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# News Bulletin

AMM news and updates right to your inbox

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## Latest Updates

**REGISTRATION OPEN: 2026 Spring Convention & Trade Show**



Registration is now open for the [2026 AMM Spring Convention & Trade Show](#), taking place **April 21-23, 2026** at the Keystone Centre in Brandon.

This April, AMM is exploring **Legacy That Lasts** at our annual Spring Convention. As we move toward a time of transition, AMM sets to inspire our provincial leaders to continue forward-thinking by taking action today that will make change for the future.

**REGISTER NOW** for the 2026 Spring Convention [HERE](#).

**SECURE YOUR BOOTH** for the 2026 Spring Trade Show [HERE](#).

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**You Make THE Difference:  
Strengthening the Future of Manitoba Fairs**

The Manitoba Association of Agricultural Societies (MAAS) is proud to announce that our province has been awarded a grant to bring the You Make THE Difference National Initiative to Manitoba. This groundbreaking program will officially launch at the 2026 Manitoba Association of Agricultural Societies Annual Convention on March 28, 2026 in Brandon.

Equipping Ag Societies boards and volunteers across the province with powerful tools, training, and inspiration to meet the challenges facing fairs today.

### **What Makes You Make THE Difference?**

At its heart, You Make THE Difference is about people. Created and led by award-winning humanitarian Ian Hill, the initiative exists because rural communities and fairs are facing real headwinds: aging leadership, fewer volunteers, and increasing demands with limited resources. Hill believes the future of fairs—and the communities they serve—rests not in distant institutions, but in everyday people who roll up their sleeves and say yes when their towns need them most.

The program provides practical strategies to recruit and inspire volunteers, strengthen leadership, and build long-term sustainability. It combines high-energy, face-to-face sessions with an innovative digital follow-up system that keeps support and resources flowing long after the workshop ends.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more.

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## **REGISTRATION OPEN: 2026 Manitoba Planning Conference (May 6-8, 2026)**



**M a n i t o b a** P r o f e s s i o n a l  
**P l a n n e r s** I n s t i t u t e

The Manitoba Planning Conference is an annual event attended by over 225 municipal officials and planning and development professionals. It promotes effective land use and community planning, economic development, and environmental and natural resources management in Manitoba. To be held at the Delta Winnipeg Hotel in Winnipeg from May 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>. The conference theme is: **Momentum in Muddy Waters: Planning Through Turbulent Times**. Program information can be viewed [HERE](#)

Click [HERE](#) to register.

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# ESF Municipal Energy Dialogue

## Planning on attending FCM 2026 in Edmonton?

As Canada expands energy exports, electricity production, and data centre development, community readiness is essential. Register now for the [ESF Municipal Energy Dialogue 2026](#) and join municipal leaders and key stakeholders to discuss how local decisions are shaping Canada's energy and economic future. The event, held on June 4th, right before the start of FCM's conference in Edmonton. It is hosted by [Energy for a Secure Future](#).

## UPCOMING FCM WEBINAR

### Women in Leadership: Breaking Barriers & Building Support



FREE WEBINAR

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AN FCM WEBINAR SERIES


Convening women leaders from Canada and abroad to explore how generosity, mentorship and shared experience strengthen women's leadership in local government.

## WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP: BREAKING BARRIERS AND BUILDING SUPPORT

PRESENTED IN PARTNERSHIP BY:

March 11 | 12 PM (ET)

FCM



NEW WEBINAR | As part of International Women's Week, join women leaders from Canada and abroad to explore how generosity, mentorship and shared experience strengthen women's leadership in local government.

Save your spot [HERE](#).

## Housing Forward: 2026 Prairies Affordable Housing Summit



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2026 Prairies Affordable Housing Summit

Newsletter Callout

Edmonton

May 11-14, 2026 | Edmonton, Alberta

## Core Conference Programming: May 12-13, 2026

Join 500+ housing leaders from across Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba for two days focused on practical solutions and sector alignment. Convened by the City of Edmonton, this summit brings together municipalities, developers, planners, housing providers, and health and homelessness professionals working to advance affordable and non-market housing delivery.

What you'll gain:

- Proven tools and innovations from local and national leaders
- Site tours showcasing replicable projects in Edmonton
- Strategic partnerships across sectors and jurisdictions
- Applied strategies for delivery, sustainability, and reconciliation

Building on Edmonton's leadership in housing policy and investment, Housing Forward moves beyond conversation toward implementation - highlighting early wins, scalable models, and collaborative approaches that can be applied across the Prairies.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more and register.

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**Free Ride EV Municipal Electrification & Resilience Session**

# EV FORUM 2026



Free Ride Manitoba Education  
Project

**JOIN THE PREMIER EV  
EVENT IN MANITOBA!  
REGISTER NOW!**



**MARCH 24, 2026**  
10 AM - 4 PM

### About Our Event!

EV Forum 3 emphasizes electric vehicle education and adoption, focusing on cost savings, infrastructure, and real-world deployment in First Nations communities. The event will feature live demonstrations of working EVs, charging systems, and mobile infrastructure solutions.

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### Event Highlights

#### Food & Water Security ◀

Experience thrilling demonstrations and captivating presentations from the innovative minds at Nibi Enviro Tech!

#### Emergency Preparedness ◀

using real examples of battery storage and solar backup systems

#### Explore EVs for rural communities ◀

People will convene in the north to explore the benefits of EVs, focusing on their environmental impact and cost-effectiveness.

Website  
[www.fnev.ca](http://www.fnev.ca)



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



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training

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## AMM Trading Company / Canoe Procurement

### Upcoming Changes to Canoe Invoices & Payments



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procurement group of canada

Canoe is pleased to announce our partnership with LBMX Inc., a leading B2B platform of technology solutions for buying groups.

The ability to exchange electronic business transactions efficiently is crucial to optimizing service for our Members.

#### Highlights of the system:

1. Members will have a portal to self-direct their experience
2. Members control when, where, and who accesses the invoices, with no limit to the number of logins
3. Members can review invoices and dispute any for reasons of warranty or error immediately
4. Members will be able to easily select invoices and create a payment file for their bank directly in the system if they desire (or by cheque), which means the application of payment is the same on both ends of the program
5. Enhanced real-time visibility into all purchases with analytics and reporting
6. Errors are caught or eliminated at the source, and delays in invoicing are reduced
7. Canoe staff will always be at the ready to assist with any issues or queries

The functional accounting processes are ready to go live **April 1<sup>st</sup>**, with webinars on March 11<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at 9am MST to walk your accounting team through the steps that they need to sign in and download and pay invoices!

You can also look for a webinar invite in May or June that will walk you through the analytics that LBMX provides.

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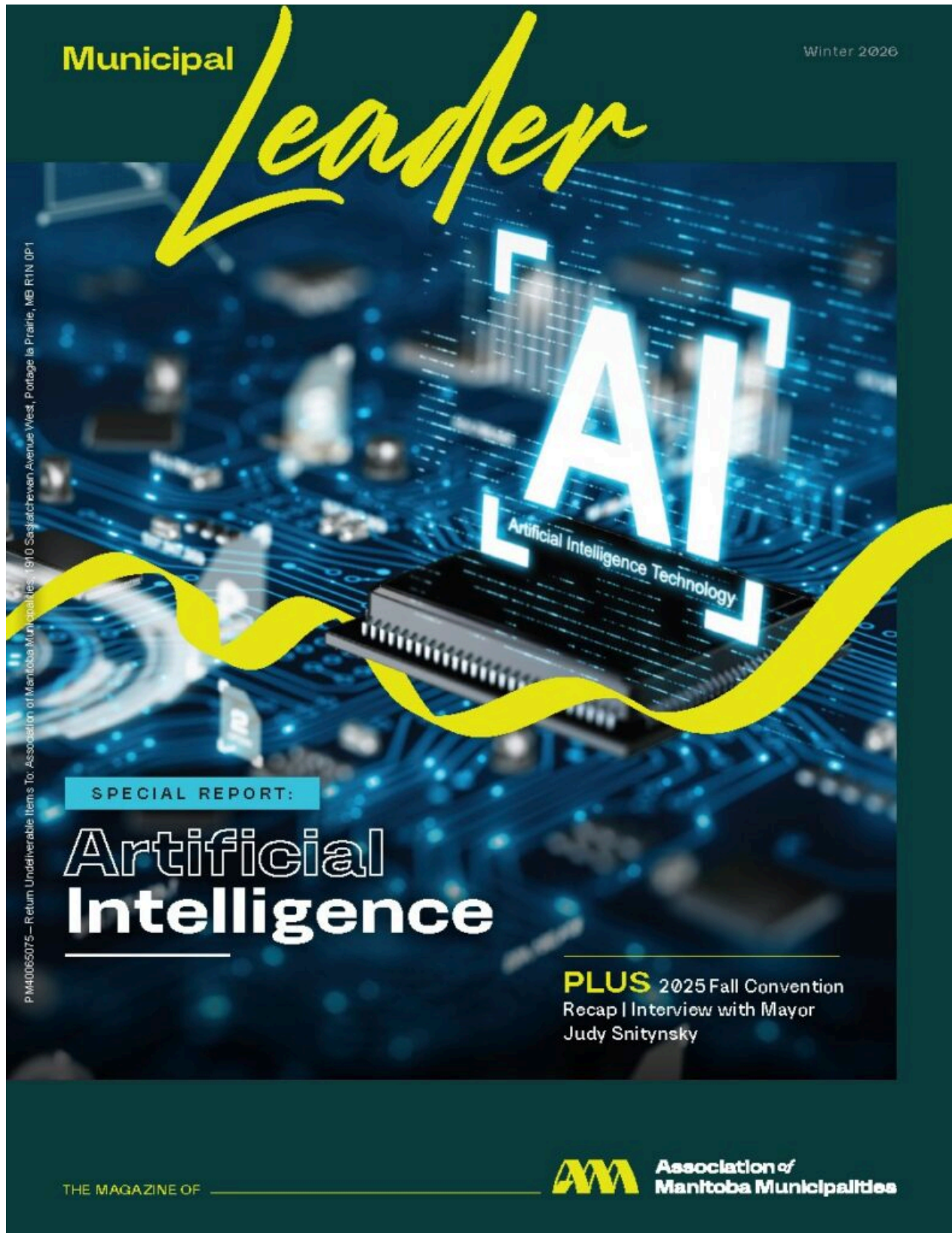
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Cold outside, cutting-edge inside. Our Winter issue of Municipal Leader magazine features a Special Report on Artificial Intelligence (AI), including insights from the Hon. Mike Moroz, real-world examples of how the City of Selkirk and City of Winnipeg 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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