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Latest Updates

AMM President Kathy Valentino presents to Parliamentary Standing Committee on Bail Reform in Ottawa



On February 2, 2026, AMM President Kathy Valentino presented to the ***House of Commons' Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights*** in strong support of ***Bill C-14: An Act to amend the Criminal Code, the Youth Criminal Justice Act and the National Defence Act (bail and sentencing)***.

AMM welcomed the opportunity to bring municipal perspectives directly to the national level and to reinforce the urgent need for strengthened bail reform. For years, municipalities have raised concerns about the public safety impacts of repeat and prolific offenders being released on bail. President Valentino clearly relayed these concerns and urged the Standing Committee's members to move the legislation forward promptly, without unnecessary delay.

President Valentino emphasized that the effectiveness of Bill C-14 depends on sustained, coordinated resourcing across the justice and public safety system, in partnership with all

orders of government. This includes:

- Adequate police visibility, including addressing Manitoba's RCMP vacancy rate—the highest in Canada.
- Support for first responders to focus on core duties;
- Court system capacity, including hiring sufficient Crown prosecutors to prevent backlogs and delays; and
- Investments in mental health, addictions, and social supports to address root causes of crime.

The proposed legislative changes represent a positive step forward. AMM supports advancing Bill C-14 to help ensure the justice system protects communities and instills public confidence. AMM will continue to monitor Bill C-14 as it moves through the legislative process.

Watch the proceedings [HERE](#).

AMM Executive Tours Eastern District



The AMM Executive, along with Eastern District Directors Ray Schirle and Loren Schinkel, wrapped up municipal visits in the Eastern District.

Intake for 2026-27 Manitoba Accessibility Fund Now Open



**Apply by
February 20**

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Manitoba 

The Manitoba government is inviting eligible organizations to apply for one-time project funding of up to \$50,000 through the Manitoba Accessibility Fund (MAF).

Manitoba-based registered charities, non-profit organizations, local businesses, on-reserve entities and municipalities can all apply to the MAF. Selected projects can receive up to 100 per cent of eligible costs, to a maximum of \$50,000 per application.

Projects must align with accessibility standards under the Accessibility for Manitobans Act and focus on customer service, employment, or information and communication. Each project must also meet at least one of the following objectives:

- *raise awareness about preventing and removing barriers;*
- *improve access to information and communication electronically, in print or in person; or*
- *develop tools, resources and training to support compliance with accessibility standards.*

The application deadline is February 20, 2026.

For full eligibility details and to apply, visit:

<https://accessibilitymb.ca/grants-and-awards/manitoba-accessibility-fund.html>

**Upcoming RMED Webinar (Feb. 12, 2026): Exploring Defence
Opportunities with PrairiesCan**

Exploring Defence Opportunities with PrairiesCan

Understand the pathways and opportunities in Canada's defence economy, and what they could mean for Manitoba communities and businesses.

HIGHLIGHTS

- PrairiesCan's regional role in Industrial and Technological Benefits, ITB
- The Regional Defence Investment Initiative and other PrairiesCan programming
- PrairiesCan's pathfinding role and opportunities related to base expansion

The registration link is in the caption or at rmedcorp.ca/workshops/

RMED

THURSDAY
February 12th, 2026
1:30 PM to 2:30 PM

VIRTUAL WEBINAR

RMED WEBINAR SERIES

Gil Garcia
Senior Business Officer, PrairiesCan
ITB Representative, Manitoba
Supports Manitoba businesses to access defence and aerospace procurement opportunities

Annie Henry
Senior Business Officer, PrairiesCan
ITB Representative, Manitoba
Connects organizations to defence sector opportunities and ITB pathways

Tyler Claeys
Senior Economist, PrairiesCan
ITB Representative, Manitoba
Provides research and advice to support regional defence-related economic development

Are you interested in how Manitoba communities and businesses can take part in Canada's growing defence economy?

Join RMED's webinar, **Exploring Defence Opportunities with PrairiesCan**, featuring Gil Garcia, Annie Henry, and Tyler Claeys of Prairies Economic Development Canada. This session will share practical insight into defence procurement pathways, available programs, and opportunities connected to base expansion.

Date: Thursday, February 12, 2026

Time: 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM CST

Format: Virtual webinar

Reserve your spot and learn how these opportunities may support future economic development efforts in your community or organization.

Register by clicking this [Link](#)

**Upcoming MicroAge Manitoba Webinar (March 12, 2026):
Auditor General Recommendations for Cyber Security**



Cyber Strong: Taking action on the Auditor General's cyber security recommendations in Manitoba Municipalities (Part 2)

Hardening & Hygiene Essentials: Strengthening Your Frontline Defences

Cyber attackers don't wait - they take advantage of unpatched systems, weak configurations, and outdated security tools. In the second session of our three-part Cyber Strong series, we'll focus on the foundational cyber hygiene practices that stop threats before they start.

Building on the Auditor General of Manitoba's cybersecurity recommendations, this session explores three essential baseline controls from the Canadian Centre for Cyber Security that every municipality must have in place to reduce risk and improve resilience.

The second part of our series focuses on the following three critical controls:

3.2: Automatically Patch Systems

- Ensure your systems update themselves so known vulnerabilities are closed quickly and consistently — without manual intervention. We'll demystify automated patching and show how municipalities can eliminate one of the most common attack vectors with straightforward tools and processes.

3.3: Enable Security Software

- Modern threats require modern, centrally managed defences. Learn how current-generation endpoint security tools actively block malicious activity, contain threats faster, and provide clear visibility across your environment..

3.4: Securely Configure Devices

- Default settings leave doors open. Harden your systems with standardized, security-first configurations that remove built-in weaknesses attackers rely on. We'll cover practical ways to implement configuration baselines that are enforceable, repeatable, and municipally realistic.

Whether you're a CAO, IT lead, or municipal decision-maker, this session will provide practical, immediately actionable guidance to improve your municipality's cybersecurity posture and protect the essential services your community depends on.

 **Date: Thursday, March 12, 2026**

 **Time: 11:00 AM–12:00 PM CST**

 **Location: Microsoft Teams Webinar**

 **Audience: Municipal leaders, IT staff, and policy-makers**

We look forward to helping you build a safer, more cyber-resilient community!

Manitoba Hydro's 2025 Integrated Resource Plan Now Available



The 2025 IRP recommends a 10-year development plan made up of investments to help meet Manitoba's future energy needs.

The 2025 IRP Report shows the work that went into making these recommendations, including comprehensive modelling and analysis, and engagements with thousands of Manitobans over years of planning.

The report also outlines key learnings gained throughout the planning process, outlines the near-term actions that must be taken to implement our 10-year development plan and continue to plan for the future, and describes the data and analysis of the many trade-offs and risks evaluated in development of the 2025 IRP.

Read the 2025 IRP Report at hydro.mb.ca/future.

CPWA: 2026 Heavy Equipment Roadeo



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2026 HEAVY EQUIPMENT ROADEO



Location: Selkirk Recreation Complex
Dates: May 22nd & 23rd 2026

Click on link to register



May 22nd Tradeshow, Education
Sessions, & Safety Walk Through

May 23rd Tradeshow, Touch-a-Truck,
Roadeo Competition Events, &
Awards Ceremony

The Canadian Public Works Association (CPWA) Manitoba Chapter is excited to invite you to participate in the **2026 Heavy Equipment Roadeo!** This highly anticipated event showcases the skills and expertise of public works professionals as they compete in a series of heavy equipment challenges.

The Roadeo is an excellent opportunity for operators to demonstrate their proficiency, engage in friendly competition, and network with industry peers. Whether you are a seasoned competitor or a first-time participant, we encourage you to join us for a day of competition, camaraderie, and professional growth.

RRC Polytech - 2026 Co-op Partnership Opportunities and Water and Wastewater Training



2026 Co-op Partnership Information

For Course Information, email or call:
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Water and Wastewater Operator
training

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contract # (which can be found on Canoe website, under each supplier) and their member # appear on the invoice. If this essential information is not included on their final invoice, they are missing out on preferred membership Canoe pricing, and they are not covered by CFTA/NWPTA trade agreements.

Contact Ainsley at ainsley@canoeprocurement.ca for additional details, questions or to do a Canoe Refresher and program update.

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Judy Snitynsky

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Cold outside, cutting-edge inside. Our Winter issue of Municipal Leader magazine features a Special Report on Artificial Intelligence (AI), including insights from the Hon. Mike Moroz, real-world examples of how the City of Selkirk and City of Winnipeg are using AI today, an overview of Manitoba's AI Pathways, and a look at how local governments across Canada are beginning to lean into AI. Flip open the issue to explore this Special Report and discover more timely stories shaping municipalities across Manitoba and beyond.

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