed agreement may lose access to 9-1-1 service and may need to rely on 10-digit emergency telephone numbers. This could result in delays to emergency response because caller location information would no longer be automatically provided.

## **Geographic Information System (GIS) Requirements**

The NG9-1-1 Agreement includes future obligations related to Geographic Information System (GIS) data.

The CRTC has not yet established a mandatory implementation date for geospatial call routing. Until such time, municipalities will continue providing existing Master Street Address Guide (MSAG) information. Manitoba Justice is currently undertaking an environmental scan and assessing options to support future provincial GIS requirements, including potential aggregation and coordination services.

## **Current Provincial Activities**

Manitoba Justice is:

- Conducting an environmental scan of existing municipal GIS data.
- Working with Public Safety Answering Points to develop baseline emergency service boundary datasets.
- Examining options for a provincial GIS aggregation model.
- Supporting stakeholder engagement and information sharing regarding future NG9-1-1 requirements.

## **Additional Information**

Municipalities should have received a copy of Bell's NG9-1-1 Authority Service Agreement. Bell has advised that follow-up communications regarding execution of agreements will continue throughout 2026.

A Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document has been developed jointly with Bell and key stakeholders to assist municipalities in understanding the agreement, migration timelines, and future GIS considerations.

## **Contacts**

### **Questions regarding the NG9-1-1 Agreement or NG9-1-1 service:**

Bell 9-1-1 Service Manager  
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**Questions regarding the NG9-1-1 Agreement signature process:**

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1-833-691-5277

**Questions regarding Manitoba's NG9-1-1 implementation activities:**

Dave Dalal  
Executive Director, Integrated Public Safety  
Manitoba Justice  
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# Next Generation 9-1-1 Authority Service Agreement Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

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**NOTE:** This FAQ may be updated as more information becomes available or timelines change.

## **9-1-1 SERVICE IS CHANGING**

### **What is Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1)?**

Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1) is a new and improved 9-1-1 service<sup>1</sup> that modernizes the 9-1-1 network, laying the foundation for the future deployment of new capabilities such as real-time text messaging, geospatial call routing, and multimedia communications.

NG9-1-1 is replacing Enhanced 9-1-1 (E9-1-1) service which is more than two decades old. NG9-1-1 networks launched in March of 2022<sup>2</sup>, operating in parallel to (and interconnected with) E9-1-1 networks since that time to provide telecommunications service providers and the Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) that handle your emergency calls a multi-year period to get ready and transition to the new network.

### **Why is there urgency to move forward with NG9-1-1 right now?**

The *Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission* (CRTC)'s revised deadline (31 March 2027)<sup>3</sup> for E9-1-1 network decommissioning is now less than a year away, and it is imperative that Manitoba PSAPs migrate to NG9-1-1 before the deadline so that your municipality continues to receive uninterrupted access to 9-1-1 service.

## **YOUR MUNICIPALITY'S ROLE IN NG9-1-1**

### **Does my municipality need to do anything to enable this migration?**

Yes. Your municipality, as the 9-1-1 Authority, is required to sign Bell's NG9-1-1 Authority Service Agreement (NG9-1-1 Agreement). Each of your PSAP's migrations to NG9-1-1 has a dependency that your municipality has executed its NG9-1-1 Agreement with Bell before the PSAP can be migrated.

### **If my municipality does not sign the new service agreement, what will happen?**

Without the NG9-1-1 Agreement in place, your municipality will lose access to 9-1-1 service when your PSAP migrates, and your municipality would need to revert to 10-digit calling for contacting Police, Fire and Ambulance. 10-digit calling does not include the caller's location information and can delay emergency response.

To ensure the continuity of your municipality's 9-1-1 service, signing the NG9-1-1 Agreement **before September 2026** is now of critical importance, if you have yet to do so.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://crtc.gc.ca/eng/phone/911/gen.htm>

<sup>2</sup> <https://crtc.gc.ca/eng/archive/2021/2021-199.htm>

<sup>3</sup> <https://crtc.gc.ca/eng/archive/2025/2025-67.htm>

## **How does this new NG9-1-1 Agreement with Bell differ from my municipality's existing E9-1-1 service agreement with Bell MTS?**

The NG9-1-1 Agreement introduces new immediate requirements for your PSAPs, as well as the future accountability for your municipality to submit Geographic Information System (GIS) location information to Bell as the successor to today's street address-based location inputs.

GIS data will not become a mandatory requirement of service until the CRTC defines timeframes for the national implementation of geospatial call routing. Until then, NG9-1-1 will utilize your municipality's existing street address data.

## **Does the NG9-1-1 Agreement replace my municipality's contract with BPCC?**

It does not. Bell is not party to your 9-1-1 call answering and fire/police dispatching agreement(s) with the Brandon Public-Safety Communication Centre (BPCC) PSAP. It is BPCC's responsibility to keep its contract language with your municipality up to date and aligned with Bell's requirements for NG9-1-1 service.

## **Do PSAPs also need to sign Bell's NG9-1-1 Agreement?**

Only the PSAPs that are not directly operated by a 9-1-1 Authority are additionally required to sign a version of the NG9-1-1 Agreement. This includes Manitoba PSAPs operated by provincial or federal entities like the RCMP and the Medical Transportation Coordination Centre (MTCC). Bell is working directly with those PSAPs to obtain signatures on the additional Agreements.

## **MIGRATION TIMING & SERVICE CONTINUITY**

### **When will my PSAPs migrate to NG9-1-1?**

Each PSAP is planning its individual migration based on its own technological and operational readiness. All Manitoba PSAPs are preparing to migrate before the end of 2026, in advance of the CRTC's March 2027 deadline for E9-1-1 network decommissioning.

### **What happens if a PSAP is ready to migrate before my municipality signs the NG9-1-1 Agreement?**

A PSAP's final NG9-1-1 onboarding step (migration) cannot be scheduled until all applicable<sup>4</sup> NG9-1-1 Agreements from the 9-1-1 Authorities that it serves have been executed with Bell. Migration occurs only once at the PSAP-level and not individually by 9-1-1 Authority, so any municipalities that delay in signing the NG9-1-1 Agreement will ultimately hold up the migration for the 9-1-1 Authorities that have signed.

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<sup>4</sup> Approximately 170 agreements in total for BPCC and MTCC, and approx. 160 for RCMP

Bell and BPCC are working together to ensure that all NG9-1-1 Agreements will be signed by 9-1-1 Authorities before BPCC's anticipated migration in fall of 2026, and that if some Agreements may not be signed by then, subsequent delays to the PSAP's migration resulting from any remaining unsigned Agreements can be minimized as much as possible.

### **Will my PSAP migrate to NG9-1-1 without my municipality?**

BPCC, RCMP and MTCC have no intention of migrating to NG9-1-1 prior to all Manitoba 9-1-1 Authorities signing NG9-1-1 Agreements with Bell, however PSAPs must migrate to the NG9-1-1 network before 31 March 2027, corresponding to when the CRTC has mandated that E9-1-1 networks must be decommissioned.

9-1-1 Authorities that do not sign the NG9-1-1 Agreement are not eligible for NG9-1-1 Service, and each PSAP will ultimately move forward with the 9-1-1 Authorities that have signed to continue operating as a PSAP in Canada.

### **When will E9-1-1 service no longer be available to my municipality?**

E9-1-1 service will no longer be available upon BPCC's<sup>5</sup> migration to NG9-1-1. A PSAP can be delivered 9-1-1 calls via the E9-1-1 network or NG9-1-1 network but not both.

## **GEOSTPATIAL CALL ROUTING**

### **When will my municipality be required to provide GIS information to Bell to fulfill the requirements of the NG9-1-1 Agreement?**

The CRTC has yet to mandate a timeline for the geospatial routing of NG9-1-1 calls requiring this GIS data. To help inform stakeholder expectations, the *CRTC Interconnection Steering Committee (CISC) Emergency Services Working Group (ESWG)* had previously communicated a target for national GIS readiness of Spring 2027, however a subsequent delay of a planned geospatial call routing Proof of Concept trial has resulted in the ESWG preparing new target guidance.

This Proof of Concept is a key milestone for NG9-1-1 network providers to proceed with GIS and is now currently anticipated by the CISC ESWG to commence in Q2 2028<sup>6</sup>. Following this trial, a report with findings and recommendations will be submitted to the CRTC, and thereafter Bell will prepare for live deployment in its NG9-1-1 network in a timeframe consistent with other NG9-1-1 network providers.

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<sup>5</sup> For the City of Winnipeg, E9-1-1 will no longer be available upon Winnipeg Police Service's migration to NG9-1-1

<sup>6</sup> "Implementing the NENA i3 NG9-1-1 Architecture in Canada - High-Level Roadmap (v1.1)" (3 June 2026)

<https://crtc.gc.ca/public/cisc/es/ESRE0122.pdf>

Once the timeline for the launch of geospatial call routing is firmly established, national and local communications will inform 9-1-1 Authorities of a date for when GIS data initially becomes an accepted input by Bell, and then subsequently a date for which it will become a mandatory requirement of NG9-1-1 service.

### **What location information will my municipality be required to provide until geospatial call routing is implemented?**

9-1-1 Authorities will continue to provide the same Master Street Address Guide (MSAG) information that is currently used today for E9-1-1.

### **Are there steps my municipality can take to start preparing for NG9-1-1 GIS?**

Yes. Many Canadian jurisdictions are in the early stages of preparing for NG9-1-1 GIS and assessing local considerations related to funding, resourcing and capabilities.

While technical standards are living documents and in the process of being formally approved for use by the CRTC, current-state specifications and guidance documentation is readily available and being indexed by the CISC ESWG<sup>7</sup> and interested parties such as ESRI Canada<sup>8</sup>.

### **Will the Province assist municipalities with NG9-1-1 GIS?**

In recognition of many Manitoba municipalities having expressed uncertainty about possessing the requisite data or resources to fulfil the future GIS obligations of Bell's NG9-1-1 Agreement, the Province is currently conducting an environmental scan of existing GIS data in Manitoba. This will help to establish what efforts lay ahead for Manitoba 9-1-1 Authorities to meet the expected minimum GIS requirements, including funding and governance considerations.

Manitoba Justice is also facilitating efforts by BPC and MTCC to make a baseline PSAP and Police/Fire/Ambulance boundary dataset available in 2026 that will help 9-1-1 Authorities to avoid duplication and redundant costs.

While the provincial government is not contractually accountable for your municipality's fulfilment of the obligations of Bell's NG9-1-1 Agreement, it is currently examining the possibility of involvement in the production, maintenance, and aggregation of your NG9-1-1 GIS data.

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<sup>7</sup> <https://crtc.gc.ca/public/cisc/es/ESCO0801.pdf>

<sup>8</sup> <https://www.esri.ca/en-ca/solutions/industries/public-safety/segments/next-generation-9-1-1/faqs>

## **Who is performing the role of NG9-1-1 GIS Data Aggregator in Manitoba?**

Many provinces have already designated a provincial body to perform the role of GIS Data Aggregator, a function which is referenced in Schedule “G” of Bell’s NG9-1-1 Agreement, to facilitate the long-term GIS data management between 9-1-1 Authorities and Bell. The Manitoba government is examining the possibility of taking on the role of GIS Data Aggregator.

For provinces such as Manitoba that may not yet have a provincially-designated GIS Data Aggregator, the CRTC has determined that Bell will become the default aggregator - this 1x1 data relationship with Bell would be similar to how your municipality operates today in E9-1-1 with Bell MTS, typically involving the CAO or equivalent informing Bell MTS of upcoming or recent addressing updates occurring within the municipality.

## **What if my municipality is currently unsure that it will be able to meet future NG9-1-1 GIS requirements?**

The most time-sensitive consideration at this moment is the immediate continuity of your municipality’s 9-1-1 service, which can be achieved by your municipality signing the NG9-1-1 Agreement. It will take additional time for provincial stakeholders to facilitate and provide clarity regarding your future achievement of NG9-1-1 GIS readiness.

The course of action always exists for your municipality to sign, and subsequently terminate in the future, the NG9-1-1 Agreement (as well as your applicable agreements with BPCC) by providing 6-months prior written notice to Bell and BPCC, should it be necessitated by challenges meeting future NG9-1-1 requirements. This would revert your municipality to 10-digit dialling for emergencies.

Bell nor BPCC anticipates that any 9-1-1 Authority will need or desire to terminate its NG9-1-1 service in the future, but it is outside of Bell and BPCC’s control whether a 9-1-1 Authority can ultimately fulfill the long-term obligations driven by the national deployment of NG9-1-1.

## **UNDERSTANDING THE AGREEMENT**

### **What is the term/duration of the NG9-1-1 Agreement?**

The initial term is 10 years, and the Agreement is renewed automatically for successive periods of five years or until terminated. This is consistent with your existing E9-1-1 service agreement.

### **Is the NG9-1-1 Agreement specifically tailored to Manitoba?**

Bell’s standard NG9-1-1 Agreement applies to Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec and Atlantic Canada. The CRTC has approved Bell’s NG9-1-1 Agreement and NG9-1-1 service tariff, and the Agreement’s terms are not subject to customization by 9-1-1 Authorities.

## **Under the NG9-1-1 Agreement, are municipalities subject to any new or future costs/fees? If so, what exactly?**

9-1-1 networks are funded via telecommunications tariffs which assess monthly 9-1-1 fees to the end-users of telephone services (home phones, business lines, etc.).

It is not anticipated that there will be any new costs/fees to Manitoba municipalities from Bell causal to NG9-1-1 service that would be billed directly to municipalities; however, the NG9-1-1 Agreement's Fees section permits the flexibility to do so in certain instances where your PSAP may have non-standard requirements.

Ultimately, BPCCC sets its annual, per-capita PSAP fees to your municipality with knowledge of any extra operating costs it may need to incur to fulfill the requirements of your NG9-1-1 Agreement.

## **How does my municipality submit the NG9-1-1 Agreement to Bell?**

Bell has most-recently emailed your municipality a template NG9-1-1 Agreement in .pdf format for your review in February 2026 and will be following-up with a reminder email from [signatures.911@bell.ca](mailto:signatures.911@bell.ca) in June. Please reply to that email with the number of signatures required by your municipality (one or two) and Bell will respond with a version of the Agreement requesting e-signature via DocuSign.

Should your municipality be unable to provide an e-signature, you may print a copy of the document for manual signature which you will then need to digitally scan and email back to Bell.

Bell will conclude the process by signing your document and providing the executed copy for your records.

## **Will Bell meet individually one-on-one with local Councils if requested?**

Bell will do its best to accommodate individual meetings with 9-1-1 Authorities during regular business hours and is open to collaborating with the AMM to schedule a webinar with municipalities to address any new or substantive questions arising from this FAQ. A future update to this document may also be issued.

**If a municipality has questions about NG9-1-1 service or the NG9-1-1 Agreement, who can they contact for more information?**

For questions regarding:

- NG9-1-1 service, or the contents of the NG9-1-1 Agreement
  - Bell 9-1-1 Service Manager [Chris.Holigroski@bellmts.ca](mailto:Chris.Holigroski@bellmts.ca) (204-941-8189).
- NG9-1-1 Agreement signature process
  - [signatures911@bell.ca](mailto:signatures911@bell.ca) (1-833-691-5277).
- Provincial Government's potential future role in your NG9-1-1 GIS
  - Executive Director – Integrated Public Safety, Manitoba Justice  
[Dave.Dalal@gov.mb.ca](mailto:Dave.Dalal@gov.mb.ca) (431-844-3844).

## Glossary/Terms

**9-1-1 Authority** – The municipality, community, first nation, or provincial park entering into Bell’s NG9-1-1 Authority Service Agreement. Also known as Local Governing Authority (LGA) in some areas of western Canada.

**Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC)** – Regulates the telecommunications service providers that connect 9-1-1 calls to PSAPs.

**Enhanced 9-1-1 (E9-1-1)** – Existing legacy 9-1-1 service that earlier introduced caller location information from landlines (fixed service addresses) and cell phones (geographic coordinates).

**Geographic Information Systems (GIS) data** – The inputs that will be used to route your NG9-1-1 calls in the future, providing greater flexibility and granularity to assist emergency response. Data will be comprised of multiple “layers” including:

- PSAP boundary (i.e. BPC or Winnipeg)
- Service boundaries (Police/Fire/Ambulance)
- Road centerline
- Site/structure address points

**Master Street Address Guide (MSAG) data** – The existing-state street address ranges used by E9-1-1 to determine which areas have access to 9-1-1 service and where 9-1-1 calls are routed. Will continue to be used in NG9-1-1 prior to the availability and future utilization of GIS data.

**Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP)** – Emergency communications centres that answer 9-1-1 calls and/or dispatch police, fire or ambulance. There are six organizations in Manitoba operating PSAPs that will be migrating from E9-1-1 to NG9-1-1:

- WPS – Winnipeg Police Service
- WFPS – Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service
- BPC – Brandon Public-Safety Communication Centre
- RCMP – Royal Canadian Mounted Police (D Division)
- MTCC – Medical Transportation Coordination Centre
- CFB Shilo – Canadian Forces Base Shilo

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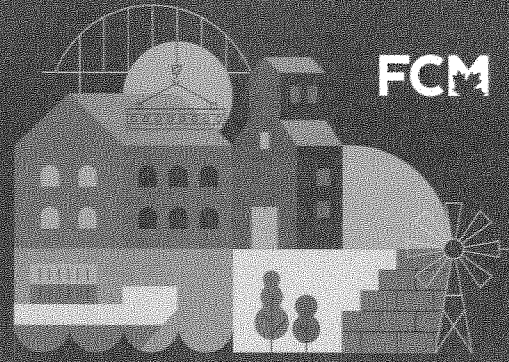
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For FCM, defending the North begins with the prosperity of its communities. In a recent report, the organization urges the federal government to invest in northern infrastructure so that communities can "thrive and better contribute to the country's defence." Titled *The Future of Northern and Arctic Canada*, the report was developed in consultation with municipal leaders and Indigenous communities across Northern Canada.

**» Economic growth now tops environment as priority in energy policy, poll suggests | CityNews**

More Canadians now say economic growth should be a bigger priority in Canada's energy policy than protecting the environment, a new Angus Reid Institute report reveals.

**» 'The thing that keeps me up at night': Yukon mayors demand funding for infrastructure at AYC | CBC News**

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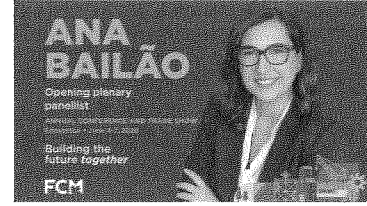
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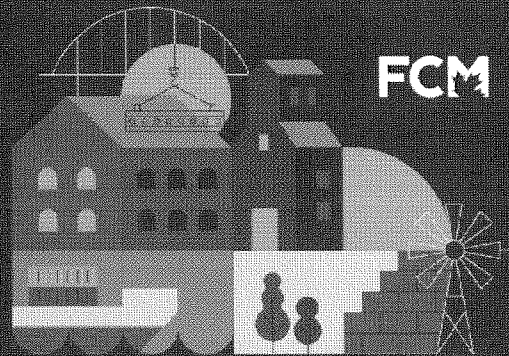
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The federal government are preparing their 2027-2029 Immigration Levels Plan, and have opened up their online survey consultations to inform the plan. Survey responses are due on June 14 and will inform the Immigration Levels Plan, which will be tabled this fall. Municipalities are encouraged to participate in this consultation in order to help assess future economic, social and humanitarian priorities for Canada's immigration system.

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» **Carney says selling public assets like airports could fund infrastructure | National | Global News**

Prime Minister Mark Carney recently said his government is open to selling public assets if the proceeds could help fund new infrastructure. "Airports is an example that is out there," Carney mentioned.

» **City gets \$4M from federal Housing Accelerator Fund | Winnipeg Free Press**

Winnipeg is set to receive more than \$4 million from the federal government for 150 housing units. The funding is part of a nationwide push to accelerate residential development through the Housing Accelerator Fund program.

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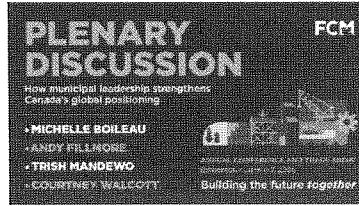
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Local governments in the North and Arctic are central to Canada's sovereignty. FCM's new report, 'The Future of Northern and Arctic Canada,' explores long-standing challenges and the need to align national initiatives with realities of the North.

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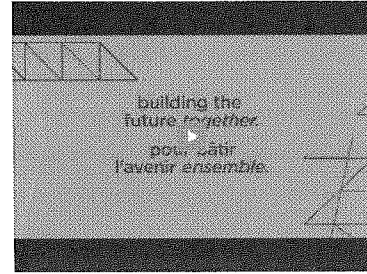
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Municipalities are key to Canada's economic diplomacy, promoting inclusive and sustainable economic growth.

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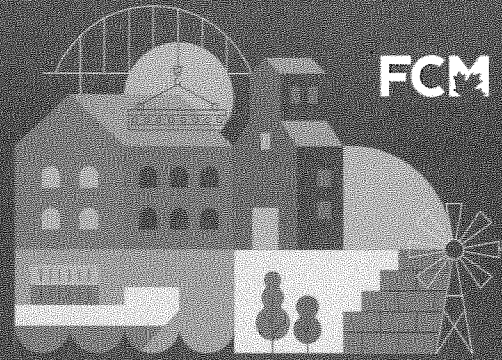
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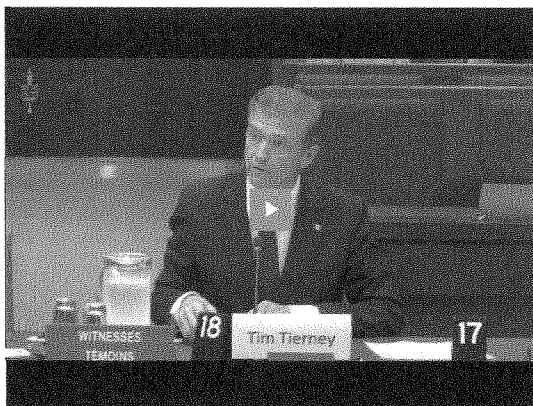


## NEWS

### Meet your confirmed 2026 table officer and director candidates

This Sunday at AC2026, members will elect and ratify new board directors for Quebec and Prairies and Territories regions. You can see the full list of table officer and director candidates on our website. Acclaimed candidates will be announced and elections will take place at the Annual General Meeting on June 7 in Edmonton. FCM’s municipal members who register to attend the AC2026 are automatically registered to vote in our elections and AGM—we look forward to seeing you all in Edmonton!

» MEET YOUR CANDIDATES



### Advocacy update: Looking ahead to Budget 2026

Last week, FCM’s 1st VP Tim Tierney appeared before the Standing House Committee on Finance to present FCM’s priorities for the upcoming fall Budget.

Canada is at a defining moment, and municipalities are ready to rise to the challenge. We are calling on the federal government to strengthen the partnership

between all orders of government and invest in the local infrastructure that powers Canada at necessary pace and scale.

We must also work together to bring an end to Canada's homelessness crisis. Canada needs a renewed National Housing Strategy with a strong focus on prevention and response.

- » **WATCH HIS REMARKS**
- » **READ FCM'S PRE-BUDGET SUBMISSION**

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### **Federal government launches new National Electricity Strategy**

With the launch of the [National Electricity Strategy](#), municipalities have an opportunity to engage on how that strategy can best support their local needs. FCM is developing a submission to highlight the local role in climate competitiveness, energy efficiency, and the need for collaboration, cross-jurisdictional coordination and infrastructure funding.

Local governments are encouraged to submit their recommendations to [electricity-electricite@nrcan-rncan.gc.ca](mailto:electricity-electricite@nrcan-rncan.gc.ca) or connect with Sara Jane O'Neill at [sjoneill@fcm.ca](mailto:sjoneill@fcm.ca) with questions.

### **Call for Evidence: National Infrastructure Assessment report**

The Canadian Infrastructure Council is preparing the second National Infrastructure Assessment report, which will focus on housing-enabling infrastructure. The council is launching a new public Call for Evidence and is encouraging submissions from across Canada. Local governments can contribute directly to this call. Moreover, FCM staff are engaging with the council and are helping to support municipal regional roundtables to provide insight into this report.

- » **LEARN MORE**

» **Municipalities, Indigenous leaders look to 2026 federal budget for clarity on infrastructure funding | The Globe and Mail**

As consultations for the 2026 federal budget kicked off, municipal leaders, including FCM, are urging the federal government to provide more predictable, long-term infrastructure funding. FCM First-Vice President Tim Tierney said in an interview with *The Globe and Mail* that municipalities support the federal government's goal of doubling housing construction, but warned communities cannot meet those targets without matching infrastructure investment.

» **FCM Prepares to Gather in Edmonton | Cross Border Network**

The Cross Border Network featured FCM's upcoming Annual Conference and Trade Show in Edmonton, Alberta, from June 4-7. FCM President Rebecca Bligh discussed the importance of the gathering, the organization's advocacy, municipalities' main concerns, and her mandate as President.

» **FCM says community input needed to make Arctic sovereignty successful | APTN News**

FCM's report, *The Future of Northern and Arctic Canada*, says the federal government needs to rely on the expertise of local communities in the North and Arctic to bolster Canada's sovereignty. APTN News spoke with Hay River Mayor Kandis Jameson and Iqaluit Mayor Solomon Awa.

» **Penhold Mayor to continue advocating for Alberta communities nationally | Central Alberta Online**

The Town of Penhold has announced that Mayor Mike Yargeau has been acclaimed to another term on FCM's Board of Directors. "It is a privilege to represent Alberta municipalities at the national level and to continue working with colleagues from across the country," said Yargeau.

» **City of Portage backs new rules to ban meeting disruptors | Portage | Winnipeg Sun**

Amid an increase in bullying, harassment and intimidation against local elected officials, the City of Portage la Prairie has thrown its support behind a growing municipal movement urging the Manitoba government to grant local councils' legislative authority to ban chronically disruptive individuals from public meetings.

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## RESOURCES

## **Funding to fast-track climate adaptation projects**

Communities with fewer than 50,000 residents can now access up to \$75,000 through Rapid Adaptation Projects. This initiative uses pre-vetted project tracks to ensure faster mobilization and visible results. By selecting proven solutions for wildfire, flood, heat or community facility resilience, leaders can move directly to implementation instead of starting from scratch with custom designs. Rapid Adaptation Projects provides the funding and coaching to safeguard residents, get projects in-the-ground quickly and secure a more resilient future for your community.

» **START YOUR PROJECT TODAY**

## **Remove barriers to home energy upgrades with Community Efficiency Financing**

Are you looking for inspiration on how to improve your residents' quality of living? Watch our new video highlighting Alberta Municipalities' Clean Energy Improvement Program (CEIP). Made possible with support from the Community Efficiency Financing initiative, CEIP is helping Alberta homeowners enjoy greater comfort, lower energy bills and more energy-efficient living.

You will hear from participating municipal leaders and a resident on the transformative economic, social and environmental benefits of the program.

» **READ MORE**

## **Planning for thermal energy networks: A municipal guide**

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

Watch this recorded webinar to explore practical steps for feasibility assessment, municipal planning and partner engagement. Gain real-world insights, funding guidance and governance considerations to help move projects from concept to implementation.

» **WATCH THE RECORDING**

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## Closing Canada's Digital Divide with 5G FWA

5G Fixed Wireless Access (FWA) is helping connect more rural and remote communities across Canada. By working alongside fibre and satellite, FWA offers a flexible, cost-effective way to expand reliable internet access. Better connectivity supports local services, education, healthcare and economic growth—helping more Canadians participate fully in the digital economy.

» [EXPLORE FWA IN YOUR COMMUNITY](#)

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## Participate in our workshop on prioritizing flood and wildfire prevention

In this interactive session at AC2026, experts will share new Canadian polling data on public attitudes toward climate resilience and offer clear, practical guidance to support municipal planning, governance and decision-making in the face of rising flood and wildfire risks.



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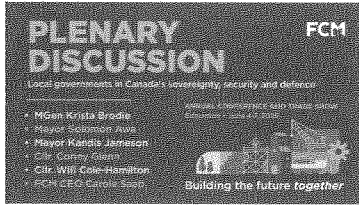
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From successful defence infrastructure to the local role in ensuring communities are thriving, healthy and economically prosperous, local governments are key to a secure Canada.

This #FCM2026AC plenary session will explore the pivotal role that local governments play in protecting Canadian sovereignty and enhancing defence readiness across the country.

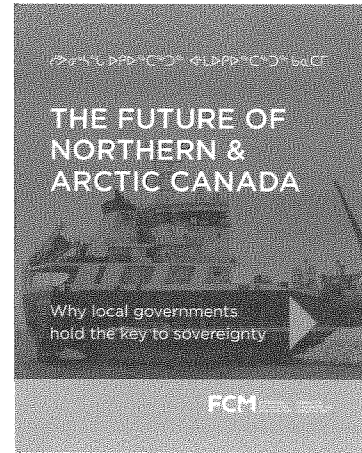
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As the country faces another season of wildfires and drought, municipalities across the country are focused on how to prepare for more frequent extreme weather and a changing climate.

It's simple—as a country, we can pay for adaptation now, or we can pay much more for it later.

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Canada's sovereignty in the North is about more than just defence.

Strong and healthy communities—supported by reliable infrastructure, housing and economic opportunity—are what make sovereignty and security possible.

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**Building the future together: A conference to remember**



Last week, over 3,000 attendees from across the country gathered in Edmonton for FCM's 2026 Annual Conference and Trade Show, *Building the future together*. Throughout the event, delegates explored solutions to key challenges through engaging workshops, built connections at lively receptions, discovered new tools and innovations at the Trade Show, and gained valuable insights from a lineup of inspiring municipal leaders.

The program featured a range of political keynote speakers, including federal Ministers Gregor Robertson and Dominic LeBlanc, Conservative MP Scott Aitchison, NDP leader Avi Lewis and Green Party of Canada leader Elizabeth May.

» [SEE THE HIGHLIGHTS](#)

NEWS

## **FCM 2026-2027 election results**

At the Annual General Meeting yesterday, delegates from across the country chose their new Table Officers and Board of Directors. We are pleased to announce that we will once again have a strong team working in the best interests of our members in the challenges ahead. Thank you to everyone who has put their name forward.

Here is the composition of the FCM Table Officers for 2026-2027:

### **FCM President**

Tim Tierney, Councillor, City of Ottawa, ON

### **First Vice-President**

Kathy Valentino, President, Association of Manitoba Municipalities, MB

### **Second Vice-President**

Marc Doret, Mayor, City of Dorval, QC

### **Third Vice-President**

Amy Coady, President, Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador, NL

### **Immediate Past President**

Rebecca Bligh, Councillor, City of Vancouver, BC

» [SEE THE FULL BOARD OF DIRECTORS](#)

## **Streamlining of the Canada Public Transit Fund**

Last week, the federal government announced changes to the Canada Public Transit Fund (CPTF), which partially responds to FCM's advocacy to streamline and accelerate transit projects. The new Strong Transit Fund stream of the CPTF simplifies onerous regional planning and reporting requirements. Funds will now flow through the provinces and territories and will continue to fund rural transit projects.

FCM welcomes this announcement as a positive step and will continue to monitor the implementation of this fund. FCM is calling for the federal government to restore the full \$30 billion fund over ten years and add a 3.5% index to ensure the value of the fund over time.

» [READ OUR REACTION](#)

## **FCM's Sustainable Communities Awards**

FCM's Sustainable Communities Awards honour local sustainability initiatives from across the country. Winners are selected by a panel of 12 judges who represent a cross-section of the Canadian sustainability community and whose expertise cover the seven award categories that you can apply to: Sustainable Transportation, Sustainable Buildings, Community Energy, Climate Adaptation, Biodiversity and Nature-Based Solutions, Waste, and Accelerating Net-Zero Transformation.

All Canadian municipalities and their partners are eligible to apply for an award. Don't forget to submit your nomination by June 28.

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## EVENTS

### **FCM's Sustainable Communities Conference returns in February 2027**

Mark your calendars: FCM's Sustainable Communities Conference (SCC) is coming back to Ottawa, Ontario, from February 8-11, 2027. Early bird registration opens this fall.

Meet hundreds of municipal leaders and changemakers from across the country and discover new ways to tackle your community's most pressing sustainability challenges. Whether you represent a large city or a small, rural or remote community, SCC offers practical tools, peer learning and adaptable approaches grounded in real municipal experience.

» **SIGN UP TO FCM CONNECT TO LEARN MORE**

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## AC IN THE NEWS

More than 3,000 attendees gathered in the City of Edmonton for FCM's Annual Conference and Trade Show, which took place from June 4 to 7. Ahead of the conference, then President Rebecca Bligh spoke to the importance of AC with [Amanda Lang on her show Taking Stock](#) and [CTV Morning Live](#).

FCM's Big City Mayors' Caucus kicked off the conference with a significant announcement on the [importance of strengthening downtown cores](#). Standing united, the mayors laid out three priorities that focused on local infrastructure, housing and homelessness, and transit.

On Friday, FCM [launched the Defence Task Force](#) to strengthen collaboration between local governments and federal partners as Canada works to enhance its defence readiness.

On the final day of the gathering, [Ottawa City Coun. Tim Tierney was elected president](#), succeeding Vancouver Coun. Rebecca Bligh.

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## RESOURCES

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

Municipalities need practical ways to reduce construction, renovation and demolition (CRD) waste and keep more materials in use. The Green Municipal Fund's Accelerating Circularity in Construction Materials offer delivers funding and cohort support to help communities plan and advance circular approaches for CRD materials.

Eligible applicants can access up to \$100,000 in grant funding (covering 50% to 80% of eligible costs, and up to 100% for Northern and eligible Indigenous first-time applicants), and a 2-year peer learning cohort with guidance. Let's keep more construction materials in use and send less to landfill. Applications are open until June 26.

» **APPLY NOW**

## **Contribute to valuable research on climate action in Canadian communities**

The Municipal Net-Zero Action Research Partnership (N-ZAP) is undertaking a new survey of the current state of local climate action in Canada. The insights from this survey will help municipalities achieve ambitious targets for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. No matter where you are in your climate action journey, we want to hear from you.

Participants will be entered into a draw to win a full-access pass to GMF's Sustainable Communities Conference (SCC) in February 2027 in Ottawa. This is your chance to contribute to important research and be part of a cleaner, healthier future.

» **TAKE THE SURVEY**

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### **Konek: Canada's Way to Pay**

Konek is Canada's new way to pay online, offering Canadians the choice to pay directly from their chequing or savings account, or credit card. Powered by Interac, and backed by Canada's leading financial institutions, Konek makes it easy for municipalities to accept payments for services like summer camp registration, utility bills or parking permits—giving residents more choice, convenience and control in how they pay.

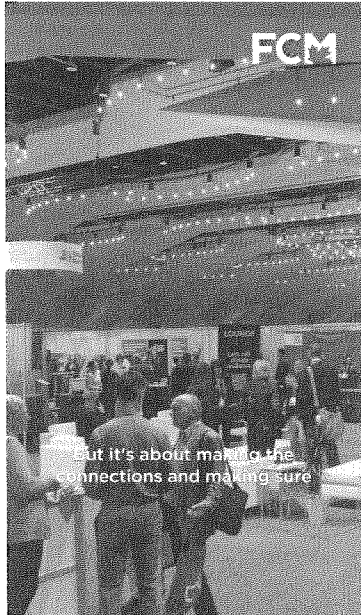
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Our thanks to all the incredible exhibitors who joined us in Edmonton this week.

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"In a country under strain, FCM is connective tissue."

FCM CEO Carole Saab addresses delegates at FCM's Annual Conference and Trade Show earlier today.

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Day 4 🌟🌟🌟

From insightful plenaries and study tours to important AGM business and elections, it's been a busy and inspiring last day at #FCM2026AC.

As the Annual Conference and Trade Show comes to a close, we want to thank all the local leaders, presenters, and the international delegation from Tunisia and Vietnam who joined us in Edmonton and made this week a true success. We'll see you next year in Halifax for #FCM2027AC!

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## Replay your favourite AC2026 moments

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Delegates connected with federal leaders and representatives, shaped FCM's policy priorities and dug into the challenges and opportunities defining this moment for communities across the country. From building more homes to strengthening local economies to ensuring safe, thriving communities, one message came through clearly: Building the future Canadians deserve will take all of us—a real, modern partnership across governments that matches the scale of the moment.

You were with us in Edmonton? Your favourite keynotes are now available to re-watch and share. You missed AC2026? Dive into our political and FCM leadership keynotes—and get a taste of what's waiting for you in Halifax at AC2027.

## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



**FCM's CEO, Carole Saab**, gave her keynote address on the main stage by underscoring that Canada's path forward runs through its communities. She emphasized the central role municipalities play in advancing national priorities and delivering real results—on housing, infrastructure, climate resilience, and public safety—and the need for local voices to help shape federal policy

**Minister of Canada–U.S. Trade and Intergovernmental Affairs, Dominic LeBlanc** had a fireside chat with now FCM's Past President, Rebecca Bligh, discussing how the government is navigating economic uncertainty with the U.S. by protecting key sectors and strengthening supply-chain through a Team Canada approach that brings all orders of government together.



**Minister of Housing and Infrastructure, Gregor Robertson**, made an announcement on a new funding stream that will help municipalities accelerate local community projects that support housing development and are key to building great places to live.

**CPC MP and Shadow Minister for Housing Scott Aitchison's** fireside chat with President Tim Tierney focused on how municipalities need the federal government to reduce the burden on local governments by bringing long-term resources, building enabling infrastructure, and designing simpler, right-sized programs that work for smaller and rural communities.





**Iqaluit Mayor Solomon Awa** spoke about how, across Northern and remote regions, local governments are on the front lines of nation building every day. He emphasized that Northern and Arctic sovereignty depends on communities being able to meet basic needs—starting with safe, affordable homes and reliable services that keep people healthy.

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Newly elected **NDP Leader, Avi Lewis**, used his keynote and fireside chat with FCM's 1st Vice-President Kathy Valentino to highlight the party's long-standing ties to municipalities and the growing fiscal imbalance created by decades of federal downloading.



**Green Party Leader Elizabeth May** focused on climate adaptation in her keynote address on the main stage. She highlighted rising U.S. geopolitical tensions, the need to embed FCM's policy work in federal platforms and budgets, the importance of consensus with all orders of government—including Indigenous partners—and the need to keep rural communities front and centre.

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**FCM President Tim Tierney's** inaugural address touched on how municipal leaders share a unifying mission of building the future together that transcends different communities. He shared his goal to be a relentless champion for our members in Ottawa.



PRESS CONFERENCES



Watch the [Big City Mayors' Caucus press conference](#) where BCMC Chair Mayor Josh Morgan (London, ON), Mayor Andrew Knack (Edmonton, AB) and Mayor Soraya Martinez Ferrada (Montreal, QC) called for federal support to make downtowns more vibrant, for ending homelessness and for providing better funding for infrastructure and public safety.

FCM unveiled its new [Defence Task Force](#) earlier this week, bringing together municipalities that host and support Canada's defence installations and infrastructure. The announcement underscored how local governments are essential to shaping national readiness.



We hope this gave you a taste of this incredibly successful event. You can also catch up on great content produced at the conference and posted on our social media accounts.

Watch for our communications in the coming days and weeks for more highlights from FCM's 2026 Annual Conference and Trade Show. This includes a special photospread in Municipal World magazine.

Stay tuned!

- *Your FCM Team*



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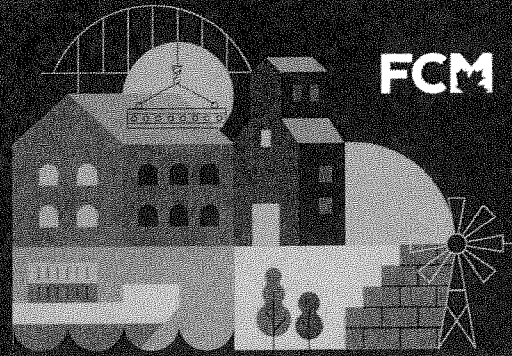
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**Resolutions adopted at AC2026**

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At FCM's 2026 Annual Conference and Trade Show, FCM members adopted several significant resolutions, demonstrating their commitment to addressing issues faced by communities across Canada:

- Improving public safety by limiting headlight brightness
- Federal support for the forestry sector and resolving the softwood dispute
- Pan-Canadian strategy on mental health, addictions and chronic homelessness
- Strengthening Canada's defence capabilities with local governments
- Reversal of federal agricultural research centre closures
- Supporting local small businesses by modernizing the Canada Small Business Financing Program

For more information about these resolutions and others, please visit our resolutions website and database.

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## NEWS



### Advocacy update: Addressing homelessness in Canadian communities

On Thursday, Mayor of Timmins and Chair of FCM's Standing Committee on Social and Economic Development, Michelle Boileau, testified before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Human Resources, Skills and Social Development and the Status of Persons

with Disabilities (HUMA) on the need for predictable, long-term funding for homelessness prevention and response in Canadian communities. Through the renewal of the National Housing Strategy, FCM is calling on the federal government to make Reaching Home a permanent and expanded pillar of Canada's homelessness response.

» [WATCH THE REMARKS](#)

### **Advocating for better connectivity in rural, remote and northern communities**

Too many Canadians in rural, remote and northern communities still lack adequate broadband access. Reliable high-speed internet and cellular service are critical for remote work, education, healthcare and community safety. FCM continues to call on the federal government for updated strategies and increased funding to ensure every rural community is connected. According to The Hill Times, with 256 communications to the federal government, no organization has lobbied more than FCM on the issue in the past year.

» [READ MORE](#)

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## **EVENTS**

### **Webinar: Implement and integrate climate adaptation plans**

Join our webinar on June 25 at 1 p.m. ET to learn how municipalities are embedding climate adaptation into everyday operations and decision-making. Through examples from the City of St. John's and the District of Sooke, participants will explore practical approaches for sustaining momentum, integrating adaptation priorities and tracking progress over time.

» [REGISTER](#)

### **Workshop: How to complete a GCCC funding application**

Is your municipality planning to apply for Tree planting or Urban forestry plans and studies funding through GMF's Growing Canada's Community Canopies initiative? Join our upcoming online workshop on July 8 at 1 p.m. ET to strengthen your application with practical tools, reporting requirements, tips and insights. Whether you're new to urban forestry or refining your planting project, this workshop will answer your questions, boost your confidence and help you prepare a high-quality application.

» [REGISTER](#)

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## **FCM IN THE NEWS**

» **New President of Federation of Canadian Municipalities | CTV News**  
FCM's newly elected president, Tim Tierney, spoke with CTV Ottawa about the significance of being the first Ottawa-based president in over 80 years and how advocacy in the coming year will help shape Budget 2026, particularly regarding infrastructure and Canada's future.

» **Canadian cities under pressure | Taking Stock with Amanda Lang | CP24**  
FCM's Past President Rebecca Bligh discussed key municipal issues and FCM's Annual Conference and Trade Show on *Taking Stock* with Amanda Lang. Canada's infrastructure deficit and municipalities' fiscal capacity were on the agenda.

» **'You can't build a house if you can't flush the toilet'—The hidden housing bottleneck that's lurking beneath cities across Canada | Financial Post**  
Across Canada, housing projects are delayed because of aging infrastructure beneath the streets, population growth and the cost of upgrades. FCM's past President Rebecca Bligh told the Financial Post that the result is that municipalities are increasingly limited on how quickly they can move on housing approvals.

» **Masi secures FCM board role, discusses conference priorities | Portage | Winnipeg Sun**  
Portage la Prairie Coun. Joe Masi will serve another two years on FCM's Board of Directors after being acclaimed as a Manitoba director. As vice-chair of FCM's Rural Forum, Masi used FCM's Annual Conference and Trade Show to lobby Housing and Infrastructure Minister Gregor Robertson for dedicated water infrastructure funding.

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## RESOURCES

## **Gain recognition for your work in community energy**

FCM's Sustainable Communities Awards honour environmental initiatives in Canadian cities and communities of all sizes. There are seven award categories to choose from.

The Award in Community Energy recognizes projects that generate or store energy for community use in an innovative, sustainable way to increase resilience to climate change and lower GHG emissions. Whether it's a renewable energy, district energy, battery storage, heat recovery or other low-carbon energy system, consider nominating it for an award as a way to gain recognition for your work and share best practices with others who could replicate a similar system in their community. Submit your application by June 28.

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From restoring wildlife habitats to providing food sources for mammals, birds and insects, trees support local biodiversity which in turn helps your community become more resilient to environmental stressors. You can enhance your community's ecosystem by applying for up to \$10M in funding for new tree planting projects. Learn more about the benefits of trees and the funding and support available.

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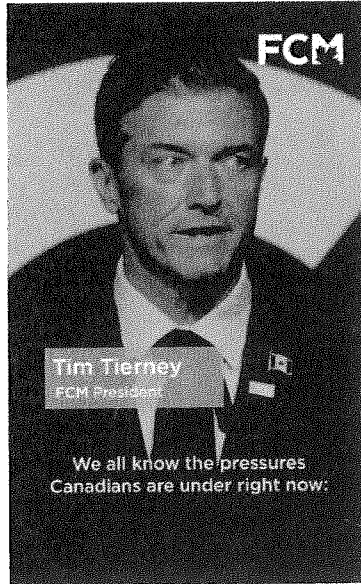
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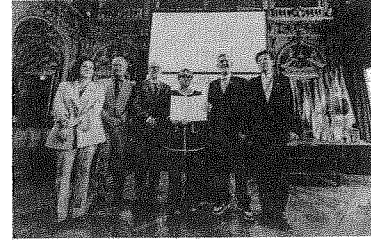


"We don't have the luxury of stepping back. We're on the front lines."

Municipalities are stepping up. Let's keep building the future together.

FCM President  
[@timtierneyottawa](#) at  
[#FCM2026AC](#) last week.

[WATCH THE VIDEO](#)



Last week, Bridgewater Mayor David Mitchell joined the G7 Urban7 group—a formal engagement group that brings together local and regional governments to provide collective input into the G7 process—in Nancy, France.

He delivered a clear message: on climate, economic resilience, infrastructure adaptation, trade diversification and more, local leaders in Canada and around the world are leading the way.

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## Property Solutions for Manitoba Municipalities

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Phone: 204-380-3625

**Dear Reeve and Council,**

Kynetic Homes welcomes the opportunity to partner with your municipality to help maintain safe, attractive properties that reflect community pride and leave a positive impression on residents and visitors alike.

From removing unsafe structures to repairing existing properties and supporting new residential construction, we provide dependable, high-quality workmanship that enhances curb appeal, protects property value, and supports long-term community growth. Our services include:

- Demolition of old or unsafe structures
- Home repairs
- New home construction
- Painting
- Drywall
- Plumbing
- Electrical work
- Lawn care services

**When you partner with Kynetic Homes, you can expect:**

- **Scheduled site inspections** to identify issues early
- **Preventative maintenance** that helps avoid costly repairs
- **Clear quotes and diagrams** after inspection, with options and pricing clearly outlined
- **A response within 24 hours** of approval to keep your project moving

**Contact us today to discuss your municipality's needs and learn how Kynetic Homes can help strengthen and enhance your community.**

**Sincerely,**

**Rylan Chapman**

Owner, Chapman Holdings

Kynetic Homes

[www.kynetchomes.ca](http://www.kynetchomes.ca)

## Bulletin #2026-19

### ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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

#### Notice for Flood-Affected Private Wells

Overland flooding in parts of Manitoba has increased the risk of bacterial contamination in private wells. To protect public health, the Manitoba government has implemented a temporary response to support affected private well owners.

**A resident-facing notice is attached.** Municipalities in flood-affected areas are asked to share it with residents through local communication channels (website, social media, notice boards).

The notice highlights key public health guidance, including:

- **Boil water** before use if a well may be impacted by flooding;
- **Test** wells after flood waters have fully receded; and
- Information on how to access testing services.

#### Free Water Testing for Flood-Affected Private Wells

In response to spring 2026 flooding, Manitoba has increased the private well water testing subsidy to 100% for eligible flood-impacted private well owners:

- Applies to one (1) bacteriological test per private well owner;
- Valid for samples submitted from June 15 to August 31, 2026 to Duracan Laboratory
- Eligibility is limited to flood-impacted wells, with verification processes in place.

#### Access to Testing Services

Duracan Laboratory administers this Private Well Subsidy program. To improve access, the lab is working with municipal offices and watershed districts to distribute sampling kits and coordinate sample return. Municipalities may be contacted directly or can contact Duracan to help coordinate local pick-up/drop-off locations.

#### More Information

For questions about the Private Well Testing Subsidy Program, contact Duracan Ltd. at: 204-960-9995 or [www.duracan.ca/contact](http://www.duracan.ca/contact)

A list of other accredited laboratories that offer well testing services is available at: [www.gov.mb.ca/sd/water/drinking-water/lab](http://www.gov.mb.ca/sd/water/drinking-water/lab)

Drinking water safety in Manitoba: [www.gov.mb.ca/sd/water/drinking-water](http://www.gov.mb.ca/sd/water/drinking-water)

Flood forecasts, reports, and interactive flood map: [www.gov.mb.ca/flooding](http://www.gov.mb.ca/flooding)

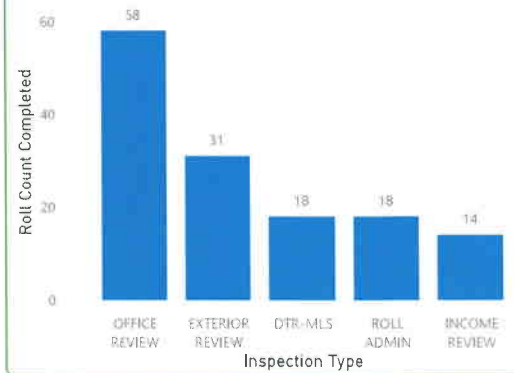
Watershed Districts: <https://manitobawatersheds.org>

## 2025 Annual Report

MUNICIPALITY OF  
OAKLAND-WAWANESA

1,685 Roll Count	139 Total Inspections	\$252,969 Average Single Family Sale \$
39 Supplementary Rolls	\$3,938,700 Supplemental \$ Change	\$258,375 Average Single Family Assessed \$
\$561,701,100 Market Value	\$6,515,500 Change in Market Value	612 Single Family DU Count

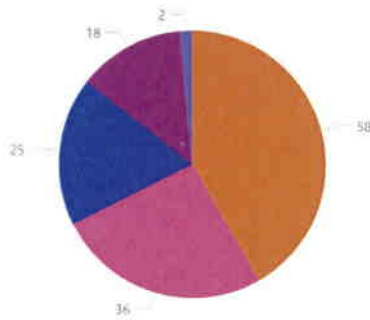
Roll Count Completed by Inspection Type



Roll Count Completed by Inspection Reason

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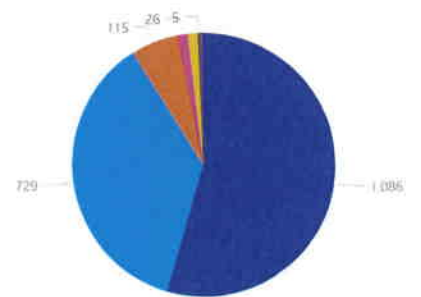
- SALE
- MAINTENANCE
- OTHER
- LEGAL DESCRIPTION
- REQUEST FOR REVIEW



Roll Count by Tax Class

Tax Class

- Farm Property
- Residential 1
- Other Property
- Institutional Property
- Farm Use Value
- Pipeline Property
- Residential 3--Condos & ...
- Railway Property
- Residential 2



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Total Board of Revision Appeals

Roll Count by Appeal Status

Status	Total

Desk Top Review    Rolls Reviewed    Assessment \$ Added

Tax Class Description	Market Value
Residential 3--Condos & Co-ops	\$332,700
Residential 2	\$348,300
Residential 1	\$170,679,200
Railway Property	\$709,000
Pipeline Property	\$78,869,200
Other Property	\$23,959,100
Institutional Property	\$7,535,800
Farm Use Value	\$4,536,800
Farm Property	\$274,731,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$561,701,100</b>

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**Fw: THE SEAL RIVER WATERSHED PROPOSAL - YOUR VOICE MATTERS IN THIS MASSIVE LAND-USE DECISION**

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**From** Norma Will <adminassist@oakland-wawanesa.ca>  
**Date** Wed 2026-05-20 10:05 AM  
**To** Joni Swidnicki <cao@oakland-wawanesa.ca>

Is this something we should print for next council meeting?

*Norma Will*

Administrative Assistant  
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**From:** Dennis Schindler <Dschindler@mwf.mb.ca>  
**Sent:** May 20, 2026 9:32 AM  
**To:** Dennis Schindler <Dschindler@mwf.mb.ca>  
**Cc:** Carly Deacon <cdeacon@mwf.mb.ca>; Chris Heald <cheald@mwf.mb.ca>; Jonathan Scarth <jscarth@mwf.mb.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: THE SEAL RIVER WATERSHED PROPOSAL - YOUR VOICE MATTERS IN THIS MASSIVE LAND-USE DECISION

Please find below our latest e-news update on the Seal River Watershed Proposal. The proposal is open for public comments at Engage Manitoba at <https://engagemb.ca/seal-river-watershed?bblinkid=289487259&bbemailid=62507294&bbejrid=-894403301> with a closing date of June 2, 2026.

If approved this proposal could serve as a template for future similar proposals across Manitoba. Public access for hunting will be significantly reduced if approved through the creation of a national park.

We appreciate your support in the past and encourage you to register and submit your comments or otherwise make your opinions known to government decision makers.

**From:** MANITOBA WILDLIFE FEDERATION INC. <info@mwf.mb.ca>  
**Sent:** May 19, 2026 3:46 PM



As Manitoba's first proposed Indigenous Protected and Conserved Area (IPCA), it may also shape how future conservation areas are managed across the province.

Government decision-makers pay attention when constituents contact them directly. **A respectful, personalized message from local voters can make a real difference.**

We have made this process simple:

**WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP:**

1. Find your local MLA and MP

- MLA: [[MLA Alphabetical Listing](#)]
- Manitoba MP's: [[Manitoba MP Alphabetical List](#)]
- Please cc the following Federal and Provincial Ministers and the Premier when you submit your letter.

1. Manitoba Premier

(<mailto:premier@manitoba.ca>)

2. Minister of Natural Resources and Indigenous Futures:

(<mailto:minnrif@manitoba.ca>)

3. Minister of Environment and Climate Change:

(<mailto:minecc@manitoba.ca>)

4. Federal Minister of the Environment, Climate Change and Nature:

(<mailto:ministre-minister@ec.gc.ca>)

2. Copy the sample letter below and/or,

3. Personalize it with your own experience or concerns.

4. Send it by email to both your MLA, and MP (or to all), our Premier, and the 3 Ministers listed above.

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## **SAMPLE LETTER:**

Subject: Seal River Watershed Proposal

Dear [MLA, MP, and Ministers],

I am opposed to the Seal River Watershed proposal as currently presented. While conservation is important, it must also protect responsible public access, recreation, hunting, angling, tourism, and outfitting opportunities that many Manitobans and northern communities rely on.

Manitoba can achieve strong conservation outcomes using provincial tools while keeping Crown land and wildlife management under provincial authority, with meaningful participation from all stakeholders.

My recommendations are:

- Use Manitoba-led tools such as Provincial Parks and Wildlife Management Areas instead of a national park, to maintain provincial control and public access.
- If a national park is included, minimize its footprint and ensure provincial parks remain under provincial authority, with final decision-making resting with the provincial Minister.
- If a joint management board is created, it should be advisory only and include balanced representation from all provincial stakeholders.

I ask that consultation be fair and that all Manitobans—Indigenous and non-Indigenous alike—have a meaningful voice in land-use decisions.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[City/Town]

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This form letter ([also available on our website](#)) is a recommendation; you can use parts of it, or in its entirety. You may also choose to create a short, respectful, and personalized message as these are often the most effective.

Please send your letters by **June 2, 2026**.

We appreciate all your time and help with this! Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or could use some assistance.

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MANITOBA WILDLIFE FEDERATION

# SAFE BOATING AWARENESS WEEK

MAY 17 – MAY 24, 2026

Safe boating starts with you.

Whether you're fishing, paddling, or cruising the lakes, make safety your first priority.



### WEAR IT

Always wear your life jacket.



### CHECK IT

Check your boat, gear, and the forecast.



### SLOW DOWN

Respect the water and your limits.



### BOAT SOBER

Alcohol and boating don't mix.



Learn more, find tips and resources, and explore boating safety information at [mwf.mb.ca](http://mwf.mb.ca)

Better days on the water.



## SAFE BOATING AWARENESS WEEK IS HERE

With open water fishing season opening across Manitoba, there's no better time to make safety your top priority on the water.

As a proud member of the Manitoba Coalition for Safer Waters, the Manitoba Wildlife Federation encourages everyone heading out this season to take a few simple steps that can save lives:

- Wear your life jacket
- Check the weather before you launch
- Never boat impaired
- Let someone know your plans
- Make sure your safety equipment is onboard and accessible

Whether you're chasing walleye at sunrise, heading to camp, or enjoying a day on the lake with family and friends, safe boating helps ensure everyone makes it home safely.

Enjoy it. Keep it wild. Stay safe on the water, Manitoba.

## Join the Manitoba Wildlife Federation Today!

If you are a part of the Manitoba outdoor community, becoming a member helps us protect what you love. Our Membership fees are used to support conservation and education programs for youth and adults.

To become a member, please click the "Join Today!" button.

Don't feel like becoming a member?  
Consider a donation instead!

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[Donate Now!](#)

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## SOCIAL MEDIA

### STAY CONNECTED WITH MWF!

Much of MWF's news, invitations and program information is posted on our social media pages as a means for the Federation to quickly communicate with the outdoor community. Be the first to know and follow our pages today to stay tuned-in to MWF's content!



### WHAT JOINING THE MWF DOES FOR YOU



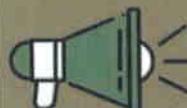
MANITOBA WILDLIFE FEDERATION

#### STAY PROTECTED WITH LIABILITY INSURANCE AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Manitoba Wildlife Federation members receive 3 million dollars in primary liability insurance and \$10,000 in accident insurance.



#### GIVE YOURSELF A VOICE



By joining the MWF community you give yourself a voice in the wildlife community, the MWF gives yourself or your club the opportunity to have your voice heard relating the issues that matter most.

#### 50% DISCOUNT ON HUNTER EDUCATION REPLACEMENT CARDS

Lost Hunter education card? Not a problem when you're a MWF member! Members get 50% off Hunter Education replacement cards.



#### 10% OFF MARK'S WORK WAREHOUSE

Save with the MWF! Members get 10% off purchases at Mark's Work Warehouse, so you can enjoy the outdoors in style!



#### SIX ISSUES ANNUALLY OF OUTDOOR CANADA WEST MAGAZINE

MWF members get six issues of Outdoor Canada West, Canada's only national fishing and hunting magazine, which includes a lively mix of how-to articles, buyer's guides, profiles, travelogues, in-depth reportage and expert analysis.



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## Bulletin #2026-17

### **MUNICIPAL AND NORTHERN RELATIONS**

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

### **Amendment to The Planning Act and The City of Winnipeg Charter**

Bill 33, The Planning Amendment and City of Winnipeg Charter Amendment Act (the “Act”), received third reading and royal assent on June 1, 2026. The Act supports actions within Manitoba’s Land Use Planning Action Plan released in November 2025.

The Act delivers a series of focused, practical updates to Manitoba’s planning legislation that are designed to better support municipalities in the work of planning for future homes, businesses, and services for residents. The Bill fine tunes the planning system—providing clearer processes, improving efficiency and reinforcing the role of local decision making.

#### **The Act clarifies and refines the role of The Municipal Board as an appeal body**

Under the new approach, when a zoning or secondary plan by-law is referred to The Municipal Board due to public objections, The Board no longer holds its own separate hearing. Instead, it reviews the municipal planning records and provides a report with recommendations to council and publishes the report on their website for public access. While municipalities must consider The Municipal Board’s recommendations before giving third reading to a by-law, the recommendations are not binding. The result is a planning system that supports informed decisions while keeping authority where communities expect it — at the council table.

Eliminating The Board’s hearing process will result in savings for municipalities through avoiding expenses associated with multi-day hearings, legal representation, and extensive logistics. These efficiencies free up time and resources — allowing staff and councils to focus on long-term planning, policy development, and community engagement.

Going forward, when proposed by-laws or by-law amendments receive objections from public authorities (neighbouring municipalities and other levels of government or government agencies), The Board continues to hold a hearing and issue a final decision. However, only members of the public that have already made representations on the by-law or objections to the by-law at the local level will receive notice and be able to participate in public authority objection hearings held by The Board. For municipalities, this provides a clear and reliable pathway to address intergovernmental issues. It ensures concerns can be discussed fully while offering certainty at the end of the process.

The Act also takes a step forward in standardizing service timelines for planning matters at The Municipal Board. New timelines for applicant appeals and ministerial referrals ensure clear and consistent expectations around notice, hearings, and decisions to help municipalities plan workloads, communicate clearly with applicants, and reduce uncertainty for residents.

**The Act addresses priority concerns with the regional planning board model**

The Act removes regional board powers for expropriation and compelling member compliance through court injunctions against development decisions that do not conform to regional plans. The Act also confirms that planning applications already underway on the day a regional plan is brought into force are not subject to the regional plan. These changes reinforce a cooperative, forward-looking approach to regional planning that supports shared objectives while respecting local processes and timing. For municipalities, this creates a more balanced planning environment and greater stability in the transition period to a new regional plan when managing development files.

**The Act streamlines housing approvals (outside of Winnipeg)**

The Act expanded the minor subdivision process, already valued for its efficiency, to include certain multi unit developments, such as duplexes, triplexes, and row homes with shared walls. This allows qualifying applications to move through approvals more quickly while still requiring full compliance with local development plans, secondary plans, and zoning by-laws. Municipal authority remains firmly in place: councils continue to approve, reject, or apply conditions as needed. The result is a practical tool that helps municipalities support faster development of a wider range of housing options without compromising planning standards.

**The Act extends livestock operation expansion rights to supply managed industries**

For rural municipalities, The Act provides additional flexibility for supply managed livestock operations (dairy, egg, and poultry producers) while maintaining strong municipal involvement. Certain modest expansions (up to 15 percent) can now proceed without new conditional use approvals or provincial technical reviews, provided zoning requirements are met and confirmed by the municipality through a zoning memorandum.

At the same time, municipalities can update minor conditions on existing approvals, including development agreement terms, without provincial review, as long as livestock animal units don't exceed a cumulative increase of 15 percent and animal categories remain unchanged. Development agreement terms have also been expanded to include water servicing for livestock operations. These updates support producer needs to respond to changing quotas and farming technologies while keeping municipalities closely involved in land use decisions that affect their communities.

In closing, The Act reflects a planning system that continues to evolve alongside Manitoba's communities. It reinforces local leadership, modernizes key processes and reduces unnecessary complexity, all while maintaining transparency and accountability. For municipal leaders, the message is clear: the planning framework has been refined to better support your work, your decisions, and your communities. As municipalities, the province, developers, agricultural producers and residents move forward together under the new legislation, the focus remains on building strong, vibrant and well planned communities across Manitoba.

The Department of Municipal and Northern Relations is committed to continued support in implementing the legislation through clear rules and procedures. A Bill 33 Guide with Frequently Asked Questions and a technical briefing presentation can be found on the Department's Planning Policies and Legislation web page at:

[https://www.gov.mb.ca/mr/land\\_use\\_dev/about\\_planning.html](https://www.gov.mb.ca/mr/land_use_dev/about_planning.html).

If you have questions or require further information regarding the legislation, please contact the Provincial Planning Branch at [provincialplanning@gov.mb.ca](mailto:provincialplanning@gov.mb.ca) or 204-945-2150.

## **Bulletin #2026-20**

### **MUNICIPAL AND NORTHERN RELATIONS and MANITOBA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION**

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

### **2026 June Heavy Rains**

Heavy rains in June 2026 have had a significant impact on municipalities in several areas of Manitoba. Municipal and Northern Relations and Manitoba Emergency Management Organization (EMO) have prepared information to assist you in understanding the answers to some common questions about these events. This general information may also be of interest to other municipalities that were not affected this time. This bulletin will help you understand:

- 1. When should we declare a State of Local Emergency (SoLE)?**
- 2. Is a SoLE necessary to get Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA) funding?**
- 3. Is there a DFA program for the 2026 rainfall events?**
- 4. What is our role with DFA requests for private property? What should we tell the public about DFA?**
- 5. Will the Manitoba EMO be visiting my community to assist with DFA applications?**
- 6. Can we update property assessments and taxes for properties damaged by an emergency?**

#### **1. When should we declare a State of Local Emergency (SoLE)?**

A municipality should only declare a SoLE if they require any of the extraordinary powers granted by section 12 of The Emergency Measures Act to respond to an emergency. These powers include the ability to regulate people's movement or require evacuations, enter and do work on private property, take control of people or resources to provide aid, regulate the distribution of goods, procure and pay for essential services or goods, etc.

If you can manage an emergency within your existing resources, you do not need to declare a SoLE.

#### **2. Is a SoLE necessary to get Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA) funding?**

No. You do not need to have had a SoLE for your municipality or its residents to be eligible for a DFA program.

### **3. Is there a DFA program for the June 2026 rainfall events?**

Yes, a DFA program has been declared for these events. You can view information about active DFA programs at <https://www.gov.mb.ca/emo/funding/dfa/programs.html>. You can view more information about DFA programs, including how to apply, at <https://www.gov.mb.ca/emo/funding/dfa/local-authorities.html>.

### **4. What is our role with DFA requests for private property? What should we tell the public about DFA?**

After a disaster, municipalities are asked to complete a Community Impact Assessment. This will form part of your DFA application.

We ask municipalities to include any reports of private damage in their Community Impact Assessment. We tell individuals and businesses that are impacted to report damage to their municipal office, so that their reports can be included in the Community Impact Assessment. These can be updated whenever the municipality has new information.

To help municipalities collect information on damages to private property, we encourage municipalities to share this messaging with the public:

We understand that the 2026 June Heavy Rains may have caused damage to some properties in our community. If you were affected, please reach out to your insurance provider to review your coverage.

Manitoba has established a Disaster Financial Assistance program for this event.

We also ask that you report any damage to our municipal office as soon as you can. Your information helps us understand the full impact on our community and provide the necessary details to the Government of Manitoba.

Please provide the following information:

- Whether the impacted property is a private residence or an organization (e.g., farm, business, or non-profit).
- The type of damage (e.g., exterior or interior damage, cleanup needs, replacement of property, etc.).
- The cause of the damage (e.g., sewer backup, overland flooding).
- A cost estimate of the damage, if known.

If you have any questions, please see the contact information below.

**5. Will the Manitoba Emergency Management Organization (EMO) be visiting my community to assist with Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA) applications?**

Manitoba EMO has been visiting the hard-hit communities to assist you with your DFA claims since June 12. Communities include the Municipality of Minitonas-Bowsman (June 12-14), Rural Municipality of Rockwood (June 15 -16), Rural Municipality of Rosser (June 17–18), and the Town of Stonewall (June 19-20). Additional sessions are being scheduled in other affected communities.

Please refer to the attached Tour Info page for specific time, date and location of community engagement sessions.

If your community is interested in having the DFA program visit your community, you can contact Manitoba EMO to request a session or get support by phone Phone: 204-945-3050 (Winnipeg); Toll-Free: 1-888-267-8298; or email [dfa@gov.mb.ca](mailto:dfa@gov.mb.ca).

**6. Can we get property assessments and taxes updated for properties that were damaged?**

Yes. However, this is a different process than the Community Impact Assessments and DFA program discussed above. Your **Community Impact Assessments do not automatically trigger a review of properties for assessment and taxation purposes**. You will need to submit any such requests for reviews separately (see below).

Municipalities will need to advise Property Assessment Services about any properties that were damaged due to flooding in 2026.

Where flood damage has occurred, Property Assessment Services will prioritize property inspections and the review of any assessment adjustments related to 2026 Flood Damage, including consideration of potential supplementary assessment reductions.

As usual, if a supplementary assessment reduction is issued for a property, it will be up to your municipality to decide whether it will issue a corresponding property tax reduction for that property.

**Submitting Flood Damage Requests to Property Assessment Services**

Municipalities are requested to enter applicable work items through **Manitoba Municipalities Online (MMO)** for any properties affected by flooding.

When submitting a request in MMO:

- Select **Category: Maintenance**
- Select **Work Item Type: Memo**
- Begin each memo description with the following term in ALL CAPITALS:  
**“2026 FLOOD DAMAGE”**

Please ensure that sufficient supporting information is included where available (e.g., property and building details, extent of damage, photos, or other relevant documentation).

### **Further Questions**

If you have any further questions on these subjects, contact:

For questions about DFA or Community Impact Assessments – contact DFA at [dfa@gov.mb.ca](mailto:dfa@gov.mb.ca), 204-945-3050.

For questions about SoLEs or emergency response – contact EMO at [emo@gov.mb.ca](mailto:emo@gov.mb.ca), 204-945-3050.

For questions about updating property assessments – your local district assessment office or the general mailbox at [assessment@gov.mb.ca](mailto:assessment@gov.mb.ca), 204-945-0119.

*Department of Municipal Relations  
508 – 800 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg MB R3G 0N4*

*Manitoba Emergency Management Organization  
1525 – 405 Broadway, Winnipeg MB R3C 3L6*

## Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA) - Community Engagement Schedule

### June 2026 Heavy Rain Event:

A Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA) program is now available to support Manitobans affected by heavy rains and overland flooding in June 2026. DFA helps individuals, farms, and businesses recover by providing financial assistance for **uninsurable losses**. Residents are encouraged to **contact their insurance provider first**.

Manitoba Emergency Management Organization (EMO) recognizes that overland flood insurance is not always available or included in standard coverage. As a result, this program will assess gaps, with additional targeted support available for vulnerable populations of those that do not have the financial means to recover on their own.

### Community Engagement Locations & Dates:

The Manitoba EMO Recovery team will be setting up in hard-hit communities this weekend and next week. If your community would like to be included, please contact us.

#### 1. Rural Municipality of Rockwood

*(Serving RM of Rockwood, Town of Stonewall and area)*

- Dates and Times: Monday, June 15 – Tuesday, June 16, 2026 | 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.
- Location: Municipality of Rockwood Municipal Offices (285 Main Street, Stonewall)

#### 2. Rural Municipality of Rosser

*(Serving RM of Rosser and area)*

- Dates and Times: Wednesday, June 17 – Thursday, June 18, 2026 | 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.
- Location: Grosse Isle Community Centre (117 Road 72 N, Grosse Isle)

#### 3. Town of Stonewall

*(Serving RM of Rockwood, Town of Stonewall and area)*

- Dates and Times: Friday, June 19 – Saturday, June 20, 2026 | 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.
- Location: Town of Stonewall Curling Rink (500 Main St, Stonewall, MB R3B 1A7)

*Additional community engagement sessions will be announced as scheduling is confirmed.*

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Wednesday, May 20, 2026



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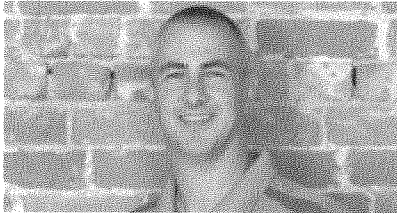
**Today's Top Story**

**Local leadership takes centre stage as FCM prepares for 2026 conference**

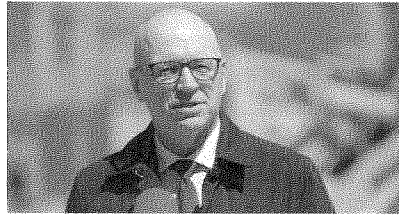
As the Federation of Canadian Municipalities prepares for its June 2026 conference in Edmonton, CEO Carole Saab said this year's program reflects both the urgency of the moment and the practical needs of municipal leaders.



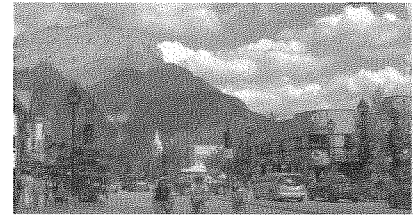
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Newmarket software developer Daryl Burke was able to access resident information through the Town of Newmarket website. He reported that to the town and said it is lacking in cybersecurity. [Read more...](#)



Winnipeg Mayor Scott Gillingham says the city is considering how it could support Manitoba's new 72-hour intoxication detention law as it faces a constitutional challenge in court. [Read more...](#)



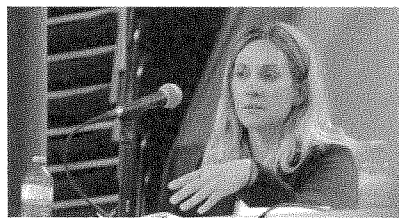
An extra \$320,000 in federal funding will go toward alleviating Banff's housing crisis. The southern Alberta town is one of 32 Canadian municipalities getting a bump in housing dollars. [Read more...](#)

Property Class	Mil/Rate	Total % Change
Residential	3.56694	6.56%
Utilities	39.97824	36.60%
Light Industrial	18.88779	4.37%
Business	12.84098	1.89%
Recreational/Non-Profit	14.65446	57.25%
Total Increase		5.49%

*Impact on existing properties:*

- 4.9% tax increase on existing residential properties.
- 6.6% tax increase on existing commercial properties.

Ucluelet locked in its new tax rates last week and Coun. Mayco Noel is warning local businesses could begin closing and that he himself is looking to move his business to Port Alberni due to the town's tax increases on commercial properties. [Read more...](#)



After feuding with Haldimand's integrity commissioner last year, Independent MPP Bobbi Ann Brady wants the Ford government to do away with integrity commissioners provincially, saying the municipal ethics watchdogs are a waste of money. [Read more...](#)



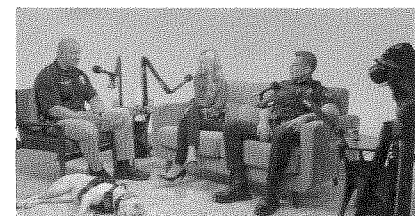
An independent investigation has found that Vancouver Mayor Ken Sim misused the influence of his office, breached the city's code of conduct, and harassed Coun. Sean Orr by publicly portraying him as antisemitic or supportive of terrorism. [Read more...](#)



The Town of Truro and the Municipality of Colchester continue to face questions and criticism after overhauling how the Rath Eastlink Community Centre (RECC) is run. [Read more...](#)



Former Woodstock mayor Trevor Birch was sentenced to four years and eight months in prison for two sexual assault convictions in a case the judge said represents a "catastrophic fall from grace." [Read more...](#)



Allen, Tex., put a few videos on its new YouTube channel in 2007 just to see what would happen. Today the channel has a subscriber base few local governments could match. [Read more...](#)

## Featured Job Listings

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**Director, Long-Term Care – City of London**

Application Deadline: June 9, 2026

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Application Deadline: July 13, 2026

**Finance Manager – Village of Fort Simpson**

Application Deadline: July 15, 2026

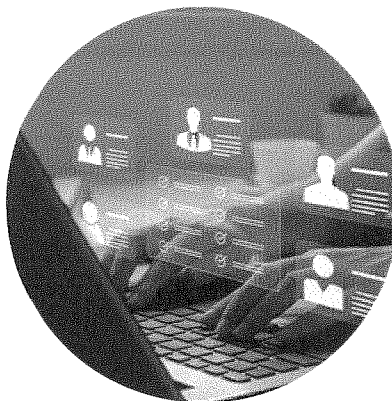
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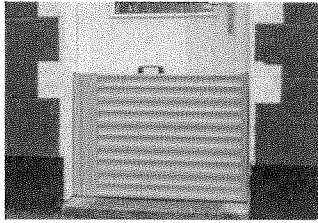
### Share your municipal career announcement

Career announcements are a powerful way to celebrate promotions and new hires. They highlight key staff and profile your organization within the municipal community. And they're free for Executive Members.

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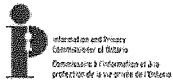
## Helping municipalities select flood barriers

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The practical guidance of CSA TS-227:26 on selecting, deploying, and maintaining appropriate emergency flood barriers can help municipalities prepare for floods more efficiently and reduce the risk of damage to buildings and infrastructure. [Read more...](#)

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## The 2025 statistical reporting period is open

The statistical reporting service on the IPC's new online portal makes it easier to report your annual statistics. Register your account and start your report today. [Read more...](#)

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## Coming Events

**Atlantic Adaptation Conference**

Start Date: May 27, 2026

End Date: May 29, 2026

**Building Linkages in Emergency Management**

Start Date: June 2, 2026

End Date: June 3, 2026

**Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) 2026 Annual Conference and Trade Show**

Start Date: June 4, 2026

End Date: June 7, 2026

**MISA Ontario 2026 Annual Conference and Trade Show**

Start Date: June 7, 2026

End Date: June 10, 2026

**Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) 2026 Conference**

Start Date: June 7, 2026

End Date: June 10, 2026


**Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) 2026 Annual Conference**

Start Date: Aug. 16, 2026

End Date: Aug. 19, 2026

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### **Guarding against “shadow AI” at city hall**

Municipal leaders across Canada are grappling with a critical question: how should local governments deploy artificial intelligence (AI)? Examine how the question is not whether municipalities will use AI but how thoughtfully and responsibly they will implement it.

### **AI in municipal communications: Productivity tool or reputational risk?**

Municipal staff – especially communications teams – are already using AI. Often quietly. Sometimes experimentally. Learn how municipalities that treat AI as a governed system, invest in staff skills, and insist on human judgment will capture the benefits without inviting unnecessary risk.

### **AI as coworker: Practical governance roadmap for municipalities**

A paradigm shift is underway as municipalities confront the practical realities of the AI revolution. Read how municipalities can either adopt AI in ways that reinforce democratic accountability or allow technological change to outpace governance and public consent.

### **Building public trust in municipal text alerts amid rising SMS scams**

For many years, municipalities have been leaning on text messages to communicate important messages with residents. Discover how combating the negative perception of text messages is important for governments to remain a trusted source of information.

### **Why local governments need to rethink social media**

The core issue with social media lies within its very architecture: the algorithm. Consider that while local governments need 100 per cent unrestricted reach for critical information, social media platforms need user attention – even if that means prioritizing sensationalism over substance.

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Flexible surveillance demands a structured approach that considers mobility, integration, privacy, and long-term usability. Explore how a structured approach allows flexible surveillance to be a deliberate operational strategy rather than a reactive measure.

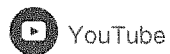
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26 May, 2026

## RESOLUTION

**Resolution # 2026-101**

**Moved by: Rob Adams**

**Seconded by: David Stead**

WHEREAS Municipalities are responsible for the collection of school taxes on behalf of School Divisions;

AND WHEREAS the 2026 school taxes levied by the Turtle Mountain School Division have increased by 18.34% compared to the previous year;

AND WHEREAS such significant increases place a substantial financial burden on commercial, industrial and farm operations within the municipality;

AND WHEREAS unpredictable and large annual increases in school taxes can discourage investment, hinder economic development, and negatively impact the sustainability of local industry, businesses and agriculture;

AND WHEREAS municipalities have no control over the setting of school tax requisitions, but are responsible for their collection, creating financial pressures for both residents and municipal representatives;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council requests that AMM advocate on behalf of municipalities to the provincial government to moderate school tax increases, considering the economic impact on industrial, commercial and agricultural sectors.

**Carried**

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



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Leo Poulin, CAO

## Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day & Month Recognition Request – October 2026

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From Kristin Pichoskie <pichoskie7@gmail.com>

Date Wed 2026-06-17 8:48 PM

To Kristin Pichoskie <pichoskie7@gmail.com>

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

My name is Kristin Pichoskie, and I am the founder of Oak's Tree of Love, a Northern Ontario initiative created in memory of my son, Oak Beaudyn Noel.

Oak's Tree of Love respectfully requests that your Municipality proclaim October 15, 2026, as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day and October 2026 as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month.

We would also be grateful if the Municipality would consider a flag raising and/or the illumination of City Hall, a municipal building, bridge, landmark, sign, or other public feature in pink, blue, and white in recognition of this important awareness initiative.

Pregnancy, infant, and child loss affect thousands of Canadian families each year. Recognition of this day and month helps raise awareness, honour babies and children gone too soon, support bereaved families, reduce the stigma surrounding grief and loss, and encourage compassionate conversations about pregnancy loss, infant loss, stillbirth, and child loss within our communities.

Oak's Tree of Love provides memory boxes, remembrance projects, awareness initiatives, hospital partnerships, and support resources for families affected by the loss of a baby or child.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and support of bereaved families. We would be grateful to learn whether the Municipality plans to participate through a proclamation, flag raising, illumination, or another form of recognition for Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day and Month in 2026.

Sincerely,

Kristin Pichoskie  
Founder, Oak's Tree of Love  
[pichoskie7@gmail.com](mailto:pichoskie7@gmail.com)

In loving memory of Oak Beaudyn Noel  

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## New Manitoba Workplace Requirement

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**From** Progressive Westman Office <office@progressivewestman.ca>

**Date** Tue 2026-06-09 9:55 AM

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



IMPORTANT UPDATE FOR MANITOBA EMPLOYERS

# STAY AHEAD OF THE CURVE.

A heads up from your Progressive Westman team.

We wanted to reach out with an important update that affects Manitoba employers.

**Beginning in early August 2026, all provincially regulated Manitoba employers are legally required to provide free menstrual care products to employees — tampons and pads must be accessible in your workplace at no cost to your staff.**

Manitoba is the first province in Canada to make this mandatory, and we want to make sure you're set up well before the deadline. As always, we've got everything you need.

 WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

<b>Effective:</b>	Early August 2026
<b>Required:</b>	Tampons & pads — free to all employees
<b>Where:</b>	Worker washrooms only — men's, women's & universal. Public washrooms are not required.
<b>Also required:</b>	Covered waste receptacle near each toilet
<b>Penalties:</b>	\$1,000 first offence · \$3,000 second · \$5,000 third or subsequent

We carry everything your workplace needs — dispensers, tampons, pads, waste receptacles and waxed liners. One supplier, delivered right to your door.

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**WE'VE DONE THE WORK FOR YOU.**

We've already taken **40% off all menstrual care products** — no codes, no phone calls, no account required. The discount is already built into the price.

**Pre-order deadline: June 30th.** Get your order in before June 30th to ensure you're stocked and compliant before the early August deadline.

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## Introducing RangeLine Land Surveys

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**From** Derek Arthur <derek@rangeline.ca>

**Date** Tue 2026-05-12 10:03 AM

**Cc** Derek Arthur <derek@rangeline.ca>

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Good day,

I am pleased to announce the launch of RangeLine Land Surveys, a professional land surveying firm based in Brandon and serving municipalities, landowners, and industry clients across Manitoba.

For those I may not yet have had the opportunity to work with, my name is Derek Arthur, Manitoba Land Surveyor. With over 20 years of surveying experience across Manitoba, Alberta, and British Columbia, I am excited to establish RangeLine Land Surveys and continue building strong working relationships throughout the province.

RangeLine provides professional land surveying services for municipal, agricultural, residential, commercial, and construction-related projects, including property boundary surveys, subdivisions, easements, site plans, topographic surveys, and construction layout services.

As many municipalities regularly receive inquiries from ratepayers regarding property boundaries, subdivision requirements, development projects, and related surveying matters, I would appreciate the opportunity for RangeLine Land Surveys to be considered as a local surveying resource for referrals and future project opportunities.

I have attached a brochure outlining the services offered. Should your municipality require surveying services or wish to discuss an upcoming project, I would welcome the opportunity to provide further information or estimates.

Thank you for your time and consideration, and I look forward to working with you in the future.

Regards,



**Derek Arthur, MLS**

Brandon, Manitoba

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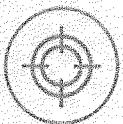
Professional land surveying services across the Westman region and throughout Manitoba.



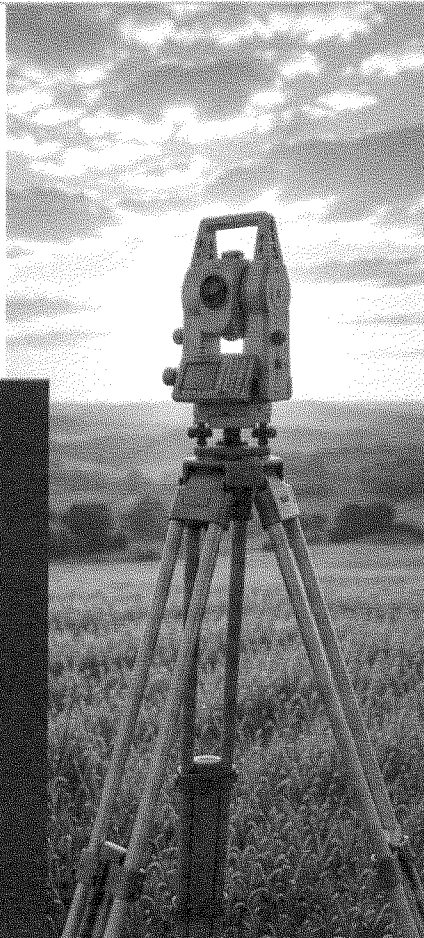
With over 20 years of surveying experience across Manitoba, Alberta, and British Columbia, I bring a strong connection to the region and a deep understanding of the land and the communities we serve.



Based in Brandon and serving the Westman region and throughout Manitoba, Rangeline Land Surveys is committed to delivering dependable results and clear communication on every project.



Your project. Our focus.



I am pleased to announce the launch of Rangeline Land Surveys, a professional land surveying firm based in Brandon and serving the Westman region and all of Manitoba.

With grassroots originating in Deloraine, Manitoba, and over 20 years of surveying experience across Manitoba, Alberta, and British Columbia, I bring a strong connection to the region and a deep understanding of the land and communities we serve. Following my commission as a Manitoba Land Surveyor in 2017 and my service as President of the Association of Manitoba Land Surveyors in 2025, Rangeline is founded on accuracy, reliability, and practical solutions.

Rangeline Land Surveys provides a full range of legal and construction-related surveying services, including:

-  Property boundary surveys
-  Subdivisions and easements
-  Condominium surveys
-  Site plans and topographic surveys
-  Construction layout and building staking
-  Lot grading and control surveys

Clients can count on consistent quality, straightforward communication, and experienced guidance from start to finish.

Rangeline Land Surveys is now accepting new projects across Manitoba.

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 Brandon, MB

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## Bin Waiting for Summer?

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



# Bin Waiting for Summer?

*Recycle Everywhere has you covered: no matter where you live, work or play, we've got what you need to make recycling empty beverage containers easy*

### In this newsletter:

(Click to skip ahead)

- [15 years of Recycle Everywhere across Manitoba](#)
- [85,000+ bins where Manitobans live, work, and gather](#)
- [Meet our brand ambassadors – and win](#)
- [FREE temporary bin program – make it easy to recycle at your events](#)
- [You've Bin Asking: Summer Bin Giveaway](#)
- [You Drink It. You Bin It.](#)



You've probably passed one today.

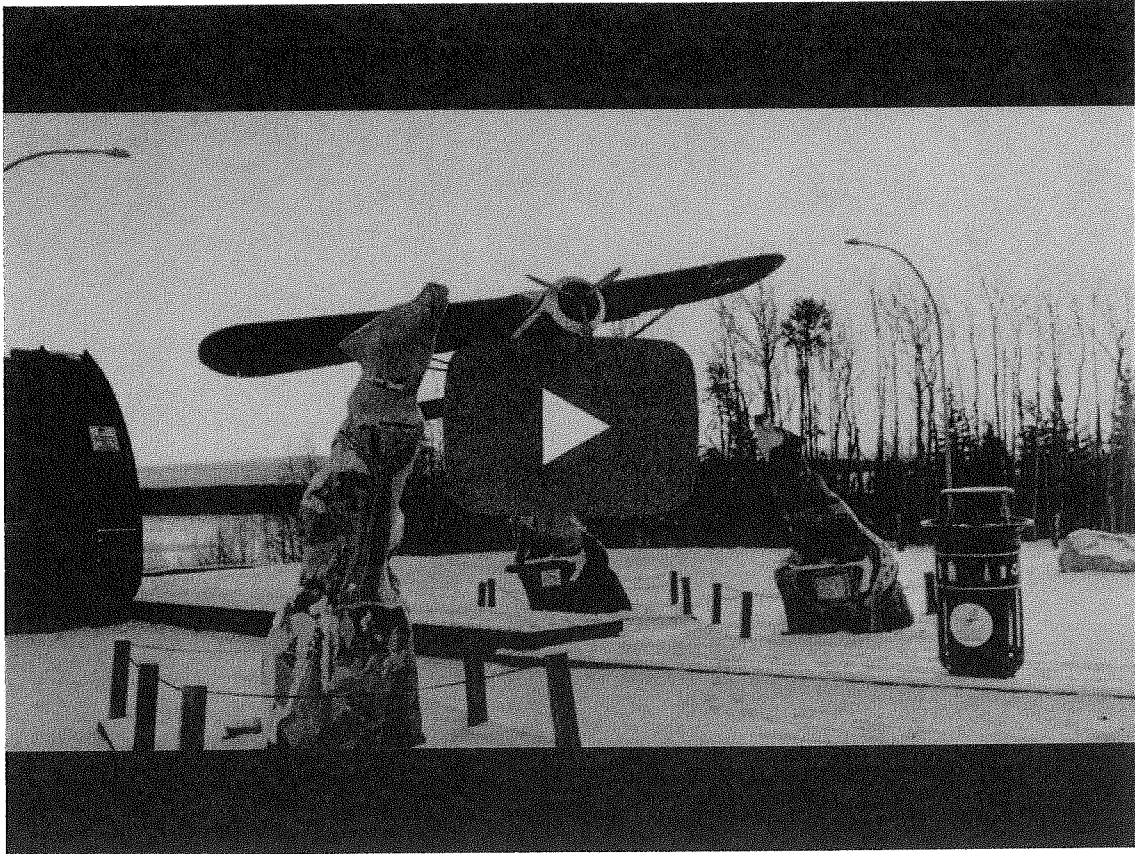
At a park. Outside an arena. At a festival. On a downtown sidewalk. At work or school.

For 15 years, Recycle Everywhere's blue bins have become part of Manitoba's daily landscape: familiar, visible, and always nearby when it's time to recycle a beverage container.

## **85,000 Bins Strong**

When recycling is convenient and easy to access, people are more likely to do it. Over time, that simple habit adds up to something much bigger: cleaner public spaces, less litter, and a province where three quarters of all beverage containers sold are recovered for recycling.

What started as a bold idea, to making recycling available wherever life happens, has grown into one of Canada's most recognized public-space recycling programs.



A province-wide recycling network of more than 85,000 Recycle Everywhere bins means most Manitobans are never more than a few steps away.

## Learn Something New and Enter to Win a Manitoba Staycation

Recycle Everywhere's team of dedicated Brand Ambassadors attend more than 375 events annually, spreading the message through games and education. From Bin Champ (can you beat the score of Nic Demski from the Winnipeg Blue Bombers?) to Get Real with Recycling, where you determine whether or not an item is recyclable just by feel, enter to win the grand prize – awarded quarterly – of a Manitoba staycation at Eikhorn resort (valued at over \$1250). Want to know where to find us next? Look for us at:

Winnipeg Blue Bombers Games  
The Red River Ex (market area)  
Winnipeg Sea Bears Games  
Assiniboine Park and The Forks for Canada Day  
Winnipeg Goldeyes Games  
Folklorama

Icelandic Festival of Manitoba  
And many more!

## Bringing Recycling to Where Manitobans Gather

Recycle Everywhere bins have become part of the experience at many of Manitoba's best-known destinations and events. But did you know we provide free temporary bins to support events of all sizes?

From Folklorama, to Íslendingadagurinn to Canada Day celebrations, summer street parties and community block parties, our team provides training, guidance and bins, along with complimentary pick up and drop off of temporary recycling bins to help minimize waste and maximize recycling. [Learn More.](#)

## You've Bin Asking!

We are giving away free bins  
across communities in Manitoba!



### You've Bin Asking

Recycling looks different across Manitoba, and so does the infrastructure that supports it.

In provincial parks and campgrounds, portable recycling Bin Bags help visitors recycle while enjoying Manitoba's outdoor spaces. In apartments and condos, Recycle Everywhere bins are designed to make it easier to transport beverage containers from a unit to a central collection. Meanwhile, detached homes need bins designed for larger kitchen and office spaces.

And we know Manitobans love a deal, so we're giving them away for FREE all summer. Pop-up bin giveaways are heading to communities across Manitoba to help make recycling more convenient and accessible. Use the interactive map to explore where we'll be next, find upcoming giveaway locations, and see when our team is coming to a community near you. [Learn More.](#)



No matter where your summer adventures take you, from the backyard BBQ to the far corners of cottage country, Recycle Everywhere has you covered.

Visit [recycleeverywhere.ca](http://recycleeverywhere.ca) to learn more about Recycle Everywhere programs, province-wide initiatives, and how we're helping make recycling part of everyday life across Manitoba.

# Rotary

## Brandon Sunset

### Volunteer Awards Information

Nominations for the Volunteer Awards are accepted from any individual or organization that would like to recognize the impact a volunteer has made in the community.

Nominations must identify an individual for their volunteer work and show the unique contributions that have been made to improve their community.

To be eligible for the award, the nominee(s) must:

1. Reside in the Brandon and Westman Area
2. Must not be paid for their time.

Points to include in your nomination:

1. About the nominee – provide a summary of the nominee's volunteer activities
2. Reason for the nomination: describe why you feel the nominee should be recognized.
3. How the volunteer has benefited the community.
4. Support Letters (if available)

**Nomination forms are due on Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> (midnight). Please send completed forms to: [sunsetrotary\\_brandon@outlook.com](mailto:sunsetrotary_brandon@outlook.com)**



April 30, 2026

Ms. Joni Swidnicki, Chief Administrative Officer  
Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa  
PO Box 28  
Nesbitt, MB R0K 1P0

Dear Ms. Swidnicki,

Thank you for your generous donation to STARS. Your support truly helps save lives—lives like mine.

One summer evening, my husband Gary and I were riding our motorcycles through the mountains when I struck a rock and crashed. We were far out of cell range, and I was unresponsive. Gary used the SOS button on his GPS device, and when the STARS helicopter appeared overhead, he said it felt like hope had finally arrived. The crew moved with calm, expert precision and provided the critical care I needed to survive.

I had suffered a serious head injury, but thanks to STARS—and donors like you—I recovered fully. As a musician, I searched for a way to give back. What came out was *"If I Could Fly,"* a song inspired by the experience and the people who rescued me. It's my way of honouring those who lift others up, including dedicated allies like you, whose support continues to help people like me every day.

Most people will never need STARS, but for those who do, your generosity means everything. Because of your \$500.00 donation, I'm here today—grateful, healing, and still creating.

With heartfelt thanks,

*Jacquie Drew*

Jacquie Drew  
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Discover Stories that Span Generations - June Newsletter

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*Discover Stories that Span Generations...*

Indigenous tourism offers visitors an opportunity to connect with the stories, cultures, traditions, and histories that have shaped this land for generations. Across Westman and throughout Manitoba, Indigenous

experiences provide meaningful ways to learn, explore, and appreciate the deep cultural roots of the region.

From art and storytelling to cultural events, outdoor experiences and more, Indigenous tourism invites travelers to experience Manitoba through a different lens – one grounded in connection, community, and respect for the land.

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*Register for the 2026 Tribute to Tourism Awards Gala!*

Tourism Westman is pleased to announce the 2026 Tribute to Tourism Awards Gala. This special evening will recognize and celebrate the exceptional individuals, businesses, organizations and communities within

the Westman region that have made significant contributions to tourism development and promotion over the past year.

27 nominations have been submitted for the 2026 Awards from communities including; Brandon, Boissevain, Carberry, Deloraine, Elkhorn, Killarney, MacGregor, Neepawa, Oak Lake, Pipestone, Rivers, Treherne, Virden and Waskada.

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## *Motorboats to return to Clear Lake this Summer*

Motorboats will be allowed to return to Clear Lake this summer, a year after they were banned amid the discovery of invasive species.

Parks Canada officials said Wednesday watercraft inside the Riding Mountain National Park lake would be permitted under a mandatory tagging program and several other conditions.

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## *Savour the Flavours of Western Manitoba: 13 Places to Eat in Brandon*

Brandon's dining scene has serious momentum, and visitors could plan an entire itinerary around which local restaurant to nosh at next. We can't list all the foodie joints in Manitoba's second-largest city but here are a few standouts offering creative menus, homegrown food and great ambiance.

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Good afternoon

I have accepted the position with the Regional Cabinet Office effectively immediately.

As most of you are aware I was the EA for Minister Simard and in this role I familiarized myself with some of the needs of your communities. However I would like to enhance this knowledge with a personal connection.

I would like to reach out to all the Mayors and Councils either in person, by phone or email. At your leisure please contact me at the 204 228-3587 to make arrangements to do so.

Looking forward to our future conversations.

Ray

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