



# MEMBER ADVISORY

**BUILDING CANADA FUND**

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**January 16, 2009** – On Tuesday, January 13, the Government of Canada and the Province of Manitoba announced the Communities Component of the Building Canada infrastructure plan is now “open for business” in Manitoba. Communities with a population of less than 100,000 can now apply for funding for their important public infrastructure projects, getting work underway as soon as this year’s construction season begins.

All Manitoba local governments are encouraged to apply for funding to assist with the enhancement of community public infrastructure falling under 17 infrastructure categories within the Building Canada plan, including: drinking water, wastewater, public transit, green energy, disaster mitigation, solid waste management, culture, sport, connectivity, local roads, the Core National Highway System, short-sea shipping, shortline railways, local and regional airports, tourism, and brownfield redevelopment.

The deadline for application is midnight **February 23, 2009**. Communities can access information on the fund and guidelines on how to apply at <http://www.infrastructure.mb.ca/>.

An on-line applications system is in place and the Canada-Manitoba Infrastructure Secretariat has indicated that further details have been sent to municipalities.

**For additional information, please contact the Canada-Manitoba Infrastructure Secretariat directly at 1-800-268-4883.**

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*The Association of Manitoba Municipalities was not made aware of this announcement and only late yesterday received the details from the Canada-Manitoba Infrastructure Secretariat.*

*We are disappointed in the lack of communication regarding this long-awaited announcement along with the very tight timelines for submitting applications. However, we are pleased that the process has begun and we anticipate a more participatory relationship in the future.*