



News Bulletin

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LATEST UPDATES

Fairness Principles for Public Service Providers Regarding the Use of COVID-19 Vaccine Certification

As access to vaccination increases in countries around the world, many regions are contemplating the issue of whether or not to require the certification of COVID-19 vaccination in various contexts. Canada's Provincial and Territorial Ombudsman are stressing a cautious approach within Canada that places fairness at the heart of any potential vaccination certification system and its application to public services. The Canadian Council of Parliamentary Ombudsman (CCPO) has issued a guidance document:

[*Fairness Principles for Public Service Providers Regarding the Use of COVID-19 Vaccine Certification - ENGLISH*](#)

[*Fairness Principles for Public Service Providers Regarding the Use of COVID-19 Vaccine Certification - FRENCH*](#)

Manitoba Water Strategy Public Engagement

The Manitoba government has launched an online public engagement seeking feedback on the development of a provincial water management strategy. This framework highlights the vision statement, guiding principles and key focus areas that will be the foundation for the water strategy.

[*MB Water Strategy Framework*](#)

To take part in the engagement, please click [HERE](#)
Deadline for feedback is **August 13, 2021**.

For the Full Provincial News Release, click [HERE](#)

MB Infrastructure Strategic Investment Categories Public Feedback

The province is asking the public and industry stakeholders for feedback on the proposed

strategic investment categories to guide capital project infrastructure planning.

[MB Infrastructure Strategic Investment Categories Public Presentation](#)

To take part in the engagement, please click [HERE](#)
Deadline for feedback is **August 04, 2021**.

For the Full Provincial News Release, click [HERE](#)

MB Infrastructure - Adopt a Highway Program

For full information on how to participate, please click: [Adopt-A-Highway Program](#)

The Accessibility for Manitobans Act Online Learning Portal

The Manitoba government encourages organizations to meet their employee accessibility training requirements by completing standard-specific learning modules on its **NEW online learning portal**. Complete this free training anytime from anywhere.

Plain language content explains the requirements of the Accessibility Standard for Customer Service, with examples on how to achieve compliance, tips for best practices, and useful resources. Signify employee compliance with a certificate upon completion of the module.

To access the online learning portal, visit: [AMALearningMB.ca](#).
Stay tuned for the LMS version (Learning Management Software) and a second module to support training for the Accessibility Standard for Employment.

Tourism Relief Fund (TRF) now OPEN for applications

The [Tourism Relief Fund \(TRF\)](#) aims to help Canada's tourism industry welcome back domestic travellers by creating new or enhanced tourism experiences and products, and to attract international visitors by repositioning Canada as a world-class destination. The fund will also be used by tourism businesses and organizations to adapt their operations to meet public health requirements, improve their products and services and position themselves for post-pandemic economic recovery.

[Application Guide](#)

To apply: [Western Economic Diversification Canada application portal](#)

Should you have any questions regarding the programs that cannot be found in the online application guides, we encourage you to contact Western Economic Diversification Canada directly at **1-888-338-9378**.

Blue-Green Algae Information

Blue-green algal blooms can produce toxins that are harmful to people, pets and livestock. Algal blooms are difficult to predict and may form and then disperse quickly, or last for several days or weeks. Warm and calm weather coupled with relatively high nutrient loads provide ideal conditions for blue-green algae to develop during the summer months.

Residents or cottagers using lake water to supply their homes should be advised that most small water systems cannot remove algal toxins. Notifying owners of these water systems is very important so that they can be prepared to take precautions.

[2021 Algal Correspondence Letter](#)

[Blue Green Algal Bloom Poster](#)

[Blue Green Algal Blooms Fact Sheet](#)

For more information on **beach conditions and algal blooms**, please contact the **Water Branch** at **204-945-0002** or visit the website: manitoba.ca/beaches
For more information on **algal toxins in drinking water**, please contact the **Office of Drinking Water** at **204-945-5762** or visit the website: manitoba.ca/drinkingwater
For information on your **municipal drinking water system**, contact your **water supplier**.

AMM PROGRAMS & SERVICES

AMM Trading Company

AMM Trading Company/CANOE Webinar: Trade Agreements & CETA-Single Point of Access (SPA)

Are you aware of your Canada-Europe Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) "Single Point of Access" (SPA) requirements soon to be implemented across Canada?

How can the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) Trading Company/Canoe Procurement Group of Canada assist to meet your trade agreement obligations?

What is **CETA-SPA**?

The Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) Trading Company/Canoe Procurement Group of Canada is hosting an information session focusing on trade agreements in collaboration with the Province of Manitoba.

During this webinar, the AMM will review the procurement process they facilitate on members behalf, and how their program is trade compliant with CFTA/NWPTA/CETA regulations. The Province of Manitoba will focus on the upcoming Canada-Europe Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) "Single Point of Access" (SPA) requirements that must be implemented across Canada very shortly.

The AMM Trading Company/Canoe is working to ease the transition to CETA-SPA on behalf of members, through their cooperative purchasing program.

We look forward to meeting with you and answering all your questions!

Trade Agreements & CETA-Single Point of Access (SPA)

Tuesday, July 27, 2021 10:00 am

[Click HERE to register for the Webinar](#)

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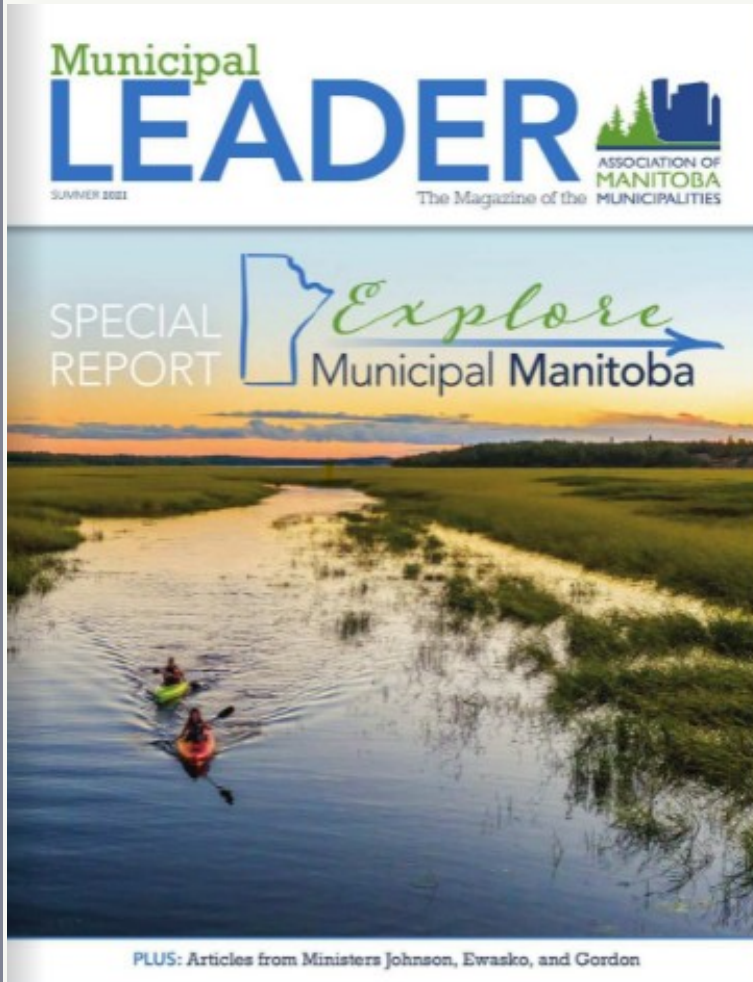
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Municipal Leader Summer 2021



As we look to stay in our own backyards this summer, what better way to explore new places than to open up our Special Report which Explores Municipal Manitoba. Flip open this issue of the Municipal Leader to explore Manitoba's trails, lakes and parks across Manitoba. As municipalities are working hard to adapt to increased tourism within their communities, let's all do our part to ensure recreational areas remain pristine for all to enjoy.

This issue also features articles from Minister Wayne Ewasko discussing Manitoba's Growing Regional Economies, an article from Minister Derek Johnson, discussing Enhanced Economic Growth through Improved Land-Use Planning as well as an article by Minister Audrey Gordon, talking about Mental Health Recovery initiatives, as just a few articles in this

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