

# Partnering with Municipalities

Department of Municipal and Northern Relations

Municipality of Boissevain-Morton

Municipality of Russell-Binscarth

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- Municipal governments play a crucial role in our province.
- They have the most direct impact to people who live in their communities, and they provide essential services, such as waste management, road maintenance, fire and police services, land use planning, building inspections, and emergency management.
- The Department of Municipal and Northern Relations recognizes municipalities as serious partners and is committed to working with them to deliver results for all Manitobans.

# Department Programs and Services

- **Assessment Services**
  - Delivering accurate assessments, sound advice, and direction on financial practices.
- **Planning Support**
  - Professional and technical planning services to local planning authorities, landowners, and the public.
- **Council Support**
  - Guidance and advice to assist municipalities with good governance practices on an as-needed basis.
- **Municipal Services Officers**
  - *Liaising with municipalities and providing advisory and consultative services to both elected and elected municipal officials.*
- **Northern Affairs**
  - *Delivering essential municipal programs and services to 48 designated communities and over 40 cottage areas within the unorganized territory of Manitoba.*
- **Fire Services**
  - *Provides firefighter training, technical advice and guidance to communities as well as fire prevention, fire code application and inspection support and coordination of mutual aid for fire response.*
- **Funding Programs**
  - *Providing over \$500M in operating, capital, and other program supports in partnership with municipalities and community development organizations.*

# Key Strategic Partnerships

## Municipal Partnerships

- Association of Manitoba Municipalities
- Association of Manitoba Bilingual Municipalities
- City of Winnipeg Collaboration Table
- Planning and Development Working Group
- Manitoba Fire Service Leadership
- Manitoba Municipal Administrators

## Community Development Partnerships

- Keystone Centre
- United Ways (Winnipeg and Other)
- Neighbourhood Renewal Corporations, other CD organizations
- Forks North Portage Partnership

## Other Strategic Partnerships

- Shoal Lake 40
- Provincial-Territorial Officials Committee on Local Government

## Partnerships in Practice

- Highlighting recent partnership successes between the Department of Municipal and Northern Relations and municipalities across Manitoba:
  - The Building Sustainable Communities Program and the Boissevain-Morton Aquatic Centre Project
  - The Municipal Service Delivery Improvement Program and the Russell-Binscarth Environmental Health Services Review

# Building Sustainable Communities Program

- The Building Sustainable Communities program provides funding to a broad range of community development and community economic development projects, including:
  - Capital (e.g. play structures and splash pads);
  - Capacity Building (e.g. organizational development/staff training);
  - Community / Regional Initiatives (e.g. recreation programming); and
  - Planning (e.g. neighbourhood plans, park and feasibility studies).
- Since 2019, the program has committed over \$83 million to support 1748 community projects throughout Manitoba.
- Leverages funds from public, private and non-profit sources – and stimulates local economic activity in urban, rural and northern communities.

# BSC Project Highlight – Boissevain- Morton



## Municipality of Boissevain-Morton Aquatic Centre Project

Build a new outdoor aquatic centre including pool building, play features, equipment and parking lot.

**2019/20 BSC – Recreation Plan - \$20,500**

**2022/23 BSC – Aquatic Centre Phase 1 - \$300,000**

**2023/24 BSC – Aquatic Centre Phase 2 - \$300,000**

- **Planning** – Creation of a recreation plan in 2019 in preparation for a new aquatic centre.
- **Community Need** – replacement of an existing facility that met the end of its lifespan.
- **Community Support** – exceeded fundraising goal by 110% and achieved a high level of support of donated labour/materials.
- **Community Reach** – serves Boissevain-Morton residents first, but also attract tourists as a popular destination site.

# Municipal Service Delivery Improvement Program

- MSDIP provides support to municipalities for third party audits for service delivery reviews to evaluate the effective delivery of core municipal programs or services.
- The service reviews result in recommendations that can help municipalities streamline services and find cost savings that can be reinvested towards other priority services/programming.
- Service delivery programs eligible for review include the following areas
  - transportation;
  - safety and protection;
  - water and sewer;
  - recreation and culture;
  - waste management;
  - planning;
  - general government administration; and
  - other core services.

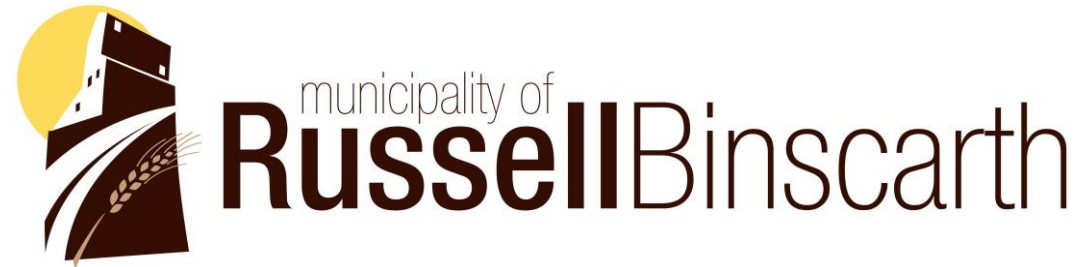


## MSDIP Highlight – Russell Binscarth

### Environmental Health Review

- Through MSDIP funding support, the RM of Russell Binscarth and the RM of Riding Mountain West worked with KPMG to perform an operational review of their waste and recycling collection services with a lens of effectiveness, efficiency and economy of dollars spent on services or programs.
- This project example underlines what funding and effective partnerships can yield at the local level to improve service delivery, find cost efficiencies and savings that can be reinvested back into the community.

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Highlight –  
Russell  
Binscarth



Environmental Health Services Review

# Environmental Health Services Review

## Project Overview

- Our project was to review our waste handling process
- We have 2 landfill sites and used a weekly garbage pickup which involved both public works and private contractor
- Reviewed costs with determination of reduction if possible and reduced expansion in future costing

# Environmental Health Services Review

## Cost Elimination

- Convert one landfill to transfer site
- Capital cost was under \$25,000. Involved creation of safe ramp site for dumping
- All garbage still collected at site but no longer the urban garbage
- Contracted out for disposal on as needed basis, currently 1.5 times per month
- No pits or cells used or constructed, projected saving \$15,000 for new cell construction
- Urban collection done by global contract

# Environmental Health Services Review

## Cost Reduction/ Service Enhancement

- Contracted out the collection and disposal of urban garbage (constitutes 70% of population)
- Contracted for 10 years, frequency every two weeks, standard bin size
- Public education and adoption rate was excellent and increased the recycling amounts
- Allowed for the introduction of grass and vegetation collection on a weekly basis for great composting program
- As garbage is now diverted to another disposal site our WRARS Levy was reduced substantially
- Overall, we have seen an actual budget saving of \$30,000

# Thank You

- The Government of Manitoba is committed to treating municipal governments with the respect they deserve – and to partner with them to make life better for families across the province.
- The Department of Municipal and Northern Relations are municipalities' point department with the Government of Manitoba – and we are prepared to partner with all.