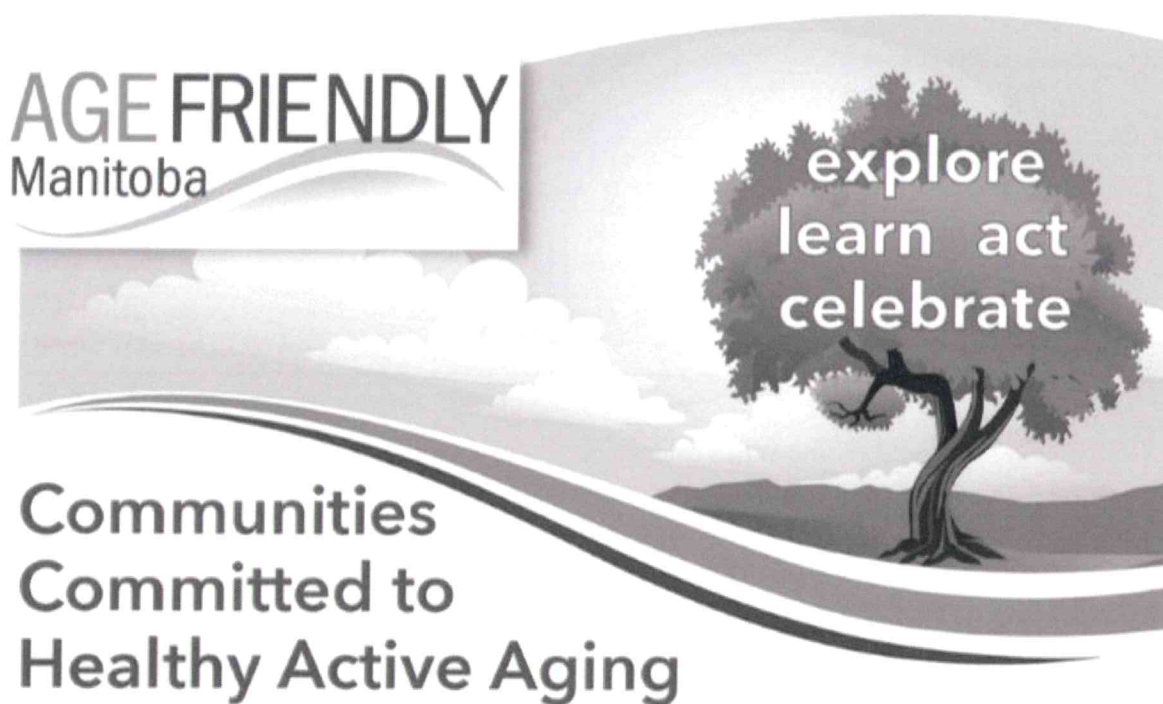

From Crisis Prep to Connections: Must-Knows for Safer, Stronger Communities

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

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- **Could You Survive 72 Hours Without Help?** Find out what you *really* need in your emergency kit—and why planning ahead could save lives.
- **Discover the vital role of Senior Support Service Coordinators—** Does your municipality have them?
- **What's a Men's Shed—and Why Are They Changing Lives?** Learn how these grassroots groups are building friendships, skills, and mental wellness for men across Manitoba.

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Oh and just a reminder, click the image below to view our 2025 Community Collaboration Grant information and application.



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Details coming soon!

We acknowledge the immense challenges currently facing many of our Manitoba municipalities due to the devastating forest fires. Our thoughts are with all those affected—residents, first responders, emergency personnel, and community leaders and the many volunteers who are working tirelessly under incredibly difficult and dangerous conditions.



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AMM Western Director Update - May 2025

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MAY 2025 - AMM Western Director Update



AMM Western Director Update

Councillor Rhonda Coupland

**Second Director Position
VACANT**

As your AMM Board Director, I am pleased to provide an update on the issues discussed at the last Board meeting that was held on **May 15, 2025**.

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

If you should have any questions about any of the following items, please



contact Nick Krawetz, AMM Director of Policy and Communications.

June District Meetings Update

The 2025 **June District Meetings (JDMs)** are scheduled for June 9-11, 17-19, and 25. During the JDMs, elections for the AMM Board of Directors will take place in all seven districts. Each district is entitled to elect two directors.

Nomination Process:

- Download the **Nomination Form**, which includes candidate's acceptance.
- Submit the completed form to AMM Executive Director Denys Volkov at dvolkov@amm.mb.ca by **June 1, 2025, at 4:30 PM**.
- The elected individual will serve on the AMM Board until **June 2027**.

Resolutions will be debated during the upcoming JDMs. The deadline for submitting resolutions to the AMM office is **June 1, 2025**.

Submission Requirements:

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

For more information, please see the **AMM Member Advisory HERE**.

Provincial Economic Development Strategy

The Manitoba government has launched public consultations to help shape a **new provincial economic development strategy**, as announced in Budget 2025.

The AMM has long advocated for a comprehensive, province-wide economic development strategy. As this important work moves forward, we look forward to learning more about the government's vision and will continue to urge the Province to collaborate with the AMM, municipalities, and relevant departments to ensure the strategy reflects Manitoba's current economic realities.

With consultations open until **May 20**, we encourage all municipalities to **participate and share their perspectives**. This is an opportunity to help shape policies that boost productivity, attract investment, foster innovation, strengthen Manitoba's workforce, increase labour force participation, and support economic reconciliation across the province.

AIS Update

On April 30, 2025, the Hon. **Mike Moyes**, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, joined by AMM Vice-President Scott Phillips, **announced a new investment of \$540,000** to combat the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) in Manitoba. This includes the creation of a dedicated AIS Prevention Fund aimed at

supporting municipalities and other partners across the province with prevention efforts and resources.

The AMM welcomes increased provincial funding to help prevent the spread of AIS, including the creation of a dedicated AIS Prevention Fund. With more Manitobans expected to visit local waterbodies this summer, this investment, along with the heightened awareness it brings, is both timely and critical. Ongoing support and long-term funding will be vital to protect our lakes and waterways for future generations

We commend the Province for listening to municipal concerns and taking action. In support of this initiative, the AMM was pleased to collaborate with the Department on the development of an **AIS Prevention FAQ** and a **new by-law template** to assist municipalities in their prevention efforts. These new tools are now available through the Department's updated **AIS Partnership Program**.

For more information, **[CLICK HERE](#)**.

Lift Assists Update

The AMM understands that Shared Health has issued a memo to some municipalities indicating it will cease funding support for lift assists performed by municipal fire departments and emergency personnel. At the same time, other municipalities continue to face growing call volumes – often without ever having received funding support – and are being forced to increase their local budgets to absorb work that is effectively being downloaded by the Province.

As healthcare is a core responsibility of the Manitoba government, municipalities should not be expected to absorb costs associated with delivering provincial healthcare services. The AMM has formally reached out to the Department to request an urgent meeting to discuss the recent memo and to establish a path forward. It is essential that municipal services are not redirected to address provincial responsibilities but instead remain focused on meeting the needs of local communities.

As we continue to raise this issue with the Province, any data your municipality can share on call volumes, associated costs, or the impact on fire and EMS resources would greatly support our advocacy. Please send any relevant information directly to Senior Policy Analyst Stefanie Vieira at **svieira@amm.mb.ca**.

May 15 marked the final AMM Board meeting ahead of the upcoming June District Meetings, which will include elections for District Directors. Thank you to all current District Directors for your time, dedication, and contributions over the past two years.

STAY CONNECTED

AMM and MMA members are encouraged to contact AMM staff if they have questions or concerns regarding any municipal policy issue. Please contact Nick

Krawetz, AMM Director of Policy and Communications, at **204-856-2371** or
nkrawetz@amm.mb.ca.



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Member Advisory - MMA Member Update: Homeowners Affordability Tax Credit - Statement on Recent Developments

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

Member Advisory

MMA Member Update: Homeowners Affordability Tax Credit - Statement of Recent Developments

NOTE: This message is being sent on behalf of Manitoba Municipal Administrators (MMA)

May 21, 2025 – As many of you are now aware, recent media coverage has brought attention to a province-wide issue regarding the implementation of the new **Homeowners Affordability Tax Credit (HATC)**. This credit, introduced to replace the Education Property Tax Credit and School Tax Rebate, offers up to \$1,500 in tax relief to homeowners on their principal residence.

Unfortunately, it has come to light that a number of Manitoba residents may not receive the credit on their 2025 property tax statements. While the Province has acknowledged the issue, it has also publicly attributed part of the problem to municipalities and cited a lack of communication with residents. We are disappointed in the public messaging and maintain the position that as this is a provincial credit and the responsibility for any issues should not have been directed at municipalities.

We understand that this situation and the lack of communication from the province has led to confusion and concern at a local level. While MMA was not initially consulted on this matter, we have since engaged Deputy Minister Pandey and are looking forward to collaborating on a solution.

We will keep you informed as new information becomes available and will share any resources or guidance that may assist your office in responding to resident concerns.

In the meantime, if you have encountered similar issues in your municipality or wish to share your experience, please reach out to the MMA office. Your feedback will help us build a stronger case for systemic improvements moving forward.

CBC Article – Manitoba Property Tax Credit

The AMM and MMA met jointly this afternoon with Manitoba Municipal and Northern Relations. Our positions are aligned and we are committed to providing timely updates and advocating on behalf of all municipalities.

Sincerely,

Denys Volkov
Executive Director

Association of Manitoba Municipalities



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May 23, 2025

Dear Subscriber,

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

Latest Updates

2025 District Director Elections

During the 2025 June District Meetings (JDMs), the AMM will be conducting elections for the AMM Board of Directors in all seven (7) Districts. Each District is entitled to two (2) Directors per District.

Eligibility: Only elected municipal officials may nominate a candidate. Any elected official (Head of Council, Mayor, Reeve, Councillor) is eligible for nomination.

Nomination Process:

- Download the [**Nomination Form**](#), which includes candidate's acceptance.
- Submit the completed form to AMM Executive Director Denys Volkov at [**dvolkov@amm.mb.ca**](mailto:dvolkov@amm.mb.ca) by **June 1, 2025 at 4:30 PM**.
- The elected individuals will serve on the AMM Board of Directors until June 2027.

[**Click HERE to view Candidate information and campaign materials**](#)

2025 District Meetings

Event Details

- June 9, 2025 - 9:30 am – June 26, 2025 - 3:00 pm

June 9: **Central District** – City of Morden

June 10: **Eastern District** – Town of Beausejour & RM of Brokenhead

June 11: **Interlake District** – RM of St. Laurent

June 17: **Parkland District** – Gilbert Plains Municipality

June 18: **Midwestern District** – Municipality of Clanwilliam-Erickson

June 19: **Western District** – Municipality of North Cypress-Langford

June 25: **Northern District** – City of Thompson

Manitoba Government Supporting Museums Across the Province



The Manitoba government is providing \$315,000 in funding to support 34 museums across the province.

“Museums are more than buildings and things – they’re living bridges connecting us to our roots and to each other. This program empowers Manitoba’s heritage institutions to preserve our diverse stories and transform them into powerful tools for community building and shared understanding. When we honour all voices from our past, we pave the way for a more inclusive and united future.” - Sport, Culture, Heritage and Tourism Minister Nellie Kennedy

[Click HERE to view the full provincial News Release](#)

A Major Step Forward for Interprovincial Trade: Manitoba-Ontario Agreement a Win for Business and the Chamber Network



The Manitoba Chambers of Commerce (MCC) welcomes **announcement** by Premier Wab Kinew and Ontario Premier Doug Ford of a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the provinces of Manitoba and Ontario. This agreement aims to

strengthen the flow of goods, services, investment, and labour mobility between our provinces – an important milestone in the movement toward true internal free trade within Canada.

From the perspective of Manitoba’s business community, this is more than a symbolic gesture – it is a tangible commitment to economic collaboration and modernization that will benefit companies, workers, and consumers in both provinces.

Many interprovincial trade barriers – the rules and restrictions around how businesses buy, sell, or move goods and services between provinces – come from provincial regulations like licensing, certification rules, or differing standards. Without coordination between provinces, these rules persist or even multiply, making it difficult for businesses to operate freely across borders. Given the climate of geopolitical uncertainty, dismantling interprovincial trade barriers is no longer an option, it’s a necessity.

[Click HERE to view the full Manitoba Chamber of Commerce Policy Perspective](#)

RMED's 2025 Connection Zones

RMED 2025 CONNECTION ZONE

RMED is hosting a series of regional gatherings in four rural communities. The gatherings will bring together municipalities, provincial partners, and organizations to share tools, discuss challenges, and explore solutions that drive economic growth

Highlights Include:

Presentations from

- ✓ Manitoba Hydro – Economic Development Presentation
- ✓ Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation
- ✓ Manitoba Water Services Board
- ✓ Rural Manitoba Housing Alliance

RMED Resource Overview
Panel on Building Rural Resilience

Empowering Rural Municipalities in Manitoba

Event Dates and Locations:

City of Dauphin – May 22
Watson Art Centre, 104 1 Ave NW, Dauphin

Killarney (Municipality of Killarney -Turtle Mountain) – May 26
Shamrock Centre (Elks Lounge), 725 Broadway Ave, Killarney

Town of Stonewall – May 27
Stonewall Arena Veteran Memorial Sports Complex 550 Main St, Stonewall, MB,

Landmark (RM of Tache) – May 28
Landmark Kinsmen Community Centre, 191 Robert Koop Rd, Landmark



Be part of the conversation shaping
the future of rural Manitoba.

Expanding Household Hazardous Waste Recycling in Manitoba Engagement Opportunity

Which household hazardous products do you want to see recycled and diverted from landfills?

The Manitoba government is exploring opportunities to add more household hazardous wastes to our recycling and safe disposal programs. These programs process waste products into new materials or neutralize them to prevent harm to the environment. For more background and information on this topic, click [HERE](#).

Tell us what household hazardous material categories to add in the **Household Hazardous Material and Prescribed Material Stewardship Regulation** in the survey here: <https://engagemb.ca/household-hazardous-waste>. You can also send your comments to stewardship-plans@gov.mb.ca. Please note that comments on other topics like diversion targets, deposit-return systems for containers and environmental handling fee amounts are considered out of scope for this engagement.

The survey will close on **May 26, 2025**. Please contact stewardship-plans@gov.mb.ca if you have any questions.

National Slow Down Move Over Day



Every year CAA clubs across Canada mark the second Tuesday of May as National Slow Down Move Over Day. The day acts as a reminder for drivers to slow down and move over for emergency vehicles and stopped tow trucks with flashing amber lights on the side of the road. This year, National Slow Down Move Over Day fell on May 13.

CAA has been the leading advocate in Canada to ensure that 'Slow Down, Move Over' laws include tow trucks, along with police, ambulance and fire and this year CAA partnered with the Government of Manitoba and RCMP to emphasize the importance of slowing down and moving over.

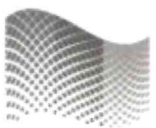
"It's important to always remember that for many, the side of the road is someone's workplace, and everyone deserves a safe place to work," said Ewald Friesen, Manager of Government Relations for CAA Manitoba. "'Slow Down, Move Over' laws protect our tow operators, our contractor network and the stranded drivers we serve every day."

If the posted speed limit is less than 80 km/h, you must slow down to 40 km/h. If it's 80 km/h or higher, reduce your speed to 60 km/h. This applies equally to emergency vehicles and tow trucks.

As we approach the summer driving season, it is important for drivers to slow down and move over when approaching a roadside emergency rescue. By doing so, we can help protect the lives of those who work on our roads and highways and make our roads safer for everyone.

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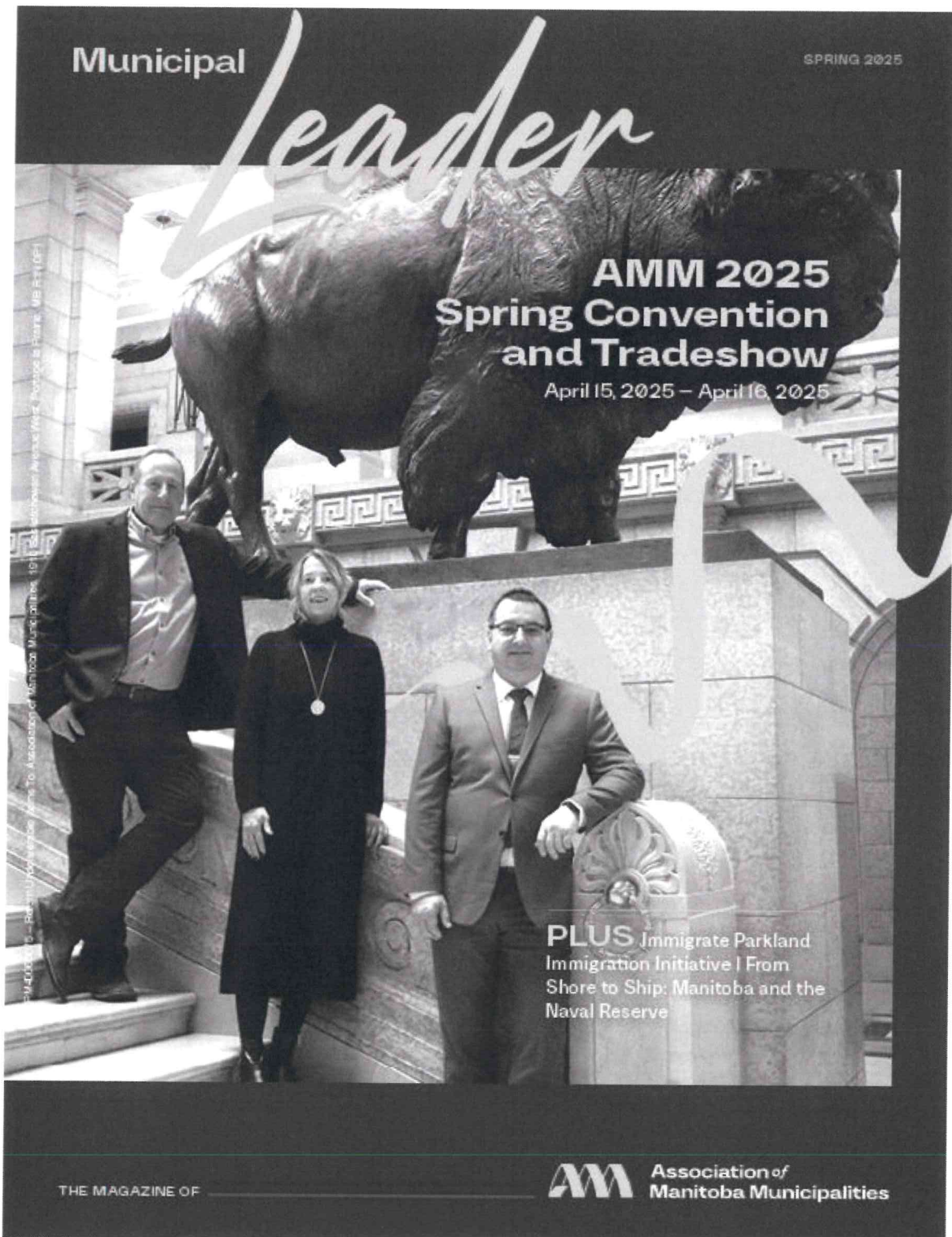
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or

hroncall@peoplefirsthr.com

Municipal Leader - Spring 2025



❁ Spring into Action with the Latest Municipal Leader! ❁

This issue has so much to offer, from municipal profiles featuring our AMM Vice-Presidents to key advocacy efforts leading up to the 2025 federal election. Check out our new **Resolutions Spotlight**, which tracks progress on municipal resolutions and highlights advocacy efforts in motion. That's not all—we're also taking advocacy global with insights into our work in Zambia, plus articles on making municipally owned buildings more energy-efficient and building safe, accessible and sustainable communities in Manitoba.

Did you know **2025 marks the 120th anniversary** of the first municipal convention held in Manitoba? This issue includes a special feature on municipal history—flip open to learn more!

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Member Advisory - Joint AMM-MMA Statement: On the Delegation of Municipal Staff Oversight to Council

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

Member Advisory

Joint Statement from the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) and Manitoba Municipal Administrators (MMA)

On the Delegation of Municipal Staff Oversight to Council

May 23, 2025 – The Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) and Manitoba Municipal Administrators (MMA) wish to express concern over a recent decision by a Manitoba municipality to shift oversight of public works staff from the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) directly to Council.

While *The Municipal Act* states that the CAO is responsible for the management and supervision of the employees of the municipality, unless Council decides otherwise, the decision to have public works staff report directly to Council is contrary to best practices in municipal governance in Canada. It is our shared position that the CAO should remain the sole employee accountable to Council, with all other municipal staff reporting through the CAO.

Having members of Council directly oversee municipal staff, particularly outside of formal Council meetings, can create confusion, undermine administrative effectiveness, and blur the critical line between governance and operations. It also increases the risk of

conflicting direction, diminishes accountability, and can erode staff morale and trust. Moreover, individual councillors have no legal authority to direct staff, and all decisions must be made collectively by Council in a duly convened meeting.

Professional administration ensures operations are managed by qualified staff who understand the legislative requirements, particularly around human resources and workplace health and safety. When Council assumes these responsibilities without proper training or expertise, it increases the municipality's legal exposure.

While not unlawful, the delegation of operational oversight to Council is not in the best interest of good governance. We strongly encourage all Manitoba municipalities to maintain a clear distinction between the policy-making role of Council and the administrative role of the CAO. Upholding this structure fosters professionalism, stability, and efficiency in municipal operations, and supports the long-term health of our local governments.

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Member Advisory - Slate of Candidates Set for 2025 District Director Elections

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

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Slate of Candidates Set for 2025 District Director Elections

June 2, 2025 – Nominations are now closed for the AMM Board of Directors. Elections will be held in four (4) out of seven (7) districts at the upcoming **June District Meetings**.

2025 District Directors Elections

Central District (3 candidates)

- Councillor Colin Doyle, City of Portage la Prairie
- Councillor Nancy Penner, City of Morden
- Reeve Christa Vann Mitchell, RM of Cartier

Eastern District

- Reeve Loren Schinkel, RM of Lac du Bonnet – ACCLAIMED
- Mayor Ray Schirle, Town of Beausejour – ACCLAIMED

Interlake District (4 candidates)

- Councillor Kelly Cook, City of Selkirk
- Councillor Angela Emms, RM of Rosser
- Reeve Delmer Nott, RM of St. François Xavier
- Mayor Sandra Smith, Town of Stonewall

Parkland District

- Mayor Lance Jacobson, Town of Swan River – ACCLAIMED
- Reeve Jim Manchur, Gilbert Plains Municipality – ACCLAIMED

Midwestern District (3 candidates)

- Reeve Ian Drul, Municipality of Harrison Park
- Councillor Adam Grabowski, Rosscurn Municipality
- Mayor Merv Starzyk, RM of Yellowhead

Western District (3 candidates)

- Councillor Rhonda Coupland, Municipality of Boissevain-Morton
- Mayor Duane Davison, Municipality of Souris-Glenwood
- Councillor Marc Savy, Town of Virden

Northern District

- Councillor Louis Fitzpatrick – ACCLAIMED
- Mayor Andre Murphy, Town of The Pas – ACCLAIMED

At District meetings in which elections will be conducted, speeches will be held before lunch and voting will commence after lunch. Speeches will be organized in alphabetical order by last name and candidates will have **up to 3 minutes** to deliver remarks.

Voting will be conducted via paper ballot. Elected officials and CAOs present at the District meeting are eligible to vote and they can vote for up to two (2) candidates. Learn more about the candidates **HERE**.

The elected individuals will serve on the AMM Board of Directors until **June 2027**.

Sincerely,

Denys Volkov
Executive Director

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Member Advisory - Homeowners Affordability Tax Credit: Updated Guide, Declaration and Reimbursement Forms

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

Date Thu 2025-06-05 4:03 PM

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

Member Advisory

Homeowners Affordability Tax Credit: Updated Guide, Declaration and Reimbursement Forms

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

June 5, 2025 – Manitoba is extending the time that homeowners can declare their principal residence and claim the Homeowners Affordability Tax Credit in 2015 until **November 15**. Information about the extension was previously provided in Bulletin #2025-12.

Updated HATC Guide

A help guide to apply the Homeowners Affordability Tax Credit (HATC) to principal residences of eligible homeowners has now been updated. It is available through MMO for municipalities at <https://www.gov.mb.ca/mr/mfas/documents.html> under the MMO Guidebook and Templates section on the landing page, as well as attached **HERE**.

This help guide provides information for municipalities about the HATC, who is eligible, and includes checklists for homeowners' self assessment. It also provides guidance to municipalities on maintaining a record of the homeowner self-declaration and using the interface in the MMO system.

Sample Declaration Form

A sample declaration form is attached in **PDF** format as a resource for municipalities. The form may be used to receive principal residence declarations from homeowners and can be adapted for your municipality. If a form is being used, be sure to keep a copy in the municipal office for at least four years.

Reimbursement

Information will be provided to municipalities very soon on the form and process for provincial reimbursement to municipalities relating to processing of HATC extended declarations.

Additional Questions

For further questions about the HATC program, please contact the Tax Assistance Office at **TAO@gov.mb.ca**.

For questions about the declaration form, please contact **mrmaas@gov.mb.ca**.

French translation to follow on MMO.

Sincerely,

Denys Volkov
Executive Director

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CA * SP: use of security professionals for municipal needs

From CA * SP Admin <Admin@CASP.ca>

Date Tue 2025-06-03 12:32 PM

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

Please forward this message to the department(s) that manages security for municipal facilities and municipally sanctioned events.

Municipal leaders

I am writing to introduce the Canadian Association of Security Professionals (CA * SP).

CA * SP was formed because the roles and responsibilities of security professionals continue to increase, but training has not kept up. Security professionals are not prepared for the challenging, dangerous, and litigious situations they are expected to engage in. There are daily news reports of security professionals being injured, and the frequency of deaths continues to rise — six in the last three years.

*Failure to prepare security professionals for their roles and responsibilities puts them at greater risk of injury or death, and puts significant **LIABILITY** on the security employer and client.*

In much of Canada, there is an enforcement vacuum for minor crimes. Police do not attend minor crimes, and criminals know this. A security professional who is only "observe and report" means there will never be justice, which emboldens the criminals. Clients are demanding better. The public deserves better. Security professionals want to do more, but they need training to be safe and effective.

Additional information is available at [www.CASP.ca]**www.CASP.ca**

CA * SP has a growing number of online courses and certificate programs. Additionally, CA * SP recognizes that many skills need to be taught in-person, so encourages trainers to post their courses on the CA * SP website for free. CA * SP's courses follow instructional best practices, making them interesting, engaging, and effective in conveying information. [Please watch this video on instructional best practices.](#)

*If your municipality employs or contracts security professionals, CA * SP recommends the Strategic De-escalation program on the CA * SP website, and physical control tactics training from a local provider. (Strategic De-escalation was certified for peace officers by the Alberta Solicitor General.)*

Aggression towards all authority figures is increasing, from municipal staff to medical staff to teachers. CA * SP's *Situational Awareness* and *Tactical Communication* courses help detect and de-escalate situations, and justify disengaging.

Cost is always a consideration. 1 \$/hr more on a security professional's contract pays for 30+ hours of annual in-service and recertification training. This results in security professionals with greater knowledge and skill, who

can safely and effectively complete their roles and responsibilities. *This results in reduced liability.*

Please contact us to discuss the needs of your municipality.

Thank you,

CA * SP Administration



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REMINDER - FOR COMMENT: Proposed SARA Amendments: Long-billed Curlew & Mudpuppy (due July 7th) & Horned Grebe (due Oct 19th)

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Good afternoon,

REMINDER - Review and provide comments, if desired, on the proposed Amendments to Schedule 1 of the Species at Risk Act by the **extended deadline of July 7th, 2025** (for Long-billed Curlew and Mudpuppy), or **October 19th, 2025** (for Horned Grebe) to SARAreistry@ec.gc.ca.

Thank you for your interest in species at risk!

If you have any questions, please contact us.

Sincerely,

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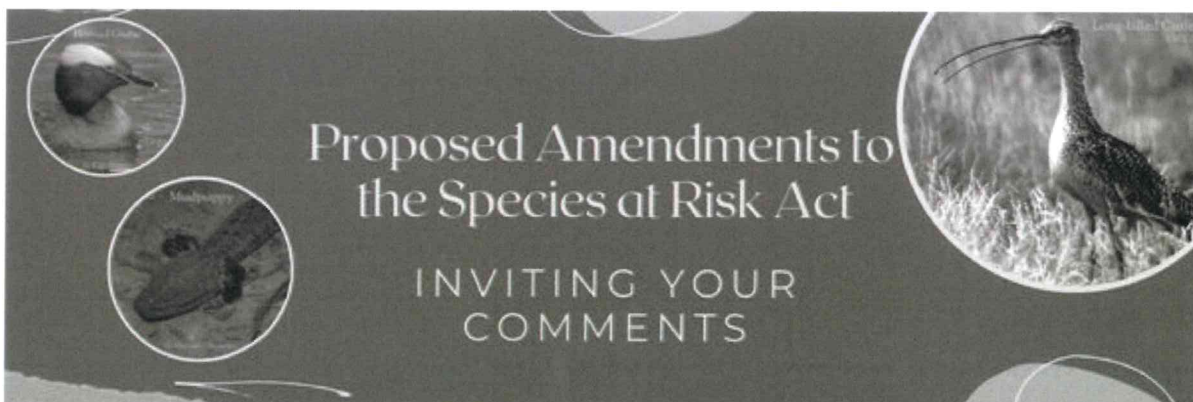
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Subject: FOR COMMENT: Proposed SARA Amendments: Long-billed Curlew & Mudpuppy (due May 19th) & Horned Grebe (due Oct 19th)

Good morning,



We invite you to:

- Review the proposed Amendments to Schedule 1 of the *Species at Risk Act* (SARA) to add Mudpuppy as Threatened, uplist Long-billed Curlew from Special Concern to Threatened, and change the Designable Units of Horned Grebe.
- **Provide comments, if desired**, on the possible impacts of these changes to your unique rights, interests, and circumstances **by May 19th, 2025** (for Mudpuppy and Long-billed Curlew), or **October 19th, 2025** (for Horned Grebe) to SARAreistry@ec.gc.ca

Full Details

Environment and Climate Change Canada has launched the consultations on the proposed amendments to Schedule 1 of the SARA for the Long-billed Curlew, Mudpuppy, and Horned Grebe (Table 1.) The complete set of statements and the consultation path for each species are available [here](#).

Table 1. Prairie species assessed by COSEWIC and eligible for addition to, or reclassification in Schedule 1.

| Taxon | COSEWIC Status | Species | Range | Consultation Path |
|---|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| Addition to Schedule 1 | | | | |
| Amphibians | Threatened | Mudpuppy (Manitoba Population) | MB | Normal = comments due May 16th, 2025 |
| Reclassification: Uplist | | | | |
| Birds | From Special Concern to Threatened | Long-billed Curlew | BC, AB, SK | Normal = comments due May 16th, 2025 |
| Reclassification: Population Merge | | | | |
| Birds | Previously known as Horned Grebe, Western population listed on Schedule 1 as Special Concern and the Horned Grebe, Magdalen Islands population listed on Schedule 1 as Endangered. The Horned Grebe is now assessed as one population because the lack of evidence for unique adaptations no longer justifies separate assessment. | Horned Grebe | AB, ATLO, BC, MB, NB, NT, NS, NU, ON, PACO, QC, SK, YT | Extended = comments due October 19th, 2025 |

We are interested in your comments on the possible impacts of these potential listings and/or reclassifications on your unique rights, interests, and circumstances. Your comments will help us gain a better understanding of the benefits and costs, and will inform the Minister's recommendation on where to:

- List or reclassify the species under the SARA
- Not list or not reclassify the species under the SARA or
- Refer the species back to COSEWIC for further consideration

More information on the species, listing, and consultation processes are available on the SARA Public Registry [here](#) and in the attached documents.

Please submit comments to the SARA Registry here: SARAreistry@ec.gc.ca

or by mail to:

Species at Risk Public Registry Office
Environment and Climate Change Canada

351 St. Joseph Boulevard – 21st Floor
Gatineau, QC K1A 0H3

Thank you for your interest in species at risk! If you have any questions, please contact us.

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Horned Grebe



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Scientific Name

Podiceps auritus

Taxon

Birds

COSEWIC status

Special concern

Canadian Range

AB, BC, MB, NB, NT, NS, NU, ON, QC, SK, YT,
Atlantic Ocean, Pacific Ocean

Reason for designation

Approximately 92% of the North American breeding range of this waterbird occurs in Canada, primarily in prairie and boreal wetlands of western and central Canada. A very small, disjunct group breeds on Quebec's Magdalen Islands. Although Magdalen Islands birds were previously assessed separately, the species is now assessed as one population because the lack of evidence for unique adaptations no longer justifies separate assessment. Available data on population trends are mixed. However, the species is threatened by loss and degradation of wetland habitat, drought, collisions with power lines and other structures, and the potential for oil spills and fisheries bycatch on the wintering grounds. The overall impact of current and future threats may lead to declines of up to 30 percent over the species' next three generations.

Wildlife Species Description and Significance

Horned Grebe (*Podiceps auritus*) is a small waterbird with a long neck and short bill. It is named after a patch of erectable, buff-coloured feathers on its head, which extend from its eyes to the back of its nape. In breeding plumage Horned Grebe has a black face and back with chestnut foreneck and flanks. Two subspecies are recognized globally: *P. a. auritus* breeds in Eurasia and *P. a. cornutus* breeds in North America.

Distribution

Horned Grebe is found in North America, Europe, and Asia. Approximately 92% of the North American breeding range is in Canada, ranging from Yukon and British Columbia to Quebec, but with most birds breeding in the Prairies and Northwest Territories. The North American population winters primarily within the United States, with the highest numbers along the Pacific and Atlantic coasts.



Horned Grebe breeding distribution and relative abundance during the breeding season (7 June to 27 July), based on eBird data from 2005 to 2020. Darker red shading indicates higher population density.

Source: COSEWIC. 2023. IN PRESS. COSEWIC assessment and status report on the Horned Grebe *Podiceps auritus* in Canada. Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada. Ottawa. xiii + 54 pp.

Habitat

The Horned Grebe breeds primarily in the prairie and boreal ecological regions, where it occupies small to moderately sized freshwater wetlands, and occasionally brackish or alkaline waterbodies. Suitable breeding ponds have a



mix of emergent vegetation for nesting and open water for foraging. Pairs may occasionally occupy constructed wetlands, including borrow pit ponds. Horned Grebe primarily winters at inshore saltwater sites, but also uses medium to large freshwater lakes and ponds.

Biology

The Canadian population of Horned Grebe is estimated to comprise 200,000 to 500,000 mature individuals. The Breeding Bird Survey primarily samples the southern portion of the Canadian breeding range and may not accurately reflect overall population trends. It indicates a long-term (1970-2019) Canadian trend of -1.71% per year (95% Credible Interval [CI] = -4.56, 0.67), amounting to an estimated -57.0% (95% CI = -89.9, 38.7) over 49 years. During the most recent three-generation period (2006-2019), the average trend was -1.11% per year (95% CI = -6.05, 4.54), or -13.5% (95% CI = -55.5, 78.0) over that period. Christmas Bird Count results at the continental scale likely better reflect the overall Canadian population, given that most birds winter in the United States. The long-term trend of 0.38% per year (95% CI = -0.54, 1.59) since 1970 amounts to an estimated increase of 21.3% (95% CI = -24.1%, 123.6%) over 51 years. Over the most recent three-generation period (2008-2021), the average annual trend was estimated at 1.23% (95% CI = -3.22, 5.88), equivalent to 17.2% (95% CI = -34.7, 110.2) for the entire period. However, these BBS and CBC trends are non-significant. In contrast, recently released trends derived from eBird data show significant 3-generation (2007-2020) declines per count cell, primarily at median rates of decline greater than 30%, across the continental wintering range of the species. A range-wide estimate is not yet available via this analysis.

Threats and Limiting Factors

Permanent loss of wetlands to activities associated with agriculture and aquaculture and energy production and mining threatens the Horned Grebe. Up to 70% of wetlands within the Prairie Region have disappeared since European settlement, with some loss ongoing. Ecosystem modification through invasive aquatic

plants reducing areas of open water, and eutrophication and degradation of nesting ponds due to agricultural activities, also pose a threat to Horned Grebe. Climate change is affecting this species: temporary drying of wetlands from precipitation changes can displace individuals or render habitat unsuitable. Horned Grebe is also at risk of mortality from collisions with utility and service lines (power lines) and renewable energy infrastructure (wind turbines). On the wintering grounds pollution from oil spills and being caught as bycatch in fisheries can also negatively impact the population. The overall threat impact for Horned Grebe over the next three generations (13 years) is estimated to be Medium.

Protection, Status, and Ranks

In Canada, Horned Grebe and its nest and eggs are afforded protection under the *Migratory Birds Convention Act*. Although the previous status report recognised two Horned Grebe Designatable Units (DUs), the Western and Magdalen Island populations, COSEWIC's current DU guidelines indicate that there is only one DU for this species in Canada. In December 2023, the Magdalen Islands population and the Western population were considered as a single unit by COSEWIC across the Canadian range and was designated Special Concern.

The Western population is however still listed as Special Concern, and the Magdalen Islands population as Endangered under the Species at Risk Act. In Quebec, this species is listed as "Threatened" under the "*Loi sur les espèces menacées ou vulnérables*," and is afforded protection under the "*Loi sur la conservation et la mise en valeur de la faune*". The species is also protected under the *Migratory Bird Treaty Act* in the United States. Horned Grebe is considered Globally Secure (G5) but ranked as Vulnerable by IUCN. In Canada, Horned Grebe is considered Secure (N5B, N4N5N). At a provincial or territorial level, Horned Grebe is listed as S1B, S3N, S4M (Critically Imperilled as a breeding population) in Ontario, and S3 (Vulnerable) in Alberta, Manitoba, and the Northwest Territories, with other subnational ranks more secure. In Quebec, NatureServe still



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considers the species to have two subpopulations: the Western subpopulation has a rank of S3M, while that of the Magdalen Islands has a rank of S1B (Critically Imperilled).

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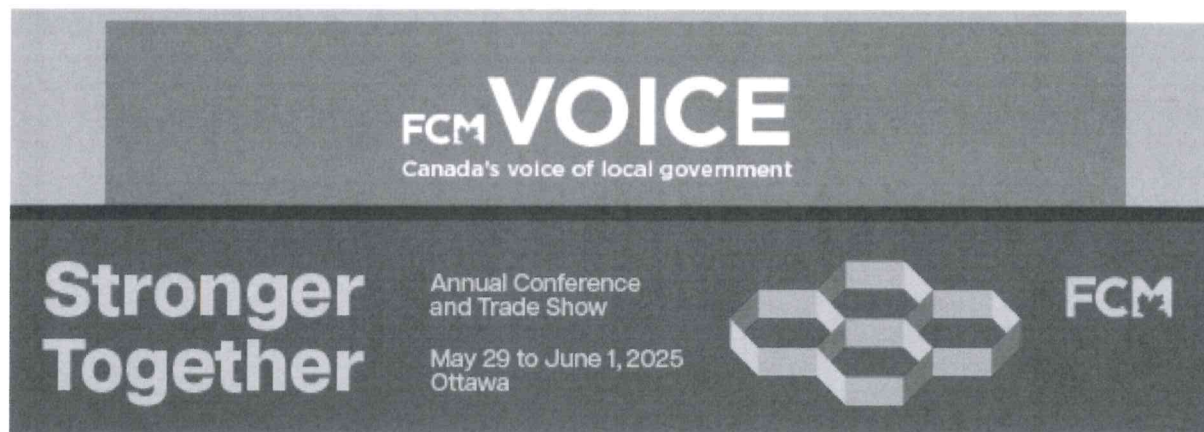
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May 20, 2025



Discover the flagship events of FCM's Annual Conference and Trade Show

The plenary sessions of the 2025 Annual Conference and Trade Show will highlight the country's most pressing municipal issues as well as future solutions for local governments. The program includes in-depth discussions, bold ideas and inspiring initiatives to build stronger communities from coast to coast to coast. Check out the **program** to learn more about panels, speakers, workshops and more.

» **IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER**

NEWS

Meet your 2025 Table Officer candidates

AC2025 is just around the corner and that means members will be electing their Board of Directors. You can find out more about newly-announced **Table Officer candidates** on our website. Acclaimed candidates will be announced and elections will take place at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on June 1 in Ottawa.

FCM's municipal members who register to attend the conference are *automatically* registered to vote in our elections and AGM—so don't forget to register today!

» [REGISTER FOR AC2025](#)

Funding to tap into the power of trees

Apply for up to \$10 million to plant new trees in your community. New trees are essential to improving quality of life for all, as they bring various benefits like lower energy bills, improved health and increased resilience to floods and extreme heat. Our tree planting funding supports projects in communities of all sizes.

To ensure your community receives the most value from its planting project, you can access free one-on-one support from urban forest coaches at key stages of your project, from planning to implementation.

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EVENTS

Workshop for Tree planting funding applicants

Join us on June 18 at 1 p.m. (ET) for a free, interactive online workshop designed to help you prepare a complete and high-quality application for up to \$10 million in **Tree planting funding**. By the end of the session, you will be able to:

- Identify the required information for your application.
- Understand the right level of detail for each section.
- Confidently complete your project workbook and avoid common mistakes.

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FCM IN THE NEWS

» **FCM President talks about the new federal cabinet and issues important to municipalities on Hanomansing Tonight | CBC News [21:43- 28:03]**

On CBC News, FCM's President, Rebecca Bligh, discussed the new federal government's cabinet, how it affects municipalities, housing concerns, and the need for a modern National Prosperity Partnership between all orders of government.

» **Carole Saab on municipalities and today's most complex challenges | Futureproofing Canada | IRPP**

During a discussion with the Institute for Research on Public Policy, Carole Saab, FCM's CEO, addressed the limitations of Canada's property tax-based system, the most pressing issues facing Canadian municipalities, and the need for a fiscal reform to drive national prosperity and long-term economic growth.

» **FCM's President, Rebecca Bligh, discusses the appointment of former Vancouver Mayor as Housing and Infrastructure Minister | BC Today [3:33-9:36]**

Rebecca Bligh, City of Vancouver Councillor and FCM's President, discussed the appointment of the former Mayor of Vancouver, Gregor Robertson, as the federal Minister of Housing and Infrastructure and what this means for Canadian municipalities.

» **Outdated infrastructure | Water flows from the real estate boom | La Presse**

Mayors across the province of Quebec and the Union des municipalités du Québec are concerned about the current state of water infrastructure, which is preventing municipalities from building enough housing.

RESOURCES

Funded learning offer for safe and active school routes

GMF has launched the **Safe and Active School Routes initiative**—a limited-time funding and learning opportunity to help communities create safer school streets. Communities can apply for up to \$125,000, covering 50–80% of eligible costs, plus access to a national peer learning cohort for expert support.

Funding supports quick-build safety features, upgraded sidewalks, bike lanes and more. Let's make walking, biking and rolling to school safer across Canada. Register for our webinar on Thursday, May 29 at 11 a.m. (ET) for French or 2 p.m. (ET) for English to learn more about the offer.

» **LEARN MORE**

Have your say on guidelines for rail adjacent developments

The Railway Association of Canada is working to update the 2013 Proximity Guidelines to enhance safety, sustainability and community well-being in rail adjacent developments. The guidelines serve to maintain safety and provide guidance to developers and communities when considering residential or industrial development in proximity to rail.

The goal of the modernization is to provide a risk-based approach to safely develop near rail operations while enabling communities and railways to grow and thrive. **Modernized guidelines will offer clear and practical guidance** on how and when to consider noise, vibrations and emissions impacts from rail operations.

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Together, we can build a climate-resilient Canada

Private capital has a role to play in financing urgently needed climate adaptation infrastructure in Canada. That's why Co-operators launched the Resilience Acceleration Lab, an initiative led by a dedicated, multi-disciplinary team, inspired by a whole of society approach.

If you have a need to build climate resilience in your community, let's talk.

Find us in the Co-operators lounge at the FCM Annual Conference and Trade Show 2025.

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LOCAL DATA

Data Literacy for the Public Sector

Following a successful first run, free registration for Statistics Canada's Data Literacy for the Public Sector course hosted on Apolitical has been extended until March 31, 2026.

This course is one of many valuable tools we offer to support skill-building in today's data-driven world. Ideal for data beginners or anyone looking to improve their data literacy, this self-paced foundational course covers everything from statistical bias to storytelling. We encourage colleagues in all orders of government to participate. You can sign up with the code **DATALIT2024**.

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May 14: Every day, municipalities deliver on housing, public safety, climate resilience, infrastructure and more—yet they still operate under a fiscal framework built for a different century.

FCM CEO [@CaroleSaab](#) joins [@IRPP's @jenditchburn](#) to discuss why a true National Prosperity Partnership across orders of government is necessary to meet today's complex challenges.

LISTEN NOW!

May 14: Yesterday, Prime Minister [@MarkJCarney](#) unveiled the new federal Cabinet.

FCM is eager and ready to engage with these Ministers and Secretaries of State as strategic partners in Canada's national prosperity to advance the interests of rural, northern, remote and urban communities across the country.

This is a pivotal moment for Canada. Together, we can meet 21st-century challenges and ensure the quality of life all Canadians expect and deserve.
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May 15: Congratulations to Mascouche Mayor Guillaume Tremblay, new president of [@UMQuebec](#). FCM looks forward to continued collaboration with UMQ to deliver for a stronger, more resilient future for municipalities in Quebec and across the country. [#CDNMuni](#)



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May 26, 2025



AC2025 starts this week!

FCM's 2025 Annual Conference and Trade Show (AC2025) will officially be here in just a few days! Make sure you check your e-mails this week for everything you need to know before you go, including app login information, information on voting credentials (for voting delegates only), study tour schedules, special sessions and networking events, in addition to things to do in Ottawa and so much more.

We also encourage you to download our conference app, *FCM 2025 (powered by Co-operators)*, which is available on the **Google Play Store** and the **App Store**. In our commitment to sustainability, we are no longer offering a printed at-a-glance program for 2025. All details, the schedule and real-time updates will be available exclusively on our app. There, you will find all the need-to-know information for the event, including the full program and session descriptions, interactive maps exhibitors' list and networking tool.

See you at the Rogers Centre Ottawa from May 29-June 1 - safe travels!

AC2025 Updates

Announcing FCM's Board of Director candidates

These municipal leaders are running to represent you and ensure your priorities are nationally reflected. Before you vote, head over to our website and get to know your candidates.

Voting will take place on June 1 at AC2025 in Ottawa. As a reminder, you must be an elected official of an FCM member municipality and a registered delegate to vote.

» MEET THE CANDIDATES

The Future of Rural Canada: A new report to be released Saturday

A new report on the future of rural Canada will be released at FCM's 2025 Annual Conference and Trade Show, during the rural plenary on May 31.

Rural communities are at the heart of Canada's prosperity, and this report will highlight their vitality, resilience and essential role in the country's economic development. Canada depends on the farmers who grow our food, the industries that bring our natural resources to market and countless businesses headquartered in small communities in sectors from manufacturing to tourism.

This report offers an in-depth look at the future of rural municipalities, while proposing concrete solutions to address their unique challenges and advance their priorities. Stay tuned!

There are still hotels rooms left for AC2025!

Will you be attending FCM's 2025 Annual Conference and Trade Show? Make sure to book your accommodations now.

There are only a few rooms at the Ottawa Marriott Hotel, so act fast! Please note that all reservations must be made under a unique name. Multiple rooms reserved under one name will not be permitted.

AC2025 is only days away, so book now!

» BOOK YOUR HOTEL ROOM

Prepare your municipality for a sustainable future at GMF Zone

Is your municipality ready to act on climate resilience, sustainable housing and community development? On Saturday, May 31 at the GMF Zone during AC2025, our experts will conduct three expert-led sessions on investing in your community's future with support from the Green Municipal Fund, navigating energy-efficient affordable housing projects and using an online resource to identify climate resilience projects for your municipality.

These sessions will offer practical ideas to navigate through complex challenges and make your community more sustainable and resilient in the future.

» CHECK OUT THE SCHEDULE

EVENTS

Webinar: Safe and active school routes accelerate offer

Join our webinar on Thursday, May 29 at 11 a.m. (ET) for French or 2 p.m. (ET) for English to explore GMF's *Safe and Active School Routes Accelerate Offer*. Discover how it pairs up to \$125,000 in funding with a national peer learning cohort to support municipalities in designing school zones with children's safety at the core through features like sidewalks, bike lanes, and community capacity building.

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Workshop: How to complete a tree planting funding application

Trees are key to building climate-resilient, healthy and livable communities. Whether you're beginning your urban tree planting journey or refining your funding application, our upcoming workshop on June 18 offers presentations, document walkthroughs and opportunities for your questions.

By attending this workshop, you will:

- Learn how to complete a high-quality funding application.
- Hear about types of tree planting projects and their specific requirements.
- Boost your confidence in completing the required documents.

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Access up to \$10 million in funding to plant new trees

Our tree planting funding supports ambitious and equitable planting projects. With expert advice from urban forest coaches, your community can access tailored support services and knowledge that will enhance planting projects, ensure tree survivability and improve climate change risk management capacity. Planting new trees can make your community more resilient to flooding, erosion, heat and other climate risks.

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FCM IN THE NEWS

**» FCM's President Rebecca Bligh on new cabinet and housing crisis
| CTV Morning Live**

FCM's President and City of Vancouver Councillor, Rebecca Bligh, sat with *CTV Morning Live* to discuss the federal government's new cabinet, British Columbia members, including the appointment of former Mayor of Vancouver Gregor Robertson, and FCM's priorities going forward.

» Toronto mayor calls for financial support fighting rising costs in letter to Carney | CBC News

City of Toronto Mayor Olivia Chow has sent a letter to Prime Minister Mark Carney asking for additional support from the federal government to address the most pressing issues, including a new, more equitable funding model, as FCM advocates for.

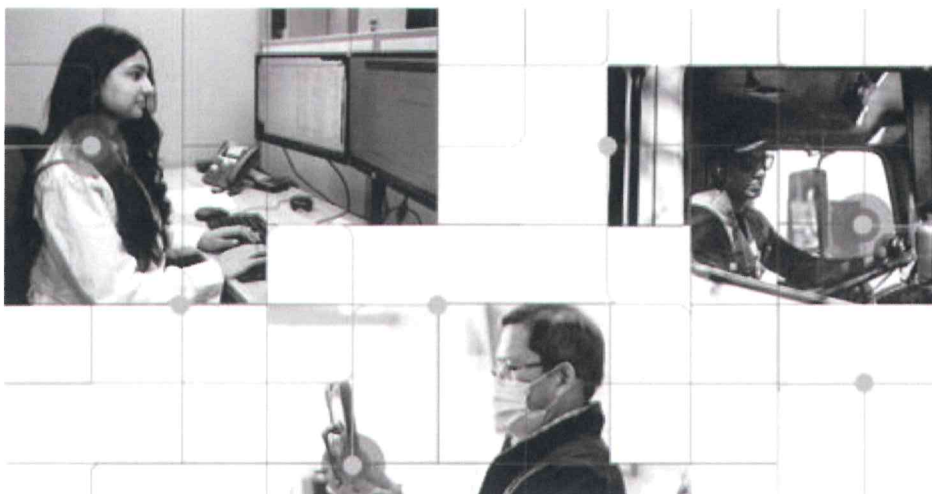
» Saskatoon Mayor plots new path forward | CTV News

In her first State of the City address, the Mayor of Saskatoon, Cynthia Block, called for a new fiscal framework for municipalities to keep up with the growing number of issues. Mayor Block said it's well within the federal government's rights to make those changes, and partners at FCM will continue to advocate for them.

» The future of federal-municipal relations | Radio-Canada British Columbia [French only]

Municipalities welcome the appointment of former City of Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson as the federal Minister of Housing and Infrastructure. FCM President Rebecca Bligh says the organization calls for discussions between all orders of government on modernizing the fiscal framework for municipalities.

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CUPE invites municipal leaders to an AI Town Hall

Artificial Intelligence can bring efficiencies to municipal governance, but there are serious implications and safeguards to consider before rolling out any municipal AI function. CUPE has assembled a panel of experts in municipal affairs, law, and labour to examine the use of AI in the municipal context. This event will help officials maximize the positives of AI while protecting their residents and growing their staff.

Join CUPE for the AI Town Hall at the FCM Annual Conference on Saturday, May 31, 3-4pm. Don't forget to visit CUPE's booth at the FCM Trade Show, May 29-31.

Visit CUPE's **Artificial Intelligence resources** to learn more about AI and its impact on work.

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May 22: Congratulations to the new @CPC_HQ Shadow Cabinet on your positions. We appreciate the critical role you play in promoting a strong democracy by holding the government to account. FCM looks forward to working with you, @PierrePoilievre and @AndrewScheer to advance local and national priorities affecting Canadians across the country—from housing and affordability to infrastructure and public safety. #CDNMuni #cdnpoli

May 22: Join us in Ottawa at FCM's 2025 Annual Conference and Trade Show to influence and guide new national municipal priorities, to elect a new Board and to begin work with government partners on building national prosperity—together.

Register now:
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May 25: Rural Canada is made up of diverse cultures, beautiful landscapes, rich natural resources and enormous untapped economic potential. These communities offer unique opportunities for new industries, growth and environmental stewardship. Stay tuned as FCM prepares to unveil its vision for The Future of Rural Canada.



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June 2, 2025





Stronger, Together: FCM's 2025 Annual Conference and Trade Show was a resounding success

Last weekend, 2,500 participants from across the country came together in our Nation's Capital for FCM's 2025 Annual Conference and Trade Show: *Stronger, Together*. Delegates attended a range of workshops, participated in panel discussions, visited the Trade Show and connected with colleagues and partners.

Delegates also heard from a range of political keynotes: Prime Minister Mark Carney, National Chief Cindy Woodhouse Nepinak, Deputy Leader of the Conservative Party Melissa Lantsman, Green Party of Canada Leader Elizabeth May and NDP MP Gord Johns.

Stay tuned for more highlights of the conference in the coming days and weeks, including a special digital edition of a joint FCM-Municipal World magazine!

We want to hear from you! As always, we rely on your feedback to improve next year's event. Please take a few minutes to let us know about your 2025 conference experience.

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ELECTION RESULTS

FCM 2025-2026 ELECTION RESULTS

At the Annual General Meeting, delegates from across the country chose their new Table Officers and board 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 2025-2026:

- **FCM President**
Rebecca Bligh, Councillor, City of Vancouver, BC
- **FCM First Vice-President**
Tim Tierney, Councillor, City of Ottawa, ON
- **FCM Second Vice-President**
Kathy Valentino, President, Association of Manitoba Municipalities, MB
- **FCM Third Vice-President**
Marc Doret, Mayor, City of Dorval, QC
- **FCM Vice-President at Large**
Amy Coady, President, Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador, NL

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NEWS

Join FCM's Green Municipal Fund Council as an elected official from Ontario

FCM is seeking one elected municipal official from Ontario to join the Green Municipal Fund Council. If you're a recognized visionary leader passionate about sustainability and environmental issues, this opportunity is for you. Bring your understanding of Ontario's political, economic, social and cultural landscape to the GMF Council, and help shape Canada's sustainable future by overseeing strategic investments in impactful municipal projects. The application deadline has been extended to June 13.

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EVENTS

Webinar: Measuring Quality of Life in North American Cities

Join UN-Habitat on June 5 at 12 p.m. (ET) for a webinar exploring how cities across North America can better measure and improve quality of life using local, data-driven approaches.

As urban realities continue to evolve, local governments need new tools to understand what matters most to residents—from access to services to safety and well-being. The Quality of Life Initiative, piloted in Vancouver and 9 other global cities, provides a practical framework to help municipalities do just that. This session will present the Quality of Life Index, and share insights from Vancouver's experience in developing its own index—now considered a global best practice.

» [REGISTER TODAY](#)

Workshop: How to complete a Tree planting funding application

Is your community planning to apply for **Tree planting funding**? Join our upcoming online workshop on June 18 at 1 p.m. (ET) to strengthen your application with practical tools, 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.

» [RESERVE YOUR SPOT](#)

Webinar: Climate budgeting for your community

Your municipality has adopted a climate plan—now comes the hard work of putting it into action. With climate budgeting, local governments can more effectively incorporate climate commitments into their decision making on policies, actions and budget allocation. Join us on Thursday, June 19, at 2 p.m. (ET) for a free webinar about climate budgeting: what it is, how it works, why it matters, and what some Canadian municipalities are already doing to make it happen.

» [REGISTER TODAY](#)

FCM IN THE NEWS

» **As FCM prepares for its national event, it also looks to the future -
Municipal World**

FCM's President, Rebecca Bligh, sat with *Municipal World* to talk about FCM's Annual Conference and its importance at this pivotal moment in time. She also discussed municipal priorities, including housing affordability and interprovincial trade barriers, in the wake of the election of a new federal government last month.

» **What does Ottawa want from the throne speech? | Ottawa Sun**

Ahead of the speech from the throne, Ottawa City Councillor Tim Tierney, FCM's Vice-President, talked about key priorities that the federal government must have to help municipalities going forward. Councillor Tierney also mentioned that more needs to be done to drive down housing costs in the City of Ottawa.

» **Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association at FCM Conference | Le
Téléjournal Saskatchewan [3:29-4:18]**

Members of the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association were looking forward to FCM's Annual Conference to discuss several issues affecting the province, including uncertainty surrounding post office services.

» **Bringing Manitoba's Municipal Priorities to Ottawa | Radio Noon
Manitoba | On Demand | CBC Listen**

FCM's Second Vice-President and City of Thompson, MB, Councillor Kathy Valentino, spoke with *CBC Radio* about FCM's Annual Conference in Ottawa and what she wanted to raise on behalf of the province's municipalities.

» **Carney to discuss fast-tracking housing, infrastructure projects with
premiers - The Globe and Mail**

Prime Minister Mark Carney and Canada's premiers discussed housing and major infrastructure projects on June 2. Vancouver Councillor Rebecca Bligh, who is also FCM's President, met privately with the Prime Minister during FCM's annual conference. "What I took away from this is that nation-building projects are going to be a priority," she said in an interview.

RESOURCES

Moving towards 2050: Shifting transportation behaviours

Looking to electrify your municipal fleet but not sure where to start? Watch the recorded webinar *Moving Towards 2050: Shifting Transportation Behaviours* and hear from municipal leaders and EV experts as they share real-world experiences, practical strategies and solutions to common challenges like securing funding, building infrastructure and supporting rural adoption. Gain resources to overcome barriers and drive your community's shift to clean, efficient transportation.

» **WATCH NOW**

Video: Addressing municipal challenges through sustainability

This webinar will help you understand the multi-solving approach to local sustainability projects that not only reduce diverse sources of greenhouse gas emissions, but also improve budget management, climate resilience, biodiversity and social well-being. Our expert panel, including a Managing Director from the Intact Centre on Climate Adaptation and a Program Manager at the City of Richmond, British Columbia, shared invaluable insights that could help guide your local initiatives.

This knowledge will also help strengthen your Green Municipal Fund funding applications.

» **WATCH THE WEBINAR**

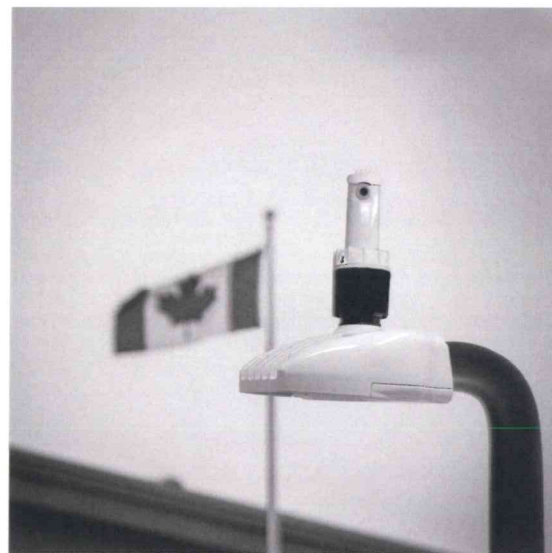
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Smart City Tech Made in Canada

A big thank you to everyone who visited LED Roadway Lighting / Liveable Cities at FCM's 2025 Annual Conference and Trade Show! We are thrilled to showcase our Canadian-made smart city sensors.

These innovative solutions are designed to boost urban efficiency and sustainability in your community. Discover how our technology directly addresses municipal needs.

» **EXPLORE LIVEABLE CITIES SOLUTIONS**



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June 1: What a week filled with informative talks, empowering workshops and critical connections between municipal leaders from across the country.

Canadians don't want business as usual—they want results. When all orders of government work together, we can build a stronger, safer and more equitable Canada.

Whether you were in here in person or followed along online, thank you for taking part in #FCM2025AC.

See you next year in Edmonton! Our closing statement:
<https://t.co/0IzNCAJfJ7>

June 1: Canadians' mindsets are shifting. With a new federal government in place and pressing issues like housing and infrastructure on people's minds, the expectations placed on all orders of government will have real impact on national policy.

Our thanks to @DavidColetto for sharing these vital insights at #FCM2025AC today.
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June 2: "Municipalities are central to achieving national progress on our economy, on our sovereignty and on the issues Canadians care about most." - FCM CEO @carolesaab at #FCM2025AC.

Municipal leaders are the closest to people's daily lives. Real progress starts in our communities.

Watch the speech here:
<https://t.co/lbOFEH9hBA>

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FCM Voice: Standing ready to build in face of U.S. tariffs | FCM resolutions | and more

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June 9, 2025





Standing ready to build in face of U.S. tariffs

Last week, FCM's CEO Carole Saab joined Canadian Labour Congress President Bea Bruske and Canadian Chamber of Commerce President & CEO Candace Laing in response to the doubling of tariffs imposed by the U.S. administration on steel and aluminum.

Municipalities on both sides of the border are on the frontlines of this trade war. These tariffs are already impacting communities across Canada, especially in Quebec and Ontario.

FCM stands united with the other orders of government, industry and workers against these harmful tariffs. Now more than ever, it's critical that we build communities that are strong, safe and economically competitive. A National Prosperity Partnership can match this ambition and boost local delivery capacity.

» **WATCH THE PRESS CONFERENCE**

NEWS

Resolutions adopted at AC2025

At FCM's 2025 Annual Conference and Trade Show, FCM members adopted several significant resolutions, demonstrating their commitment to addressing issues faced by communities across Canada:

- Improving Access to Health Care in Rural Canada
- Strengthening Canada's Economy by Diversifying Trade
- Future of Canada Post
- Strengthening Arctic Sovereignty and Security through Municipalities

These resolutions were the result of debates by dedicated voting delegates.

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

» LEARN MORE

Last chance to apply: FCM's Green Municipal Fund Council is seeking an Ontario elected official

FCM is seeking one elected municipal official from Ontario to join the Green Municipal Fund Council.

This is a unique opportunity for an environmental champion passionate about sustainability and building resilient communities. Bring your management skills, experience in organizational governance, and deep understanding of Ontario's political, economic, social, and cultural landscape to help guide the strategic investment of a \$2.4 billion fund in transformative, high-impact municipal initiatives across Canada.

Applications are open until June 13. Don't miss your chance to help shape Canada's sustainable future.

» APPLY NOW

Help shape practical, trusted tools to support municipal communications

Municipal leaders are on the frontlines of climate action, but limited resources and rising misinformation make it harder to connect with your community. FCM's Green Municipal Fund wants to hear from municipal staff and elected officials across Canada about the real communication challenges you face. Your input will help shape practical tools to support clear, trusted communications at the local level. The survey is anonymous and takes just 10 minutes.

» TAKE THE SURVEY TODAY

PMI-WILL partners meet with Global Affairs Canada to share progress on inclusive governance

During their visit to Canada for FCM's Annual Conference and Trade Show, a delegation of women elected officials from Benin, Cambodia, Ghana, and Zambia met with representatives of Global Affairs Canada to share the progress made in their countries toward more inclusive local governance. They gave examples of the positive impact of the Partnership for Municipal Innovation—Women in Local Leadership (PMI-WILL) in protecting their communities from stronger leadership networks to increased

WILL) projecting their communities—from stronger leadership networks to increased representation and better services for citizens.

This meaningful exchange is a powerful reminder that peer-to-peer collaboration can achieve stronger institutions, greater inclusion, and more resilient local democracy.

» [LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PROJECT](#)

FCM International Awards recognize Canadian partners advancing inclusive local leadership

During FCM's 2025 Annual Conference and Trade Show, we honoured several outstanding contributors to the PMI-WILL project as part of our International Awards ceremony.

- Councillor Trish Mandewo (City of Coquitlam, BC) received the Pam McConnell Award for her gender equality leadership, particularly in supporting women elected officials in Zambia and Cambodia.
- Edwina Renaux (Town of Truro, NS) was awarded the Mike Badham Award for her steadfast support of municipal partnerships and peer exchanges with Cambodia.
- The Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) earned the Outstanding Institutional Contribution Award, recognizing their innovative efforts to support gender equity in climate and governance policies.

These awards highlight the excellence and leadership of a few—but the progress of PMI-WILL reflects the collective work of a strong and dedicated network of Canadian and international partners. Together, they are helping transform local governance to be more inclusive, equitable, and responsive to communities' needs.

Tunisian delegation strengthens ties with Canadian partners on climate action

During their recent visit to Canada, the Tunisian delegation from the Centre for Innovative Local Governance (CILG), FCM's partner on the Inclusive Climate Adaptation in Tunisian Municipalities (ICATM) project, engaged in meaningful exchanges with Global Affairs Canada and Environment and Climate Change Canada. The meetings highlighted Canada's support for inclusive and locally driven climate action, and progress made across the 9 participating Tunisian municipalities.

The delegation also attended the FCM Annual Conference and Trade Show, and expressed how inspired they were by the Canadian experience in local governance and the role of municipalities in driving climate solutions.

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FCM IN THE NEWS

» Canada urged to spend more on rural housing, connectivity, and safety | Ottawa Sun

FCM released a new report on rural communities during its Annual Conference and Trade Show, calling on the federal government to invest in closing the gaps between urban and rural Canada. "This report contains the missing key to unlock long-term prosperity, thanks to the work of dedicated municipal elected officials across the country," said FCM's Rural Forum Chair Neal Comeau.

» Carney to discuss fast-tracking housing, infrastructure projects with premiers | The Globe and Mail

Prime Minister Mark Carney and Canada's premiers discussed housing and significant infrastructure projects issues in Saskatoon, Sask., during the First Ministers' Meeting. Vancouver Councillor Rebecca Bligh, who is also FCM's President, met privately with Prime Minister Mark Carney following his speech at FCM's Annual Conference and Trade Show. "What I took away from this is that nation-building projects are going to be a priority," she said in an interview with the *Globe and Mail*.

» FCM's President addresses housing and opioid crisis amid FCM's AC | Real Talk Ryan Jespersen [24:27- 38:53]

FCM's President, Rebecca Bligh, talked with Ryan Jespersen about FCM's Annual Conference and Trade Show, the latest speech from the throne, the most pressing issues facing municipalities, and the launch of our new rural report.

» Industry in Trouble as Tariffs Double | PrimeTime Politics | CPAC [13:25-20:40]

On *PrimeTime Politics*, FCM CEO Carole Saab discussed the latest tariffs imposed by the U.S. administration on Canadian steel and aluminum, including its impact on municipalities. Saab also discussed Prime Minister Mark Carney's presence at FCM's recent Annual Conference and Trade Show to talk about infrastructure and the coordinated approach needed between all orders of government for delivering big projects.

» A modern approach is needed for urban challenges | Le Droit

At FCM's Annual Conference and Trade Show, elected officials from the Big City Mayors' Caucus called for a National Prosperity Partnership to tackle the most pressing issues, including homelessness, infrastructure maintenance, and public safety.

EVENTS

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RESOURCES

Safe and active school routes funded learning offer

GMF's *Safe and Active School Routes* initiative offers up to \$125,000 in funding (covering 50–80% of eligible costs) and includes access to a national peer learning cohort with expert advice.

Funding supports quick-build safety features, improved sidewalks, bike lanes, lighting, and more to help communities create safer, healthier routes to school.

» [LEARN MORE](#)

Build better roads with recycled asphalt

Canadian municipalities can build greener, more cost-effective roads by using reclaimed asphalt pavement (RAP). By integrating RAP, they can cut emissions, reduce waste and lower costs while advancing circular infrastructure goals.

Our *Making New Asphalt Out of Old – It Can Be Done* factsheet shares insights from a Saint-Hippolyte, Québec, pilot project and outlines practical steps to help integrate RAP into roadwork strategies.

» [READ THE FACTSHEET](#)

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June 3: U.S. tariffs on imported steel and aluminum are already impacting communities across Canada, especially in Quebec and Ontario. Today's doubling of these tariffs to 50% will simply be devastating.

Municipalities are on the frontlines of this trade war, and FCM stands united with the other orders of government, industry and workers against harmful tariffs. We call for a return to free and fair trade across North America. #CDNMuni #cdnpoli

June 3: That's a wrap for #FCM2025AC!

Our thanks to the 2,500 participants from across the country who made the 2025 Annual Conference and Trade Show a resounding success—from insightful keynote speakers to robust workshop programming and an engaging Trade Show floor.

We're leaving the conference inspired by the leadership of local governments across the country delivering on housing, infrastructure, public safety and economic resilience. Now more than ever, it's clear that a stronger partnership between all orders of government is necessary for long-term prosperity and a more resilient future for Canada.

Let's continue this work, together. See you next year for #FCM2026AC in Edmonton!

June 5: "Defending Canada right now in this moment also looks like making us the most resilient country possible, and that starts at a community level."

FCM CEO @CaroleSaab joined @MichaelSerapio on @PTP_CPAC last night to discuss the real impact the latest tariffs imposed by the U.S. administration will continue to have on #CDNMuni.

Watch the full interview:
<https://t.co/OAWGFRmbt3>



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RE: Letter of Introduction

To whom it may concern,

We would like to introduce you to Local Elevator Ltd. (Local Elevator), a new locally owned elevator service company based in Winnipeg.

After working with national elevator companies for the past several years we learned there was a gap in elevator service providers in Manitoba. We continuously heard from our clients the desire for better communication with their provider, closer working relationships, and more competitive pricing for regular repairs and testing. Local Elevator aims to provide that.

Services we offer include:

- elevator car top and pit access for fire alarm testing
- pit access for key retrievals
- elevator car door re-skinning
- elevator cab modernization
- repairs not covered under standard maintenance contracts, such as hoist cable and governor cable replacement
- elevator car top fans
- emergency lighting installation and repairs
- repair deficiencies reported by Province of Manitoba Technical Standards and Safety inspectors.

Why Local Elevator?

We have extensive experience in all phases of elevator repairs and installation. We have competitive hourly billing rates, forego extra truck charges on invoices, and we are offering zero overtime fees for our first year of business. Unlike large national companies, our telephone line is answered directly in Winnipeg for your convenience and fast response. Local Elevator is also part of the Local 102, International Union of Elevator Constructors and is fully licensed in the Province of Manitoba.

If you are interested in setting up a meeting to discuss any of your elevator needs, please contact us at (431) 202-4600 or email: service@localelevator.ca.

Regards,

Shane Edginton and Peter Weir

Owners and Mechanics at Local Elevator

Getting Into Retail Webinar Series

Retail Ready: What You Need to Sell Your Food Product to Retail
Six-Part Webinar Series



Join us, in advance of Food and Beverage Manitoba's AGM, as Jeff Fidyk with Manitoba Agriculture Value Added Branch prepares you for conversations with retailers to get your food products listed. Denise Aminot-Gilchrist with Food and Beverage Manitoba will round out the series by explaining the 'new' front-of-package requirements and what it means to processors.

Eleven Things You Need to Sell Your Food Products to Grocery Stores

Tues., May 13, 2025

Get the detailed retailer-approved list of requirements you need to qualify your food product to be listed in grocery stores. Learn how and where to access the resources needed to meet these requirements.

Insider Secrets to Setting Retail And Wholesale Prices for Selling to Grocery Store

Wed., May 14, 2025

The grocery industry is one of the most difficult for suppliers to determine selling prices due to varied margin, upcharge, and program monies requirements. You will receive a simple Excel template that will allow you to quickly calculate your retail and wholesale selling prices.

How to Make a Sell Sheet For Pitching Your Food Products to Grocery Stores

Thurs., May 15, 2025

A sell sheet is "the" communication tool for getting your food products noticed by grocery retailers. Learn the difference between features and benefits and how to target your pitch to the appropriate customer. You will be provided an easy template to follow and direction on how to make your best impression.

What is a Promotion Plan and How You Can Use This to Get Listings and Build Your Sales

Tues., May 27, 2025

Show your potential retail customers that you understand it is your responsibility to get your product selling in their stores. You will learn pricing and promotion strategies, plus how to make and implement it.

What to Say When a Food Buyer Tells You 'No' and Tips to Make a Successful Sales Pitch

Wed., May 28, 2025

When a potential retail customer tells you 'no' it often just means 'you haven't sold me yet'. You will receive tips for approaching customers, strategies to use for making a successful pitch, and scripts for responding to objections.

New Front-of-Package Labelling Requirements in Canada – What You Need to Know

Tues., June 3, 2025

Learn how Canada's new food labelling rules affect prepackaged products high in sodium, sugars or saturated fat. This short webinar covers when front-of-package (FOP) symbols are required, which products are exempt and how to stay compliant.

Getting into Retail Webinar Series

Tuesday, May 13 - Tues, June 3, 2025 - 11:00 am – 12 p.m.

To register for any or all of these webinars, visit [here](#).

For more information 204-821-5322 or email karen.walker-tibble@gov.mb.ca

If you require accommodation in order to fully participate in this event, please contact the address above.



Getting into Retail – Meeting the Buyer

Norwood Inn

Thursday, June 12, 2025

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Do you have a new or innovative food product that is retail ready or near retail ready? If so, Manitoba's chain retailers Save-On Foods, Red River Co-op, Sobeys, Safeway, and No Frills want to hear from you.

Selected companies will be invited to our in-person retailer pitching event taking place the afternoon of Thursday June 12, 2025 in Winnipeg, following Food and Beverage Manitoba's Annual General Meeting (AGM).

To be eligible, the following requirements are necessary:

- Package and labelling as per CFIA requirements, including Nutrition Facts Table (NFT)
- Prepared in a permitted kitchen
- Safe Foods for Canadians Registration (SFCR)
- UPC bar code
- Be aware stores may have requirements in addition to what is listed above

To help you make your best impression and get selected to pitch to retailers, **Manitoba Agriculture's Value Added Branch** is providing a series of five free webinars, presented as the "Getting into Retail Webinar Series". In addition to the valuable information, you will learn at each of these webinars, many also provide easy to use templates you can follow such as for making a sell sheet and promotion plan to present your products to retailers.

The "**Getting Into Retail Webinar Series**" includes the following topics. To register to attend these webinars, click [here](#). Videos will be uploaded as they become available, so for those that have already been presented, you can watch the recording by clicking [here](#).

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| Tues., May 13, 2025: | 11 Things You Need to Sell Your Food Products to Grocery Stores |
| Wed., May 14, 2025 | Insider Secrets to Setting Retail and Wholesale Prices for Selling to Grocery Stores |
| Thurs. May 15, 2025 | How to Make a Sell Sheet for pitching Your Food Products to Grocery Stores |
| Tues, May 27, 2025: | What is a Promotion Plan and How You can Use This to Get Listings and Build Sales |
| Wed. May 28, 2025 | What to say when a food buyer tells you 'no' and other tips to make a successful sales pitch |

Manitoba Agriculture's Value Added Branch has additional resources available to help prepare you to be ready for retail:

- [Validating Your Market. What it Means to Your Food Business](#) (PDF, 164.96 KB) *
- [Craft your Elevator Pitch, Make Crucial Connections](#), Webinar
- [Food Labelling for Industry Tool](#) (HTML)
- [Food Labelling Requirements](#) (PDF, 1.01 MB) *
- [Introduction to Canadian Food Labelling Requirements](#) (YouTube)
- [How to Make Buyers Notice Your Product - Creating an Effective Sell Sheet](#) (PDF, 1.59 MB) *
- These, and other resources can be found at [Province of Manitoba | agriculture - Resources](#)

See the Application for Getting Into Retail: Meeting the Buyer on the next page

Getting into Retail – Meeting the Buyer

Application for Pitching Your Product – Thursday June 12

Spaces are limited, so if you are interested, please fill out the questionnaire below. If selected, a representative from the Value Added Branch will reach out to you. **Deadline to apply: Friday, May 30, 2025**

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| 1. | Your Name: | |
| 2. | Business Name: | |
| 3. | Phone Number: | |
| 4. | Email: | |
| 5. | Number of Years in Business: | |
| 6. | Please list your product(s) with corresponding sizes | Use the chart below. Suggest you list your most popular items for listing consideration. |
| 7. | Is your product packaged and labelled according to CFIA requirements? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> In Progress |

| Product | Sizes available |
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1. Indicate the number of stores for each retailer you are currently in:

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| | <u>Sobeys</u> | | <u>Safeway</u> |
| | <u>Co-op Red River</u> | | <u>Co-op Other Locations</u> |
| | <u>Save-On Foods</u> | | <u>Superstore</u> |
| | <u>No Frills</u> | | <u>Other</u> |

If Other, location, please indicate: _____

2. Retailers you would like an opportunity to get into:

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| | <u>Sobeys</u> | | <u>Safeway</u> |
| | <u>Co-op Red River</u> | | <u>Co-op Other Locations</u> |
| | <u>Save-On Foods</u> | | <u>Superstore</u> |
| | <u>No Frills</u> | | <u>Other</u> |

If Other, please indicate: _____

If you have any questions or comments please note them here:

- ➡ Please submit your completed application to MBAgrifood@gov.mb.ca, by **Friday, May 30, 2025**.
- ➡ Successful applicants will be contacted and will receive further details for the pitch(es)

Invitation to Western District municipalities - June 26, 2025 MARR Recycling Tour/Event (Clanwilliam-Erickson MB)

From Karen Johnston <kjohnston@marrmb.com>

Date Sun 2025-06-08 8:18 PM

To Mike Fernandes <mikefernandes@strategymakers.ca>

This is a special invitation and offer to Western District municipalities that may not have had an opportunity to attend Manitoba Association of Regional Recyclers (MARR) events in the past. **Please forward to your CAO, Public Works Manager and recycling/waste management supervisor.**

Our next event is taking place in your region. Your community is not currently a member of MARR but we'd like to offer you an opportunity to participate in an informative event and tour, and to learn more about MARR and why communities like Brandon, Carberry, Cornwallis, Grassland, North Cypress-Langford, Pipestone, Virden and Wallace-Woodworth are already members.

The details for the event and registration link are below.

We hope you'll consider joining us for this event and **to further entice you, we're very pleased to offer you the opportunity to register your representatives at the discounted MARR MEMBER rate as way to introduce you to our association** (We will automatically apply the discount on your invoice but you can help us out by typing in the word "WEST" in front of your Municipality name in the field that asks for your Organization/Municipality Name).

Dear MARR Members:

We are pleased to announce that registration for the 2025 Spring Tour and Event is now open! (Scroll down to see event Agenda and times.)

Date: **June 26, 2025 (10:30am to ~3:00pm)**

Location: **We will meet first at the Royal Legion Hall located at 30 -1st SW in Clanwilliam-Erickson, MB ([map](#))** for information presentations and lunch. After lunch, participants will hop in their cars and head over to tour two sites, including:

- Clanwilliam-Erickson's new Waste Transfer Station
- South Waste Management Group recycling facility

Price: **\$50 per person for MARR members; \$75 per person for non-members**

Due to the nature of the tours, we will be capping registrations at 50 participants.

[Click here to Register](#)

AGENDA *Details are subject to change. Final Agenda will be distributed once confirmed.

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| 10:00am | Registration Opens – Networking (coffee and sweets provided) |
| 10:30am | Welcome & Greetings |
| 10:45am | <p>Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overview of all waste management and recycling/diversion in Clanwilliam-Erickson region (Iain Edye, CAO)• Introduction to NEW recycling/waste training resources and opportunities (Mike Fernandes, StrategyMakers Consulting Inc.)• News and updates on recycling and waste issues in Manitoba (presenters tbd) |
| 12:00pm | Lunch |
| 1:15pm ~ 3:00pm | <p>Site Tours (*detailed instructions for tours will be provided at lunch)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clanwilliam-Erickson's new Waste Transfer Station• South Waste Management Group recycling facility |

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Karen Johnston

Administrative Coordinator



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Time: 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm

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- Opportunities for disaster-risk reduction through Manitoba's DFA and other federal programs

We recommend that each municipality have their Chief Administrative Officer, Development Officer, and Building Inspector attend the meeting to ensure they receive the latest updates on this file.

Please email emo.registrations@gov.mb.ca or contact the main office at (204) 945-3050 to RSVP. We look forward to the discussion.

Thank you.



Transportation and Infrastructure | Emergency Management Organization

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From: +WPG124 - EMO

Sent: May 22, 2025 4:21 PM

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May 23, 2025

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Dave Kreklewich
Head of Council
Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa
Box 278
Wawanesa, MB
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Attention: Dave Kreklewich,

Thank you for your letter dated April 17, 2025, regarding the availability and variety of liquor products in your community. Your letter to the Honourable Glen Simard has been forwarded to Manitoba Liquor & Lotteries (MBLL) for response.

MBLL has been working to improve the liquor retail experience in the community of Wawanesa for some time now and appreciates the continued feedback received from you, as well as the residents of your community. On May 20, 2025, MBLL posted an Expression of Interest (EOI) seeking a new Liquor Vendor operator in Wawanesa; the deadline for this process has been set for Tuesday May 27, 2025.

The current Liquor Vendor operator is aware that MBLL has taken this step and has been properly notified. As is the case with all EOI's posted by MBLL, we will strive to provide a formal award letter to the successful proponent as soon as reasonably possible after the closing date. Please be aware that due to a combination of factors there may be a short period of time where there is no active Liquor Vendor in your community; these factors include the amount of time it takes for the successful applicant to set up their liquor retailing operations, the amount of time it takes to naturally move through the regulatory licensing process led by the Liquor, Gaming, and Cannabis Authority of Manitoba (LGCA), as well as the fact that the current Liquor Vendor will cease operations on June 11, 2025.

We look forward to continuing to work with operators in your community to ensure that residents have a safe and secure liquor retail experience.

Thank you,



Dan Eliasson
Director, Liquor & Cannabis Commercial Partners
Manitoba Liquor & Lotteries



Minister for Municipal and Northern Relations

Minister responsible for Francophone Affairs

Minister responsible for the Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries Corporation

Legislative Building, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 0V8 CANADA

May 16, 2025

David Kreklewich
Head of Council
Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa
HofC.Kreklewich@oakland-wawanesa.ca

Dear Name of David Kreklewich:

2025 Municipal Operating Grant and One Manitoba Growth Revenue Fund Payments and Reporting Requirements

I am pleased to advise that the first payment of the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa 2025 Municipal Operating Grant and the full payment of its 2025 One Manitoba Growth Revenue Fund (OMGRF) allocation will be directly deposited into the municipality's account in the coming days.

The total operating grant for the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa is \$248,205.81, with a first payment of \$186,154.36 representing 75% of the final grant amount. The second and final payment, representing the remaining 25%, will be distributed in September 2025.

In addition, your municipality will receive the full payment of its 2025 OMGRF allocation in the amount of \$16,239.79, which will be deposited at the same time as the first payment of the Municipal Operating Grant. This will mark the first year of your municipality's allocation of the new five-year growth fund.

The Municipal Operating Grant continues to be unconditional, which gives your municipality full flexibility to allocate the funding according to its local priorities. Similar to prior years, we are requesting that the municipality report on the notional or estimated allocation of Municipal Operating Grant funding towards core municipal services and programs, and to identify high level outcomes achieved in 2024. The report will help the department better understand how provincial funding is locally applied to address ongoing and evolving municipal needs. Please submit the 2024 report through Manitoba Municipalities Online by **June 30, 2025**.

In addition to the 2024 operating report, we are also requesting that municipalities submit their 2024 audited financial statements in both PDF and Excel formats using the template provided by the department. Section 192 of *The Municipal Act* stipulates that a council

must provide the Minister with any information or document requested by the Minister respecting the financial affairs of the municipality. Your contribution to this process will greatly enhance the pace at which our department is able to collect, aggregate, analyze, and disseminate information to municipalities and the general public. The submission of the completed Excel template will begin with your 2024 audited financial statements and will form part of the annual reporting cycle on a go forward basis.

If you have any questions or require additional information about your operating allocation or reporting, please contact the Municipal Funding Policy and Programs Branch at mfpp@gov.mb.ca.

Thank you for your continued leadership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Glen Simard". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Glen" and last name "Simard" clearly distinguishable.

Honourable Glen Simard
Minister of Municipal and Northern Relations

- c. Mona Pandey, Deputy Minister of Municipal and Northern Relations
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- c. dmmnr@manitoba.ca
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Bulletin #2025-12 MNR - Homeowner's Affordability Tax Credit Extension

From +WPG139 - MGAS, Municipal Governance and Advisory Services <MRMAAS@gov.mb.ca>

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Bulletin #2025-12 MNR - Homeowner's Affordability Tax Credit Extension.pdf; Notice to Manitoba Homeowners - 2025 Homeowners Affordability Tax Credit (HATC).pdf;

Bulletin #2025-12

MUNICIPAL AND NORTHERN RELATIONS

Important Notice to Elected Officials, Chief Administrative Officers and Municipal Finance Staff

Homeowners Affordability Tax Credit - Extension

The Government of Manitoba introduced the Homeowners Affordability Tax Credit (HATC) of up to \$1,500 on the education portion of principal residences' property taxes for 2025. Property owners self-declare their eligibility for the HATC to their municipalities.

Manitoba will be introducing regulatory changes to extend the time for property owners to declare their principal residence for purposes of the HATC to their municipality during this implementation year. This will ensure that eligible property owners will have every opportunity to receive the HATC in a timely fashion.

Municipalities are being asked to accept additional HATC requests from eligible property owners for 2025 until November 15, 2025. The Government of Manitoba acknowledges that the successful delivery of this provincial tax credit program would not be possible without the vital partnership of municipalities. Manitoba deeply appreciates municipalities' continued commitment and efforts to ensure that all eligible local taxpayers can participate in this credit program.

The vast majority of eligible Manitoba homeowners will automatically have their principal residence declaration carried forward from last year and do not need to file a new declaration for the HATC. However, if your municipality is fielding a significant volume of inquiries or declaration forms, please let us know at mrmaas@gov.mb.ca and we will work to provide additional support.

Communicating the Extension to the Public

Manitoba will be issuing communications to advise the public about the extension. Municipalities are also encouraged to share information with potentially eligible ratepayers

through their own communication channels. Information that can be shared with the public is attached.

To assist with the volume of enquires municipalities may receive, Manitoba is also improving the information available online about the HATC, including tools to help homeowners determine if they are eligible. Members of the public with questions about the HATC can go to <https://www.gov.mb.ca/finance/tao/hatc.html>. Members of the public may also contact Manitoba Government Inquiry at 204-945-3744 (Winnipeg) or 1-866-626-4862 (toll-free) Monday to Friday between 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM.

Process for New HATC Applications

If a property owner advises your municipality that they are eligible for the HATC in 2025, follow the regular process to confirm their eligibility. Then go to Manitoba Municipalities Online (MMO) and update their property as eligible for the HATC through the “Assessment Work” page. If you have questions about this process or require assistance making entry due to high volumes, please contact mrmaas@gov.mb.ca.

Adding the HATC to Property Tax Statements

If you add the HATC to a property on MMO before the office copy of your tax statements is prepared, the HATC will be calculated automatically and will appear on those tax statements. Municipal Services Officers will contact your municipality before office copies are prepared to confirm that you have finished any HATC additions up to that point.

Any HATC added this way will also be reflected in reports to your municipality and will be deducted as usual from your school tax requisition payments.

Adding the HATC After Tax Statements and Before November 15

If you add the HATC to a property on MMO after your office copy of tax statements has been prepared, but before November 15th, your municipality will need to:

1. Confirm that the applicant is the same owner that was indicated on the property tax bill. If not, a credit cannot be issued by the municipality and the owner may instead be eligible to claim it on their income taxes.
2. Manually calculate the credit for the property using the steps below.
3. Provide the credit to the property owner's account.
 - a. If they have already paid their taxes for 2025, Manitoba encourages municipalities to issue a refund cheque.
4. Claim reimbursement for the credit from Manitoba.
 - a. Municipalities will be provided with a form to submit to claim reimbursement for credits issued on Manitoba's behalf.

Steps to Calculate HATC Amounts

1. The HATC is only provided for principal residences. If the property has multiple types of assessment, confirm that you are only calculating the credit on the value of the principal residence.

If you review the property's tax statement, the “School Division” section will break out how much school tax is for the part of the property that is residential.

2. Determine if the residential part of the School Division taxes are less than \$1,500. If they are less, the credit you provide will be that amount. If they are more, then the credit you provide will be \$1,500.

If your municipal staff have any questions about calculating the HATC amount, or if you have other questions, please contact mrmaas@gov.mb.ca.

*Department of Municipal and Northern Relations
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Bulletin #2025-14 - MNR - Conflict of Interest and Code of Conduct Videos

From +WPG139 - MGAS, Municipal Governance and Advisory Services <MRMAAS@gov.mb.ca>

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Bulletin #2025-14

MUNICIPAL AND NORTHERN RELATIONS

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

**MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEMBERS'
CONFLICT OF INTEREST VIDEO
AND
CODE OF CONDUCT VIDEO**

Municipal and Northern Relations, in consultation with The Association of Manitoba Municipalities and the Manitoba Municipal Administrators, has produced two educational videos on the topics of Conflict of Interest and Code of Conduct for local governments in Manitoba. These videos are now available on the department's website.

- [Conflict of Interest Video](#)
[Province of Manitoba | mr - conflict_of_interest](#)
- [Code of Conduct Video](#)
[Province of Manitoba | mr - code_of_conduct](#)

These short, animated videos provide basic information for council members and municipalities to help with understanding of legislative and regulatory obligations under The Municipal Council Conflict of Interest Act and the Council Members' Codes of Conduct Regulation.

The videos also provide guidance to members of the public on what actions can be taken should they have concerns about Conflict of Interest or Code of Conduct issues in their municipal councils.

The department encourages municipalities to promote these two videos through various outlets including possibly posting links to these two videos on their websites for public information.

The videos will also be released in the near future on Government of Manitoba social media channels to increase awareness.

If you have any questions regarding these videos, please contact mrmaas@gov.mb.ca.

French translations of videos and bulletins to follow.

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Subject: Supporting Fire Evacuees in Your Community

Dear Community Leaders,

As wildfires continue to affect northern Manitoba, some of your communities may be hosting evacuees who have been displaced from their homes. These individuals and families may be staying in local hotels or campgrounds or receiving care in local health centres or personal care homes. Some people may also be staying in your community to be near their loved ones who have been transferred to Prairie Mountain Health facilities.

During this stressful and uncertain time it is important that we work together to make evacuees feel welcome and supported.

Prairie Mountain Health teams are working hard to provide the best healthcare for displaced people. Our goal is to ensure health resources and supports are available wherever needed.

Our Public Health and Primary Health Care teams are active in your local communities and are available to assist with any health-related questions or concerns. If you need to contact your local Public Health office, please refer to this contact list:

📄 [Public Health Contacts – PMH](#)


We have also created a central resource page with up-to-date wildfire information, health care updates, and support for mental wellness. Please feel free to share this link with anyone who may find it helpful:

📄 [Wildfire Updates – PMH](#)

In addition to our website PMH is also sharing information and updates on our social media platforms so be sure to follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [X](#).

Wondering how your community can help? Here are a few simple but meaningful ideas:

- Extend a warm welcome through signage, social media, or community events.
- Provide a listing of local amenities (e.g., grocery stores, laundromats, gas stations).
- Share information about recreational facilities, parks, and community programs — especially helpful for families with young children.
- Promote drop-in centres or public spaces where people can relax or connect with others.
- People may have come with very few items. Consider generating donations of food, clothing or supplies.

If you have any questions related to health care services for evacuees or would like to connect with us directly, please don't hesitate to reach out at  [**pmh@pmh-mb.ca**](mailto:pmh@pmh-mb.ca).

Thank you for all that you do to support those in need. Together, we can help create a sense of safety and care for those facing such difficult circumstances.



Warm regards,

Treena Slate

Prairie Mountain Health - CEO

INVITATION: TRIBUTE TO TOURISM AWARDS GALA

From info@tourismwestman.ca <info@tourismwestman.ca>

Date Mon 2025-05-26 4:20 PM

To Norma Will <adminassist@oakland-wawanesa.ca>; Tara Wilkinson <adminassist1@oakland-wawanesa.ca>

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2025 Registration Form.doc; 2025 Registration Form.pdf;

Dear Mayor Dave Kreklewich and Council,

Tourism Westman is pleased to announce the upcoming 2025 Annual Tribute to Tourism Awards & Gala.

On behalf of Tourism Westman, I would like to extend a warm invitation to attend the event - taking place on **Wednesday, June 11th, 2025 at The Backyard on Aberdeen in Brandon, MB at 6:00 pm.** This special evening is an opportunity to honour the outstanding individuals, businesses and communities within the region, whose dedication and contributions have led to the growth and success of our tourism industry.

The Tribute to Tourism Gala evening includes a served meal, networking opportunities and last but not least; the Awards Ceremony. This year, awards will be presented honouring achievements in the nine following categories: Event of the Year (over 10k), Event of the Year (under 10k), Brandon Event of the Year (over 10k), Marketing Excellence, Partnership, Volunteer of the Year, Employee of the Year, Indigenous Tourism and Small Business of the Year. We hope you will be able to come out and show support to all of our nominees across Westman in celebrating their accomplishments.

A registration form for the gala is enclosed for your convenience. Tickets are \$85 plus GST. Tickets must be purchased on or before **Monday, June 9th, 2025.**

For a full list of nominees, please click [HERE](#)

I hope that you will be able to join us as we pay tribute to tourism! Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Thank you,

Michelle Frechette (She/Her)

Regional Tourism Coordinator, Tourism Westman

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Tourism Westman would like to acknowledge that Southwest Manitoba encompasses Treaty 1 and Treaty 2 Territory and is located on the original territory of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dene and Dakota Nations, and the homeland of the Métis Nation. Acknowledging these original caretakers is a reminder of our unique heritage, our important relationship and our obligations to and shared responsibilities with Indigenous Peoples.

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