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Dear Rural Municipality Representative:

On behalf of the Association of Manitoba Land Surveyors, I am engaging with the public about a growing concern within our Association that the practice of land surveying is being conducted by personnel who are unqualified and are acting unlawfully. Their actions present a serious risk to the public and the land tenure system.

The practice of land surveying is defined in Section 2 of *The Land Surveyor's Act* (Manitoba), as cited below. Only a Manitoba Land Surveyor is licensed to engage in the practice of land surveying.

It is always prudent to consult with a Manitoba Land Surveyor to understand the consequential liabilities and limitations associated with the use of legal survey monuments and the presumption of boundary location. Our aim is to prevent any undue hardship to the public caused by unqualified land surveying practices.

A full listing of the surveying firms offering land surveying services to the Manitoba public may be found on our website at:

<https://aml.ca/hiring-a-surveyor/>

If your office has any questions or concerns or wishes to request more information, please contact the Association of Manitoba Land Surveyors at:

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Respectfully,

Derek Arthur, MLS
AMLS President



The Land Surveyors Act, C.C.S.M. c. L60

Section (2): *The practice of land surveying consists of the following:*

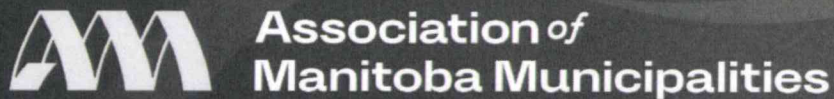
- (a) the determination, establishment, location, demarcation or definition of a boundary;*
- (b) the determination of the location of anything relative to a boundary for the purpose of certifying the location of the thing;*
- (c) the determination, establishment, location, demarcation or definition of a riparian boundary, for the purpose of certifying a boundary;*
- (d) establishing and maintaining a network of geodetic points and certifying spatial values in relation to them, for the purposes of work described in clauses (a) to (c);*
- (e) establishing photogrammetric mapping or remotely sensed data control for the purposes of work described in clauses (a) to (d);*
- (f) advising, reporting or taking any other action, including the preparation of maps, plans and documents, in respect of any matter described in clauses*

Member Advisory: Upcoming Webinar (September 17, 2025): Understanding Manitoba's Prompt Payment Legislation

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

Date Tue 2025-08-19 1:42 PM

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



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Time: 10:00 - 11:00 AM

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Sincerely,

Denys Volkov
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CORRECTION - AMM Bulletin - August 22, 2025

From Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) <amm-amm.mb.ca@shared1.ccsend.com>

Date Wed 2025-08-27 8:50 AM

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



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

Latest Updates

Manitoba's Cities Convene in Steinbach, Urge Federal Government to Strengthen Bail Reform



The gathering provided an opportunity for municipal officials to deliberate on shared priorities and advance collective advocacy in the lead-up to the AMM Fall Convention in November.

Click below for full news release.

<https://amm.mb.ca/amm-cities-caucus/>

2025 AMM Infrastructure Grant

Applications now open!



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We are excited to announce that applications are now open for the **2025 AMM Infrastructure Grant** from the **Western Financial Group Communities Foundation**. We're offering **up to five \$5,000 grants** to support infrastructure projects in communities across Manitoba.

How to Apply:

AMM Infrastructure Grants are **open to members of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM)**. Submit an online application for a current infrastructure project that:

1. Involves upgrading, enhancing, renovating, or constructing a **publicly owned asset**
2. Contributes to **climate resilience, sustainability, accessibility or community health and safety**
3. Only **one application per municipality**
4. **Application Deadline: Midnight, November 3, 2025**

The application takes approximately **15 minutes** to complete. Grant recipients will be notified by email in late-November.

Questions? Email communitiesfoundation@westernfg.ca.

Community Collaboration Grant Info Session

You're invited to join an informational Zoom session hosted by Age Friendly Manitoba to learn about the new Community Collaboration Grant, an exciting opportunity for 10 Age Friendly municipalities to receive **up to \$10,000** each!

This session will:

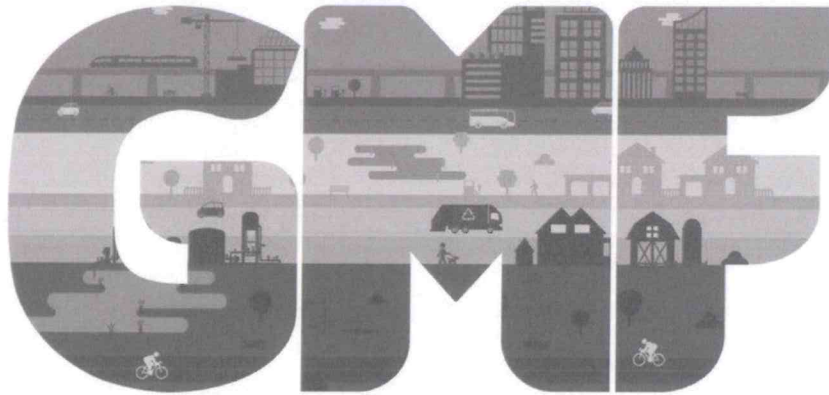
- Provide you with a brief overview about the Age Friendly Manitoba initiative
- Share the background and objectives of this grant
- Spark inspiring collaborative ideas with examples and ideas from across the province
- Offer step-by-step guidance on filling out your grant application
- And provide you with an opportunity to ask questions

For a copy of the grant application visit our website agefriendlymanitoba.com

Date & Time: Sept. 9th, 12 noon
Register below:

✦ <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/ps4du42ERRK2FaFp9d08EQ>

Prairies turn challenges into climate solutions with GMF funding

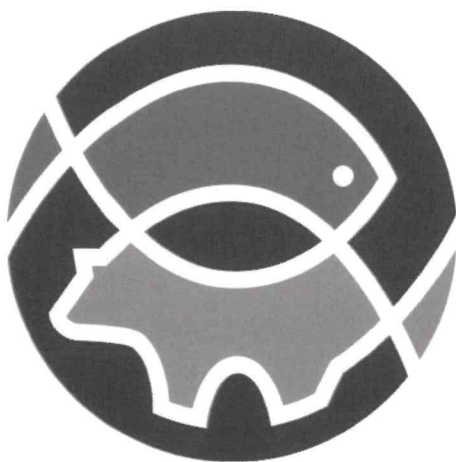


Prairie communities across Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba drive economic growth while advancing sustainable solutions. From flooding and drought to aging roads and rising costs, they are using smart climate solutions to strengthen resilience.

With support from the Green Municipal Fund (GMF), they are turning landfill gas into clean energy, upgrading aging infrastructure, creating local jobs, boosting their economies and everyday life.

For more details and to register or learn about the webinars, [CLICK HERE](#).

Fish & Wildlife Enhancement Fund



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ENHANCEMENT FUND

The call to submit a Letter of Interest (LOI) for the Fish and Wildlife Enhancement Fund (FWEF) under the **Spring 2026 intake is now open**. Non-profits, community groups, and research institutions with ideas for fish and wildlife enhancement initiatives in Manitoba may submit a LOI as the first step in applying for a grant from FWEF. Applicants with eligible projects at the LOI stage will be invited to submit a full application in the fall.

For more information on FWEF, including the proposal process and all eligibility requirements, visit the Manitoba Habitat Conservancy website: <https://mbhabitat.ca/fwef/> and download our **guidelines document** under the Resources section

The deadline for Letter of Interest submission is 4:00 PM CST, September 15, 2025.

To be eligible to apply for a Fish and Wildlife Enhancement Fund grant for Spring 2026 you must submit your organization's LOI through our online **Granting Portal** prior to September 15, 2025. Late entries, and entries submitted through mail, will not be accepted.

Please contact FWEF@mbhabitat.ca if you have any questions with regards to submitting a LOI or to find out more about the FWEF grant application process.

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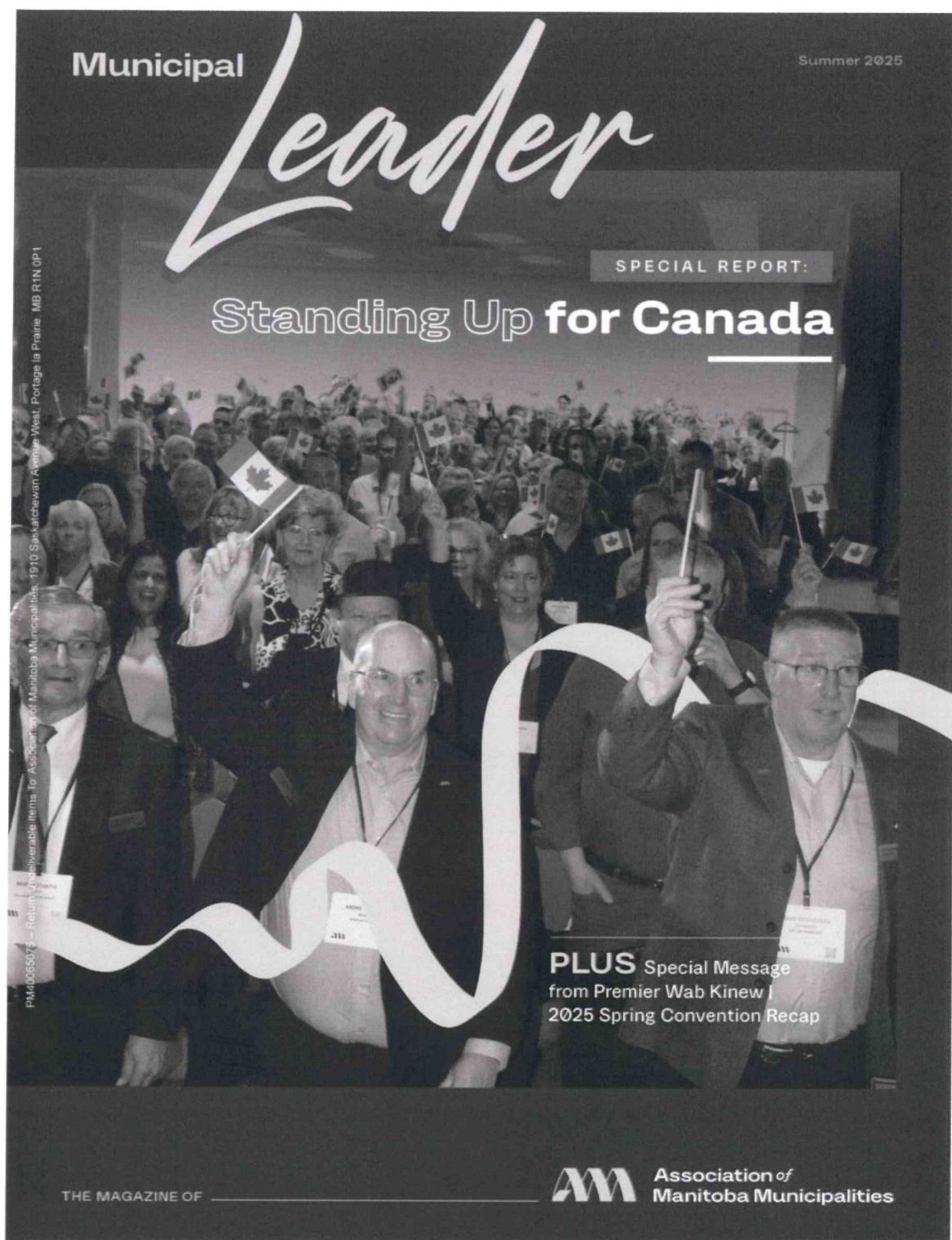
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Preparing for a GenAI World

Municipal Leader - Summer 2025



Dive into the latest issue of *Municipal Leader*, where this season's theme, "Standing Up for Canada," takes center stage. As tariff tensions continue to ripple across the country, this timely edition highlights how Manitoba and leaders are defending Canadian interests, supporting local economies, and standing strong for fair trade. From policy insights to on-the-ground stories, this issue is a powerful reminder of the importance of resilience, unity, and leadership in challenging times.

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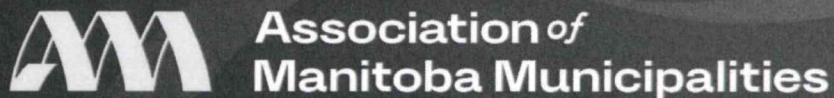
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Member Advisory - AMM Statement from President Kathy Valentino

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

Date Fri 2025-08-29 9:51 AM

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



Member Advisory

AMM Statement from President Kathy Valentino

August 29, 2025 – The Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) acknowledges the Manitoba Auditor General's August 2025 report on municipal governance and oversight and takes the matters raised seriously.

AMM remains committed to advancing transparency, strengthening best practices, and building municipal capacity across the province. As the Province considers its response and next steps, we urge close consultation and discussion with both AMM and the Manitoba Municipal Administrators (MMA).

As elected officials know their communities best, they should be empowered to protect them while preserving local autonomy as well as supported with provincial resources to boost local capacity. Moving forward, collaborative approaches will be essential to address the concerns raised in the report and to strengthen transparent, accountable local governance.

For more information, please visit:

- [News Release: Auditor General releases report on municipal allegations and gaps in provincial oversight](#)
- [Auditor General Report](#)

Sincerely,

Kathy Valentino
President

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Member Advisory: Bulletin #2025-22 Manitoba Gro Fund Live

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



Member Advisory

Bulletin #2025-22 Manitoba Gro Fund Live

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

August 28, 2025 - The Government of Manitoba has launched the 2025/26 Manitoba Growth, Renewal and Opportunities for Municipalities Program (Manitoba GRO). The program is designed to help Manitoba municipalities advance critical infrastructure projects that will support growing and sustainable communities. Up to \$42 million in total program funding is being made available through Manitoba's annual Rural Strategic Infrastructure Basket, delivered under the Strategic Municipal Investment Fund.

The application-based Manitoba GRO is available to all Manitoba municipalities located outside Winnipeg. The program will support infrastructure projects under the key investment themes of Renewal, Innovation, and Climate Resiliency, and the following strategic investment categories:

- Public Safety
- Disaster Prevention, Mitigation and Climate Resiliency
- Fire Stations and Related Capital Purchases
- Roads, Bridges and Active Transportation
- Community Infrastructure

- Multi-Modal Transportation
- Solid Waste Management and Organic Waste Diversion

Projects that serve a region (i.e. more than one municipality and multiple communities) and/or involve partner municipalities to achieve regional benefits are strongly encouraged.

Manitoba GRO will fund municipalities up to 50% of total eligible project costs, up to a maximum provincial contribution of \$5 million. Municipalities are responsible for covering the remaining project costs through direct municipal commitments and other sources secured by the municipality.

HOW TO APPLY

Municipalities can access the Manitoba GRO program guide and application e-form through [Manitoba Municipalities Online](#).

Supporting documents can be uploaded through MMO under the heading "Submit/View Municipal Report," and selecting 2025 Manitoba GRO Grant Supporting Documents. The Manitoba GRO supporting documents must include a scanned copy of a resolution from Council approving the project and request for provincial support under Manitoba GRO, including identifying the source of the municipality's 50% cost-share of the project.

The deadline for submitting a complete Manitoba GRO application form through MMO is **October 6, 2025**. Applications received after this date will not be considered for funding.

Assistance:

Should you require additional information on Manitoba GRO please contact Municipal Funding Policy and Programs at MFPP@gov.mb.ca. Program information can be found at <https://www.gov.mb.ca/mr/mfpp/mgro>.

Department of Municipal and Northern Relations
600 – 800 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg MB R3G 0N4

For more information, please visit:

- [Bulletin #2025-22 – English Version](#)
- [Bulletin #2025-22 – French Version](#)

"The Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) welcomes the provincial decision to open the Manitoba GRO program earlier than last year, a clear response to our advocacy and the feedback municipalities have provided on the importance of accelerating program timelines," said Kathy Valentino, president, AMM. "Earlier openings not only help municipalities plan budgets with greater certainty but also allows for shovels to be in the ground sooner and maximize Manitoba's short construction season."

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Sincerely,

Denys Volkov
Executive Director



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REMINDER- Member Advisory: Understanding Manitoba's Prompt Payment Legislation

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

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



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REMINDER

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News Release - Invest in Water to Unlock Housing, Growth: Manitobans push Ottawa to Invest in Critical Municipal Infrastructure

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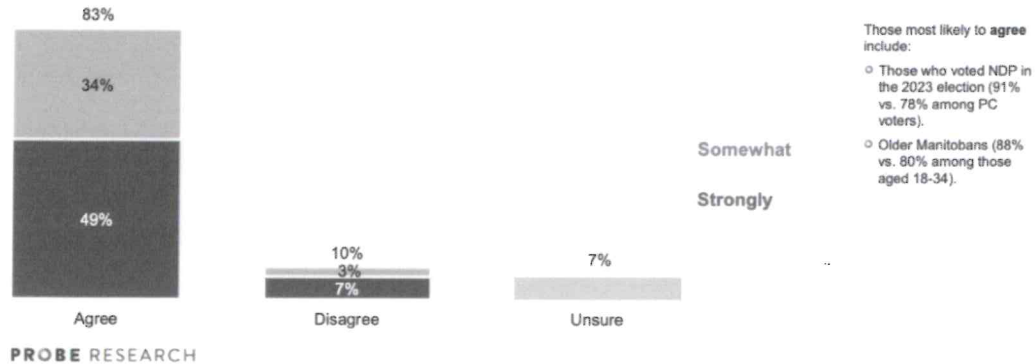
**Invest in Water to Unlock Housing, Growth:
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Municipal Infrastructure**

Support for Federal Funding to Municipalities

Citizens overwhelmingly agree the federal government should provide funding for infrastructure

1. The federal government is encouraging municipal governments to ensure more housing is built in local communities across Canada. Municipalities indicate that to do this, they need more federal funding to help pay for necessary water and wastewater treatment infrastructure – things like water treatment plants, sewer pipes, sewage lagoons, etc.

Do you agree or disagree that the federal government needs to provide municipalities with more money to upgrade or build water and wastewater treatment infrastructure? (Base: All respondents, N=1,000)

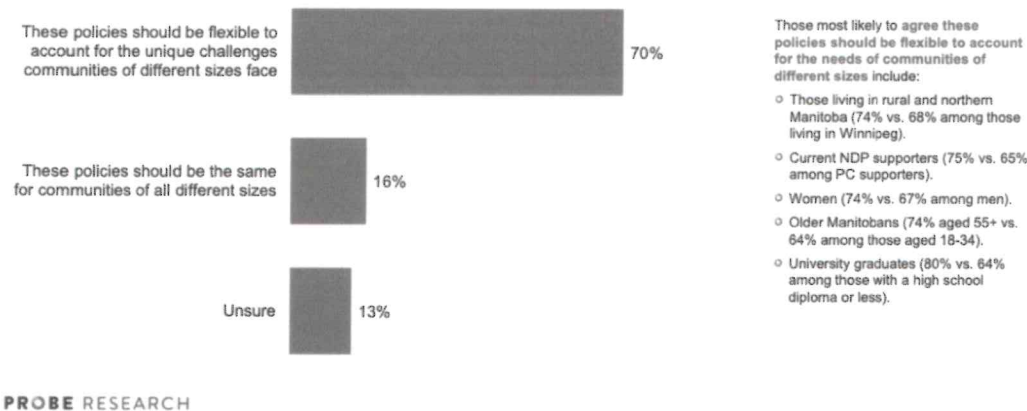


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Views on Federal Housing and Infrastructure Policies

Seven in 10 believe housing/infrastructure policies should be flexible for different-sized communities

2. When it comes to federal housing and infrastructure policies for municipalities, which of the following comes closest to your position? (Base: All respondents, N=1,000)



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September 8, 2025 – A new survey conducted by Probe Research on behalf of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) and Association of Manitoba Bilingual Municipalities (AMBM) reveals that Manitobans overwhelmingly believe the federal government must step up and provide more funding to municipalities to build and upgrade critical water and wastewater infrastructure necessary to support housing.

83% of Manitobans strongly agree or somewhat agree that Ottawa needs to help municipalities fund essential water and wastewater projects, such as treatment plants, sewer pipes, and sewage lagoons.

*“Manitoba municipalities are on the front lines of the housing crisis, but we cannot meet housing needs without the core infrastructure that makes new homes possible,” said **AMM President Kathy Valentino**. “This survey confirms what municipal leaders have been saying for years: the federal*

government must partner with municipalities to deliver the water and wastewater systems needed to unlock housing opportunities.”

Meanwhile, the federal government has signalled interest in investing in Canada’s industrial base, natural resources, and dual-use infrastructure, priorities which depend on strong water and wastewater systems. By funding these critical municipal projects, Ottawa can spur economic growth, support housing development, and advance its own stated national objectives.

The survey also found that **seven in ten Manitobans (70%)** believe federal housing and infrastructure policies should be flexible enough to account for the unique needs of different-sized communities, instead of a one-size-fits-all approach.

*“Small, rural, and bilingual municipalities face different infrastructure challenges than larger urban centres,” noted **AMBM President Yvan Normandeau**. “Federal programs must recognize these differences so that every community – no matter its size – has the tools to build the housing Manitobans urgently need.”*

A survey of 1,000 Manitobans, conducted by Probe Research between July 24 and August 11, 2025, delivers a clear message: Manitobans want the federal government to treat municipalities as genuine partners in tackling the housing crisis, with investments in vital water and wastewater infrastructure.

To view the poll results, [**CLICK HERE**](#).

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News Release - Nearly 9 in 10 Manitobans Demand Urgent Federal Action on Bail Reform and Policing

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

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



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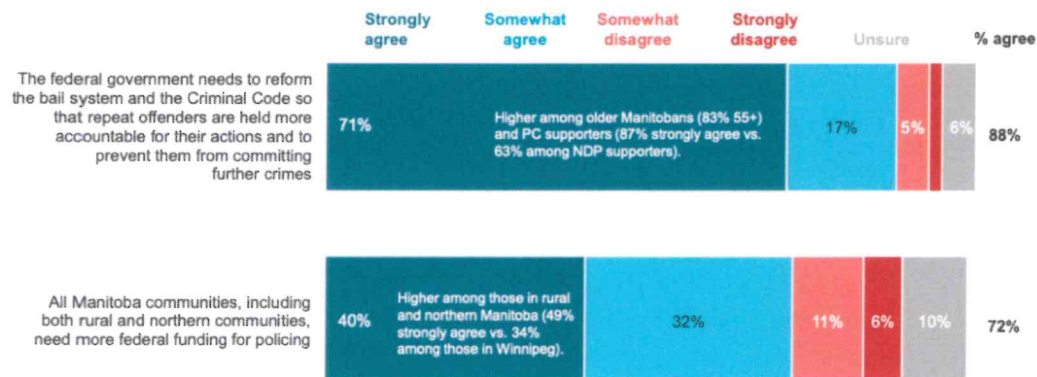
Nearly 9 in 10 Manitobans demand urgent federal action on bail reform and policing

Survey: Vast majority want Ottawa to hold repeat offenders accountable and boost policing resources

Views on Public Safety in Manitoba Communities

More than seven in 10 strongly agree the bail system and Criminal Code must be changed

AMM3. When it comes to public safety in Manitoba communities, to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?
(Base: All respondents, N=1,000)



PROBE RESEARCH

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September 11, 2025 – Manitobans are sending Ottawa a powerful message: take urgent action to keep communities safe. A new Probe Research survey jointly commissioned by the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) and Association of Manitoba Bilingual Municipalities (AMBM) shows that **nearly nine in ten Manitobans** want immediate bail reform and changes to the Criminal Code to hold repeat offenders accountable.

The survey reveals that **88%** of Manitobans strongly agree or somewhat agree the federal government must reform the bail system to hold repeat offenders accountable and prevent further crimes. Support is high across the province — from Winnipeg to rural and northern Manitoba.

The research also found that **72%** of Manitobans want more federal funding for policing, with rural and northern communities especially likely to demand stronger federal support for local law enforcement.

*“Municipal leaders across Manitoba continue to hear from residents that public safety is one of their top concerns,” said **AMM President Kathy Valentino**. “This survey sends a clear message to Ottawa: Manitobans want meaningful reforms to the bail system, and they want increased federal support for policing so communities can feel safe and secure.”*

Echoing this call, **AMBM President Ivan Normandeau** stressed the unique challenges faced by smaller and bilingual municipalities: *“Manitobans want Ottawa to step up with decisive action — bail reform and investments in local policing — because safety is the foundation for growth. Businesses won’t invest, families won’t put down roots, and communities can’t thrive unless residents feel secure. Economic development depends on safe streets.”*

The survey, conducted by Probe Research from July 24 to August 11, 2025, surveyed a representative sample of 1,000 Manitobans. The results show a clear, urgent demand for federal leaders to work with municipalities to deliver the reforms and resources people expect.

To view the poll results, [CLICK HERE](#).

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Cleanfarms Unwanted Pesticides & Old Livestock/Equine Medications P&E Kits are Available

From Cleanfarms <info@cleanfarms.ca>

Date Tue 2025-08-26 10:06 AM

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

This fall's Unwanted Pesticides and Old Livestock/Equine Medications (UPLM) collection schedule is now available on the [Cleanfarms website](#).

Help build awareness for this important program! Cleanfarms members are an important resource for farmers and your assistance promoting this program helps ensure farmer awareness.

UPLM promotion & education kits are now available to share with your network.

View the 2025 digital [promotion and education tools](#). Click on your province to download materials.

If you are one of our hosting collection sites, printed promotion & education kits for the UPLM season have been shipped to you. These kits include:

- 1 8.5x11" poster
- 2 11x17" posters
- 20 postcards
- 20 statement stuffers
- 1 overview of the additional materials available online

Additional promotion & education materials are available to download online. Click on your province on the webpage linked below:

[Download P&E Materials](#)

New this year! Want a vertical video to promote collection events in your region? Cleanfarms has created 15-second promotional clips for this special program to share on your social media platforms. Contact our Communications Assistant, Helen Vuong, at vuongh@cleanfarms.ca to receive the file.

Thank you for spreading the word about UPLM collections in your region. Your efforts are invaluable in helping to keep Canadian farms and communities green and supporting farmers.

Got questions? Reach out to the UPLM Program Coordinator, Heather Bradley, at bradleyh@cleanfarms.ca.

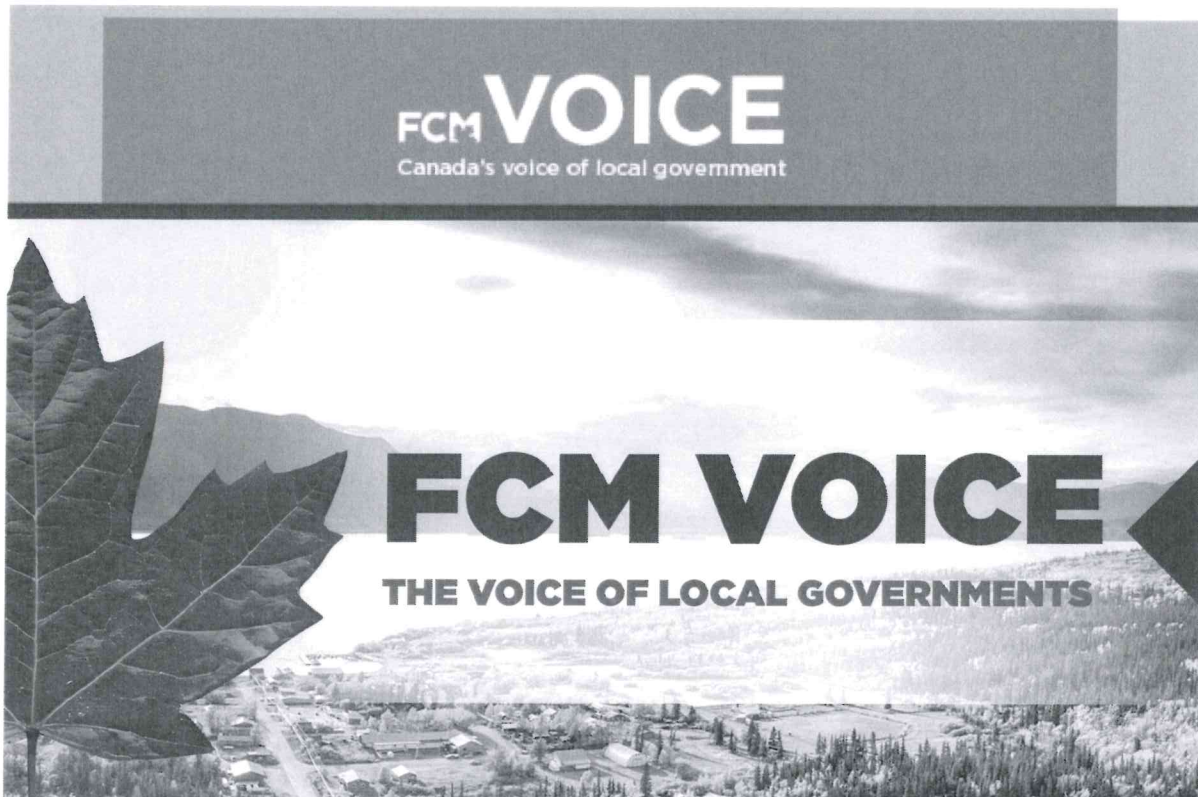
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August 25, 2025



Collective webinar: Explore safe and sustainable railway operations

FCM's Collective webinar series is back this fall! In partnership with CN, the first webinar on September 16 will help community leaders to better understand the strategies, technologies and methods employed to ensure safe and sustainable railway operations in a constantly evolving industry.

The Prairies have endured an exceptionally difficult wildfire season this year. Rural communities particularly have struggled due to lack of access to necessary resources. Learn more about CN's Fire and Suppression fleet, a custom-designed in-house fleet of five trains that can deploy firefighting resources to remote and inaccessible areas.

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NEWS

FCM participates in the federal government's Red Tape Review

FCM welcomes the opportunity to share municipal perspectives in the federal government's Red Tape Review process. As recipients of federal grants, municipalities face duplicative applications and repetitive reporting that can hinder productivity and growth.

To address these challenges, FCM recommends a single-window approach for application-based funding across all federal departments and a shift toward allocation-based funding models. The Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF) offers a proven example: it delivers direct, predictable and flexible funding for a wide range of capital projects without unnecessary bureaucratic obstacles.

FCM encourages the federal government to build on the CCBF's success to create efficient, streamlined funding systems that support growth and reduce red tape.

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FCM welcomes ruling supporting municipal fairness in PILT framework

FCM welcomes the Federal Court of Appeal's recent decision in the City of Cold Lake's Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) case as an affirmation of the role municipalities play in shaping fair federal fiscal frameworks.

The City of Cold Lake contested the federal government's valuation of land at the 4 Wing Cold Lake military base in Alberta, arguing that the method used did not accurately reflect the property's true worth. FCM intervened in the appeal to support Cold Lake's position and uphold the integrity of the PILT system across the country. The court ultimately found the federal valuation approach to be unreasonable and directed the Minister of Public Services and Procurement to reassess the valuation, considering Cold Lake's concerns and a proper interpretation of the PILT Act.

FCM's involvement was made possible through its Legal Defense Fund, which empowers the organization to participate in precedent-setting federal appeals with national significance for local governments. FCM remains committed to standing with municipalities, using tools like the Legal Defense Fund to ensure their voices are heard and their priorities help shape Canada's future.

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Supporting inclusive local leadership through negotiation training in Benin

As part of the Partnership for Municipal Innovation–Women in Local Leadership project funded by Global Affairs Canada, a recent workshop brought together women locally elected officials from Benin's RéFELA network to strengthen their negotiation skills and leadership presence. Hosted by the National Association of Municipalities of Benin, the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association shared their experience and expertise during this session to advance women's participation in local governance. The initiative demonstrates how global partnerships and peer learning can contribute to more inclusive and equitable municipal leadership.

FCM IN THE NEWS

» Housing crisis may get worse, new forecasts show | National Post

New estimates from the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation reveal that Canada's housing crisis may worsen before it begins to improve. It shows that the number of housing starts in Canada this year will be about 237,800, down from 245,367 in 2024.

» Canada affordable housing: Carney wants new projects | CTV News

Set to be implemented in the fall, Prime Minister Mark Carney's promised new entity to tackle the housing crisis, Build Canada Homes, will prioritize the building of affordable housing and the use of Canadian materials. A preliminary document says the federal government will look at projects that expand the supply of housing run by organizations like co-ops, non-profits and Indigenous housing providers.

» Natural resources minister Hodgson confident of market for Canadian LNG | CTV News

Energy and Natural Resources Minister Tim Hodgson is optimistic that there is a market for Canadian liquified natural gas, and that it will be part of the solution to turn Canada into "the world's leading energy superpower." Hodgson said Canadians can "expect to see nation-building projects announced in the early fall."

» Yorkton seeks grant for tree planting | SaskToday.ca

The city of Yorkton, SK, is hoping to get an FCM grant to plant more trees across its municipality, which council unanimously supports. The current budget for the tree planting project is estimated at \$100,000. If successful, the GMF Growing Canada's Community Canopies grant would cover a maximum of 50 percent of the project costs.

» Calgary mayor calls for federal help in fast-tracking Prairie Economic Gateway project | CBC News

Calgary Mayor Jyoti Gondek is urging the federal government to include Alberta's proposed first rail-served inland port, Prairie Economic Gateway, on its national projects list. The City of Calgary states that the project could generate \$7 billion in economic activity and create over 30,000 jobs.

» Penhold plants in excess of 100 trees for a greener future | Red Deer Advocate

The Town of Penhold, Alberta, will plant 114 new trees and 142 shrubs in four key sites thanks to a \$175,000 fund from FCM.

RESOURCES

Housing and Homelessness: Critical Issues for Rural Communities

The full economic potential of rural Canada cannot be achieved without adequate and accessible housing. That is why it is essential to provide diverse housing options including rental units, workforce accommodations, and senior-friendly housing.

Rural homelessness has long gone unrecognized. Less visible than in urban centres, it often compels those at risk, or already experiencing homelessness, to move to cities in search of support, resulting in additional pressure on municipal services.

Our report, *The future of rural Canada*, calls for boosting municipal housing efforts more quickly and to advancing housing for Indigenous communities. In addition, it recommends the implementation of a comprehensive plan to end chronic homelessness and the development of a national data strategy to end rural homelessness.

» [READ THE REPORT](#)

Online consultations on the Express Entry system

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) is conducting an online survey on economic priorities for category-based selection in Express Entry, the online system used to manage immigration applications from skilled workers. Municipalities play a key role in newcomer settlement and integration. Members are encouraged to reflect on local needs and priorities to share with the IRCC. The survey closes on September 3.

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Find funding for affordable housing in your community

Streamlining the search for affordable housing in your community

Since its launch five years ago, GMF's Sustainable Affordable Housing (SAH) initiative has allocated nearly \$300 million in grants to support the addition of more than 4,100 energy-efficient affordable housing units across the country.

SAH offers helpful resources, including a list that compiles a wide variety of funding sources to support your next affordable housing project. This list is designed to streamline the search for financial sources at local, provincial and national levels, with support for all stages of the planning process.

» [EXPLORE FUNDING OPTIONS](#)

How to communicate biodiversity benefits of trees

Trees are critical for restoring your community's biodiversity and enhancing ecosystem health. If you want to communicate these benefits in your tree planting project and want to make a strong business case, read our *Communicating tree planting biodiversity benefits* tip sheet. This resource highlights practical examples and strategies that will help you design a tree planting projects that support ecosystem connectivity and habitat restoration.

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Aug 19: Canada is at a critical point in time. Local leaders in Ontario and across the country are leading the way on some of today's most pressing challenges—and FCM is right there with them, advocating to the federal government for solutions to tariffs, housing, public safety and broader economic challenges.

This is what FCM President @rebeccaleebly spoke about in Ottawa this morning, where municipal elected officials from across Ontario are gathered for #AMO2025.

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@AMOPolicy

Aug 20: NEW | FCM has submitted its recommendations for the upcoming federal budget, outlining practical steps to empower communities and strengthen the economy.

From housing and infrastructure to climate resilience and public safety, municipalities are delivering results and stand ready to scale up impact with the federal government to tackle Canada's most pressing challenges.

More:
<https://t.co/swFWIxC8XB>

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Aug 21: The number of Canadians experiencing unsheltered homelessness, including people living in encampments, has quadrupled since 2018, according to Point-in-Time numbers just released by @HICC_ca. The total number of people experiencing homelessness on any given night in Canada has increased by 79% since the last count in 2020-22.

This alarming trend reinforces the need for the Reaching Home budget to increase to \$3.5 billion per year, as recommended by the Parliamentary Budget Officer, to meet the moment. It is also critical that the new Build Canada Homes program immediately makes deeply affordable and non-profit housing a priority.

Find out more:
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Build Canada Homes must be grounded in local leadership

Parliament is set to resume on September 15, and housing is top of mind in Ottawa. Municipalities are leading the way on housing solutions across the country. If done right, the federal government's new Build Canada Homes initiative can match the ambition of local leadership and move the dial in building 500,000 new homes per year.

Last week, FCM submitted a set of recommendations to help Build Canada Homes succeed, focused on infrastructure funding alignment, affordable housing projects already in the pipeline, speed and predictability, capacity building and more.

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NEWS

Prairies are turning local challenges into climate solutions

Prairie communities across Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba drive economic growth while advancing sustainable solutions. From flooding and drought to aging roads and rising costs, they are using smart climate solutions to strengthen resilience.

With support from the Green Municipal Fund (GMF), they are transforming challenges into opportunities: turning landfill gas into clean energy, upgrading aging infrastructure, creating local jobs, cutting costs and boosting their economies and everyday life.

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FCM IN THE NEWS

» More than 3 million homes needed to close gap: PBO | CTV News

Canada needs to build 3.2 million new homes in the next decade to close the housing gap, but isn't on track to do that, the Parliamentary Budget Officer (PBO) said in a new analysis. The latest PBO report estimates that the number of new home builds will be higher over the next three years but will gradually return to historical averages thereafter.

» Ottawa investing in municipalities to strengthen climate resilience | CBC Listen

FCM's President, Rebecca Bligh, talked to CBC Radio about the announcement of \$5.2 million in investments through the Green Municipal Fund to help 70 communities across the country become more climate resilient.

» Ottawa to back port expansions as part of infrastructure push | Globe and Mail

Prime Minister Mark Carney is signaling that the federal government is moving ahead with campaign commitments to invest in major infrastructure projects. As part of efforts to strengthen domestic shipping hubs and diversify trade partnerships, Carney announced that new investments will be made to support port infrastructure, including developments at Churchill, Manitoba, the Port of Montreal in Contrecoeur, Quebec, and locations along the East Coast.

» New financial advantages for political parties force Alberta municipal candidates to weigh options | CBC News

For the first time, candidates in Calgary and Edmonton will have to decide whether to join a political party. The choice goes beyond ideology — it affects campaign financing. New rules in Alberta give financial advantages to party-affiliated candidates. Still, many mayoral hopefuls are opting to run independently, even if it means less funding.

» Prince Albert approves site for Saskatchewan's third 'complex needs emergency shelter' | CBC News

The Saskatchewan government plans to turn another shuttered liquor store into a secure shelter, giving police an alternative to jail cells for intoxicated individuals. Prince Albert is set to host the province's third "complex needs emergency shelter," following the city council's approval to rezone the selected property.

» Corman Park supporting tree-planting project for Chief Whitecap Park south of Saskatoon | Clark's Crossing Gazette

The municipality of Corman Park, Saskatchewan, has given its support for a grant from FCM that will enable the planting of approximately 4,000 native trees and shrubs at a park located south of Saskatoon.

RESOURCES

Community safety: a priority for rural Canada

Community safety is a central issue for rural Canada, where funding for vital first response services such as police, paramedics, and firefighters remains a constant concern. Residents of these regions are also voicing growing worries about crime and public safety.

Our report *The future of rural Canada* underscores that the federal government must guarantee support and investment in RCMP contract policing in rural areas, that Canada's bail system must be strengthened, and that all levels of government must work together to expand investments in community-based mental health and substance use care. These measures are essential to reinforce the safety and resilience of rural communities.

» READ THE REPORT

Apply for funding to plant new trees

Trees have transformative powers that make your community healthier, more resilient and more liveable. Tap into these benefits by applying for Tree planting funding by September 18. You can access up to \$10M for a tree planting project and leverage our resources to maximize the impact of your community canopies.

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Aug 26: Trade-enabling infrastructure, like the Port of Churchill, is critical to economic success in rural and northern communities.

<https://t.co/HYKSWkb4f9>

FCM is keen to see more federal investment in ports, roads, bridges and more to deliver products to market, strengthen our communities and grow a more resilient national economy.

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Aug 27: With more than 3 million new homes needed in the next decade to close the housing gap, it's more important than ever that all orders of government work together to ensure more homes—and the infrastructure to support them—get built quickly.

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The federal government's new Build Canada Homes is a positive step, and if done right, will be essential in tackling this challenge.

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Aug 28: The #GoC is responding to Canada's housing challenges with the creation of Build Canada Homes, which will be responsible for building 500,000 new homes per year.

Here's what FCM is calling for from this new entity.

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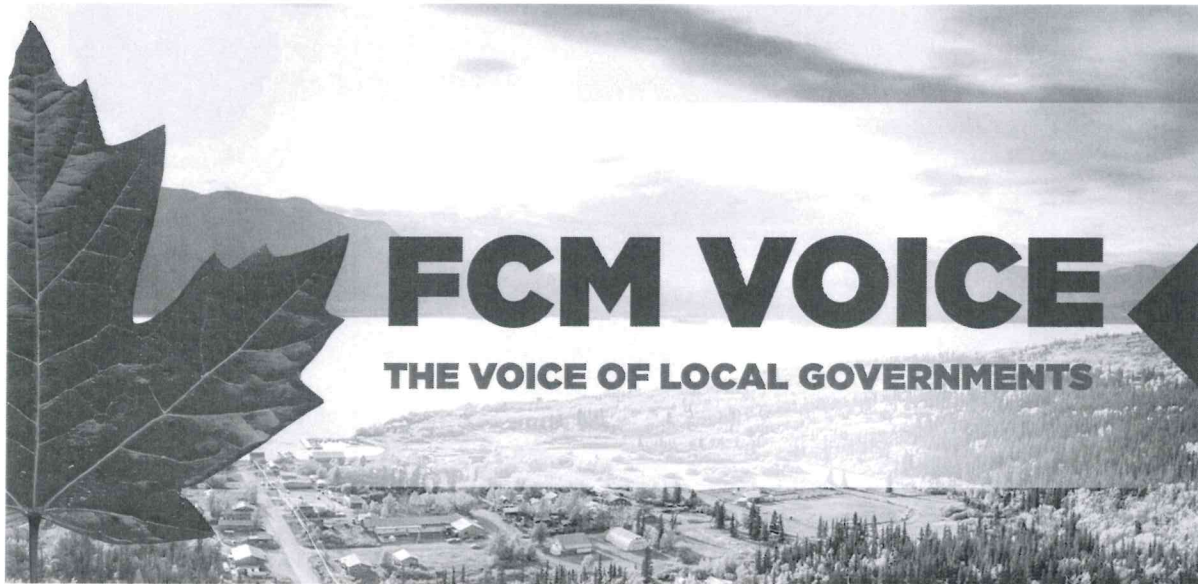
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New federal measures to support strategic industries

On Friday, Prime Minister Mark Carney unveiled new measures to protect and strengthen Canada's strategic industries. This announcement responds to U.S. tariffs and the trade challenges we face and will support impacted sectors like agriculture, especially Canola farmers and farming communities.

A new federal Buy Canadian policy was announced in this suite of measures. FCM supports this as an effective strategic response to the moment, and we will work with the federal government to ensure successful implementation for municipalities of all sizes.

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NEWS

PREVIEW: AC2025 Digital Magazine

FCM members can now get an exclusive look at the 2025 Annual Conference digital magazine! This magazine, developed in partnership with Municipal World as the publisher, highlights the key moments from the Annual Conference and Trade Show, held from May 29th to June 1st in Ottawa, under the theme *Stronger Together: Local Strength, National Prosperity*. Step back into the moment and revisit the discussions that shaped this year's conference and the key insights that emerged from it.

This bilingual magazine captures the essence of Canada's largest pan-Canadian gathering of elected officials. It showcases the innovative ideas and solutions that were shared, while also highlighting the initiatives of Canadian municipalities to improve the quality of life for their residents.

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FCM's GMF Council is recruiting an elected official from BC

FCM is seeking an elected municipal official from BC to join the Green Municipal Fund (GMF) Council. We're looking for a recognized environmental leader with knowledge of municipal sustainability and environmental priorities across GMF sectors.

As a Council member, you'll help guide strategic investments in innovative municipal initiatives that strengthen communities and build a more sustainable, prosperous Canada. We value equity, diversity, inclusion and belonging, and encourage applications from individuals of all backgrounds, identities and abilities. Applications are open until September 29.

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FCM IN THE NEWS

» **Regina to review encampment strategy, potential locations for designated sites | CBC News**

The City of Regina, Saskatchewan, will review its homeless encampment response strategy. The council has directed the city's staff to review the current plan by analyzing the best practices of other Canadian municipalities. A point-in-time count conducted in October 2024 revealed that 824 people in Regina were experiencing homelessness.

» **Prominent rural Saskatchewan leader dies | The Western Producer**

One of the founding members of FCM's Rural Forum, Sinclair Harrison, has passed away. He was also the former president of the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities and a member of the Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame.

» **Trans Mountain board chair to lead new federal Major Projects Office based in Calgary | CBC News**

Dawn Farrell, former chair of the Trans Mountain Corporation's board of directors, has been named the CEO of the federal government's new Major Projects Office. The office, which will be headquartered in Calgary, will help streamline approvals for major nationwide projects.

» **Toronto condo market in "free fall," says minister Robertson | Toronto Star**

Canada's Housing and Infrastructure Minister, Gregor Robertson, says that there are too many condos being built in the cities of Toronto and Vancouver. Robertson says the federal government instead needs to focus on non-market housing, which includes subsidized housing and co-ops, also stating that repealing the foreign buyer ban is not on his "immediate radar."

» **Most of Canada's counter-tariffs on the U.S. have now ended - National | Globalnews.ca**

Canada's retaliatory tariffs against the U.S. on goods that comply with the Canada-U.S.-Mexico trade agreement came down on September 1. However, Canada's counter-tariffs on U.S. auto, steel and aluminum remain in place.

RESOURCES

Building climate resilience in rural Canada

Floods, rising temperatures and increasingly extreme and frequent weather events have a direct impact on the well-being of rural communities in Canada, who face growing challenges in both mitigating and adapting to the impacts of climate change.

Our report, *The future of rural Canada*, highlights the need for federal support to strengthen local climate adaptation and mitigation efforts. This includes investing in climate-resilient infrastructure, expanding nature-based climate solutions, improving regionally specific climate data and forecasting and fully implementing a revised Disaster Financial Assistance Arrangements program. The federal government must also invest in capacity building and staffing resources to help rural communities advance local climate action and protect communities against the challenges of climate change.

» [READ THE REPORT](#)

Understanding energy efficiency

Improving energy efficiency benefits both municipal housing providers and their residents. Projects funded by GMF's Sustainable Affordable Housing initiative have reduced operational costs by 46% and lowered utility bills by up to \$200 a month, all while extending the lifespan of housing by decades.

Our *Housing Providers' Toolkit* offers a comprehensive look at measures your municipality can take to boost energy efficiency. Whether you're a novice to energy efficiency or seeking more advanced energy-saving measures, this guide provides practical, actionable steps that save money, improve the wellbeing of residents and strengthen the resilience of your buildings.

» [EXPLORE THE TOOLKIT](#)

Power your community with affordable, reliable energy

Community energy systems—like district heating or renewable grids powered by solar, wind or geothermal—help municipalities save money, create jobs and deliver stable, predictable energy costs for residents. Power up with GMF funding: claim up to \$100K for a business case, up to \$200K to design a system or up to \$10M to build a system.

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Sept 4: FCM's Big City Mayors' Caucus is meeting today to discuss FCM's fall advocacy priorities ahead of Parliament resuming and the federal budget unveiling this fall. On the agenda: ensuring effective actions on housing and homelessness, focus on infrastructure needed to build housing and spur economic growth, and keeping our cities and communities safe.

Sept 5: "The key to doubling housing construction is fixing what we feel is an outdated model for how we fund housing and the growth of the country." - Matt Gemmel, FCM's Executive Director of Policy and Public Affairs

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Ahead of #Budget2025, FCM is calling on the federal government to support the work municipalities are already doing to deliver for Canadians, especially in building more housing and the infrastructure needed to support it. #CDNMuni #cdnpoli

Sept 5: FCM welcomes continued federal leadership to strengthen the Canadian economy. Today's announcement responds to the challenging moment we are in and will support impacted sectors and communities, including steel, aluminum, forestry and agriculture. FCM is pleased to see new supports for our Canola farmers.

A new federal Buy Canadian policy is an effective strategic response that FCM supports. We look forward to reviewing the procurement roadmap requirements and to working with the federal government on the successful implementation of these policies. #CDNMuni #cdnpoli



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Fw: WR0101-25 Project Notification - PTH 2 (Souris River)

From Tara Wilkinson <adminassist1@oakland-wawanesa.ca>

Date Fri 2025-09-05 2:35 PM

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

 2 attachments (4 MB)

WR0101-25 - Project Notification - PTH 2.pdf; Preliminary DDD_PTH 2_Souris River.pdf;

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Subject: RE: WR0101-25 Project Notification - PTH 2 (Souris River)

Good afternoon Joni,

Just doing a quick follow-up for the attached project notification.
If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

Caitlin Hayden
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Subject: WR0101-25 Project Notification - PTH 2 (Souris River)

Good afternoon Joni,

Please see the attached WR0101-25 project notification and drawings for proposed stream stabilization on PTH 2 at the Souris River, within the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa.

Thank you,

Caitlin Hayden

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Dear Joni Swidnicki:

**RE: WR0101-25, PROPOSED STREAM STABILIZATION CONSTRUCTION
PTH 2 AT SOURIS RIVER: 3.3KM WEST OF PR 340, IN THE S ½ 21-07-17WPM AND
THE NE 16-07-17WPM WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF OAKLAND-WAWANESA**

The Souris River, located at PTH 2, 3.3km west of the junction of PR 340, in the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa has been identified for stream stabilization. Please see attached plans (three pages sent electronically).

Additional right-of-way is required for this project and land acquisition negotiations are currently ongoing. The anticipated construction is proposed to start in the fall of 2025.

In accordance with the agreement for utilities placed in the highway right-of-way under Section C. Liability, Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure (MTI) is hereby giving notice of our pending works commencing on the date indicated above.

Please review the information provided to determine potential conflicts with your facilities. Where relocation work is required, please submit your proposed alignment to MTI for review and approval. Drawings may be directed to the following email address: MI.Utilities.Western@gov.mb.ca. Upon MTI's approval, relocation work shall be initiated prior to the commencement of MTI's work. All costs associated with the relocation are the responsibility of the utility.

If no impacts are determined, please respond to email address above indicating such, so we may update our records accordingly.

If you have any questions, require additional information or to coordinate with MTI's construction schedule, please contact Mohamad Ayache, P. Eng., Junior Structures Engineer at 431-323-4660 or Mohamad.Ayache@gov.mb.ca.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours truly,



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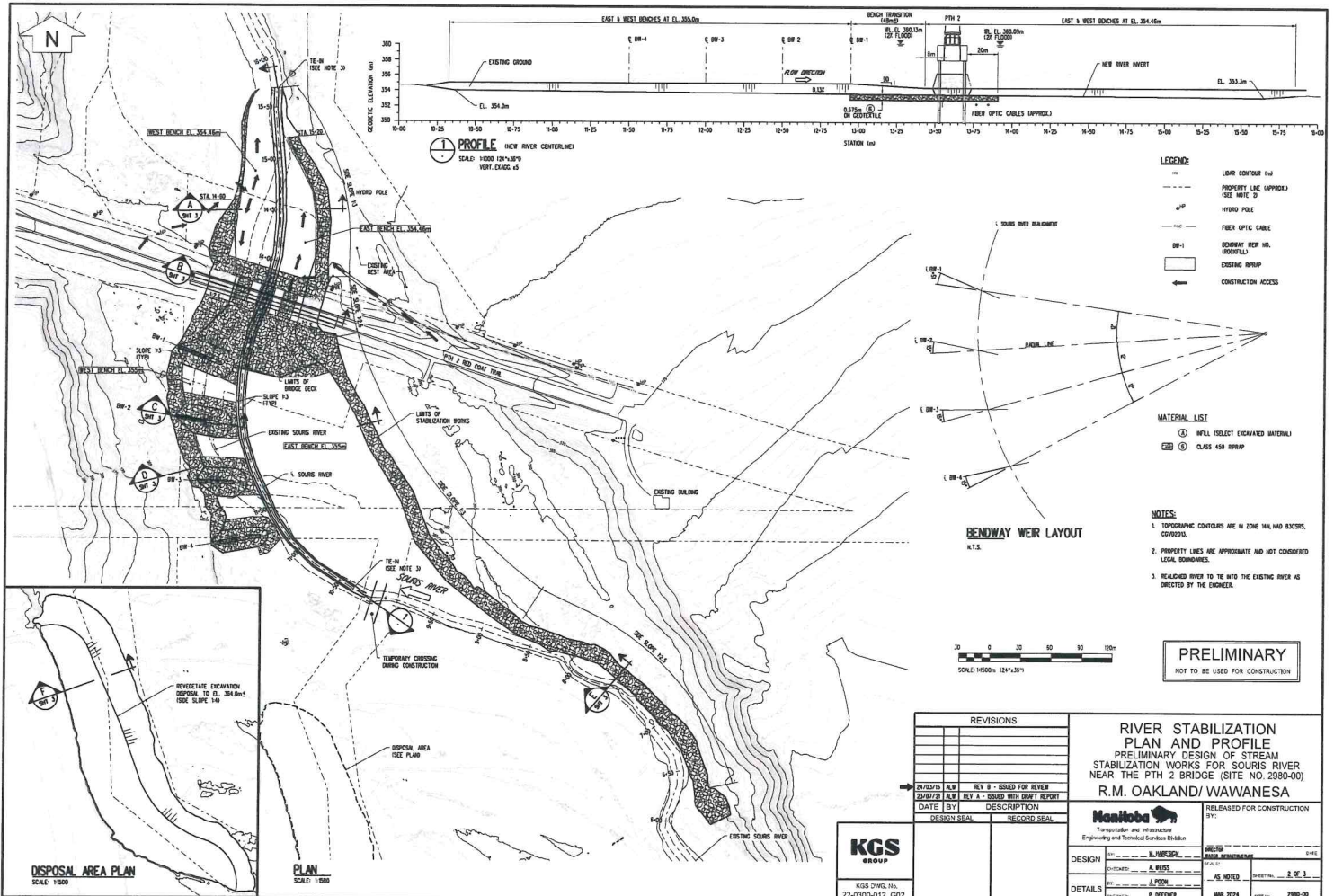
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September 8, 2025

Joni Swidnicki, C.A.O.
Municipality of North Norfolk
106 Fourth Street
P.O. Box 278
Wawanesa, MB R0K 2G0

Dear Joni Swidnicki:

**RE: WR0322-25, PROVINCIAL ROAD (PR) 453 PROPOSED BRIDGE REPLACEMENT
LOCATED AT SPRING CREEK - 5.7KM E OF PTH 10, WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OAKLAND-
WAWANESA**

PR 453 has been identified for culvert replacements, 5.7km E of PTH 10, within the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa. Please see attached plans (two pages sent electronically).

Additional right-of-way is required for this project and land acquisition negotiations are currently ongoing with an anticipated possession date of April 2026. Bridge replacement is anticipated to commence in May 2026.

In accordance with the agreement for utilities placed in the highway right-of-way under, Section C-Liability, Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure (MTI) is hereby giving notice of our pending work commencing on the date indicated above.

Please review the provided information to determine potential conflicts with your facilities. Where relocation work is required, please submit your proposed alignment to MTI for review and approval. Drawings may be directed to the following email address: MI.Utilities.Western@gov.mb.ca. Upon MTI's approval, relocation work shall be initiated prior to the commencement of MTI's work. All costs associated with the relocation are the responsibility of the utility.

If no impacts are determined, please respond to email address above indicating such, so we may update our records accordingly.

If you have any questions, require any additional information or to maintain a construction schedule please contact Jaiyoung Cha, EIT., Highway Project Engineer in our Brandon office at (431) 541-6910 or by email at Jaiyoung.Cha@gov.mb.ca.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours truly,

Steven Newton, C.E.T.
Regional Planning Technologist

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Important Notice to all Chief Administrative Officers And Elected Officials

Manitoba Growth, Renewal, and Opportunities for Municipalities (Manitoba GRO) Program

The Government of Manitoba has launched the 2025/26 Manitoba Growth, Renewal and Opportunities for Municipalities Program (Manitoba GRO). The program is designed to help Manitoba municipalities advance critical infrastructure projects that will support growing and sustainable communities. Up to \$42 million in total program funding is being made available through Manitoba's annual Rural Strategic Infrastructure Basket, delivered under the Strategic Municipal Investment Fund.

The application-based Manitoba GRO is available to all Manitoba municipalities located outside Winnipeg. The program will support infrastructure projects under the key investment themes of **Renewal, Innovation, and Climate Resiliency**, and the following strategic investment categories:

- Public Safety
 - Disaster Prevention, Mitigation and Climate Resiliency
 - Fire Stations and Related Capital Purchases
- Roads, Bridges and Active Transportation
- Community Infrastructure
- Multi-Modal Transportation
- Solid Waste Management and Organic Waste Diversion

Projects that serve a region (i.e. more than one municipality and multiple communities) and/or involve partner municipalities to achieve regional benefits are strongly encouraged.

Manitoba GRO will fund municipalities up to 50% of total eligible project costs, up to a maximum provincial contribution of \$5 million. Municipalities are responsible for covering the remaining project costs through direct municipal commitments and other sources secured by the municipality.

HOW TO APPLY

Municipalities can access the Manitoba GRO program guide and application e-form through [Manitoba Municipalities Online](#).

Supporting documents can be uploaded through MMO under the heading “Submit/View Municipal Report,” and selecting 2025 Manitoba GRO Grant Supporting Documents. The Manitoba GRO supporting documents must include a scanned copy of a resolution from Council approving the project and request for provincial support under Manitoba GRO, including identifying the source of the municipality’s 50% cost-share of the project.

The deadline for submitting a complete Manitoba GRO application form through MMO is **October 6, 2025**. Applications received after this date will not be considered for funding.

Assistance:

Should you require additional information on Manitoba GRO please contact Municipal Funding Policy and Programs at MFPP@gov.mb.ca. Program information can be found at <https://www.gov.mb.ca/mr/mfpp/mgro>.

Department of Municipal and Northern Relations
600 – 800 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg MB R3G 0N4

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Avis important à tous les directeurs généraux et représentants élus

Programme manitobain de croissance, de renouvellement et de possibilités pour les municipalités

Le gouvernement du Manitoba a lancé le Programme manitobain de croissance, de renouvellement et de possibilités pour les municipalités pour 2025-2026 afin d’aider les municipalités du Manitoba à faire avancer les projets d’infrastructure essentiels qui contribueront à des communautés en croissance et durables. Un montant pouvant aller jusqu’à 42 M\$ est mis à disposition dans le cadre du financement en commun consacré aux infrastructures stratégiques en milieu rural, géré par le Fonds d’investissement stratégique municipal.

Ce programme est accessible à toutes les municipalités du Manitoba situées à l’extérieur de Winnipeg qui en font la demande. Le programme soutiendra des projets d’infrastructure dans le

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The mayor of Halifax is being investigated for possibly breaking the city's code of conduct, after an independent consultant decided complaints he had misled the public about governance at city hall had merit. [Read more...](#)



Boundary-Similkameen MLA Donegal Wilson is seeking a provincial town hall for the incorporation of Okanagan Falls, claiming she has been shut out of negotiations. [Read more...](#)



Facing a major transit funding shortfall and a likely 3.75 per cent cap on tax increases, Ottawa's chief financial officer warns it will be another challenging year for budget planning. [Read more...](#)

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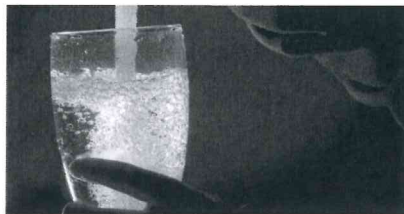


Winnipeg would need to expand its insect control heliport in order to larvicide more frequently, something it may have to do once it runs out of deltamethrin, the last remaining pesticide approved to fog for adult mosquitoes. [Read more...](#)



Detroit police credit a wall of live surveillance screens with helping reduce crime. Windsor has run a similar pilot, Project StreetSafe, for two years and now plans to expand it with more cameras.

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Conception Bay South, a town of 27,000 near St. John's, was expected to run out of water by Tuesday evening after officials noticed a drop in supply earlier that day, according to Mayor Darrin Bent. [Read more...](#)



Saskatoon's Claire Ernewein-Schouten planted a single ornamental sunflower four years ago. Now, tall yellow blooms fill her yard – and this year, even sprouted from a crack between the sidewalk and curb. [Read more...](#)



Mayor Alex Nuttall says the future of Barrie's Victoria Street homeless encampment is defined more by what it won't be than what it will. "We're going to proceed forward trying to have no encampments in the city," he stated. [Read more...](#)

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Today's Top Story

AMO reveals Reconciliation blueprint for municipalities

In a landmark effort to advance Reconciliation between Indigenous communities and municipalities across Ontario, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario has unveiled its Indigenous Reconciliation Action Plan.



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Ontario Premier Doug Ford is taking a stand against speed enforcement cameras. While speaking at an unrelated event on Tuesday, Ford spoke out against the cameras and claimed, "It's just a tax grab." [Read more...](#)



As policing costs skyrocket, the dozens of B.C. municipalities who use the RCMP to police their communities want a say in the next round of negotiations between the province and Ottawa on a new services agreement. [Read more...](#)



Residents of Fauquier-Strickland will see a 20 per cent increase to their property taxes this year. Council voted in favour of the tax hike as the municipality attempts to dig itself out of a \$2.5 million operating deficit. [Read more...](#)

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The future of public park usage in Saskatoon is on the agenda at a committee meeting Wednesday, after Mayor Cynthia Block put forward a motion in the wake of a concert held last month in Diefenbaker Park. [Read more...](#)



A City of Edmonton report to the city council urban planning committee suggested councillors should not add more regulations to short-term rentals such as those often listed on Airbnb and VRBO. [Read more...](#)



The mayor of Barrie, Ont., has declared a state of emergency in response to homeless encampments and what he described as an increase in "lawlessness" in the city. [Read more...](#)



The City of Moose Jaw has introduced a framework to standardize key performance indicators (KPIs) across all departments, following discussion at Monday night's council meeting. [Read more...](#)



John Beddows has used his strong mayor powers to propose changing Gananoque's parking bylaw to single out vehicles with Quebec licence plates by clamping their wheels until their owners pay parking tickets. [Read more...](#)



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Assistant Clerk – Town of Innisfil

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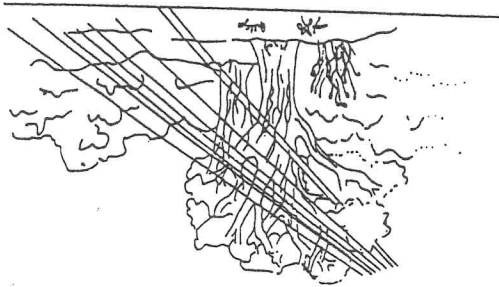
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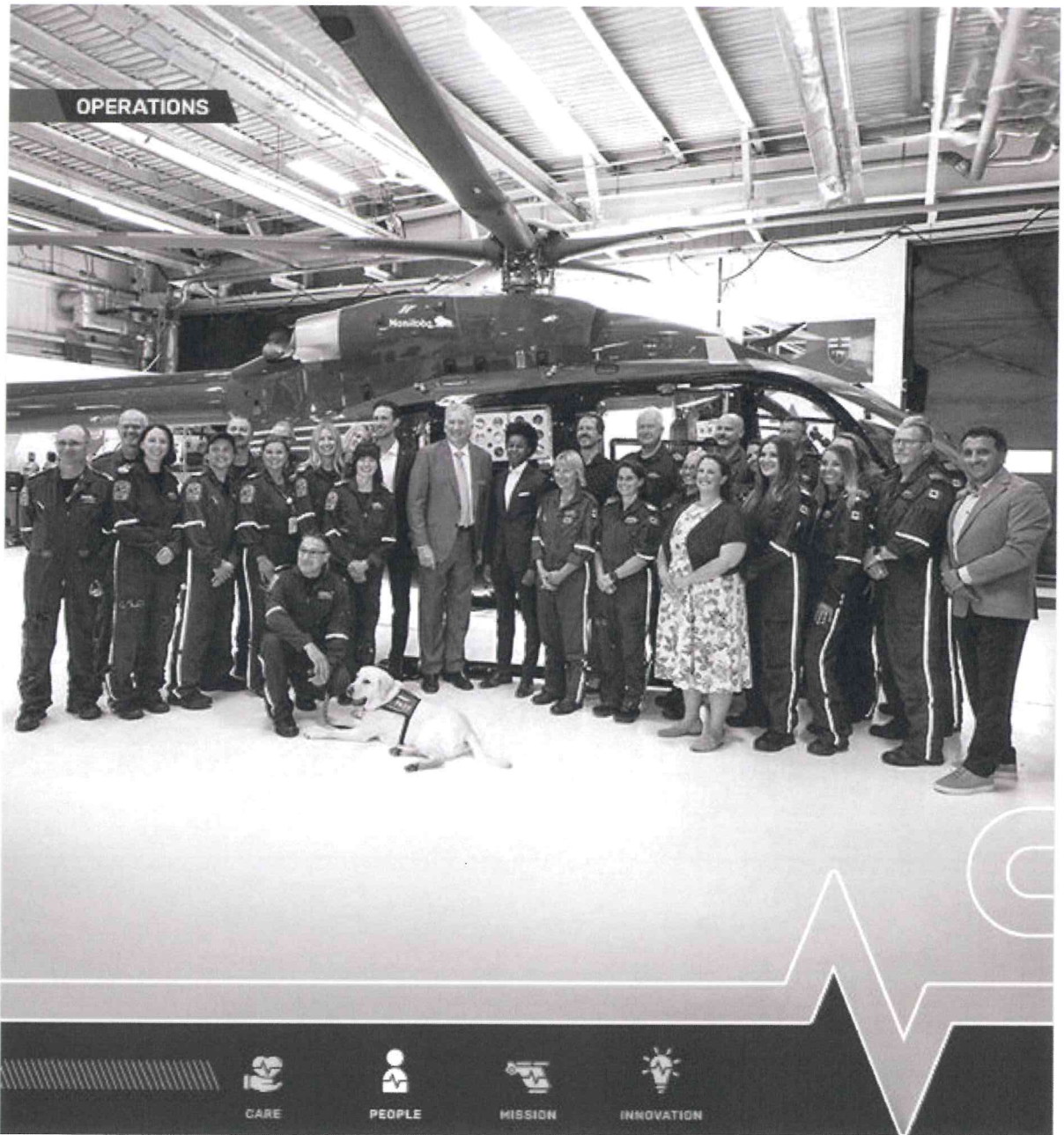
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