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Latest News

FleetNet Replacement Project

Manitoba has entered into a publicly tendered agreement with Bell Mobility Inc. (Bell) for a new Public Safety Communications Service (PSCS). The PSCS will provide a modern mobile radio service for public safety and public service organizations in Manitoba, and will replace the Very High Frequency radio network used by Manitoba Sustainable Development.

Over 99% of Manitobans live in the areas that will be covered by the PSCS. Engineered to be highly reliable, the PSCS is based on modern communications standards and will be built with modern infrastructure and equipment. Implementation of the PSCS infrastructure, and transition of public safety and public service users to the new service, will take up to three years (i.e., from fiscal year 2018/19 to 2020/2021). It is anticipated that municipalities will start transitioning to the PSCS beginning in 2020.

Further information about the FleetNet Replacement Project can be found on the [Vehicle and Equipment Management Agency \(VEMA\) - Radio Services website](#)

The website will be utilized as an information depository for the FleetNet Replacement Project. Questions regarding existing radio compatibility and purchasing new radio equipment can be directed to PSCSupport@bellmts.ca.

Recommendations Focus on Creating a More Inclusive Province

The Manitoba government has released an independent review of The Accessibility for Manitobans Act (AMA), Families Minister

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Job Postings

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Tree Canada 2019 Tree Planting Programs

Tree Canada has once again announced the "[Greening Canada's](#)

Heather Stefanson announced today.

The AMA became law in 2013 with a goal to identify, prevent and remove barriers encountered by people with disabilities. The legislation calls for the development of standards to ensure accessibility in important areas of everyday life, such as customer service, employment and transportation. The province first developed its customer service standard, which was phased-in to apply to government and public sector organizations first. It came into effect Nov. 1, 2018, for businesses, non-profits and small municipalities.

The review is available at
<http://accessibilitymb.ca/ama-review.html>

For more information about the
Disabilities Issues Office and the AMA,
visit www.accessibilitymb.ca.

Capital projects funding: Green Municipal Fund

Apply for capital project funding from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Green Municipal Fund by March 1, 2019.

[Funding: Green Municipal Fund \(GMF\)](#)

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) provides loans of up to \$5 million, combined with grants, for sustainable municipal initiatives. With FCM's funding, you can improve the quality of water, air, and land in your community by diverting waste from landfills, providing cleaner water to your residents, and even improving stormwater management to prevent floods.

FCM provides funding to Canadian municipalities for innovative environmental capital projects related to: energy efficiency and recovery; water quality and conservation; transportation and fuel efficiency; waste management and diversion.

Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Framework

In December 2018, the [Province of Manitoba formally announced a new Tax Increment Financing \(TIF\) framework as a tool to support economic growth across Manitoba](#).

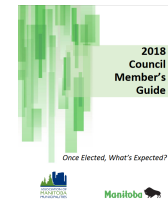
The new Tax Increment Financing Framework is based on seven principles including: 1) Clear, formal process with transparent application and criteria; 2) Minimal risk to Manitoba; 3) A whole-of-government approach; 4) Municipal alignment and collaboration; 5) Targeting development through strategic use of TIF; 6) Demonstrated value to Manitoba and the local community; and 7) Leveraging substantial private investment and alignment with Manitoba's economic development plans.

According to Minister Wharton, the new framework will establish a clear and formal application package and approval process. It will also communicate TIF requirements and report on TIF outcomes. The goal is to provide access to clear information about TIF and foster a more transparent process overall.

["School Grounds"](#) and ["Edible Trees"](#) tree planting programs.

Eligible groups may complete the application.

Deadline is March 1, 2019.



[2019 Council Member's Guide](#)

This guide provides newly-elected municipal officials an overview of what they can expect to encounter during their term of office.

Early Bird Registration closes March 1, 2019 for the 2019 Municipal Officials Seminar

Visit the [AMM website](#) for the preliminary agenda and registration information.

Governance Training for Elected Officials

You as community government leaders, are busy people with competing demands on your time. In addition to being on Council, you may also have jobs during the day, own a business, volunteer and have family responsibilities. Having a clear idea of your role as Mayor, Reeve or Councillor is critical so that you can lead effectively and provide broad oversight to ensure the community government is well governed.

These workshops have been scheduled to run opposite of the morning and afternoon Mayors, Reeves and CAOs Meetings.

Don't delay, seating is limited!
Register your attendance by [clicking here for the March 18 MORNING workshop - Registration spots still available](#)

Please note that the [AFTERNOON workshop IS FULL](#)

Or visit the [AMM Education webpage](#)

Call for Applications: Join the First Nation-Municipal Community Economic Development Initiative

The [Community Economic Development Initiative \(CEDI\)](#) supports First Nations and adjacent municipalities in the development and implementation of joint community economic development or land use initiatives while building a resilient, sustainable partnership.

Joint community economic development supports communities in implementing their own innovative solutions to their common economic challenges. This approach integrates economic, social, and environmental objectives that benefit members of both of communities, building stronger and more sustainable communities.

Participants benefit from a stronger, united voice for engaging with businesses and other levels of government as well as increased ability to access various sources of funding. The coordinated planning process can lead to cost savings, more efficient service delivery and increased employment opportunities. It can also contribute to improved land use, land management and environmental/resource protection.

If you are a pair of a First Nation and a municipal government, and are interested in participating in the CEDI program, [we encourage you to apply](#).

If you have any questions, please contact us at cedi@edo.ca.

The deadline to apply is Friday, March 15th.

[Learn more and apply now](#)

Manitoba Communities in Bloom 2019

We invite your community to participate in a program that encourages all sectors of the community to work together to achieve clean, green, sustainable communities that celebrate their heritage. Annual participation will assist in mobilizing citizens, businesses and your municipality through valuable feedback from Manitoba Communities in Bloom (CiB) judges and information exchange with other communities.

Follow the link [2019 MB CiB Registration Form](#) which features the registration details for the 2019 program. Following last years' terrific response to our new [Showcase Project Photo & Essay category](#), we have included this opportunity once again in this years' program!

Registration is also available on our [website](#).

Registration deadline is April 30th.

For additional information on the MB CiB program, please review the link to the [Community Participation Manual](#).

This year's CiB Provincial Conference and Awards Ceremony will be hosted by the City of Morden, September 6 & 7. Mark your calendars now!

We look forward to your community's participation in 2019!

Mayors, Reeves and CAOs Meeting

The Association of Manitoba Municipalities' 2019 Mayors, Reeves and CAOs Meeting will take place on **March 18, 2019.**

Registration for this event closes Wednesday, March 13, 2019

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact

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Specialty Programs offered by the Trading Company to AMM Members



2019 AMM renewal information for AMM Members and Retirees

[2019 Employee Benefits AMM Renewal - Employer](#)

[2019 Employee Benefits AMM Renewal - Retirees](#)

Please feel free to contact [Cathy Shaluk](#), Program Coordinator, Manitoba Communities in Bloom if you have any questions.

One-year free subscription to RETScreen Expert clean energy management software

The RETScreen Clean Energy Management software is a world-leading tool that empowers professionals and decision-makers to rapidly identify, assess and optimize the technical and financial viability of potential clean energy projects. Simultaneously, it allows managers to measure and verify the actual performance of their facilities and helps find additional energy savings/production opportunities.

Until March 31st, 2019, the RETScreen division of Natural Resources Canada is sponsoring one-year subscriptions to the Professional mode of RETScreen Expert for eligible Canadian public and para-public organizations, who do not yet have a subscription for the Professional mode of the software.

To take advantage of this offer, please download the software from www.retscreen.net.

Next, simply complete and e-mail the order form (File / Subscribe / Step 1) within the downloaded software.

Please make sure to indicate in your message that you are requesting a "one-year free software key for the Canadian public/para-public sector" and we will send your software key right away, along with some helpful learning resources.

Several Canadian municipalities are using RETScreen Expert for their facilities, we hope that you will consider joining them!

ENERGY STAR® Certification for buildings is available in Canada

ENERGY STAR certification is a recognition program for buildings whose energy performance is in the top quartile for their sector. Currently, seven building types are eligible to apply for certification: K-12 schools, commercial offices, hospitals, supermarkets and food stores, medical offices, senior care communities and residential care facilities, and ice/curling rinks. To qualify for ENERGY STAR certification, your building will need to earn an ENERGY STAR score of at least 75 out of 100 and meet certain other eligibility criteria. Your application will also need to be verified by a licensed professional.

► FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT ENERGYSTAR.GC.CA/BUILDINGS

Government of Canada supporting Canadian ingenuity through the Low Carbon Economy Challenge

Canadians are full of good ideas-entrepreneurs and engineers across the country are brimming with ingenuity, ready to find solutions to our pressing challenges and bring them to market. Climate change is our biggest challenge and one of our biggest economic opportunities, which is why the Government of Canada is committed to supporting projects that will drive down emissions and drive job creation.

HR@YourService

Start the New Year off right and get answers and insight for your most pressing workplace questions. Connect with us at 1.866.899.1340 or hratyourservice@peoplefirsthr.com

PEOPLE FIRST HR SERVICES

It's cold and flu season and we're asking the question Absenteeism: are your employees sick, or just sick of being there?

People First HR's Todd Nadeau provides some tips to track and manage employee absences in an 'Ask the Expert' article linked [HERE](#) for AMM members.

SafetyHub has been purchased for two more years at no charge to AMM members.

[AMM Members log in](#)



The Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Catherine McKenna, launched the [\\$50 million Partnerships stream of the Low Carbon Economy Challenge](#).

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Manufacturer Paper Price Increase

Grand and Toy notifies that Boise and Domtar paper prices will be going up in March due to manufacturer increases.

[Manufacturer letters](#)



2019 Supreme Basics Custom Envelope Price list

Supreme Basics has an updated [Custom Envelope Price list](#) and [Order Form](#) for 2019.



NAPA Autopart and Energylogic introduce a Pilot Program

Innovations in waste oil heaters have come a long way offering an environmentally conscious solution to waste oil while providing a low cost heat alternative.

[NAPA Pilot Promo - EnergyLogic](#)

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E-N-ONE Road Base Stabilizer from Fort Distributors

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cost. You achieve this by stabilizing and reinforcing your base {the most important part of your road} using E-N-ONE and topping with a double chipseal or thinskin hot mix pavement.

We look forward to seeing you at the March Trade Show. For more immediate information, call Lynn Blake 204-885-6627 or email dlb3476@gmail.com



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Any questions please contact [Bonnie Unrau](#)
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