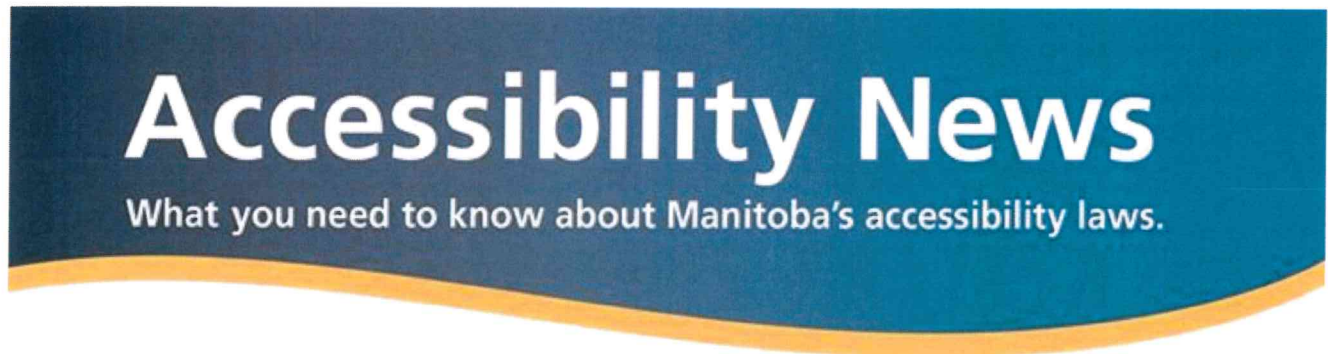

Accessibility News - May 2026

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

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Celebrating Manitoba Access Awareness Week



Recognized the last week of May each year, Manitoba Access Awareness Week runs May 31 to June 6, 2026. Originally recognized in the 1980s, this

weeklong awareness celebration promotes accessibility and inclusion. It also acknowledges the people who are working to prevent, identify and remove barriers to accessibility, while also raising awareness about accessibility issues within the province that affect people with disabilities and many others.

In celebration of Manitoba Access Awareness Week, the Manitoba Accessibility Office will be hosting a free webinar and you're invited to attend.

WEBINAR:

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

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

Webinar Details:

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

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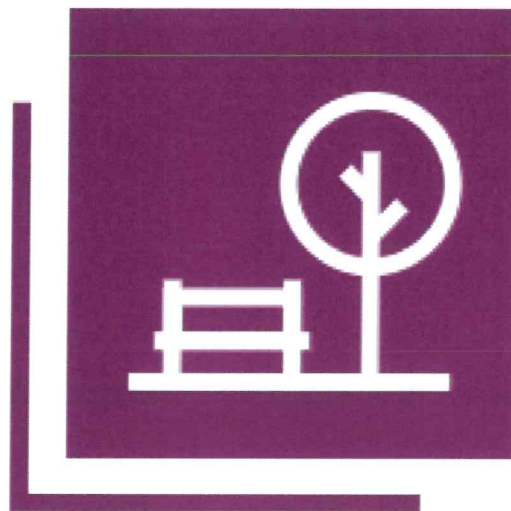
This webinar will have accessibility measures such as American Sign Language interpretation and closed captioning.

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

Accessible Outdoor Spaces Survey Now Closed

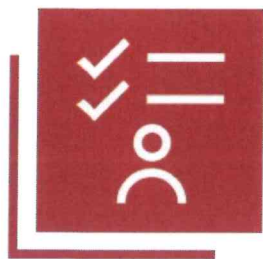
Thank you to everyone that took the time to share their feedback on the current state of outdoor spaces in Manitoba. The feedback and input received is valued and appreciated.

Results from the survey will be tabulated, reviewed and used to help guide the further development of the Accessible Outdoor Spaces Standard Regulation.



This new accessibility standard aims to create a path for accessible, barrier-free and inclusive outdoor spaces. It will use the principles of universal accessibility to build a Manitoba that is accessible to everyone.

Visit [AccessibilityMB.ca](https://www.accessibilitymb.ca) to learn more about the development of the fifth accessibility standard, the Accessible Outdoor Spaces Standard Regulation.



Compliance Corner

Feedback Processes

Feedback processes help organizations and businesses in Manitoba to identify and remove barriers to accessibility. They can also provide a way for the public to comment on great initiatives and service.

Two of the enacted accessibility regulations currently in force for all organizations in Manitoba require businesses and organizations to have a process for the public to give feedback about accessibility.

Under the [Accessible Customer Service Standard Regulation](#) organizations need to offer members of the public a way to give feedback, including complaints, on the accessibility of their goods and services.

Under the [Accessible Information and Communication Standard Regulation](#) organizations need to offer members of the public a way to give feedback, including complaints, on the degree to which the information they provide and the way they communicate are accessible.

What are the Requirements?

An organization's feedback process must be suitable for people with disabilities. Once feedback has been provided, organizations need to document the resulting actions arising from the feedback (e.g., actions taken to resolve the complaint) and make that information available to the individual upon request.

What can my organization do?

Your organization must track any actions taken as a result of feedback received. As a staff member in your organization, you can help by:

1. Telling service recipients about the feedback process and how they can comment in writing or in a way that is accessible for them.
2. Taking note of any feedback you receive in person and sharing it with your manager.
3. If the feedback involves a request for follow-up, telling service recipients about the anticipated waiting period for receiving information about what the organization did in response to the feedback.

Remember: There are many ways people access goods and services and information because of their differing abilities to see, hear and understand. Aside from being legally required, removing barriers within your organization and presenting information in a variety of ways will make these experiences more accessible for everyone.

Accessible Housing – Inclusive First Nations Community Member Survey

Indigenous Disability Canada (IDC) through their “Accessible Housing – Inclusive First Nations” project is conducting research to better understand accessibility and housing needs in First Nations communities. This survey focuses on accessible housing, community accessibility and opportunities for future engagement.

[Click to Learn More and Take the Survey](#)

Learn About Manitoba's Accessibility Regulations

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

Upcoming Webinar Topics:

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

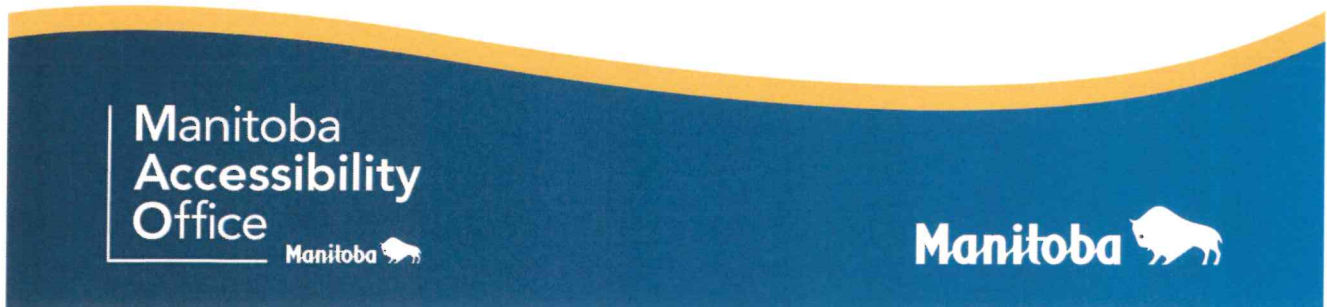
Webinars will be hosted virtually on Zoom from 1 to 2 p.m. and will feature accessibility measures such as American Sign Language interpretation (ASL) and live closed captioning.

Visit [AccessibilityMB.ca](https://www.accessibilitymb.ca) to learn more about these webinars or to register to attend.

Upcoming Awareness Dates

- [Brain Tumor Month](#)
- [Emergency Preparedness Week](#) (May 3 - 9)
- [Mental Health Awareness Week](#) (May 4 - 10)

- [Deaf Awareness Week](#) (May 4 - 10)
- [Safety and Health Week](#) (May 4 - 9)
- [Mental Health Week](#) (May 4 - 9)
- [Global Accessibility Awareness Day](#) (May 21)
- [National Schizophrenia and Psychosis Awareness Day](#) (May 24)
- [National AccessAbility Week](#) (May 31 – June 6)
- [Manitoba Access Awareness Week](#) (May 31 – June 6)
- [World MS Day](#) (May 30)



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Make Your Community Count – Census 2026 Starts May 4

From Connie Newman - MASC <info@manitobaseniorcommunities.ca>
via mailchimpapp.net

Date Fri 2026-05-01 8:30 AM

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



Make Your Community Count – Census 2026 Starts May 4

Hello All,

Starting **May 4, 2026**, households across Canada will receive their Census letter.

It may seem simple however the impact is significant.

Census data helps shape decisions around **health care, housing, and community services**. Strong participation, especially from **older adults**, helps ensure their needs are reflected in the supports and programs that matter most.

We, as trusted community connectors, we can help spread the word.

Why It Matters

When people take part in the census, it helps:

- Strengthen services and supports in our communities
- Reflect the realities of an aging population
- Guide planning that supports aging well at home

Support Available

The **Statistics Canada regional team** is offering virtual information sessions that cover:

- Why completing the census matters
- How privacy and confidentiality are protected
- How census data benefits communities

You can also access ready-to-use resources to help share the message.

 [\[Access the Community Supporter Toolkit English\]](#)

 [\[Access the Community Supporter Toolkit French\]](#)

The toolkit includes articles, images, and posters you can easily share through your newsletters, social media, or community spaces.

If you have questions or would like to book an information session, you can connect directly with:

Emma Gutoskie

Communications Officer – Manitoba

Statistics Canada

 343-574-4172

 emma.gutoskie@statcan.gc.ca

Even a small reminder can make a big difference.

Together, we can help ensure every voice is counted.

Warmly,

Connie Newman



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

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



Dear Subscriber,

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

Latest Updates

2026 Spring Convention & Trade Show



Thank you, Delegates, Presenters, Exhibitors, and Special Guests for attending the 2026 Spring Convention! We hope you enjoyed the networking opportunities, engaging discussions,

and insightful presentations!

Check out our [*Spring Convention Recap Video!*](#)

AMM President Presents to Senate Standing Committee, Pushes for Bail Reform

FCM Second Vice-President Kathy Valentino appeared before the Standing Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs to present the municipal viewpoint on Bill-C-14, the Bail and Sentencing Reform Act.

FCM's stance is that Bill C-14 is a step toward safer communities across Canada. To ensure its success, it must be backed up by systemic reforms, including better national data gathering, increased judicial capacity, stronger bail enforcement measures, better protection for first responders, and the mental health, housing and prevention programming that address the root causes of crime.

» ***WATCH THE REMARKS***

Manitoba Government Launches Community Tool Kit to Support Health Care Recruitment & Retention

Photo credit: Travel Manitoba



"The Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) welcomes the development of the toolkit and appreciates the collaborative work undertaken with our organization and municipalities throughout its development," said Kathy Valentino, president, AMM. "As local leaders know their communities best, this partnership is essential to ensure the tools reflect municipal priorities."

View the [News Release](#).

View the [Tool Kit](#).

Update from MTI: Winter Maintenance Vehicles



**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR
MUNICIPAL PUBLIC WORKS**

Winter Maintenance Vehicles Blue Warning Lamps

On January 1, 2026 amendments to The Highway Traffic Act (HTA) came into force that set out specific rules that motorists must follow when driving near winter maintenance vehicles (WMV) that have their blue, or combination of blue and amber, warning lamps activated.

WMVs *must* be equipped with a **blue warning lamp** (and may be equipped with one or more additional blue or amber warning lamps), under the [Vehicle Equipment, Safety and Inspection Regulation](#).

A blue flashing light on WMVs is a signal to surrounding traffic that the special rules are in effect. For example, when a snowplow has a blue light flashing, a driver must stay back and pass only if it won't interfere with the snowplow.

If a vehicle or infrastructure equipment is being used for things other than winter maintenance, it must **NOT** use a blue lamp. For example, if a grader is used for winter maintenance and to level gravel on a road, the blue lamp must only be activated when doing winter maintenance. Except for vehicles used by law enforcement officers, blue lamps are reserved for WMVs.

For more information, please visit:
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Supporting Health Professional Learners Across Rural, Remote & Northern Manitoba

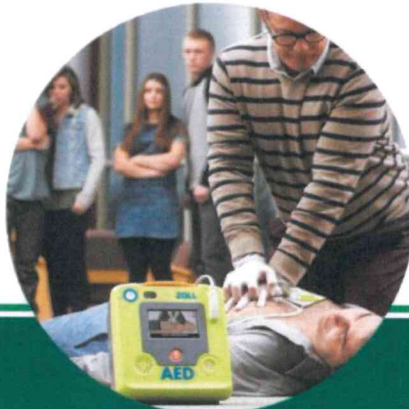
The Office of Rural and Remote Learner Experiences (ORRLE) support students completing clinical placements across the Rady Faculty of Health Sciences, including programs in:

- Medicine
- Nursing (Bachelor of Nursing, Nurse Practitioner, Midwifery) Pharmacy
- Dentistry
- Rehabilitation Sciences (Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Respiratory Therapy)

ORRLE acts as a central hub, connecting learners with Manitoba's health regions, college coordinators, and community partners to create meaningful, community-embedded clinical learning opportunities.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more.

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RRC Polytech - Upcoming Building Code Courses



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Course Questions? Email
techsolutions@rrc.ca

AMM Trading Company / Canoe Procurement

Upcoming Canoe Procurement Month Webinar Invite



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April 22-23, 2026

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

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

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

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



CORRECTED INVITE

Our previous email included an incorrect event date. Please note the correct details below

2026 WESTERN DISTRICT MEETING

May 4, 2026 - We welcome your attendance at the 2026 District Meetings being hosted in each of AMM's seven districts, June 9 through 19.

This year's agenda will include guest speakers, reports from AMM associates, member engagement, recognition of those receiving Service Awards and Resolutions debate.

June 16, 2026

Melita Legion Memorial Hall, 95 Main St., Melita, MB

Delegate Sign-In begins 8:45 am and meeting will begin promptly at 9:30 am.

Hosted by the Town of Melita

Pre-registration is required so our hosts may prepare accordingly for your attendance.

Western District Registration deadline: 9:00 am on June 10, 2026

[REGISTER HERE](#)

A registration fee of \$25 will apply to this meeting payable to the district meeting host.

DEADLINE FOR SERVICE AWARDS: JUNE 1, 2026

[2026 Service Pin Criteria](#) | [Service Pin Submission Form](#)

Prior to your District's meeting, please review:

- [Draft Agenda](#)
- [Western District's 2025 Meeting Minutes](#)

If you are unable to attend the meeting in your district, you are welcome to attend a meeting in another district. A list of dates and locations for each District meeting can be found on the [AMM Events Calendar](#). This information can also be found in the [Member Meetings](#) section of the AMM website.

If you have any questions about this meeting, please do not hesitate to contact events@amm.mb.ca or visit the [Events](#) section of the AMM website.

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Official Responses to 2025 AMM Resolutions - UPDATE

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



Official Responses to 2025 AMM Resolutions

Dear Municipal Officials,

UPDATE - Every year after the AMM Annual Convention, newly passed resolutions are sent to the appropriate government departments for their response. These responses help the AMM to set the direction for its lobbying strategies, although the AMM does not necessarily wait for a response to take action on these issues. We are happy to be able to demonstrate good progress already on some of the new resolutions put forward by our membership last year.

We are sending these responses in an electronic format, as we have in previous years. This will allow you to print off those responses that are of the greatest interest to you and have the other responses on hand for reference.

Please note that initial resolution responses are just the first step in the AMM advocacy process. The AMM follows up on all resolutions during meetings with senior government officials and Ministers. If you are interested in receiving a progress update on any particular resolution, please reach out to AMM staff.

These are the responses that we have received as of May 6, 2026:

[Resolution response from MB Municipal and Northern Relations](#)
[Resolution response from MB Municipal and Northern Relations - 2](#)
[Resolution response from MB Housing, Addictions and Homelessness](#)
[Resolution response from MB Justice](#)
[Resolution response from MB Transportation and Infrastructure](#)

[Resolution response from MB Environment and Climate Change](#)
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[Resolution response from MB Natural Resources and Indigenous Futures - 2](#)
[Resolution response from Public Safety Canada](#)
[Resolution response from Justice Canada](#)
[Resolution response from Health, Seniors and Long Term Care](#)

Outstanding responses from:

- Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada

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

Sincerely,

Denys Volkov
Executive Director

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Member Advisory - Upcoming Webinar: Navigating Environmental Approvals for Municipal Operations (May 25 @ 10:30 am)

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

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



Member Advisory

Upcoming Webinar

Navigating Environmental Approvals for Municipal Operations - Operator Certification Program (May 25, 2026)

NOTE: This message is being sent on behalf of Manitoba Environment and Climate Change

May 8, 2026 - The Environmental Approvals branch of Manitoba Environment and Climate Change is hosting a presentation and question period webinar on **May 25, 2026, from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm**. We will briefly discuss the various environmental approvals a municipality generally requires from the province to construct and operate facilities and programs such as pesticide use and solid and hazardous waste, and provide a specific emphasis on the Water and Wastewater Facility Operators program.

Municipalities, as owners of drinking water and wastewater treatment facilities, have specific requirements under the *Environment Act* and the Water and Wastewater Facility Operators Regulation, such as Facility Classification and Operator Certification. While all AMM members are welcomed to attend, the content will be primarily intended for Chief Administrative Officers and municipal engineering and public works staff and will provide you with the details needed to ensure municipal facilities are operated by certified operators, discuss how facility classification is determined, and the importance of the operator and owner roles under the regulation and in protecting public health and the environment.

Date: May 25, 2026

Time: 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Microsoft Teams meeting

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AMM Western Director's Update

Councillor Rhonda Coupland

Councillor Marc Savy

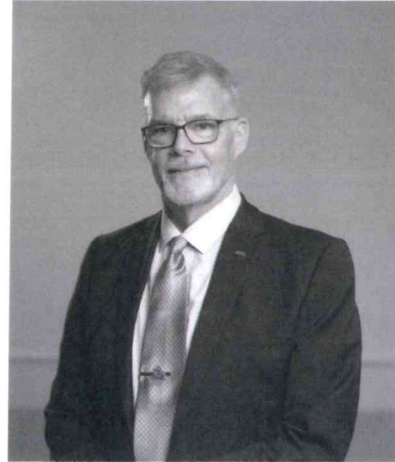
As your AMM Board Director's, we are pleased to provide an update on the issues we discussed at the last Board meeting that was held on **April 20, 2026**.

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

If you should have any questions about any of the following items, please contact Nick Krawetz, AMM Deputy



Executive Director and Director of Policy and Communications.



Spring Convention Recap

The AMM would like to thank all delegates, provincial officials, presenters, and keynote speakers who travelled to the City of Brandon for the AMM Spring Convention. Your energy, collaboration, and participation are what made this year's event such a success. Centered around the theme of building a legacy that lasts, the Convention brought together municipal leaders from across Manitoba to connect, learn, and share ideas. Check out the recap video [HERE](#).

Whether or not you were able to attend, your feedback is invaluable in helping us understand what worked well, identify opportunities for improvement, and ensure future events continue to be engaging and meaningful for all delegates.

Please complete the survey by **May 20, 2026**, to have your feedback included and to be entered for a chance to win free registration to the 2026 AMM Fall Convention.

[COMPLETE THE SURVEY HERE](#)

Proposed Orders and Penalties Regulation

As part of **Bill 5: The Accessibility for Manitobans Amendment Act and The Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Amendment Act (Access Awareness Week)**, the Province has introduced a new regulatory framework to monitor accessibility compliance through the proposed *Orders and Penalties Regulation*.

The AMM has consistently advocated for an education-first approach focused on awareness and support rather than penalties. While the regulation allows compliance officers to enforce standards, including fines, the AMM raised concerns about ensuring implementation remains educational in nature.

Following discussions with the Minister's office and correspondence with the Premier, the AMM received written assurances confirming that education will take precedence in the rollout of the framework. The Department has also developed internal guidance for Accessibility Officers and committed to clearer educational materials, including webinars, FAQs, and communications clarifying the scope of the

legislation. The AMM continues to urge the Province to strengthen communication efforts so all affected parties clearly understand the framework and its application.

The AMM also continues to advocate for increased, targeted funding for municipalities, as current accessibility funding is broad and spread across multiple stakeholders, limiting municipal access.

We will keep members informed as more information becomes available.

View our submission [HERE](#).

Bill 33: The Planning Amendment and City of Winnipeg Charter Amendment Act

As part of the AMM's efforts to improve communication around the proposed changes, we encouraged the Department to provide municipalities with clear information and engagement opportunities. We appreciate the Province responding to these requests by hosting a technical briefing for municipalities and developing an informational guide, which can be viewed [HERE](#).

Bill 33 proposes amendments to *The Planning Act* and *The City of Winnipeg Charter* in four key areas:

1. Clarifies and refines the role of The Municipal Board as an appeal body,
2. Addresses priority concerns with the regional planning board model,
3. Streamlines housing approvals (outside of Winnipeg), and
4. Extends livestock operation expansion rights to supply managed industries.

The AMM supports the intent of Bill 33 and appreciates the Province's willingness to listen to concerns raised through the provincial working group process. In particular, the proposed changes would refine the scope of the Municipal Board's workload and eliminate the need for de novo hearings on planning appeals in some circumstances – an issue the AMM strongly advocated on due to the significant financial and administrative burden on municipalities. The AMM will continue working with the Province and stakeholders to further streamline Municipal Board processes.

View our submission [HERE](#).

Bill 43: The Highway Traffic Amendment and Drivers and Vehicles Amendment Act

In response to AMM concerns regarding micromobility and the lack of clarity around this growing infrastructure, we welcomed the development of [Bill 43](#). The proposed Bill establishes a provincial definition for personal electric vehicles and helps address regulatory gaps municipalities have been managing independently. Its development was also informed by feedback from the Department's breakout session at the 2025 AMM Fall Convention.

The AMM supports the Bill's enabling approach to sidewalk use and has asked Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure (MTI) and Municipal and Northern Relations to work together on template municipal by-laws. We have also encouraged a public education approach to ensure consistent messaging across the province.

Finally, the AMM has requested greater clarity around enforcement roles, as municipalities are already facing enforcement pressures. We have asked the Province to clarify the enforcement framework and confirm whether municipal by-law and community safety officers can help support enforcement capacity. The AMM will continue to keep members informed as more information becomes available.

View our submission [HERE](#).

Bill 51: The Public Sector Artificial Intelligence and Cybersecurity Governance Act

The AMM also provided comments to the provincial government on [Bill 51](#), which proposes a framework to address the growing use of artificial intelligence systems in public service delivery.

While the legislation establishes the authority for a future regulatory framework, many of the specific requirements will be introduced through forthcoming regulations. The AMM noted that this creates uncertainty, as future requirements could become complex, costly, and subject to change over time.

Given the framework's focus on cybersecurity governance, the AMM also encouraged the Department of Innovation and New Technology to work closely with Municipal and Northern Relations, which is already developing baseline cybersecurity guidance for municipalities in response to recommendations from the Office of the Auditor General.

The AMM emphasized the need for a flexible approach that recognizes the differing roles and capacities of public sector entities, including municipalities, and will continue working with the Department as the legislation and regulations are developed.

View our submission [HERE](#).

June District Meetings Update

We are now gearing up for the June District Meetings. The 2026 meetings will take place on June 9-10 and 15-19. Below you will find the list of locations for this year's meetings.

- Central District: RM of Victoria
- Eastern District: RM of St. Clements
- Interlake District: Town of Winnipeg Beach

- Midwestern District: Town of Minnedosa
- Northern District: Town of The Pas
- Parkland District: RM of Dauphin
- Western District: Town of Melita

For more information on the meetings, please visit [2026 June District Meetings Overview](#).

Please note the deadline to submit resolutions for the June District Meetings is June 1, 2026. All resolutions should be submitted to the Resolutions Team at resolutions@amm.mb.ca.

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



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

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Your AC2026 housing lineup: Real solutions, real impact

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Housing affordability is a top concern for Canadians—and municipalities are leading the work to address this ongoing crisis. This year's Annual Conference offers some of FCM's most solutions-focused housing content yet: from homelessness to non market housing, infrastructure to prefab innovation. Highlights include:

- Thinking Beyond the Market, Dr. Brian Doucet's documentary film on genuinely affordable housing;
- The Empathy Project, an immersive homelessness simulation;
- Many housing workshops and sessions, including topics like unlocking supply, infrastructure, prefab construction and the future of the National Housing Strategy

Join peers, innovators and national leaders to bring home strategies that move housing forward in your community.

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NEWS



Bail and Sentencing Reform Act: Senate Committee appearance

On Thursday, FCM Second Vice-President Kathy Valentino appeared before the Standing Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs to present the municipal viewpoint on Bill C-14, the Bail and Sentencing Reform Act.

FCM's stance is that Bill C-14 is a step toward safer communities across

Canada. To ensure its success, it must be backed up by systemic reforms, including better national data gathering, increased judicial capacity, stronger bail enforcement measures, better protection for first responders, and the mental health, housing and prevention programming that address the root causes of crime.

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Canada Post must engage with municipalities to facilitate next stage of vital public service

FCM is concerned regarding Canada Post's recent **announcement** on the end of home delivery, a move towards more community mailboxes, and the prospect of rural post office closures. Canada Post fulfills a vital service for Canadian communities. The postal service is an integral part of economic activity and community life, especially in rural, remote and northern communities and it delivers a unique service for millions of Canadians.

In recent weeks, FCM has ramped up our engagement with Canada Post and is highlighting the important factors behind the longstanding moratorium on closing rural post offices. With good faith negotiations between Canada Post and local municipalities essential to future community mailbox installations, FCM is underlining that municipal leaders must be at the table for any successful transition. FCM is communicating to Canada Post the importance of timely consultation with individual municipalities. We will continue to advocate for the needs of all communities, and will further update our members in the weeks ahead.

OECD dialogue on measuring local impact

Strengthening how local impact is measured is key to effective decentralised development cooperation. Last week in Berlin, FCM joined European practitioners at the 3rd Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Workshop on Decentralised Development Cooperation to share practical approaches to strengthening municipal governance and the outcomes of the Sustainable Development Goals. We highlighted our peer-to-peer technical assistance model and the use of results-based frameworks, local diagnostics and mixed method evidence to track outcomes, capacity change and learning across initiatives.

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EVENTS

Everything you need to know about the Sustainable Communities Awards

Join our online event on Tuesday, May 21 at 2 p.m. (ET) to learn about the FCM Sustainable Communities Awards' categories and criteria, the nomination process and the benefits of winning an award. You will also hear from previous recipients, who will talk about what made their projects stand out from the rest.

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How climate budgeting is shaping Canadian communities

Climate budgeting is a governance system that incorporates climate commitments into financial decision making across departments—and research has shown the benefits are clear for Canadian municipalities. Since publishing its guide to climate budgeting last year, the Municipal Net-Zero Action Research Partnership (N-ZAP) has used its valuable research and insights to help Canadian municipalities access those advantages and opportunities.

Join us Thursday, April 30 at 2 p.m. (ET) for a free webinar about how Canadian municipalities are using climate budgeting practices to foster a better approach to meeting their climate targets—and how yours can do the same.

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FCM IN THE NEWS

» **Cities helping cities rebuild: How local partnerships are shaping Ukraine's recovery | The Conversation**

The Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe recently called for local and national authorities to collaborate to help Ukraine recover and rebuild. As stated in the article, FCM established a similar peer-to-peer network with our Municipal development program in Ukraine, which ran from 2010 to 2021 with funding from Global Affairs Canada and in collaboration with the Association of Ukrainian cities (AUC).

» **Federal tax break on gas and diesel takes effect today | The Globe and Mail**

The federal government's temporary suspension of some fuel taxes took effect on April 20, with Canadians saving 10 cents per litre on regular gasoline and four cents per litre on diesel. Prime Minister Mark Carney announced that those fuel excise taxes would be paused until Labour Day. This pause does not impact funding for the Community Stream of the Build Communities Strong Fund, which was formerly the Canada Community-Building Fund and the federal Gas Tax Fund.

» **Carney unveils new Canada-U.S. advisory council ahead of potentially rocky USMCA talks | The Globe and Mail**

Prime Minister Mark Carney has named a new advisory council on Canada-U.S. trade, which will replace the one previously set up by former prime minister Justin Trudeau in early 2025. The new advisory council includes former Conservative leader Erin O'Toole and the Canadian Chamber of Commerce's CEO Candace Laing.

» **PrairiesCan to invest \$8.2M in Saskatchewan to boost defence | CTV NEWS**

Prairies Economic Development Canada (PrairiesCan) is investing more than \$8.2 million in Saskatchewan to boost Canada's defence capabilities. The commitment is part of the recently announced Defence Industrial Strategy, which will lead to \$5 billion worth of investments and 125,000 jobs created Canada-wide. "This is an example of how you put out the call to Canadians, and rural Saskatchewan responded to this with two companies in particular," Secretary of State for Rural Development Buckley Belanger said in his speech in Yorkton on Friday.

» **Veroba reflects on SUMA convention discussions and priorities | Discover Estevan**

In Saskatchewan, Estevan Councillor Shelly Veroba says this year's Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association convention was one of the most productive she has attended in her 10 years on council. A prominent issue at the convention was the provincial sales tax on municipal construction projects. Veroba said she will also attend FCM's upcoming Annual Conference and Trade Show in Edmonton, where municipal leaders will meet counterparts from across the country to discuss shared challenges and policy priorities.

RESOURCES

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 June 30. You can access up to \$10M for a tree planting project and leverage our resources to maximize the impact of your community canopies.

» **APPLY NOW**

Webinar recording: Tools for valuing trees as natural assets

Do you know that urban trees are among the most valuable natural assets a community can have? In this webinar a panel of experts discussed how you can value trees as strategic climate and equity assets in your community. Watching this webinar will help you discover practical ways to measure the economic and climate benefits of your community's trees and more.

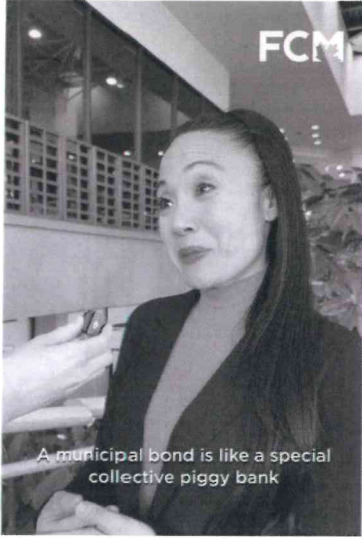
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What exactly are tax-exempt municipal bonds?

Brampton Councillor Rowena Santos breaks down how they can benefit households and municipal budgets, and explains why FCM is urging the federal government to explore them as part of municipal fiscal reform.

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Ahead of the Spring Economic Update, FCM is calling on the federal government to accelerate infrastructure funding, including a reversal of cuts to the Canada Public Transit Fund, and more.

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Digital connectivity is key to the economic, cultural and social development of rural municipalities across the country.

FCM's Executive Director of Policy and Public Affairs, Matt Gemmel, joined industry leaders at the Structure, Tower & Antenna Council's Annual Conference today to discuss how municipalities, telecom engineers and network operators can work together to deliver resilient digital infrastructure.

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There's still time to join us at AC2026!

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Registration is still open and many municipal representatives from the Prairies and Territories have secured their spot at the country's biggest gathering of local leaders. If you're planning to attend, now's the moment to register and make sure your travel plans are set. Hotels are filling quickly and June flights from across the region are already selling fast. Booking early ensures you're close to the action and ready for a seamless conference experience. Don't miss out!

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NEWS

Upcoming: The Future of Northern and Arctic Canada

FCM is proud to share the upcoming launch of *The Future of Northern and Arctic Canada*, a comprehensive report shaped by direct consultation with mayors, councillors, Indigenous governments and frontline staff from across the region. Grounded in local voices and lived experience, the report examines what it will take to strengthen northern and Arctic communities at a pivotal moment for Canada. Stay tuned for the official launch on May 6.

Advocacy update: Spring Economic Update

Last Tuesday, the federal government tabled its Spring Economic Update. FCM welcomed several updates on key issues, including extortion, responding to the needs of encampment residents, as well as nearly \$960 million over five years for the Small Craft Harbours program—but the SEU missed the opportunity to increase the pace of investment in local infrastructure. FCM will be looking at Budget 2026 this fall to ramp up the pace and scale necessary to set municipalities up for success and truly deliver for Canadians.

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National Housing Strategy renewal: FCM provides an early municipal perspective

The federal government is expected to begin engagement to renew the National Housing Strategy (NHS) this spring and will be releasing a positioning paper to support that process. FCM has submitted a memo to inform this engagement, outlining how this moment can deliver stronger affordability, homelessness prevention and long-term system outcomes.

Drawing on municipal experience from the first NHS, the memo emphasizes the urgency of providing post-2028 clarity, building on what has worked and treating municipalities as essential delivery partners. It calls for sustained, outcomes-based federal leadership centered on non-market housing and stable homelessness funding.

» [READ THE FULL SUBMISSION](#)

Call for abstracts: Right of Way conference

Local governments are invited to submit abstracts to the Ontario Public Works Association's Right of Way (ROW) Management Conference taking place on October 14-15. This year's theme, *Strengthening Canadian Communities*, focuses on how ROW management contributes to building resilient, connected and thriving communities across Canada. The conference is seeking presentations that showcase the spirit of strengthening communities. Abstracts are due before May 15.

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Get ready to apply for Adaptation in Action funding

Planning to apply for Adaptation in Action funding? Join this webinar on May 14 at 2 p.m. (ET) to learn how to strengthen your implementation project application. Designed for applications ready to move forward, the session shares practical insights from recent funding rounds and answers common questions, including how to prioritize projects, what makes a strong application and how proposals are evaluated—helping you prepare a strong submission.

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FCM IN THE NEWS

» **FCM urges for more local infrastructure funds in upcoming federal budget | Toronto Star**

FCM President Rebecca Bligh said the federal government's Spring Economic Update was a "missed opportunity" to earmark funds for local infrastructure, and that FCM would be looking to Budget 2026 for those commitments.

» **Carney's trade advisory group talks CUSMA, keeping U.S. ties in 1st meeting | Global News**

Prime Minister Mark Carney's new advisory council on Canada—U.S. trade recently met for the first time, ahead of trade negotiations with the U.S. administration that are set to begin over the coming months.

» **FCM calls for dedicated rural funding streams from feds | Winnipeg Sun**

Municipal leaders are calling on the federal government to accelerate the delivery of infrastructure funding, warning that a lack of urgency is hampering local economies as construction season begins. Joe Masi, a Portage la Prairie city councillor and member of FCM's Board of Directors, said the recent federal spring economic update missed a critical opportunity to scale up investment for shovel-ready projects.

» **Support for bail reform 'isn't about blindly being tough on crime,' Winnipeg mayor tells Senate Committee | CBC News**

FCM Second Vice-President Kathy Valentino and Winnipeg Mayor Scott Gillingham recently appeared before a Senate committee to call for the rapid implementation of bail reform, Bill C-14. Both local elected officials urged stronger, bolder measures to address public safety concerns.

RESOURCES

Your project could be showcased at the FCM Sustainable Communities Conference 2027

If your municipality has delivered a sustainability project that's making a real difference, here's your chance to share it. FCM's Sustainable Communities Awards recognize proven solutions that other communities can learn from and replicate.

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

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In PEI and across the country, municipalities are stepping up—so timely and predictable funding is more important than ever when it comes to unlocking more housing, building infrastructure and strengthening economic resilience.



FCM welcomes the federal government's continued commitment to building a stronger Canada. However, the SEU missed the opportunity to accelerate vital funding for infrastructure, the very backbone of our economy.

FCM will continue to engage with the federal government to address local infrastructure needs.

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From homelessness and non-market housing to infrastructure and prefab innovation, this year's [#FCM2026AC](#) program delivers practical, forward-looking housing content designed to help advance housing solutions in your community.

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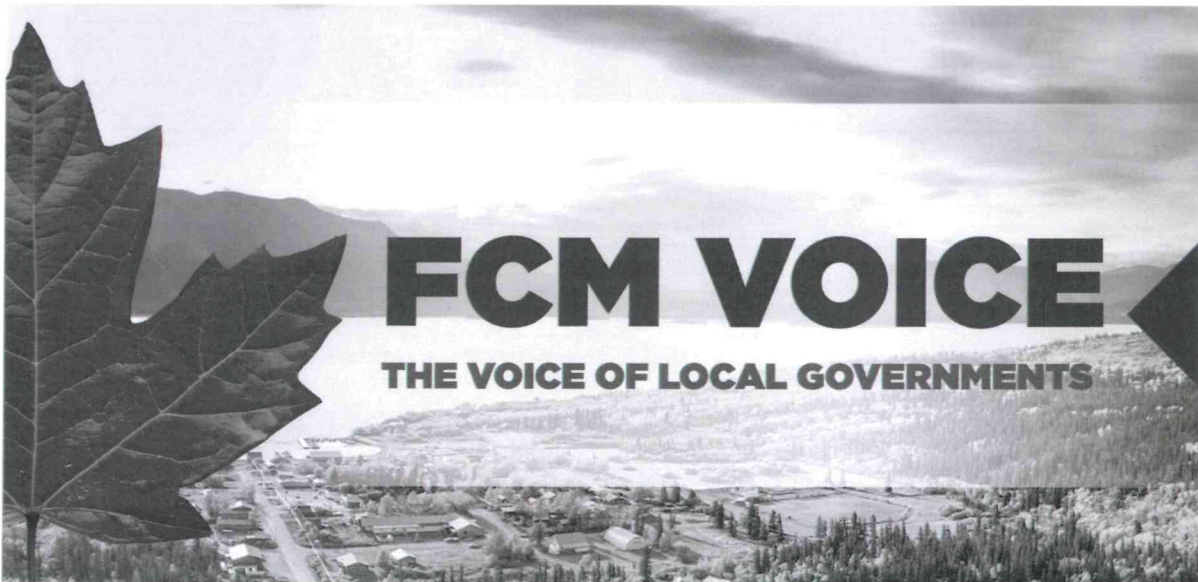
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Mayor Knack invites you to Edmonton for AC2026



Edmonton is already rolling out the welcome mat. Mayor Andrew Knack has recorded a special message for AC2026 attendees, offering an exciting preview of the energy and hospitality waiting you this June.

With AC2026 less than a month away, registration is still open and municipalities from across the country are securing their spot at Canada's biggest gathering of local leaders. If you're planning to attend, now's the time to register and finalize your travel plans. We can't wait to see you there!

» **REGISTER TODAY**

NEWS

Get the scoop on AC2026 with Municipal World

In collaboration with FCM, Municipal World is proud to release a special pre-conference edition of its magazine. This double-cover issue dives into what's ahead for AC2026, featuring interviews with FCM President Rebecca Bligh, CEO Carole Saab and Edmonton Mayor Andrew Knack. It also offers a first look at this year's Trade Show, the expanded study tours and many other highlights shaping AC2026. With exclusive insights and behind-the-scenes perspectives, this edition sets the stage for an exciting conference ahead!

» [READ THE ISSUE](#)

The Future of Northern and Arctic Canada

Last week, FCM officially launched The Future of Northern and Arctic Canada, a new report shaped by direct consultation with mayors, councillors, Indigenous governments and frontline staff from across the region. Grounded in local voices and lived experience, it highlights the critical role local governments play in strengthening Canada's sovereignty and security, and how federal-local collaboration can support resilient communities and national priorities. Drawing on these perspectives, it brings together key stories, findings and recommendations across four priority areas: sovereignty and security, social well-being, infrastructure and transportation and climate change and environment. The report can be read in full or explored by theme on FCM's website.

» [EXPLORE THE REPORT](#)

Deadlines approaching for FCM's Board elections nominations

Have you always been interested in participating in FCM's leadership? If so, you may want to consider submitting your nomination to join! The deadline to submit your nomination as a table officer or director is approaching fast. Make sure to head over to our website to submit your documents before May 17.

This year, elections for FCM's Board of Directors will take place during our **Annual Conference and Trade Show** from June 4-7 in Edmonton. Please visit our website for all the required documentation and to learn about all the **election changes taking effect this year**.

» [SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION](#)

Canadian municipalities partner with Vietnam on climate resilience

As climate pressures intensify, municipal collaboration is key to advancing practical, locally driven solutions. Recently, Canadian municipal practitioners joined peers in Vietnam for the first VNCRM exchange, supported by Global Affairs Canada. Across four urban regions, partners examined climate risks and co-identified priorities in infrastructure and waste management. This peer-to-peer collaboration is helping municipalities strengthen approaches at home while contributing to more resilient, inclusive communities abroad.

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EVENTS

A new FCM Sustainable Communities Awards season

Join our online event on May 21 at 2 p.m. (ET) to learn more about the FCM Sustainable Communities Awards. This is your chance to hear about past winning projects: a community hub in Strathcona County, Alberta, that diverts waste and fosters community connections, and a plan in the Ville de Longueuil, Quebec, that aims to expand its protected natural areas by 1,500 hectares to reach 21% of its territory by 2030. Discover how they benefited from the awards and what made their winning projects stand out.

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FCM IN THE NEWS

» **Canada's Arctic is warming faster than anywhere else with lasting consequences | The Hill Times**

Op-ed from Hay River Mayor Kandis Jameson on FCM's new report on Northern and Arctic Canada, focusing on the impact of climate change and the reality of her N.W.T. town. "At FCM, we are calling for ambition to meet the scale of the challenge: increased investment in climate adaptation, better climate data and mapping for the North and Arctic, accelerated efforts to eliminate diesel dependence, and partnerships that respect Indigenous leadership and local expertise," Jameson said.

» **'Canada's sovereignty and security depend on strong communities' | Cabin Radio**

FCM has published a new report on Canada's North and Arctic, focusing on four main themes and calling for greater support for local governments in the region. Drawing on engagement with local leaders across the North, the report advocates long-term partnerships among federal, municipal and Indigenous governments to close gaps in the North and deliver lasting benefits for northerners.

» **Government's strategy to protect critical infrastructure from climate change falling short: report | CBC News**

The federal government's strategy to protect more than \$100 billion in key federal infrastructure from the impacts of climate change has significant gaps, according to a recent audit by the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development. The report says the federal government owns 1,623 critical assets, including bridges, buildings, vehicles and harbours, 275 of which have been identified as at significant risk from a warming climate.

» **Knack seeks federal funding as city prepares for over 2,500 delegates | Edmonton Journal**

The City of Edmonton, Alberta, is preparing to host more than 2,500 local elected officials in early June as FCM gears up for its Annual Conference and Trade Show. Mayor Andrew Knack said the city would lead the charge in seeking additional federal funding to provide infrastructure and essential services. "We [municipalities] are responsible for about 60 percent of all infrastructure, and we get eight cents on every tax dollar," Knack said.

» **FCM calls for dedicated rural funding streams from feds | Portage | The Winnipeg Sun**

Municipal leaders are calling on the federal government to accelerate the delivery of infrastructure funding, warning that a lack of urgency is hampering local economies as construction season begins. In Manitoba, Portage la Prairie Coun. Joe Masi said the recent federal Spring Economic Update missed a critical opportunity to scale up investment for shovel-ready projects. "FCM is going to have to continue to work with the federal government to scale up infrastructure over the next few months so that we can, as municipalities, succeed," Masi said.

RESOURCES

Applications open: GMF's Accelerating circularity in construction materials offer

Applications are open for the Green Municipal Fund's limited-time *Accelerating Circularity in Construction Materials* funding and learning offer. Construction, renovation and demolition (CRD) waste continues to grow across Canada. In many communities, CRD materials make up over 30% of landfill waste. As construction activity rises, landfill capacity constraints put increasing pressure on municipal waste systems and local budgets.

Improving CRD recovery and reuse can reduce pressure on landfills, cut emissions linked to hauling and new material production, and strengthen local resource efficiency by keeping valuable materials in use longer.

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Measuring climate action in Canadian municipalities

On the route to net-zero emissions, Canadian municipalities need to know where they stand today. The Municipal Net-Zero Action Research Partnership (N-ZAP) provides that roadmap—and we need your input.

We're asking Canadian municipalities to take our survey to inform new research on emerging trends in climate action across Canada. With these valuable insights, N-ZAP can help local governments reduce their greenhouse gas emissions and support all Canadian municipalities on their route to a cleaner, healthier future.

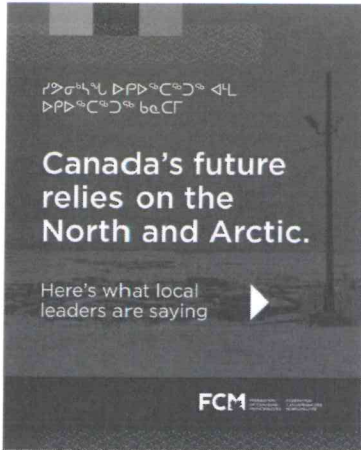
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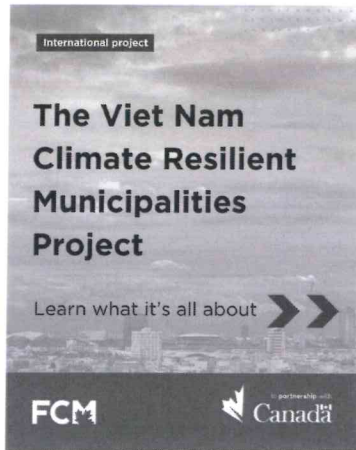
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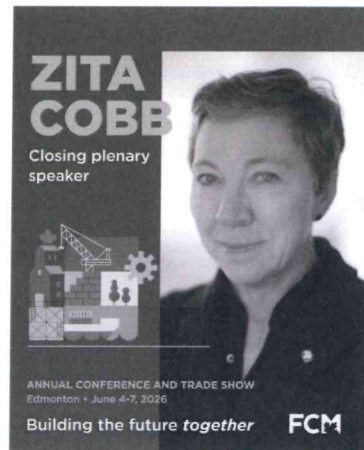


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The Viet Nam Climate Resilient Municipalities Project connects Canadian and Vietnamese municipalities to advance inclusive, practical climate action.

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We're pleased to share that Zita Cobb, founder and CEO of @shorefastfogoisland will be the closing plenary speaker at our Annual Conference and Trade Show in Edmonton!

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May 6, 2026

Dear Mayor, Reeve, & Councillors:

Re: 2026 Annual Competition – Manitoba Good Roads Association

Please ensure that this nomination letter is put on the agenda at the next council meeting so all of council can review and suggest nominees.

The Manitoba Good Roads Association Annual Competition is fast approaching and as a member of the association, your municipality is automatically entered in the road maintenance competition and the most improved system of roads competition. An entry form is attached for the other categories of road construction, best home grounds, and urban beautification. Please discuss your entries at the next council meeting and return the attached entry form (2 pages) along with the maps as soon as possible. The criteria for the various categories are attached for your information.

Please make every effort to submit an entry in each category. It is the submission of entries by municipalities that make this awards program a success and MGRA greatly appreciates your support! MGRA would like to ensure a winner in each category but if there are no entries then a category goes unclaimed!

It was noted that council may not have the time to look for entries but the grader operators could bring a suggestion to council as they are the ones on the roads every day. Please work with your public works department to find entries in each category which would ensure the competition is a success! You could also have individuals submit their names to the RM office but the nominations have to be submitted by your office and one per category.

The deadline for entries is June 23, 2026. Judging will take place during a two-three week period either in July or August. Within this time frame, the judges will pick 2-3 days that they will go out and judge. Municipalities will be notified of the judging period closer to the date. **Please contact the homeowners prior to sending in your nomination to ensure they wish to be entered. Once you are notified, please contact the homeowners you entered to let them know the judging time frame and that they don't need to be home at the time of judging.**

If you have any questions, please contact me at (204) 239-1035 or email info@mgra.ca. Email is the quickest way to get a response as I am only in the office part time.

Sincerely,

Terra Van Deynze
Executive Director

Attach.

*Manitoba Good Roads Association
2026 Annual Competition Entry Form*

Name of Municipality:.....

1. Municipal Gravel Road Maintenance Contest.

Your municipality is automatically entered in this class. Please enclose a small outline map, marking those municipal roads which the municipality carries out **100%** of the maintenance (i.e. do not show provincial roads)

2. Municipal Gravel Road Construction Contest – New/Rebuilt Gravel Road

****Please note that this category is now combined and a municipality can only submit ONE ENTRY for this category.****

If the municipality constructed ONE consecutive ½ mile of **new or rebuilt gravel road** to standard specifications in the year 2025, please indicate it on the map. Please note whether it was a new or rebuilt road.

New or Rebuilt..... Civic address with Road Number

NOTE: If you are submitting a new/rebuilt road entry, the ½ mile of new/rebuilt gravel road submitted for judging in this category must be a public access road, NOT a road that provides access to an industrial site.

3. Urban Beautification Contest

Please name an **unincorporated urban centre** in your municipality that you wish to enter in the Urban Beautification Competition:

..... **POPULATION** _____

4. Best Farm Home Grounds Contest

Please indicate a **farm home ground** in your municipality you wish to enter and **enclose a map** showing the location. **Only one entry per municipality is allowed.** Please notify the owner of the farm home grounds that you enter.

Name of Entrant.....

P.O. Address

.....

Phone number:

EMAIL:.....

Civic Address (with road number)

NOTE: A location/site/property that has previously won a provincial title in this category is not eligible to win another district or provincial title.

5. Best Non-Farm Rural Home Grounds Contest

Please indicate a **non-farm rural home ground** in your municipality that you wish to enter and **enclose a map** showing the location. Entry locations must not be within the boundaries of any unincorporated urban centre, village, town or city. **One entry per municipality is allowed.** Please notify the owner of the non-farm home grounds that you enter.

Name of Entrant.....

P.O. Address

.....

Phone number:

EMAIL:.....

Civic Address (with road number)

NOTE: A location/site/property that has previously won a provincial title in this category is not eligible to win another district or provincial title.

6. Best Home Grounds in an Unincorporated Urban Centre Contest

If you have an entry for **best home grounds in an unincorporated urban centre**, please complete the following. **One entry per municipality is allowed.** Please notify the owner of the home grounds that you enter.

Name of Entrant.....

Location.....

P.O. Address

.....

Phone number: Population.....

EMAIL:.....

NOTE: A location/site/property that has previously won a provincial title in this category is not eligible to win another district or provincial title.

The maps should be clearly marked with the locations of:

- 1) One ½ mile of New/Rebuilt road construction
- 2) Farm Home Grounds
- 3) Non-Farm Home Grounds

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 23, 2026

Please email or fax entry forms to: Email: info@mgra.ca Fax: 204-239-1054

**Manitoba Good Roads Association
ANNUAL COMPETITION**

Revised July/25

CLASS 1: MUNICIPAL ROAD MAINTENANCE CONTEST

Date _____ Rural Municipality _____

	Total marks	Marks Awarded	Comments
General Conditions Of Road Surface			
A. Comfort and safety at posted speed	15	_____	
B. Uniformity of grade	10	_____	
C. Gravel	10	_____	
D. Minimum width maintained - 20 ft	5	_____	
E. Smooth surface	5	_____	
F. Crown	5	_____	
G. Dust control – populated areas	5	_____	
H. Condition of signage			
Safety (ie. uncontrolled intersections)	5	_____	
Road Numbers	3	_____	
Civic Addresses	2	_____	
TOTAL	65		
Ditches			
A. Road Slopes 3:1	4	_____	
Back Slopes 1½:1	4	_____	
B. Condition of Ditches (silting, blockages, adequate drainage)	7	_____	
TOTAL	15		
Condition of Bridges, Structures, and Approaches, Culverts	10		
Maintenance of Grass, Weeds, Brush, Removal or Drift Soil, Scrub & Rock at fence line etc.	10		
GRAND TOTAL	100		

Judge _____

**Manitoba Good Roads Association
ANNUAL COMPETITION**

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CLASS 3: MUNICIPAL ROAD CONSTRUCTION CONTEST

The best constructed one (1) continuous ½ mile of **New or Rebuilt** road built to standard specifications
Must be built one year prior to inspection.

Date _____ Rural Municipality _____

Location: Rd # _____ Sec _____ Twp _____ Rge _____

	Total marks	Marks Awarded	Comments
General Conditions Of Road Surface			
A. Comfort and safety at posted speed	10	_____	
B. Uniformity of grade	10	_____	
C. Minimum average height 3.0' feet above prairie	10	_____	
D. Minimum width 20 ft	10	_____	
E. Crown	10	_____	
F. Sufficient amount of gravel	10	_____	
G. Smooth surface	10	_____	
TOTAL	70		
Road Slopes 3:1	5		
Back Slopes 1½:1	5		
Installation & Approaches, Bridges, Culvert	5		
Condition/Adequacy of Road Signage	5		
Condition of Ditches - Adequacy of Drainage	5		
Removal of Drift Soil, Scrub & Rock at Fence Line	5		
TOTAL	100		

Judge _____

MGRA ANNUAL COMPETITION **Revised Apr/22**
CLASS 4, 5 & 6 URBAN BEAUTIFICATION CONTEST (population over 1,000)

Urban Centre: _____

Date: _____

	Max	Score	Notes
Approach (8)			
Identification Sign – not highways sign	4		
Landscaping and special features around the sign	4		
Traffic Control (10)			
Traffic Signage	4		
Parking – street & public parking	2		
Lighting – street lighting	4		
Commercial Areas (22)			
Roads – condition of roads	4		
Sidewalks – if sidewalks exist & condition	3		
Streetscaping – flowers/landscaping	4		
Curbing – if curbing exists & condition	2		
Commercial property maintenance – condition of building & property	5		
Waste Control – Garbage, Recycle & Compost	4		
Residential area (15)			
Roads – condition of roads	6		
Residential property maintenance	6		
Waste Control – Garbage, Recycle & Compost	3		
Public Buildings & Facilities (15)			
Town office	4		
Shop & yard	3		
Community hall	2		
Health care facilities	2		
Cemetery – in the area	2		
Seniors facilities	2		
Recreation & Culture (14) – in the area			
Parks & playgrounds	3		
Arenas, rinks, sports grounds	5		
Pools and/or beaches	2		
Museums & monuments	2		
Library	2		
Tourism (10)			
Campgrounds, toilets, picnic site – in the area	4		
Lodging & dining facilities	4		
Golf course – in the area	2		
Discretionary Bonus (6)			
Unique or exceptional features	6		Explanation mandatory
TOTAL	100		

Judge

MGRA ANNUAL COMPETITION **Revised Apr/22**
CLASS 7 URBAN BEAUTIFICATION CONTEST (population under 1,000)

Urban Centre: _____

Date: _____

	M a x	Score	Notes
Approach (8)			
Identification Sign – not highways signage	4		
Landscaping and special features – around sign	4		
Traffic Control (10)			
Traffic Signage	5		
Lighting – street lighting	5		
Commercial Areas (17)			
Roads – condition of roads	4		
Sidewalks – sidewalk, walkway, path	3		
Streetscaping – flowers/landscaping	3		
Commercial property maintenance – condition of buildings & property	3		
Waste control – Garbage & Recycling	3		
Curbing – if curbing exists	1		
Residential area (24)			
Roads – condition of roads	9		
Residential property maintenance - condition of homes	6		
Sidewalks, walkways, boulevards, ditches, grass cut	6		
Waste Control – Garbage, Recycling & Compost	3		
Public Buildings & Facilities (10)			
Community hall – in the area	4		
Cemetery – in the area	2		
Medical Health Care facilities – in the area	2		
Personal Care homes – in the area	2		
Recreation & Culture (16)			
Parks & playgrounds	4		
Arenas, rinks, sports grounds – in the area	4		
Pools and/or beaches – in the area	3		
Museums & monuments	2		
Library – in the area	3		
Tourism (10)			
Campgrounds, toilets, picnic site – in the area	5		
Lodging & dining facilities – in the area	3		
Golf course – in the area	2		
Discretionary Bonus (5)			Explanation mandatory
Unique or exceptional features	5		
TOTAL	1 0 0		

Notes: _____

Judge

		CLASS 7
Name	Type	Population
Waskada	Village	183
Grand Rapids	Town	239
St-Lazare	Village	254
Ethelbert	Village	275
Bowsman	Village	298
Cartwright	Village	308
Garson	Village	324
Benito	Village	377
Oak Lake	Town	383
Crystal City	Village	384
Hartney	Town	415
Rapid City	Town	417
Binscarth	Village	425
Somerset	Village	439
Leaf Rapids	Town	453
Elkhorn	Village	471
McCreary	Village	472
Lynn Lake	Town	482
Erickson	Town	487
Minitonas	Town	522
Riverton	Village	538
Rosburn	Town	552
Gretna	Town	556
Wawanesa	Village	562
St. Claude	Village	590
Treherne	Town	616
Pilot Mound	Town	635
Glenboro	Village	645
Winnipegosis	Village	647
Birtle	Town	664
Emerson	Town	671
Shoal Lake	Town	680
Notre Dame de Lourdes	Village	683
Dunnottar	Village	696
Snow Lake	Town	723
Manitou	Town	808
Gilbert Plains	Town	811
Churchill	Town	813
Plum Coulee	Town	843
Grandview	Town	859
Hamiota	Town	868
Gladstone	Town	879
MacGregor	Village	963
Deloraine	Town	977

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ANNUAL COMPETITION**

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CLASS 8: FARM HOME GROUNDS CONTEST

Date _____

Entered by R.M. of _____

Name _____

Location: Sec _____ Twp _____ Rge _____ Ph: _____

	Total Marks	Points Awarded	Comments
General Plan or Layout			
A. Overall picture	15	_____	
B. Orderliness	10	_____	
TOTAL	25		
Planting Protective & Ornamentals			
A. Shelter Belts	8	_____	
B. Border	8	_____	
C. Foundations	6	_____	
TOTAL	22		
Utility Plantings (Garden)			
A. Fruits & Vegetables – minimum 5 for full marks	10		
TOTAL	10		
Decorative Plantings			
A. Flowering	10	_____	
B. Non-flowering	8	_____	
TOTAL	18		
Lawns			
a. Living out areas	8	_____	
B. Special Features	8	_____	
C. Creativity/Innovation	9	_____	
TOTAL	25		
GRAND TOTAL	100		

Judge _____

**Manitoba Good Roads Association
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Revised Apr/22

CLASS 9: NON FARM RURAL HOME GROUNDS CONTEST

Date _____

Entered by R.M. of _____

Name _____

Location: Sec _____ Twp _____ Rge _____ Ph: _____

	Total Marks	Points Awarded	Comments
General Plan or Layout			
A. Overall picture	15	_____	
B. Orderliness	10	_____	
TOTAL	25		
Planting Protective & Ornamentals			
A. Shelter Belts	8	_____	
B. Border	8	_____	
C. Foundations	6	_____	
TOTAL	22		
Utility Plantings (Garden)			
A. Fruits and Vegetables – minimum 5 for full marks	10		
TOTAL	10		
Decorative Plantings			
A. Flowering	10	_____	
B. Non-flowering	8	_____	
TOTAL	18		
Grounds			
a. Living out areas	8	_____	
B. Special Features	8	_____	
C. Creativity/Innovation	9	_____	
TOTAL	25		
GRAND TOTAL	100		

Judge _____

**Manitoba Good Roads Association
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CLASS 10: URBAN HOME GROUNDS CONTEST

Date _____

Entered by _____

Name _____

Location: _____

Ph: _____

	Total Marks	Points Awarded	Comments
General Plan or Layout			
A. Overall picture	15	_____	
B. Orderliness	10	_____	
TOTAL	25		
Planting Protective & Ornamentals			
A. Border "property line"	10	_____	
B. Foundations "around house"	10	_____	
TOTAL	20		
Decorative Plantings			
A. Flowering plants	15	_____	
B. Non-flowering plants	10	_____	
TOTAL	25		
Grounds			
a. Living out areas	10	_____	
B. Special Features	10	_____	
C. Creativity/Innovation	10	_____	
TOTAL	30		
GRAND TOTAL	100		

Judge _____

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May 11, 2026

Joni Swidnicki
Chief Administrative Officer
Rural Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa
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adminassist@oakland-wawanesa.ca

Dear Joni Swidnicki:

Manitoba Emergency Management Organization (EMO) has received and reviewed the annual submission of the Rural Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa's emergency plan and confirmation of council approval.

On behalf of the Assistant Deputy Minister of Emergency Management and in accordance with section 8(3) of The Emergency Measures Act, I am pleased to advise that the plan is approved as submitted.

I am available to discuss the contents of the plan and provide informal feedback to your municipal emergency coordinator. Please have them contact me via email at derek.pike@gov.mb.ca.

Sincerely,



Derek Pike
Regional Emergency Manager


cc: Liam Pattison, Municipal Emergency Coordinator

Bulletin #2026-15 - ECC - Private Well Testing and Subsidy Reminder

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

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Bulletin #2026-15 - ECC - Private Well Testing and Subsidy Reminder.pdf; Attachment A - Notice to Private Well Owners.pdf;

French translation to follow.

Bulletin #2026-15

ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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

Private Well Water Testing REMINDER

Many Manitobans rely on private wells for their household drinking water. Unlike municipal or larger water systems, private wells are the responsibility of the property owner and are not routinely monitored or regulated by the province to ensure safety.

The Office of Drinking Water is reminding municipalities of the importance of encouraging private well owners to test their drinking water and to help reduce barriers to testing.

Testing is especially important:

- after spring snowmelt, flooding, or heavy rainfall;
- where a well is located near rivers, lakes, or other surface water where water intrusion may occur; or
- when there is a noticeable change in water colour, clarity, odour, or taste.

To support messaging, a **resident-focused information sheet is attached**. Municipal leaders are encouraged to distribute it through local channels. It includes information on Manitoba's Private Well Testing Subsidy Program, which provides low-cost testing for harmful bacteria through Duracan Laboratory.

To further support residents, municipalities may wish to work with Duracan or other accredited laboratories directly to **coordinate local pick-up locations for sampling supplies**. A list of accredited laboratories is available at: www.gov.mb.ca/sd/water/drinking-water/lab

More Information

Drinking water safety in Manitoba: www.gov.mb.ca/sd/water/drinking-water

Flood forecasts, reports, and interactive flood map: www.gov.mb.ca/flooding

Questions about the Private Well Testing Subsidy Program or Duracan Ltd.:
204-960-9995 www.duracan.ca/contact

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

Health-related questions: Health Links – Info Santé
Winnipeg: 204-788-8200 Toll-free: 1-888-315-9257

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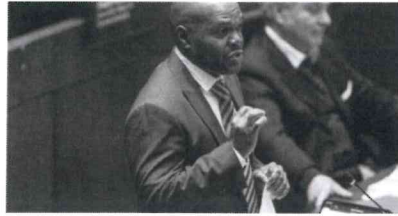
As Ontario Small Urban Municipalities marks 70 years, chair Jamie McGarvey says mounting growth, infrastructure pressures, and limited resources make this a pivotal moment for small urban advocacy.



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The Municipality of Pictou County wants the province to look into alternatives to two controversial gas power plants that could be built in the area in the coming years. [Read more...](#)



Ontario is proposing changes to how some municipalities handle water and wastewater, sparking concerns from a local union in Niagara that the move could lead to private companies taking over the utility. [Read more...](#)



A Calgary charter school claims hundreds of students are without a place to study this fall. City council voted against a request to rezone a site in the city's northeast, noting an industrial area is no place for a school. [Read more...](#)



The mayor of Chatham-Kent, Darrin Canniff, is defending a proposed waste-to-energy project as a high-return, low-risk investment ahead of a key council decision later this month. [Read more...](#)



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London council is united in asking Queen's Park for more help addressing addiction and mental health treatment in the city, even as politicians disagree on how that should happen. [Read more...](#)



Some Vancouver community centres are questioning Mayor Ken Sim's decision to prioritize certain facilities, following a comprehensive report published four years ago. [Read more...](#)

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Chief Financial Officer (CFO) / Treasurer – Township of Seguin

Application Deadline: May 13, 2026

Director of Development & Infrastructure Services – Township of Georgian Bluffs

Application Deadline: May 15, 2026

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Start Date: April 22, 2026

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**Canadian Institute 8th Annual Conference on First
Nations Housing & Infrastructure West**

Start Date: April 29, 2026

End Date: April 30, 2026

**Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM)
2026 Spring Conference**

Start Date: April 29, 2026

End Date: May 1, 2026

**2026 Ontario Small Urban Municipalities (OSUM)
Conference and Tradeshow**

Start Date: April 29, 2026

End Date: May 1, 2026

2026 Evergreen Conference

Start Date: May 6, 2026

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Montreal's mayor finds Fréchette's approach "refreshing"

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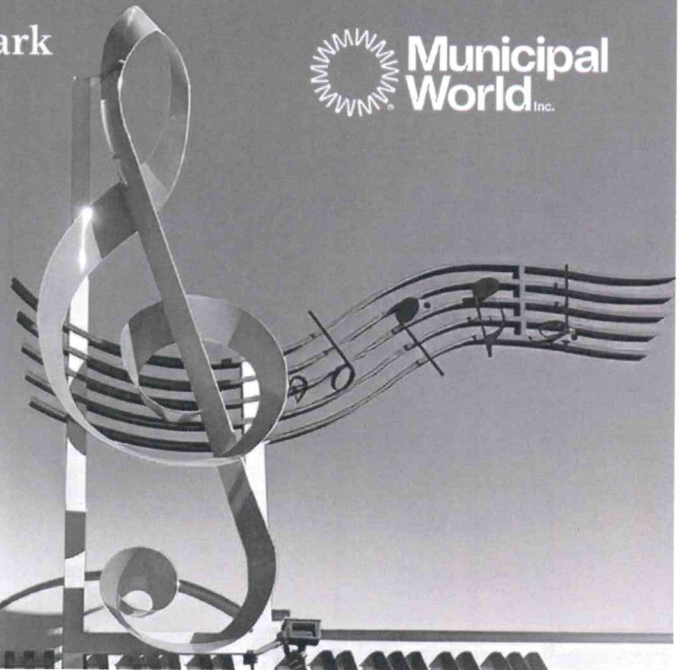
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Patricia Kosseim, Ontario's information and privacy commissioner, is renewing her call for greater openness with the launch of Transparency Challenge 3.0. The challenge highlights projects that improve access to information and promote open data.



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The Municipality of Central Elgin is moving ahead with plans to redevelop the former St. Thomas Psychiatric Hospital grounds to help meet an anticipated housing demand. [Read more...](#)



Calgary city council has approved a new plan aimed at reducing the city's water demand through a series of measures, including an outdoor watering schedule. [Read more...](#)



Rent in Regina continues to increase year after year and saw its highest benchmark price ever in early April. Now the city is exploring a new way to foster affordable housing. [Read more...](#)



Coun. Janet-Lynne Durnford says it's time Orillia becomes a certified living wage employer. While minimum wage in Ontario is \$17.60 an hour, in Simcoe County the living wage is currently \$24.60 an hour. [Read more...](#)



A new pilot project will let people with memberships at any Halifax-run facility get discounted day rates at all facilities. The program allows people with active memberships to receive a 75 per cent discount. [Read more...](#)



Barrie Mayor Alex Nuttall says a combination of both enforcement and outreach is the key to combatting the city's drug and crime problem. He describes the city's core as "a lawlessness downtown." [Read more...](#)



The City of Charlottetown still plans to implement the initiatives set out in its Housing Action Plan, despite losing \$1.26 million of federal housing funding, says Deputy Mayor Alanna Jankov. [Read more...](#)



Toronto officials say they're making strides in reducing the number of encampments in parks and on city property, however, advocates warn the decrease doesn't mean people have found places to live. [Read more...](#)



Vancouver Mayor Ken Sim says that losing the MLS Whitecaps franchise is not an option. In a written statement, he called on the provincial government to step in and do its part to keep the team in Vancouver. [Read more...](#)

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Plans Examiner/ Building Inspector – Town of Cobourg

Application Deadline: May 10, 2026

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Ontario municipalities are invited to submit project applications by Friday, May 8 for the AMCTO-Mitacs Municipal Innovation Internship Program. This program matches projects with post-secondary student interns to support workforce development and local government innovation. [Read more...](#)

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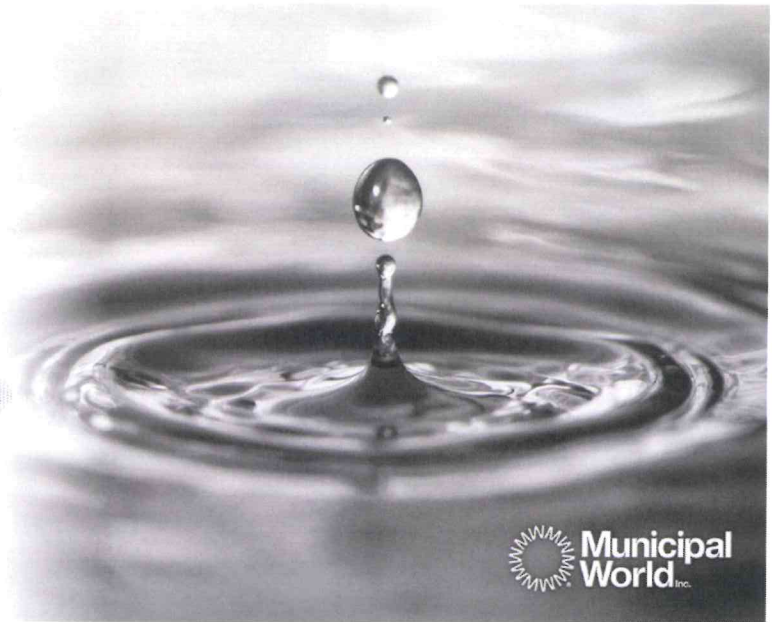
MISA Ontario Annual Conference and Trade Show

The 2026 MISA Ontario conference, June 7-10, at RBC Place in London, will be hosted by Middlesex County and the City of London. This premier municipal IT conference equips attendees with the knowledge and connections to excel. [Read more...](#)

Turning Canada's water deficit into opportunity



Nicolas Germond
Country Director and CEO, Veolia in Canada



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Coming Events

Canadian Institute 8th Annual Conference on First Nations Housing & Infrastructure West

Start Date: April 29, 2026
End Date: April 30, 2026

2026 Ontario Small Urban Municipalities (OSUM) Conference and Tradeshow

Start Date: April 29, 2026
End Date: May 1, 2026

Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM) 2026 Spring Conference

Start Date: April 29, 2026
End Date: May 1, 2026

Municipal Information Systems Association (MISA) Canada 2026 Executive Summit

Start Date: May 5, 2026
End Date: May 7, 2026

2026 Evergreen Conference

Start Date: May 6, 2026
End Date: May 7, 2026

Building Linkages in Emergency Management

Start Date: June 2, 2026
End Date: June 3, 2026

Load more events

Free support for green infrastructure projects - registration is open

From NAMSCanada <admin@namscanada.org>

Date Mon 2026-04-27 3:19 PM

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



Free Expert Support for Green Infrastructure

For Canadian communities under 30,000

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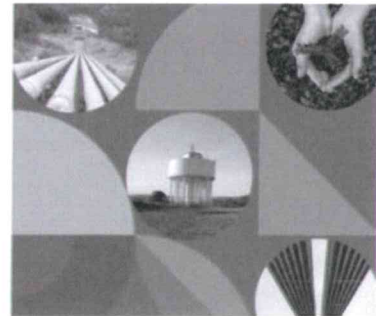
Climate Ready Infrastructure Service

Le Service pour des infrastructures adaptées au climat



Canadian Infrastructure Institute

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NAMS Canada is pleased to share that registration is now open for the Green Infrastructure Cohort, delivered through Climate Ready Infrastructure Service (CRIS).

This free cohort gives eligible communities access to expert support to help develop green infrastructure projects that strengthen climate resilience and support sustainable infrastructure planning.

The cohort is designed for local governments, First Nations and eligible non-profit organizations supporting infrastructure services in partnership with local governments. Projects should serve communities of approximately 30,000 or less and align with one of the following areas:

Stormwater management

- Examples include bioswales, permeable surfaces, naturalized retention ponds and green streets

Water source quality protection

- Examples include riparian buffer restoration and natural watershed filtration systems

Participants will receive:

- One-on-one consultation support from a CRIS expert
- An options report with practical, evidence-based recommendations
- Support aligning projects with grant and funding applications
- Virtual networking and peer learning opportunities

The cohort is delivered virtually over approximately 12 to 16 weeks.

To register, complete the CRIS service request form.

This cohort is limited to 20 participants.

If you have questions or would like help determining whether your project is a fit, please contact NAMS Canada at support@namscanada.org.

[Learn More](#)

We encourage you to share this opportunity with colleagues who may be planning or advancing green infrastructure projects in smaller Canadian communities.

namscanada.org | 1-800-923-7647 | support@namscanada.org

NAMS Canada is a not-for-profit registered company established on 17th, November 2014.

It is an affiliate of the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia (IPWEA) and uses IPWEA's NAMS+ system to assist Canadian and North American local governments and public works entities improve the way they manage their public infrastructure assets.

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Municipal Burning Restrictions

Date Issued: April 22, 2026
OFC26-007

In times of high fire danger, municipalities and the Province of Manitoba may enforce burning restrictions. The Province issues a burning ban to deal with areas of the Province that are parks, provincial or Crown Land. Some municipalities surrounded by provincial lands and forests may follow the provincial lead, although, a provincial burning ban does not cover the municipalities. Each municipality must enact its own burning ban to cover their area.

The Office of the Fire Commissioner (OFC) encourages municipalities to have up-to-date burning by-laws in order to control, track and prevent out of control wildfires.

The following link shows some sample burning by-laws for use or to be used as a guide:

https://firecomm.gov.mb.ca/support_bylaws.html

The OFC asks all municipalities to please inform the OFC immediately at firecomm@gov.mb.ca when implementing or changing the status of municipal burning restrictions.

We ask municipalities and Fire Chiefs to advise of plans for burning restrictions two days in advance, to enable changes to the map.

Please provide

- a. **NAME OF MUNICIPALITY**
- b. **DESCRIPTION / DETAILS** - e.g. "All non-agriculture burning is prohibited (this includes fire pits and burn containers). All agriculture burning will still require a permit"
- c. **MUTUAL AID DISTRICT** - e.g. "Swan River Valley "
- d. **CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION** – e.g. municipal office
- e. **CONTACT NUMBER** - 204-555-1000
- f. **EMAIL** - e.g. rmofexample@net.ca

To learn about Burning Restrictions in effect, click on the link below:

https://www.gov.mb.ca/wildfire/burn_conditions.html



**PRAIRIE MOUNTAIN HEALTH
SANTÉ PRAIRIE MOUNTAIN**

WAWANESA

Wawanesa Health Centre

506 George Street, PO Box 309
WAWANESA MB R0K 2G0

Phone: 204-824-2335 | Fax: 204-824-2148

April 21, 2026

Joni Swidnicki
RM of Oakland Wawanesa
Box 278
Wawanesa, MB R0K 2G0

Dear Ms. Swidnicki and Council of the Rural Municipality of Oakland Wawanesa:

Thank you for your donation of \$1,000 to the Wawanesa Health Centre.

We sincerely appreciate your financial support and thank you for including the Wawanesa Health Centre in your grant disbursements.

Sincerely,

Karen Stinson
Administrative Assistant
Wawanesa Health Centre

Enclosure: Receipt

*The Royal Canadian Artillery
Museum (RCA Museum)
Building N118, CFB Shilo
P.O. Box 5000 Stn Main
Shilo, MB R0K 2A0*



*Musée de l'Artillerie royale
canadienne (Musée de l' ARC)
Bâtiment N-118, BFC Shilo
C.P. 5000, succursale Main
Shilo (Manitoba) R0K 2A0*

15 April 2026

Municipality of Oakland Wawanesa
Box 278
Wawanesa, MB
R0K 2G0

Good day,

I am thrilled to extend my heartfelt thanks on behalf of the RCA Museum for generously granting \$300.00. Thank you for the Grant!

Your contribution is more than just a monetary gift; it is an investment in preserving RCA history. Your grant will enhance our galleries and exhibitions, expand our outreach, and support innovative programs. Rest assured; we will use the funds wisely to create a legacy within our museum.

Your grant will support our mission to inform and educate the public about Canada's military technology, culture, and heritage, with a focus on The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery and Manitoba.

Once again, please accept our heartfelt gratitude for your remarkable generosity. Your continued support enables us to tell the story of the Canadian Gunner.

Call me any time at 204-765-3000 x 258-3763.

Sincerely,

Andrew Oakden
Museum Director
RCA Museum, CFB Shilo
National Defence / Government of Canada
andrew.oakden@forces.gc.ca
Tel: 204-765-3000 x 258-3763





Municipality of Oakland–Wawanesa
Box 278
WAWANESA, MB
R0K 2G0

RE: GRANT ALLOCATION 2026

Thank you to our Municipality of Oakland–Wawanesa for your generous grant funds of \$4,520.54. We appreciate the support we receive from you.

Sincerely,

Sandra Reimer
Treasurer



Prairie Northern Region
344 Edmonton Street
Winnipeg, MB R3B 2L4

Our file: RSIG - 15592705

LETTER OF INSPECTION RESULT – NO NON-COMPLIANCE NOTED

April 28, 2026

Joni Swidnicki
CAO
Oakland-Wawanesa, Municipality of
Box 28
27 Hampton St.
Nesbitt, MB R0K 1P0

Dear Joni Swidnicki,

I am a Railway Safety Inspector designated by the Minister of Transport under subsection 27(1) of the *Railway Safety Act* (RSA).

From April 16, 2026 to April 17, 2026, I performed a crossing inspection of Canadian Pacific Railway Company.

Given the shared responsibility that the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa and the Canadian Pacific Railway Company have with respect to this crossing, I am informing you that, as a result of my inspection, I have no non-compliance or concern to report.

The attached appendix specifies the location that I have inspected.

Please note that the inspection may not have covered all regulated elements. It remains the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa's responsibility to ensure compliance with the RSA and associated applicable regulations, rules and standards, and to manage safety risks pertaining to matters that could affect railway operations.

Transport Canada will continue to monitor to verify that the Municipality of Oakland-Wawanesa's railway operations remain compliant and safe.

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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brad Pylypchuk". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'B'.

Bradley Pylypchuk
Railway Works Engineer
Rail Safety



Transport Canada Transports Canada

Transport Canada Rail Safety - Crossings Inspection Report

Railway Company	Canadian Pacific Railway Company	Summary	2026-04-16 to 2026-04-17, Prairie Northern Region, Reference #: 15591314	TC Inspector	Bradley Pylypchuk
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Inspection Visits		
Inspection Date	Visit Location	Visit Status
April 16, 2026 to April 17, 2026	Crossing (Passive): Mile 130.78, Glenboro Subdivision (Canadian Pacific), Road 108 West, (Y), CrossingID: 22426	No Non-Compliance Noted