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Municipalities

# News Bulletin

AMM news and updates right to your inbox

FEBRUARY , 2025

Dear Subscriber,

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

## Latest Updates

### The AMM Executive continues its tour across Manitoba



The AMM Executive continue with their annual round of municipal visits by meeting with several municipalities in the Central District (January 27-28, 2025) and Parkland District (February 4-5, 2025).

The AMM Executive was joined by Central District Directors Nancy Penner and Christa Vann Mitchell when meeting with the following municipalities: RM of Grey, RM of Dufferin, RM of Thompson City of Winkler, Municipality of Pembina and Municipality of Louis.

Parkland District Directors Jim Manchur and Lance Jacobson joined the AMM Executive meeting with the following municipalities: Mossey River Municipality, Municipality of Minitonas-Bowsman, Town of Swan River, and Municipality of Swan Valley West.

Key themes for Central District visits included downloading of responsibilities, insufficient provincial maintenance of drains and road networks, and the need for a modernized funding model that better aligns with municipal priorities. For Parkland District visits, key themes are sharps disposal, increasing crime rates and public safety challenges, and the lack of maintenance of provincial drains and road infrastructure.

## Get Ready to Spot the Sock!



Join us in stride  
and share your  
**AM**  
socks around  
Manitoba or from  
your travels!

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**#AMMSockSpot**

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How to Participate:

1. Find the AMM socks in action!
2. Snap a pic and share it with us on Facebook or X using the hashtag **#AMMSockSpot**!
3. OR simply send your photos to the AMM office!

Let's spread the word—and the socks—far and wide! Whether you're sporting them yourself or spotting them out and about, we want to see those AMM socks in action!

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## The Accessibility for Manitobans Act and Accessibility Standards: Free Webinars Series

# Manitoba Accessibility Office

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The Accessibility for Manitobans Act consists of five standard building blocks for making real, measurable, and effective changes to accessibility. Each standard outlines specific requirements and timelines for organizations that have a responsibility to comply with the act.

### Your Organization's Role in Removing Barriers

Learn how your organization can improve accessibility by attending one or more of the Manitoba Accessibility Office's online webinars. These webinars serve as a valuable tool to educate businesses, non-profits, and public sector organizations about accessibility legislation in Manitoba. Attend virtually from anywhere and gain valuable insight into best practices and learn about strategies for improving accessibility policies and procedures. Each session focuses on a different area of the legislation and will include a presentation outlining requirements, tools, resources, and strategies for making your organization compliant and more accessible for all Manitobans.

**Upcoming Webinar Sessions:**

- **February 19:** Embracing an Accessible Manitoba, It Starts with Your Organization – An Overview of the Accessibility for Manitobans Act
  - [Register to Attend this Session](#)
- **April 16:** Providing Accessible Information and Communication as a Small Business – Developing Strategies that Work
  - [Register to Attend this Session](#)
- **May 21:** Navigating Accessibility Accommodations in the Workplace – Understanding Your Role as an Employer
  - [Register to Attend this Session](#)

Each presentation takes place from 1 to 2 p.m. and will be hosted virtually on Zoom.

All webinars will have accessibility measures such as American Sign Language interpretation (ASL) and live closed captioning.

Visit [AccessibilityMB.ca](https://AccessibilityMB.ca) to learn more about these webinars.

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## Manitoba Water and Wastewater Annual Conference and Tradeshow



Click [HERE](#) to visit the MWWA Conference website for more information.

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## Manitoba Aviation Conference 2025



**When:** February 25 - 26, 2025

**Where:** Holiday Inn Express Polo Park

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

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## 2025 Women of Distinction Awards Nomination Now Open



The 2025 Women of Distinction Awards are officially open for nominations! Do you know an inspiring woman making a difference in Westman community? Recognize her impact by submitting a nomination today!

**Nominations close:** March 8 (International Women's Day)

**Event Date:** April 24, 2025 - 6:00 PM

**Location:** WMCA - Brandon, MB

Let's celebrate the incredible women shaping our community!

For more information, tickets and nomination form, click [HERE](#).

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## CPWA Disaster Workshop

## Public Works and Emergency Management

Balancing the Needs and Wants during Response and Recovery

### Overview

This seminar offers emergency management practitioners valuable insights into best practices, stakeholder relations, and essential tips and tools for effective response and recovery during emergencies.

### Learning Objectives

- Analyze Real-Life Experiences and Best Practices
- Prioritize Projects Through Risk Assessment
- Utilize Public Works Tools for Emergency Management
- Build Relationships with key stakeholders
- Communication strategies:

### Save the Date

February 27 & 28, 2025  
 City of Winnipeg office -  
 1155 Pacific Avenue  
 \$395

**REGISTRATION**



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## Manitoba Planning Conference Registration



### MANITOBA PLANNING CONFERENCE

BUILDING THE KNOWLEDGE TO SHAPE OUR SHARED FUTURE

Idea Building Social Building Physical Building

**IN PERSON**

MARCH 5 - 7, 2025  
 Victoria Inn Brandon / Brandon, MB

The term “Planning” is often associated with “Building”. From the municipalities and organizations that provide planning services to the job descriptions of planners, “Building” represents the multi-faceted approach of our work to build the communities of today and tomorrow.

Join us at the 2025 Manitoba Planning Conference as we build the knowledge to shape our shared future.

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# RRC Polytech - Technology Solutions



For Course Information, email or call:  
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## AMM Programs



On your behalf we have renewed the Safetyhub program, used by many of our members for **FREE!**, for two more years!

We have heard nothing but positive feedback on the program and usage was once again up from previous terms. Check with other municipalities if you have not started it yet – SIMPLE and EFFICIENT and FREE training for all you staff that you shouldn't miss out on!

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Safetycare aims to create the most engaging and concise video training possible, continuing to create content designed to help you create a safety conscious working environment.

### Recently added to Safetyhub:

Safety is our #1 priority. In addition to our already vast catalogue of training we have recently added the following courses:

- Sexual Harassment
- Chainsaw (Safe Maintenance)
- Chainsaw (Part and Components)
- Chainsaw (Safe Cutting)
- Chainsaw (Safe Operation Basics)
- Cybersecurity Awareness & Threat Identification
- WHMIS 2023
- Kitchen Safety and Food Hygiene

To learn more, call **1-800-323-6638** or email [safety@safetycare.ca](mailto:safety@safetycare.ca)

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**Municipal Leader - Winter 2025**

# Leader

SPECIAL REPORT:

## Building Strong, Vibrant Communities

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**PLUS** AMM Annual Fall Convention Recap | Municipal Profile on Kathy Valentino, New AMM President

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### Wrap Up the Year with the Municipal Leader!

The Winter issue is here to light up your holiday season with articles designed to inspire, inform, and ignite innovation across Manitoba's municipalities. This edition features a Special Report on Building Strong, Vibrant Communities, including insights from RMED on advancing rural Manitoba through community growth, highlights of new funding opportunities from the Department of Municipal and Northern Relations, and a perspective from the Economic Developers Association of Manitoba on navigating a changing landscape.

Unwrap the latest updates on AMM initiatives, celebrate local successes, and explore fresh ideas to kick off the new year with purpose and energy!

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