

# Manitoba Municipal Efficiency Program (MMEP)

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One of the greatest pressures on municipal government is the need to balance citizen demands with financial realities. Municipal budgets are stretched thin with the escalating costs of local essential services and the growing infrastructure deficit. Municipal governments are forced to find creative ways to meet the expectations of citizens while ensuring the bottom line stays the same.

The Manitoba Municipal Efficiency Program (MMEP) was created in response to these competing demands and is designed to provide municipalities with a comprehensive blueprint to reduce energy consumption which lowers operating costs while meeting citizen expectations for environmentally-friendly operating. The program is a coordinated project spearheaded by the AMM in partnership with Manitoba Hydro, Manitoba Conservation, Manitoba Culture, Heritage and Tourism and Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration (PFRA). With funding from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Green Municipal Fund and the Province of Manitoba's

Sustainable Development Innovations Fund (SDIF), energy audits were conducted on municipally owned and operated buildings in 14 municipalities.

Combining several energy audits under a single program makes this process cost-effective and provides these smaller municipalities, that on their own would not be able to have audits done, with a comprehensive energy report. The project assists municipalities to identify and implement energy and water efficiency measures for municipal buildings and water distribution and wastewater collection systems. Renewable and more efficient technologies are considered so that the most cost effective and eco-efficient solutions are recommended to the municipality. To help ensure success, action plans that cover implementation, monitoring, and verification were created and training for municipal staff provided.

As this project comes to a close, the AMM would like to thank all of the partner groups as well as the 14 communities that participated in the project. ♪

## List of Communities

Town of Birtle  
Town of Carberry  
Town of Carman  
Village of Cartwright  
RM of Grahamdale  
Town of Manitou  
Town of Niverville  
Town of Roblin  
RM of Stanley  
RM of St. Andrews  
Town of Swan River  
RM of Whitemouth  
Town of The Pas  
City of Flin Flon

We would also like to thank KGS Group for the great work conducting the audits, along with KGS Project Manager Roger Bodnar and his team.



The Town of Swan River was one of 14 communities that participated in the MMEP.