



News Bulletin

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

LATEST UPDATES

2024 AMM Fall Convention



The Association of Manitoba Municipalities' success as an organization is rooted in committed leadership, the resourcefulness of its members, and collaboration with innovative partnerships of stakeholders.

We welcome all municipal officials to the AGM with a program rich with enlightening presentations on the most current municipal topics, over 100 exhibitors at the Trade Show, debate and voting on this year's slate of resolutions, guest speakers, and the 2024 Executive Committee Elections will round out the agenda.

[Visit the 2024 Fall Convention webpage for more information.](#)

AMM Executive Committee Elections

2024 Executive Committee Elections

Here are the candidates:

AMM President:

- Councillor Kathy Valentino, City of Thompson
- Reeve Ian Drul, Municipality of Harrison Park

AMM Vice President:

- Reeve Clayton Canart, RM of Wallace-Woodworth
- Councillor Scott Phillips, RM of Sifton
- Reeve Brad Saluk, RM of Brokenhead
- Mayor Sandra Smith, Town of Stonewall

Speeches & voting: Nov 27, 9:00 AM at the Fall Convention. Speaking order by random draw.

[Click HERE to check candidate information and campaign materials](#)

-Housing Starts Here-

New funding intake open - Expanding housing supply in Manitoba

The Manitoba government is launching ***Housing Starts Here***, an improved approach to help expand the housing supply and end chronic homelessness in Manitoba.

Manitoba announced \$30M in budget 2024 to support the creation of social and affordable housing in partnership with Indigenous governments, Municipalities and non-profit organizations. This funding will prioritize funding projects that create new social housing units (rent-gear-to-income), with support services.

Through the new streamlined intake portal, organizations with a housing proposal can submit one application to apply for multiple programs any time while funding remains available, including:

- Proposal Development Funding
- Capital Funding Program
- Rental Housing Construction Incentive
- Support Services Funding for New Supply
- Operating Funding for New Supply

If you're a housing developer or support service provider interested in learning more about these funding opportunities, you are welcome to sign up to attend a virtual information session by clicking on the date you wish to attend. These sessions are optional. A limited number will

be held, so don't delay—sign up today!

- [Tuesday, November 12, 2024, 2:00 p.m. for 1 hour](#)
- [Wednesday, November 13, 2024, 2:00 p.m. for 1 hour](#)
- [Tuesday, November 19, 2024, 10:00 a.m. for 1 hour](#)

**These sessions require a Microsoft Teams account.*

The application portal will be available after the last information session. [Sign up here](#) to be notified when the Universal Application Form and Application Guide become available.

Visit https://gov.mb.ca/housing/progs/housing_starts_here.html for more details about the funding opportunities.

[Manitoba Provincial News Release - Housing Starts Here](#)

2025 Trails Grant Program now OPEN!

The **2025 Trails Grant Program** application intake is now open! This year, with updates to available funding, priorities are refined to ensure that applications address Manitoba's trail needs effectively.

For the 2025 intake, approximately **\$210,000** will be available to support projects, with individual funding requests capped at **\$15,000 per application**. Funding will prioritize trail **maintenance**, feasibility **studies**, and trail **enhancements**, though all eligible project types will be considered. The Trails Grant Program has been streamlined into a single, unified grant: the *Trails Grant for Manitoba*, and all applicants should apply through this grant stream.

All applicants are encouraged to review the updated guidelines and take note of these key changes. To help you navigate these adjustments, visit www.trailsmanitoba.ca and consult **The Way Forward** section, which outlines everything you need to know for the upcoming intake.

Federal government launches Climate Toolkit for Housing and Infrastructure

Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada (HICC) just launched a suite of tools, resources and support services available to communities to help them adapt their infrastructure to changing climate conditions and reduce GHG emissions during new home and infrastructure construction.

The Climate Toolkit for Housing and Infrastructure includes a help desk to provide direct support, a roster of climate and infrastructure experts to share technical advice and the Climate Insight Platform, a website designed to facilitate access to curated resources for communities.

[Click HERE to learn more](#)

Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund Now Accepting Applications

Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada has launched its application intake for the

\$1 billion direct delivery stream of the [Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund](#) (CHIF).

The department is now accepting proposals from eligible applicants, such as municipalities and Indigenous communities, for projects with total eligible costs ranging between \$1 million and \$100 million, under a continuous intake stream while the intake remains open.

Projects may be pulled for assessment at various times during the intake period, with projects being recommended for approval prior to the intake closing on **March 31, 2025, at 15:00, Eastern Time**, and on **May 19, 2025, at 15:00, Eastern Time** for Indigenous applicants.

In order to support Indigenous-led projects, at least 10% of the funding envelope will be dedicated to eligible Indigenous recipients.

For more information, consult the [Applicant Guide](#), the [Guide for Indigenous Applicants](#), and instructions on [how to access the funding portal](#) by visiting the [CHIF Website](#).

For questions contact: chif-fcil@inf.gc.ca

Save the Date for Manitoba Planning Conference 2025



***IDEA BUILDING *SOCIAL BUILDING *PHYSICAL BUILDING**

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.

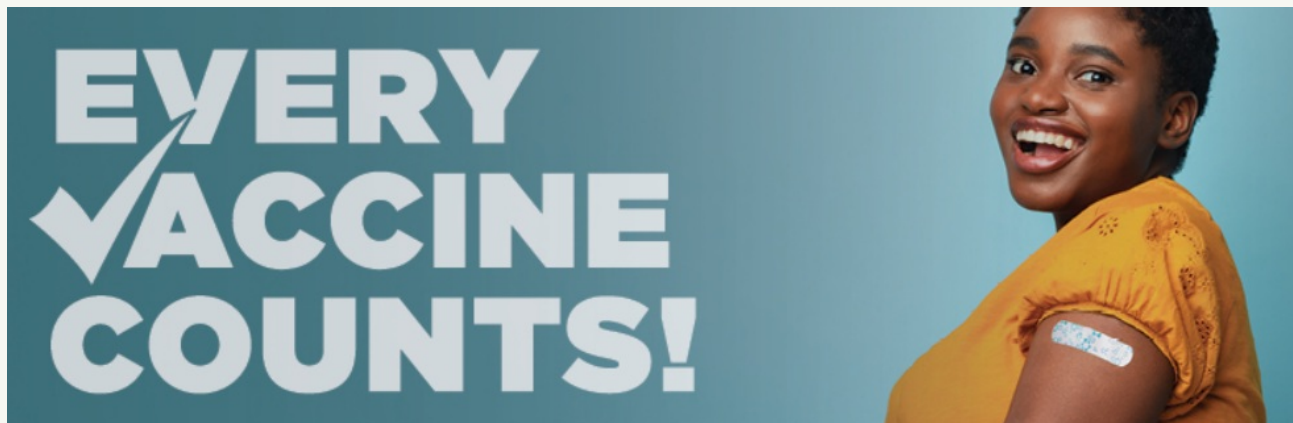
Join us at the 2025 Manitoba Planning Conference as we build the knowledge to shape our shared future.

CPWA - Educational Session

Public Works and Emergency Management – Balancing the Needs and Wants during Response and Recovery

Join the upcoming CPWA Workshop November 26 & 27. Gain insights into how to use existing public works practices in emergency management, disaster financial assistance, risk assessment, and more. Engage with industry experts and enhance your public works knowledge. Register now!

[Click here for more information and to register](#)



Respiratory illness season is here, and the Manitoba government is encouraging Manitobans to be immunized against influenza and COVID-19. Getting immunized helps to keep yourself, your loved ones, and your broader community safe. Manitobans six months of age and older are eligible to receive one dose of the updated influenza and COVID-19 vaccines.

Flu and COVID-19 vaccines are especially recommended for those at higher risk of infection or severe disease, along with their caregivers and close contacts.

Those at increased risk of severe disease include:

- people 65 years of age and older;
- residents of personal care homes or long-term care facilities;
- pregnant people;
- children from six months of age until they turn five years old;
- Indigenous people; and
- individuals with chronic health conditions.

Updated Influenza and COVID-19 vaccines are currently available at medical clinics, access centres, pharmacies, vaccine clinics, nursing stations, and through public health. Information and resources regarding vaccine-preventable respiratory illnesses, including resources for prevention, treatment and care of affected individuals in Manitoba, are located at www.manitoba.ca/vaccine.

To find locations that have registered with Manitoba Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care to administer Influenza and/or COVID-19 vaccines, check the [Flu and COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Map](#) where you can search the map based on location or type of provider.

Building Envelope Program



Dealing with an outdated roof with paper-thin insulation? We've got you covered.

Do a review of the key systems in your business' building envelope, like checking your roof's insulation. If there's room for improvement, Efficiency Manitoba's Building Envelope Program can help you save the cost difference on energy efficiency upgrades today.

For projects completed before March 31, 2025, we're increasing our current incentives by 25% for buildings heated with electricity and by 10% for buildings heated with natural gas.

Start your application online today with Efficiency Manitoba.

efficiencyMB.ca/business/building-envelope/

AMM PROGRAMS

SAFETYCARE Program



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!

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
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NOVEMBER 25-27, 2024
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PLUS: June District Meetings Recap • Addressing Crime and Improving Community Safety

Get ready to *fall* for the latest Municipal Leader! Packed with essential updates and timely insights, this issue is sure to *leaf* you informed!

Fall into this issue to explore the 26th Annual 2024 AMM Convention, where this year's theme centers on collaboration. Inside, you'll find the draft agenda, details about our sponsors, keynote speakers, and much more! Don't miss out—there's still time to register!

In addition, the Fall issue includes insightful articles on tackling crime, enhancing community safety, and ensuring fiscal sustainability for municipalities. You'll also find crucial information about waste management facilities and more!

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ANNUAL REPORT 2024

Association of
Manitoba Municipalities

The AMM 2024 Annual Report is here!

Catch up on a year of progress for Manitoba's municipalities! From impactful projects to collaborative partnerships, see what we've accomplished together!

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