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**Latest News**

**Premier attends AMM Board Meeting**

![L to R: President Chris Goertzen, Premier Brian Pallister and Minister of Infrastructure Blaine Pedersen at the AMM office on March 23.](image)

The AMM Board of Directors had a special guest at its recent meeting in Portage la Prairie. Premier Brian Pallister, accompanied by Minister of Infrastructure Blaine Pedersen, dropped by for a short visit. The Premier spoke about some of the challenges facing the Provincial Government.

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New Public Transit Projects across Manitoba

On March 31, the AMM joined the Governments of Canada and Manitoba to announce 43 new public transit infrastructure projects.

"Public transit is important to Manitoba municipalities throughout the province," said President Goertzen. "Today's announcement of funding for public transit and handi-van services will help municipalities ensure residents, including those with mobility issues, have access to high quality transportation options." More info

Budget 2017

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) says Federal Budget 2017 is a "game-changer" for communities of all sizes.

Read FCM's in-depth budget analysis

Manitoba Government launches Cultural Review

Manitoba Sport, Culture and Heritage has launched a detailed cultural review that will generate a more complete picture of the role culture plays in the province's identity. The discussion paper is available online at:

www.manitoba.ca/imaginecreative/index.html - English
www.manitoba.ca/imaginecreative/index.fr.html - French

Submissions can be made online, in-person at the public meetings, by email to imaginecreative@gov.mb.ca or by mail to:

Manitoba Sport, Culture and Heritage, Asst. Deputy Minister's Office
6th floor, 213 Notre Dame Ave. Winnipeg, MB R3B 1N3

The deadline for submissions is June 30, 2017.
**Wait Time Reduction Task Force**

The Manitoba government has established a Manitoba Wait Time Reduction Task Force to examine and address waits for emergency care and priority procedures such as surgeries and diagnostic tests. Public consultations will be held in communities across the province. Meeting dates and locations are listed at [www.gov.mb.ca/health/wtrtf.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/wtrtf.html). Manitobans are encouraged to participate in discussions and offer input.

Individuals who want to attend but may have accessibility requirements can phone 1-855-259-9670 (toll-free) or email WTRTF@gov.mb.ca to share their needs with the meeting organizers.

A public survey will open April 3 at [www.gov.mb.ca/health/wtrtf.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/wtrtf.html).

**Are You Flood Ready?**

The Government of Canada's National Disaster Mitigation Program (NDMP) was established in April 2015 to address rising flood risks and costs. The program funds risk assessments, flood mapping and mitigation planning activities, as well as non-structural and small-scale structural disaster mitigation projects.

**Eligibility**

Provincial and territorial governments are the eligible recipients for funding under the NDMP. They may collaborate with, and redistribute funding to, municipal or other local governments, public-sector bodies, private-sector bodies, band councils, international non-government organizations or any combination of these entities. [More info](http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/wtrtf.html)

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**M.T.C.M.L.**

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- [ATS Rental Products](http://www.ats.ca/rental-products.html)
- [ATS Spring Sign Promotion - April 1-May 15](http://www.ats.ca/spring-sign-promotion.html)