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Latest News

AMM President attends 2019 Provincial Budget



On March 7, 2019, AMM President Ralph Groening attended the reading of the [2019 provincial budget](#) at the Manitoba Legislature.

The AMM will continue to advocate on issues highlighted in our [pre-budget submission](#).

Manitoba Guide to Service Levels : Fire Fighting



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The purpose of this document is to assist local authorities in establishing departmental Service Levels for Fire Fighting and a competency-based ladder that lays out the training for firefighters. This document will assist fire departments in meeting the operational requirements they have determined appropriate based on their provision of fire services.

This document establishes a program guide under which a local authority may conduct a self-assessment of the service area, ensure the fire department is ready for Structural Fire Fighting response, and has information regarding its emergency response resources.

[Manitoba Guide to Service Levels - Cover Letter](#)
[Manitoba Guide to Service Levels - Fire Fighting](#)

Public Safety Canada - Flood Ready Social Post for Sharing

The Spring Flood Ready Challenge is a social media contest encouraging Canadians to share how they're going to make their homes Flood Ready for the spring.

Want to win a \$150 gift card? Join the #FloodReady Spring Edition Challenge!

To enter, show us how you're helping to make your home #FloodReady for spring.

Comment your tip below and tag #FloodReady for your chance to win!

- Available for sharing on Facebook in [English](#) and [French](#)
- Available for sharing on Twitter in [English](#) and [French](#)

FleetNet Replacement Project

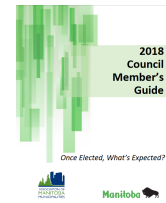
Manitoba has entered into a publicly tendered agreement with Bell Mobility Inc. (Bell) for a new Public Safety Communications Service (PSCS). The PSCS will provide a modern mobile radio service for public safety and public service organizations in Manitoba, and will replace the Very High Frequency radio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

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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.

Municipal Officials Seminar On-Line Registration closes March 14, 2019

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

**On-site registration will be
available 8am - 3pm on Tuesday
March 19th.**

Mayors, Reeves and CAOs Meeting

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

**March 13th is the LAST DAY
for registration!**

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compatibility and purchasing new radio equipment can be directed to PSCSupport@bellmts.ca.

Natural Resources Canada Electric Vehicle and Alternative Fuel Infrastructure Deployment Initiative

The Electric Vehicle and Alternative Fuel Infrastructure Deployment Initiative (the Program) offers repayable contributions to support the construction of an electric vehicle (EV) fast charging, coast-to-coast, network. For EV fast chargers, the Program will pay up to 50% of the total project costs to a maximum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) per charging unit. Municipalities are eligible applicants.

Application deadline: May 16, 2019

[More information](#)

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 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.

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.

money you save and the bigger rebate you receive.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact

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2019 AMM renewal information for AMM Members and Retirees

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

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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.

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The goal is to provide access to clear information about TIF and foster a more transparent process overall.

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](#)

Is Your Community Investment Ready?

Communities throughout the province are preparing for investment and foreign direct investment (FDI). This investment can be seen in communities directly or in-directly.

Is your community ready? Do you know what it takes to be ready? If not, this two day course is for you!

CAI Global of Montreal, will conduct a two day course focusing on Community Investment Readiness.

TWO DAYS of Professional Training

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April 15 -16 2019

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Council, Economic Development Staff and Volunteers, Community Leaders, Private Developers and more!

[Please see the attached information sheet and registration form](#)

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!

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.

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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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EnviroWay

Phosphates are destroying our lakes and rivers because they contribute to algal blooms. They are also very expensive for many communities to deal with.



So we raid janitorial closets, investigate buildings, work with communities, and innovate industries to rid them of unsafe, costly, and foreign cleaning products and systems.

Our locally manufactured products are concentrated and effective. We use unique biochemistry like enzymes and microbes to create biodegradable and effective cleaning. Beyond chemistry - we distribute all cleaning products.

If you took the time to get through this whole write-up, we really appreciate it and look forward to working with you.

If you're north of highway 1 - give Riley a call at 306.270.9861, if you're south of highway 1, call Dustin at 306.370.9032. We'll pop by in person to find out how we can help you.



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Any questions please contact [Bonnie Unrau](#)

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