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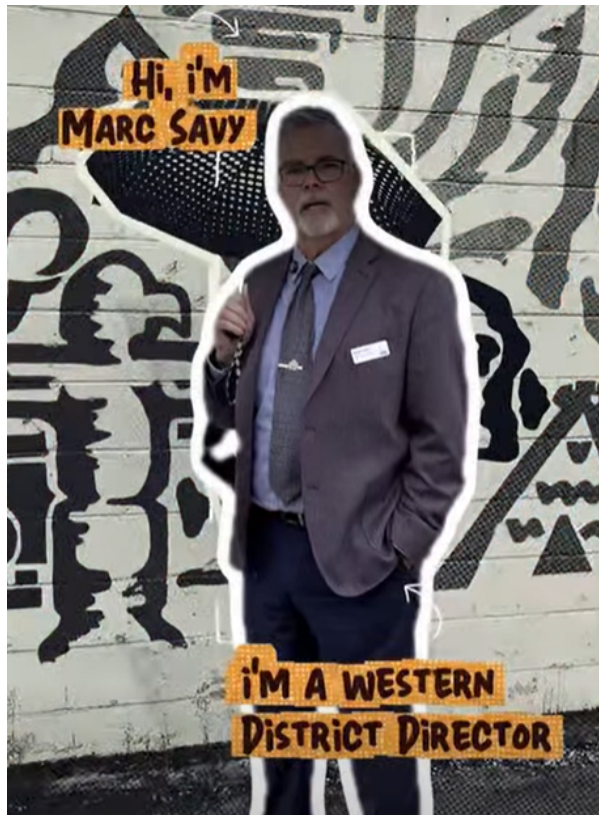
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We hope you enjoy this copy of the AMM News Bulletin. Click [HERE](#) to download a PDF version.

Latest Updates

Get to Know the AMM Board of Directors

This summer, we're helping you get to know the AMM Board of Directors a little better! To view videos, click [HERE](#).



Amid New Tariffs, FCM Urges Support for Communities



With Canada-U.S trade talks called off and new tariffs now in place on Canadian products, Team Canada's priority must be the communities and businesses facing the impact. These unjustified tariffs will be felt nationwide, but some communities will bear a disproportionate burden, with consequences for local jobs, industries, investment and families.

As Canada confronts this renewed trade war, strengthening domestic productivity, investing in critical local infrastructure and expanding international trade opportunities is more important than ever. FCM is already ramping up engagement and collaboration with our U.S. municipal counterparts (including the United States Conference of Mayors, the National League of Cities, and the National Association of Counties) at this crucial time, with a goal of rolling back these damaging tariffs. FCM is working with the federal government so no Canadian community has to confront this challenge alone.

» *READ FCM PRESIDENT'S RESPONSE TO THE CANADA-U.S. TRADE NEGOTIATION SITUATION*

Tourism Industry Association of Manitoba Advocacy Forum (September 28 & 29)

Destination Canada and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), representing over 2,100 Canadian municipalities, have signed a first-of-its-kind partnership agreement to proactively engage community leaders and by extension, their constituents and strategic partners so they understand the value of tourism and the power of collective destination stewardship and thoughtful tourism development. This collaboration will also emphasize how we can leverage the visitor economy to benefit communities and residents economically, social-culturally, and environmentally across the country.

The Tourism Industry Association of Manitoba is excited to announce the return of the 3rd Annual TIAM Advocacy Forum on **September 28 & 29**.

Municipalities have been integral to the success of tourism industry growth. We invite you to join TIAM and the industry from across the Province at this year's forum.

It's a great opportunity to connect with tourism professionals from across Manitoba, hear fresh ideas, discuss the issues impacting our industry, and strengthen the relationships that help move tourism forward.

This year also features the inaugural Industry Reception & Dinner on September 28, creating even more opportunities to connect with colleagues from across the province. The Networking Dinner is designed to create meaningful connections between tourism industry professionals and municipal and provincial leaders, while also fostering greater understanding among other businesses and decision-makers of tourism's significant economic and community value.

View the agenda and register [HERE](#)

Participate in the 10-Year Review of the Accessible Customer Service Standard Regulation



Get Involved and Share Your Feedback

The Accessibility Advisory Council (council) is conducting a ten-year review of Manitoba's Accessible Customer Service Standard Regulation. This review is an opportunity to reflect on the progress made from the previous review and identify opportunities to build on that work.

The council seeks feedback from people with disabilities, businesses, municipalities, public sector organizations, community organizations, employees and all other interested Manitobans.

There are several ways to get involved, including participating in an online consultation webinar, taking part in a survey or providing a written submission. Feedback received will help inform the council's recommendations to government.

Ways to Get Involved

Online Consultation Webinar:

Participate in a public Zoom webinar hosted by the Accessibility Advisory Council.

Consultation Webinar Details:

- **Date:** September 17, 2026
- **Time:** 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. CDT
- **Where:** Virtual via Zoom

[Click to register to attend](#)

This session will provide an overview of the current requirements, a summary of the past review recommendations and actions, and an opportunity for participants to provide input.

The webinar will include American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation and live closed captioning.

If you require additional accommodations or would prefer to register by phone, please call the Manitoba Accessibility Office at 204-945-7613 or email at MAO@gov.mb.ca.

Survey:

Share feedback on the Accessible Customer Service Standard Regulation by completing the survey. This survey takes about five minutes and asks specific questions about the standard.

[Click to take the survey \(English\)](#)

[Cliquez pour répondre au sondage \(en français\)](#)

Written Submission:

The council welcomes written submissions from individuals and organizations. Comments may be submitted in the form of a letter, brief or other written responses.

This consultation closes October 9, 2026.

Please review the attached [PDF](#) for additional information on the 10-Year Review of the Accessible Customer Service Regulation.

If you have any questions or concerns about this review, please contact the Accessibility Advisory Council through the Manitoba Accessibility Office at access@gov.mb.ca.

Review of Proposed Regulations to Manitoba's Agricultural Crown Lands

Manitoba Agriculture has three proposed changes to the regulation:

- A new application-based (points-based) allocation process,
- Restrictions on leaseholders' total holdings, and
- Allowing modern leases to be renewed.

Ways to Participate

Participation is welcomed through the following options:

- Submit Written Feedback
- Written comments or questions about the Program and proposed changes may be submitted any time before **October 2, 2026**. Feedback may be submitted to Manitoba Agriculture at agcrownlands@gov.mb.ca.
- Manitoba Regulatory Consultation Portal
- Feedback may also be shared through the Manitoba Regulatory Consultation Portal at <http://reg.gov.mb.ca/home>, which is open to all Manitobans until **October 2, 2026**.

Questions may be directed to agcrownlands@gov.mb.ca.

Letter can be viewed [HERE](#)

Climate Action Fund Applications - Now Open

The 2026 intake of the Climate Action Fund is now open and accepting applications. The Climate Action Fund (the Fund) supports projects with up to a maximum of \$150,000 in grant funding to help businesses, communities and non-profit organizations address the challenges

of climate change while building a low-carbon economy and making life more affordable for Manitobans.

The three priorities of the Fund are:

- Reducing greenhouse gas emissions in Manitoba
- Supporting enhanced resilience to the impacts of a changing climate
- Increasing affordable and clean energy technologies in Manitoba

Applicants to the Fund must be one of the following:

- Incorporated non-profit organization
- Academic or educational institution
- Manitoba municipality
- Northern Affairs Community
- Indigenous community or organization
- First Nation or Indigenous government
- Business, including social enterprises (businesses must be registered with the Province of Manitoba).

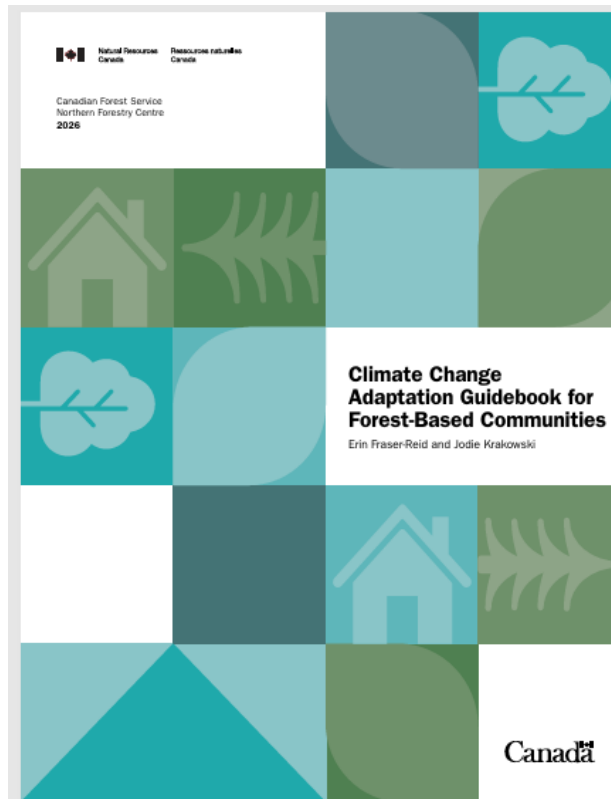
For municipalities, Northern Affairs Communities and First Nations, up to a maximum of \$20,000 is available for the development of climate adaptation or net-zero plans to support climate action. Applicants are strongly encouraged to apply for complementary funding from the **Federation of Canadian Municipalities programs**.

Municipalities, Northern Affairs Communities, and First Nations can also apply for up to \$150,000 for other projects that align with one or more of the Funds' priorities.

Please note the deadline to submit applications is 11:59 pm Central Daylight Time on October 8, 2026.

If interested, please read the full application guide and fill out the application form on the Manitoba Grants Online webpage **[HERE](#)**

Climate Change Adaptation Guidebook Now Available



This **Guidebook** is intended to empower residents of small forest-based communities to undertake a climate change vulnerability assessment for their community and surrounding forests. Using the approaches, resources, and examples described in this guidebook will help Canadians understand which specific climate changes are predicted for their region, how those changes could affect the places and things valued by local people, and then develop a realistic plan to address the top priority potential impacts (positive or negative). The guidebook uses plain language, explains key concepts, and includes links to resources and examples from across Canada, so will hopefully enable small communities to take on these types of assessments themselves, if they are interested.

Fish and Wildlife Enhancement Fund - 2027 Intake is Now Open



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**FISH AND
WILDLIFE**
ENHANCEMENT FUND

The call to submit a Letter of Interest (LOI) for the **Fish and Wildlife Enhancement Fund (FWEF)** for the **Spring 2027 intake is now open**. Non-profits, community groups, and research institutions with ideas for fish and wildlife enhancement initiatives in Manitoba may submit a LOI as the first step in applying for a grant from FWEF. Applicants with eligible projects at the LOI stage will be invited to submit a full application later in the fall.

For more information on FWEF, including the proposal process and all eligibility requirements, visit the Manitoba Habitat Conservancy website: <https://mbhabitat.ca/fwef/> and download our **guidelines document** under the Resources section. This year, changes to the guidelines include clarifying that wildlife projects will target eligible species listed under Division 1, 2, and 3 of Schedule A of the Wildlife Act. Habitat projects, which illustrate primary or secondary benefits to eligible species, are also able to apply for funding.

The deadline for Letter of Interest submission is 4:00 PM CST, September 30, 2026.

To be eligible to apply for a Fish and Wildlife Enhancement Fund grant for spring 2027 you must submit your organization's LOI through MHC's online **Granting Portal** prior to September 30, 2026. Late entries, and entries submitted through mail, will not be accepted.

MHC will reach out to eligible applicants at the beginning of October to submit a full application.

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

Conservation Trust Intakes Are Open + Introducing Pathways



Conservation Trust 2027 Intake

The Conservation Trust Spring 2027 intake will be opening on September 8th, 2026. The Conservation Trust provides funding to Manitoba non-profit organizations for projects that support watersheds, habitat, wildlife, soil health, and connecting people with nature.

Interested applicants are encouraged to connect with the Trust Team (granting@mbhabitat.ca) to discuss project fit, eligibility, and application requirements before submitting a Letter of Interest. Letters of Interest are due October 2nd, at 3:30pm, and applicants will be notified by October 23, 2026 if they have been invited to submit a full application.

Before applying, be sure to review the 2027 Conservation Trust Guidelines available on the Manitoba Habitat Conservancy website. Please note any changes that are highlighted in the "What's New for 2027" section on page 3.

Need help? Your Grants Associate is available to answer questions, discuss project ideas, and support applicants throughout the process. You can also reach us at granting@mbhabitat.ca.

[See More](#)

New for 2027

The Pathways Program

We're excited to introduce the Conservation Trust Pathways Program, a new funding opportunity designed to make conservation funding more accessible, flexible and inclusive by minimizing administrative barriers and prioritizing groups that have not previously received funding through the Conservation Trust.

Pathways offers a rolling intake, allowing applicants to connect with our team and begin the process when they are ready. Funding through Pathways will become available in January 2027.

Interested applicants are encouraged to contact our team at pathways@mbhabitat.ca to discuss project ideas and learn how to apply.

For more information, including the Pathways Program Guidelines, visit mbhabitat.ca/funding-opportunities/.

Manitoba Start's Diversity & Intercultural Training Series

UNCONSCIOUS BIAS AT WORK

Create a workplace where everyone feels
respected, valued, and included.

Virtual Workshop



Recognize bias.
Build awareness.



Practice **inclusive**
language.



Interrupt bias.
Create change.



Stronger teams.
Better workplace.



SEPT. 23, 2026

1:00 – 4:00 PM

\$199
PER PERSON

Manitoba Start is pleased to be offering a **series of virtual Diversity & Intercultural Training workshops** designed to help organizations build more respectful, inclusive and effective workplaces. The workshops are relevant for employees, supervisors, managers, HR professionals and organizational leaders who want practical tools they can apply in their workplaces.

Our first workshop in the series is:

Unconscious Bias at Work

September 23, 2026 | 1:00–4:00 PM

Virtual Workshop | \$199 per person

Using real-life workplace scenarios, participants will:

- Recognize their own unconscious biases and their impact on others
- Build greater self-awareness
- Practice inclusive language
- Develop strategies to interrupt bias
- Strengthen respectful and inclusive workplace interactions

For more information and to register:

[Unconscious Bias at Work – Registration](#)

CPWA Winter Maintenance Certificate Programs (October 20 and 22, 2026)




SAVE THE DATE

Canadian Public Works Association (CPWA) Manitoba Chapter

WINTER MAINTENANCE CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS 2026

INVEST IN YOUR WINTER OPERATIONS TEAM

Join public works professionals from across Manitoba for nationally recognized training that builds safer, more efficient, equitable and environmentally responsible winter operations.

BOTH PROGRAMS • BOTH LOCATIONS • MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN!

Both the Winter Maintenance **Supervisor** Certificate Program and Winter Maintenance **Operator** Certificate Program will be offered in both locations.



THOMPSON, MANITOBA

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2026



RUSSELL, MANITOBA

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2026



**WINTER MAINTENANCE
SUPERVISOR CERTIFICATE PROGRAM**



**WINTER MAINTENANCE
OPERATOR CERTIFICATE PROGRAM**

Both programs are designed to enhance knowledge, skills and best practices to improve winter operations, promote public safety, and protect our communities and environment.

PROGRAM LEARNING OBJECTIVES

SUPERVISOR CERTIFICATE PROGRAM
After completing this program, participants will be better able to:

- Plan and prepare effective winter maintenance programs.
- Understand winter weather and its operational impacts.
- Utilize traditional and alternative snow and ice control materials.
- Evaluate equipment requirements and maintenance practices.
- Apply effective snow and ice control techniques.
- Understand environmental impacts of winter maintenance activities.
- Implement responsible application procedures and best practices.

OPERATOR CERTIFICATE PROGRAM
After completing this program, participants will be better able to:

- Apply essential winter operations principles.
- Understand snow and ice control materials and how they work.
- Identify winter maintenance equipment and proper upkeep requirements.
- Improve communication between operators and fleet personnel.
- Enhance operational efficiency and safety during winter events.



**REGISTRATION OPENS:
JULY 2026**



**REGISTRATION FEES:
TO BE ANNOUNCED
IN JULY**

More information coming soon!

Watch for details on registration, course agendas, meals and accommodation options.

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FOR FUTURE
REGISTRATION LINK

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?









CPWA Manitoba Chapter | www.manitoba.cpwa.net | info@manitoba.cpwa.net

Join public works professionals from across Manitoba for nationally recognized training that builds safer, more efficient, equitable and environmentally responsible winter operations.

Manitoba Building Code Courses (Fall 2026 & Winter 2027)



Building code courses provide essential knowledge and skills for understanding and applying construction regulations and standards. These courses typically cover topics such as structural integrity, safety protocols, accessibility requirements, and energy efficiency. They are designed for building officials and professionals in the construction industry, including architects, engineers, and contractors, to ensure compliance with local and national building codes.

Click [HERE](#) for available courses.

Click [HERE](#) for course descriptions.

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Simplifying Service Procurement Through Canoe – From ERP to Project Delivery

Join us **Tuesday, September 15, 2026** to learn how Canoe simplifies service procurement by accelerating timelines, reducing administrative burden and providing access to top tier solutions.

This session will highlight our new ERP program as a key example, demonstrating how organizations can efficiently engage with vendors and implement enterprise resource planning systems using Canoe's flexible contracting approach. We'll also explore how the same streamlined procurement model applies across other service areas, including project management and professional advisory services.

Whether you're planning a major system implementation or sourcing professional services more broadly, this webinar will provide practical guidance on how to scope your work and procure with confidence—without starting from scratch.

Register [HERE](#).

Election Supply Order Form

Election Supplies are now available to purchase through Staples.

Click [HERE](#) for order form.

Please send order forms directly to Catharine Beattie, catharine.beattie@staples.ca

Feminine Hygiene Solutions

- Manitoba is the 1st to pass a province-wide law requiring most employers to provide free menstrual products in workplaces.
- Manitoba amended their Workplace Safety & Health Regulation so that starting early August 2026, provincially regulated employers must provide menstrual products (pads & tampons) at no cost in washrooms or another accessible location at work.

View Product Guide [HERE](#)

AMM Programs

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[Recruiting with Purpose: finding and hiring the best talent in 2026](#)

AMM is partnered with People First HR to provide Municipalities with a complimentary HR On Call Service for best advice regarding your HR questions as well as access to 100+ HR templates.

Phone: 1.866.899.1340

Email: hroncall@peoplefirsthr.com

For additional information about HR On Call services:

https://amm.mb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/PFHR-HR-On-Call_AMM.pdf

Municipal Leader - Summer 2026



Our Summer 2026 issue of the **Municipal Leader** has arrived, featuring a special report on municipal elections.

With municipalities across the province preparing for elections this July and October, the AMM has compiled valuable resources, practical guidance, and important information to support members throughout the election cycle. Whether you're considering seeking re-election or putting your name forward for the first time, this issue is designed to help you navigate the process and strengthen your municipal election readiness.

In addition to our election coverage, this issue explores several other topics impacting Manitoba municipalities, including Manitoba RCMP vacancy rates, the changes introduced

through Bill 33 to strengthen the legislative framework for municipal leaders, and the official launch of the Manitoba Ready app.

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