

Getting To Know Us: Manitoba Municipal Relations

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A responsive and trusted partner in building capacity and supporting healthy, vibrant and prosperous communities

Overview

Vision

A responsive and trusted **partner** in building capacity and supporting healthy, vibrant and prosperous communities

Mission

Advance sustainable, safe and accountable communities that are **responsive to the needs of Manitobans**

Values

Municipal Relations values a workplace culture that:

- Focuses on the needs of our clients;
- **Promotes engagement and collaboration;**
- Fosters innovation, creative problem-solving and achieving excellence through continuous improvement;
- Respects and honours diversity and inclusion;
- Supports skill development; and
- Embraces transparency and accountability.

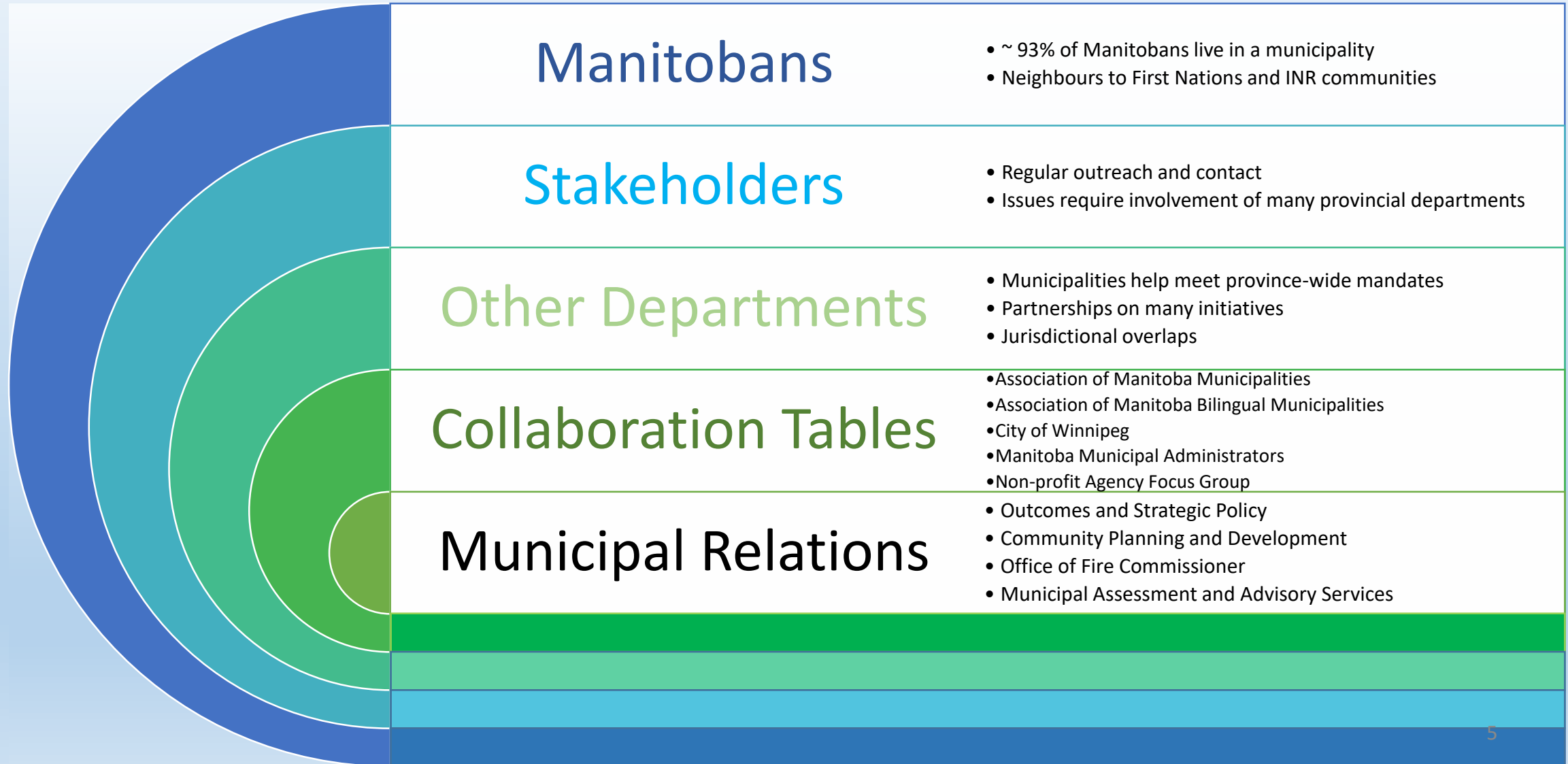
Our Clients -- Manitoba Communities

- 137 municipalities
- Over 150 communities of all types and about half less than 1,000 people
- Winnipeg population 55% and metro region 57% of Manitoba
- Provinces have constitutional relationship to municipalities that are empowered under provincial law to raise property taxes and fees as well as use grant funding. Municipalities are empowered / required under various provincial laws to use this funding to provide a wide range of services.
 - Fire protection
 - Emergency planning
 - Policing
 - Ambulance services
 - Land use planning
 - Economic development
 - Roads and traffic control
 - Public transit and taxis
 - Climate and environmental
 - Surface water management
 - Weed control
 - Water and wastewater
 - Solid waste management and recycling
 - Low-income housing
 - Public libraries
 - Parks, recreation and tourism
 - Cultural facilities
 - Municipal airports
- Underlying property values total over \$205 billion and generate approximately \$2.4 billion in property tax revenues annually

Key Stakeholders



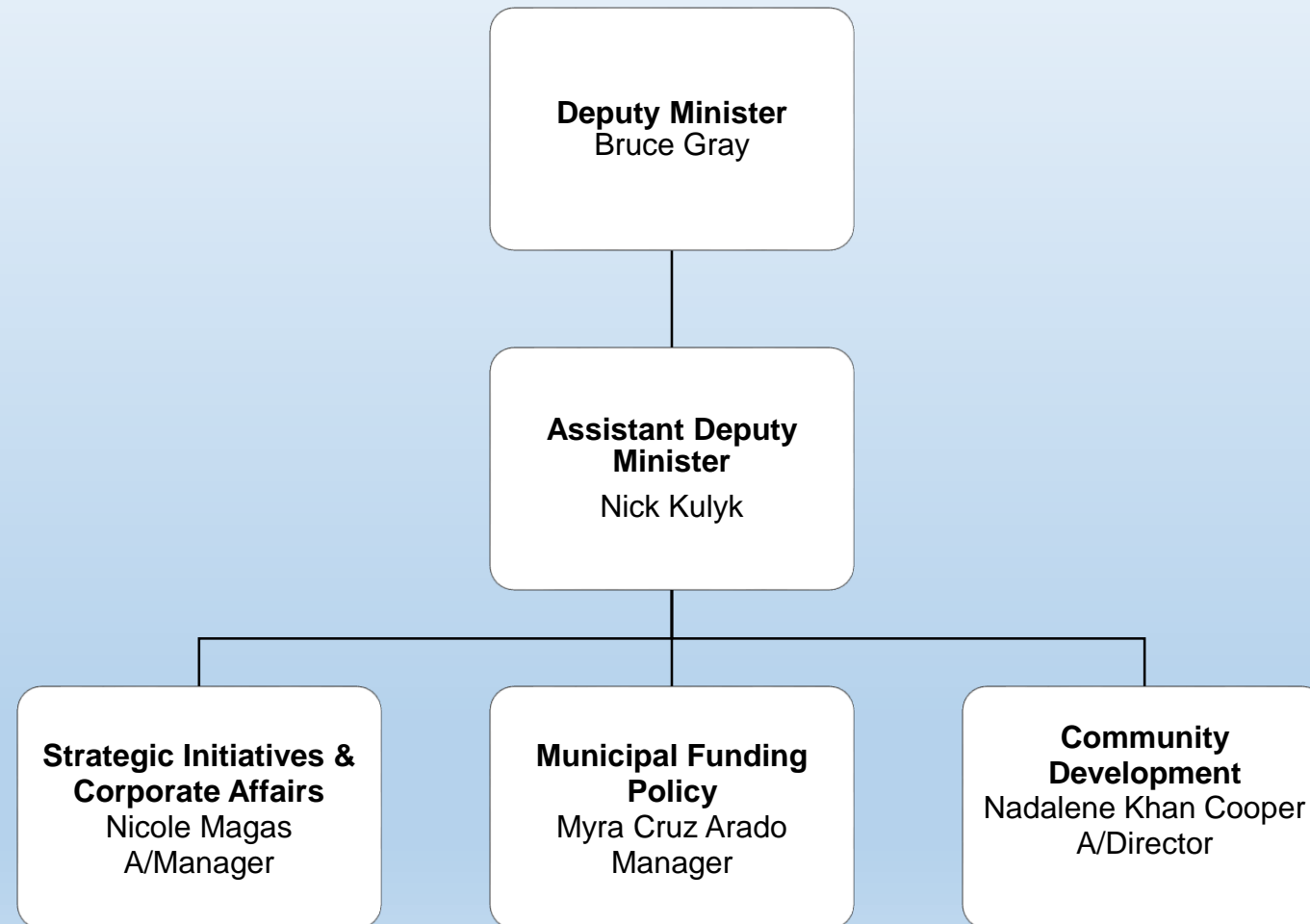
Municipal Relations' Whole-of-Government Framework



Outcomes and Strategic Policy - at a Glance

- OSP is the department's central policy and programs branch that provides strategic research, advice, analysis, support, and program implementation of key matters of municipal funding, community development, stakeholder relations, corporate services, and other departmental and government-wide initiatives.
- Mostly policy, program and administrative staff – divided into three units/branches:
 - Municipal Funding Policy and Programs
 - Community Development Policy and Programs
 - Strategic Initiatives and Corporate Affairs

Organizational Structure



Core Responsibilities

- ***Strategic Policy Research, Analysis and Advice***
 - Identifies, examines and evaluates available options to recommend approaches for implementing department and government mandate – as it relates to municipal funding, community development, and other strategic initiatives. Provides advice, review and analysis to the Municipal Board and municipalities on capital borrowing and special service by-law applications.
- ***Funding and Other Program Support***
 - Develops, administers, and manages over \$420M in operating, capital and other program supports to municipalities and community development organizations.
- ***Partnerships***
 - Manages and strengthens key partnerships with the AMM, AMBM, City of Winnipeg and other municipalities, Indigenous communities, Keystone Centre, The Forks, community development organizations, and many other key stakeholders.
- ***Corporate Services***
 - Provides centralized internal services for the department related to corporate planning and reporting, coordination of support for department involvement in large-scale stakeholder events and meetings, and other areas of corporate services.

Policy Initiatives

Municipal Funding

- Municipal Operating Grant Review Framework
- Enhancements to the Strategic Infrastructure Basket
- Working with municipalities to strengthen financial oversight and public accountability
- Indicators of municipal financial sustainability

Community Development

- Enhancing support for major community-based building projects
- Development of a non-profit strategy for the community development sector

Core and Other Funding

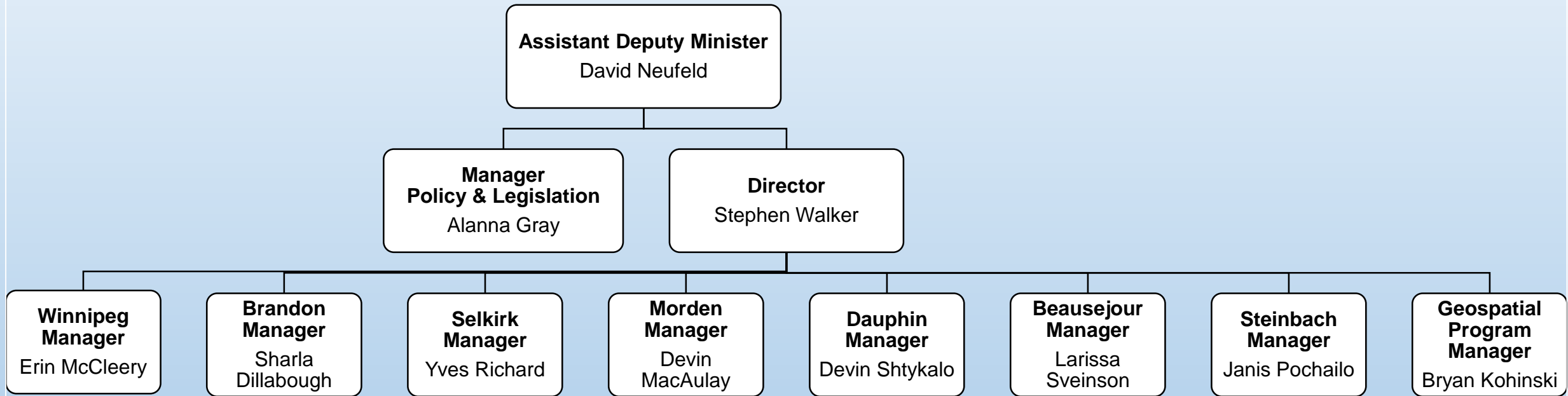
Municipal Programs

- Municipal Operating and Strategic Infrastructure Grants
- Municipal Service Delivery Improvement Program
- Municipal Capacity Building Fund
- Mobility Disadvantaged Transportation Program
- Grant-In-Lieu Payments
- Other funding supports – COVID support, Road Repair, etc.

Community Development Programs

- Operating Grants – NRCs, Keystone, United Ways, and more.
- Building Sustainable Communities Program
- Urban Hometown Green Teams Program

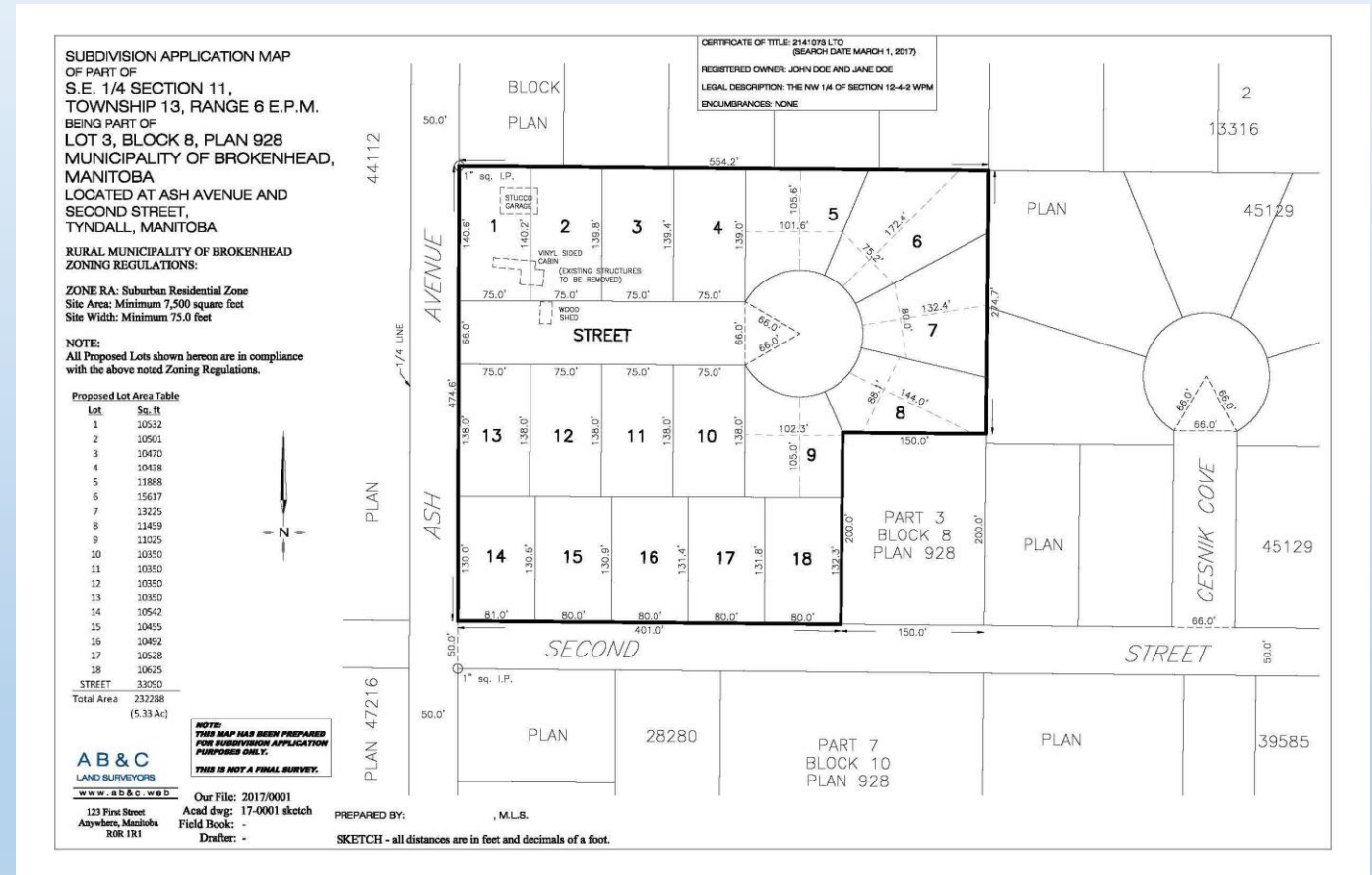
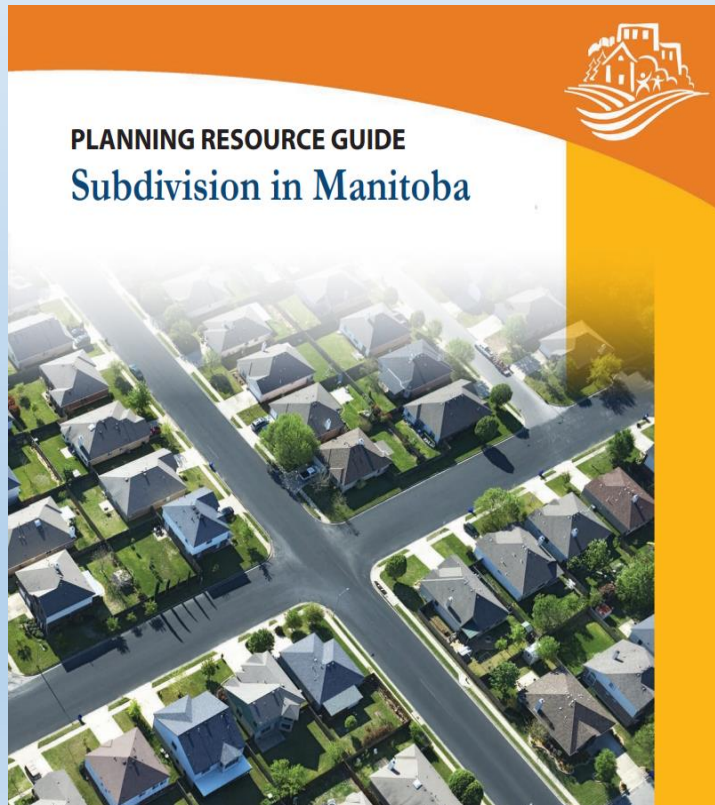
Community Planning and Development



Community Planning and Development (CPD)

- Mission
 - Coordinate sustainable development and land use planning services to support safe, healthy and vibrant communities
- Clients
 - Municipalities
 - Planning Districts
 - Landowners
 - Developers
 - Public
- Services
 - Livestock Technical Reviews
 - Aggregate Technical Reviews
 - Annexations
 - Development Plans
 - Zoning By-laws
 - Subdivisions
 - Mapping

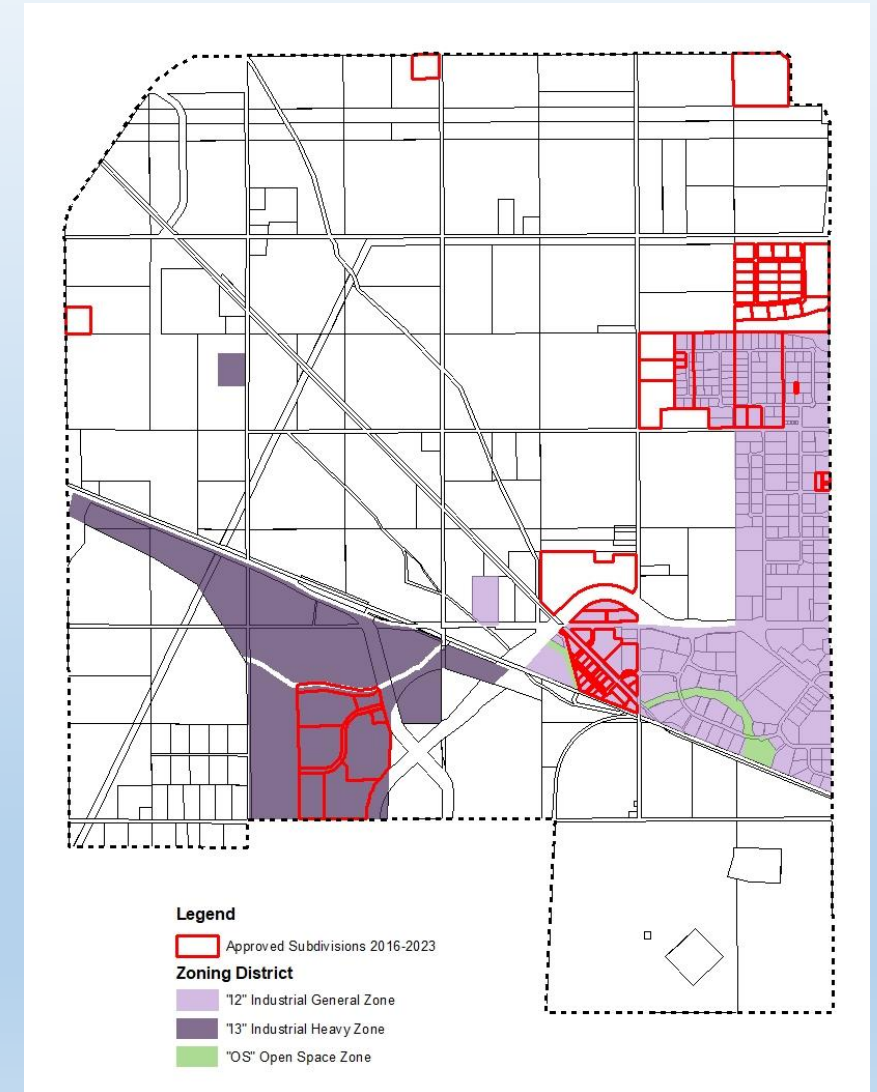
- More than 800 new subdivisions each year



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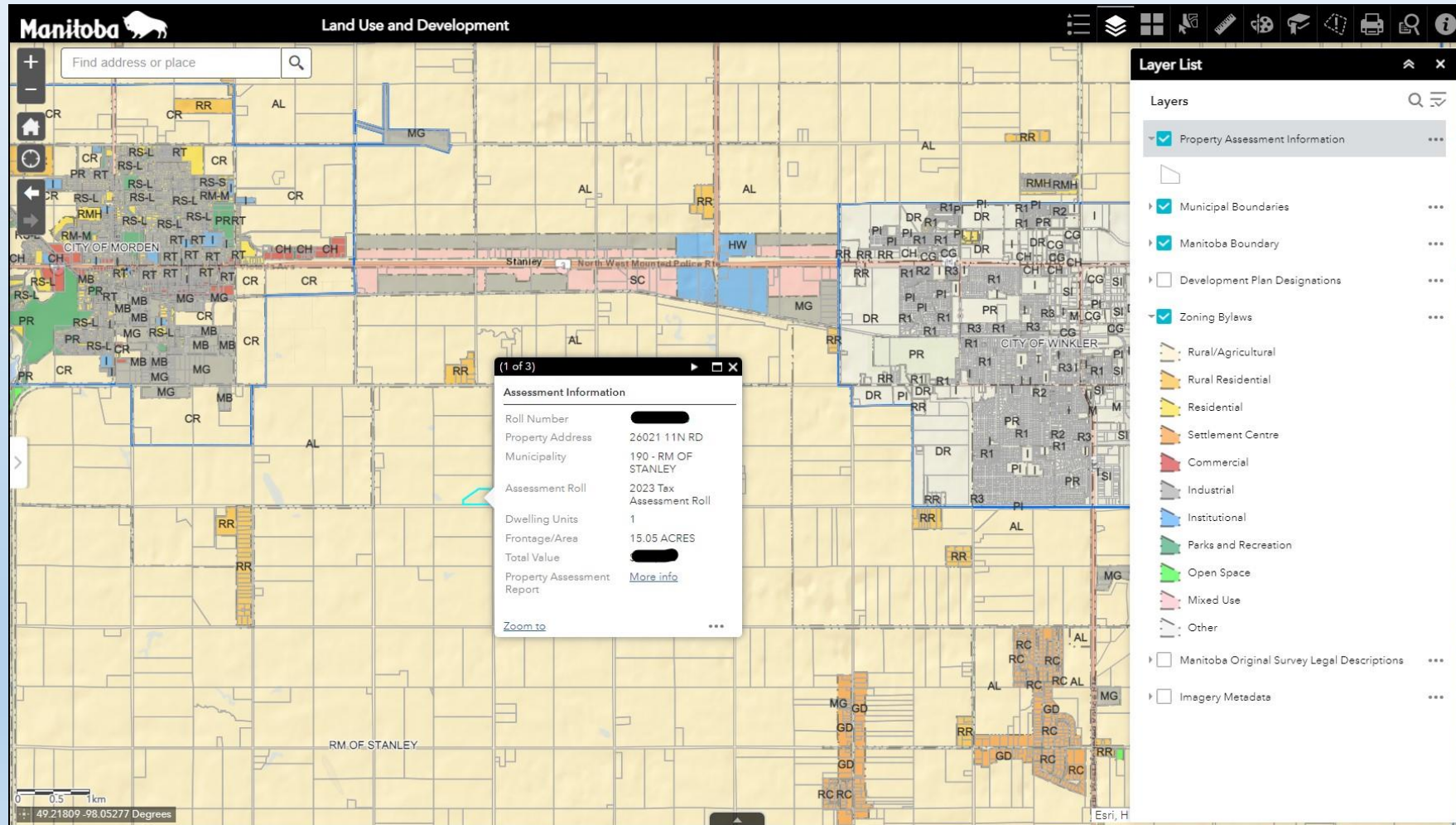
Manitoba's Special Planning Area

- Expedite planning in Manitoba's inland port.
- In the last five years, Rosser has issued building permits for \$350 million in construction.
- 600,000 square feet of new construction is underway.



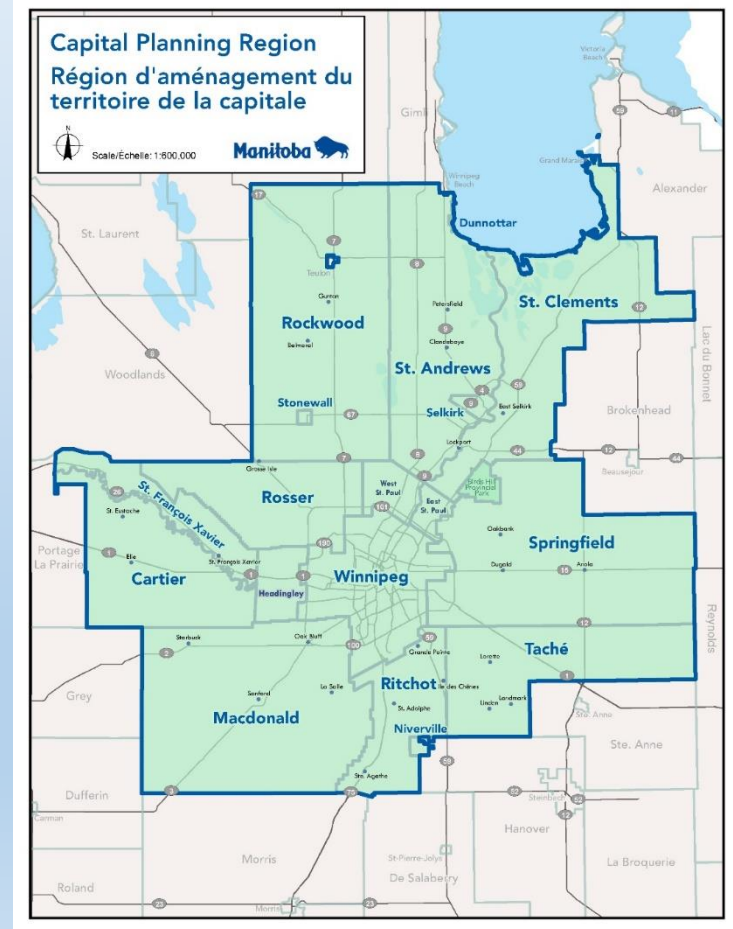
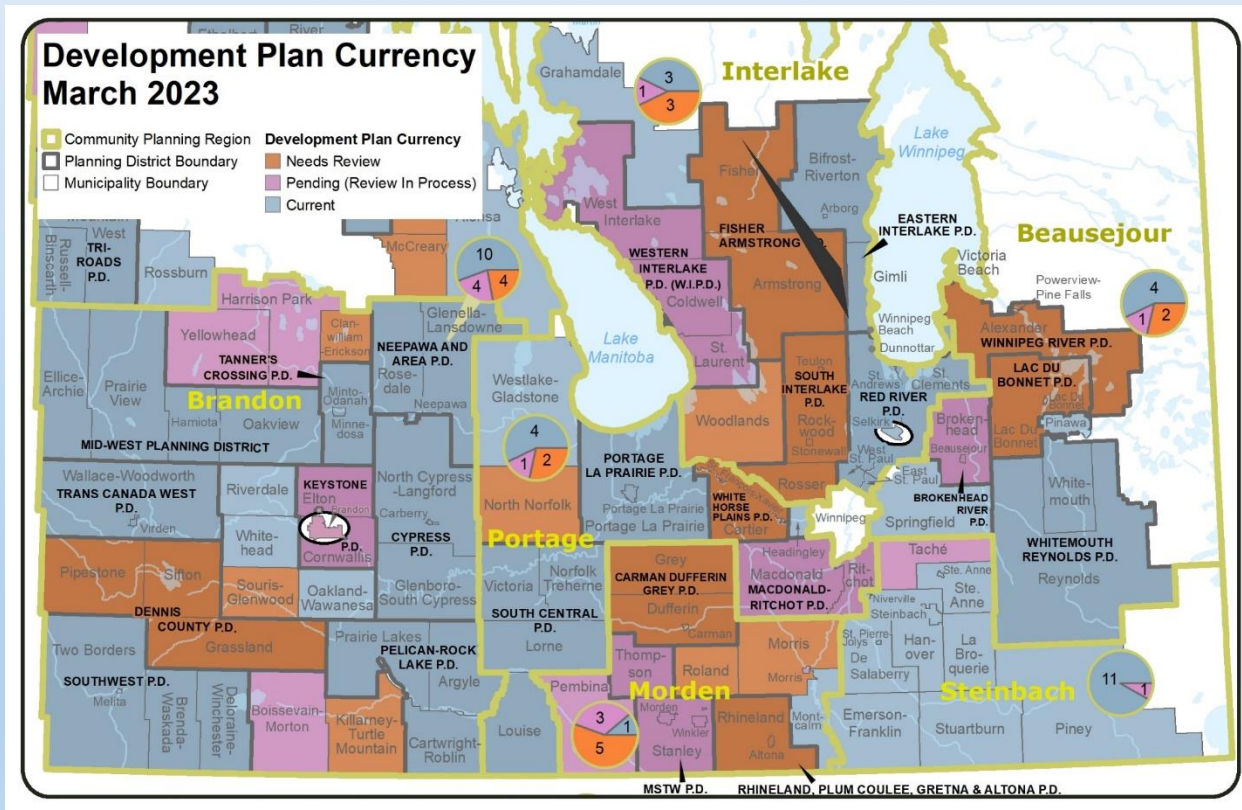
Community Planning and Development (CPD)

- Land Use Web App: Tools for Planning



Community Planning and Development (CPD) Priorities

- Planning By-Law Refresh
- Capital Planning Region

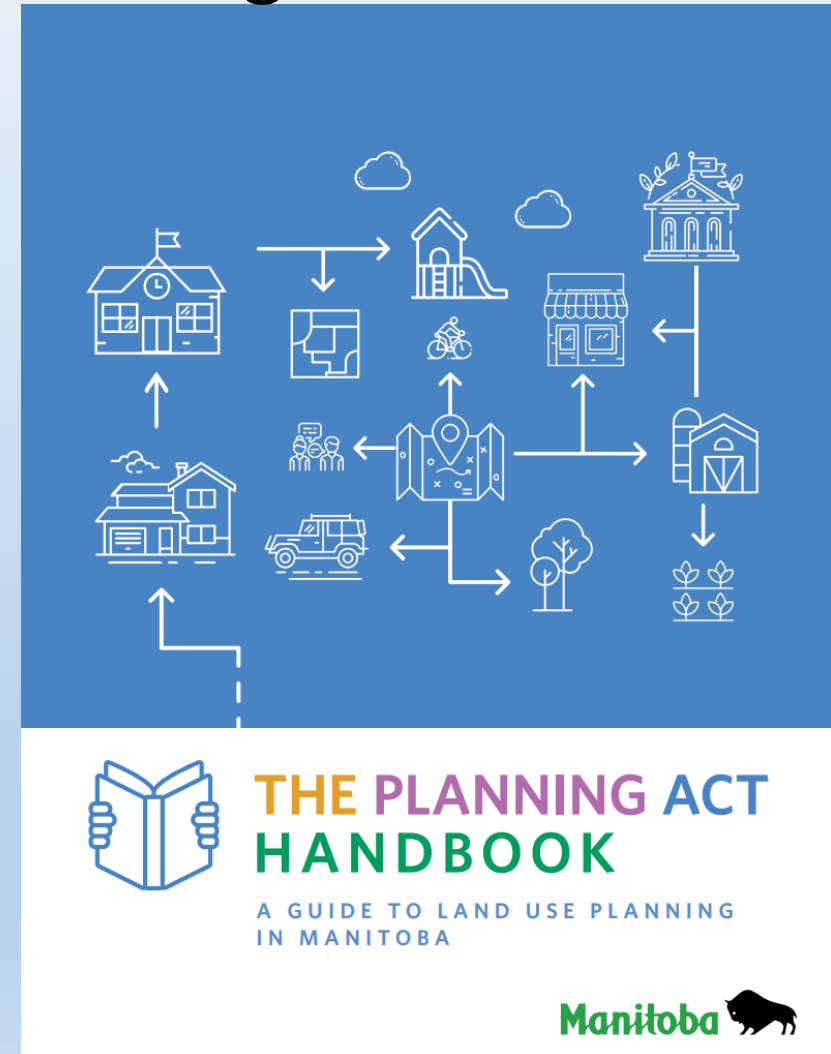


Community Planning and Development (CPD)

Education and Training

Need help?

https://www.gov.mb.ca/mr/contactus/pubs/crp_offices.pdf



Municipal Assessment and Advisory Services

Summary of Responsibilities

- Supports sustainable and accountable municipalities by delivering accurate assessments, sound advice and direction on good governance and financial practices

Examples of Cross-departmental Initiatives

- **Ongoing** – Regular contact between Municipal Services Officers and municipalities on operational matters including governance, financial management and any topics of wide or specific concern
- **Current** – Collaborating with AMM, MMA and City of Winnipeg in supporting potential training opportunities, legislation reviews and amendments when and where required to strengthen Municipal governing model
- Engaged with Finance on the Education Property Tax Rebate program
- Engaged with Digital Technology Solutions (DTS) on incorporating new and innovative assessment tools

Key Leaders

- Don Hallett, Assistant Deputy Minister
- Prabal Ghosh, Director of Municipal Governance and Advisory Services
- Lloyd Funk, Director of Assessment
- Cecilia Antonio, Director of Information Systems

Key Municipal Assessment and Advisory Services (MAAS) Projects

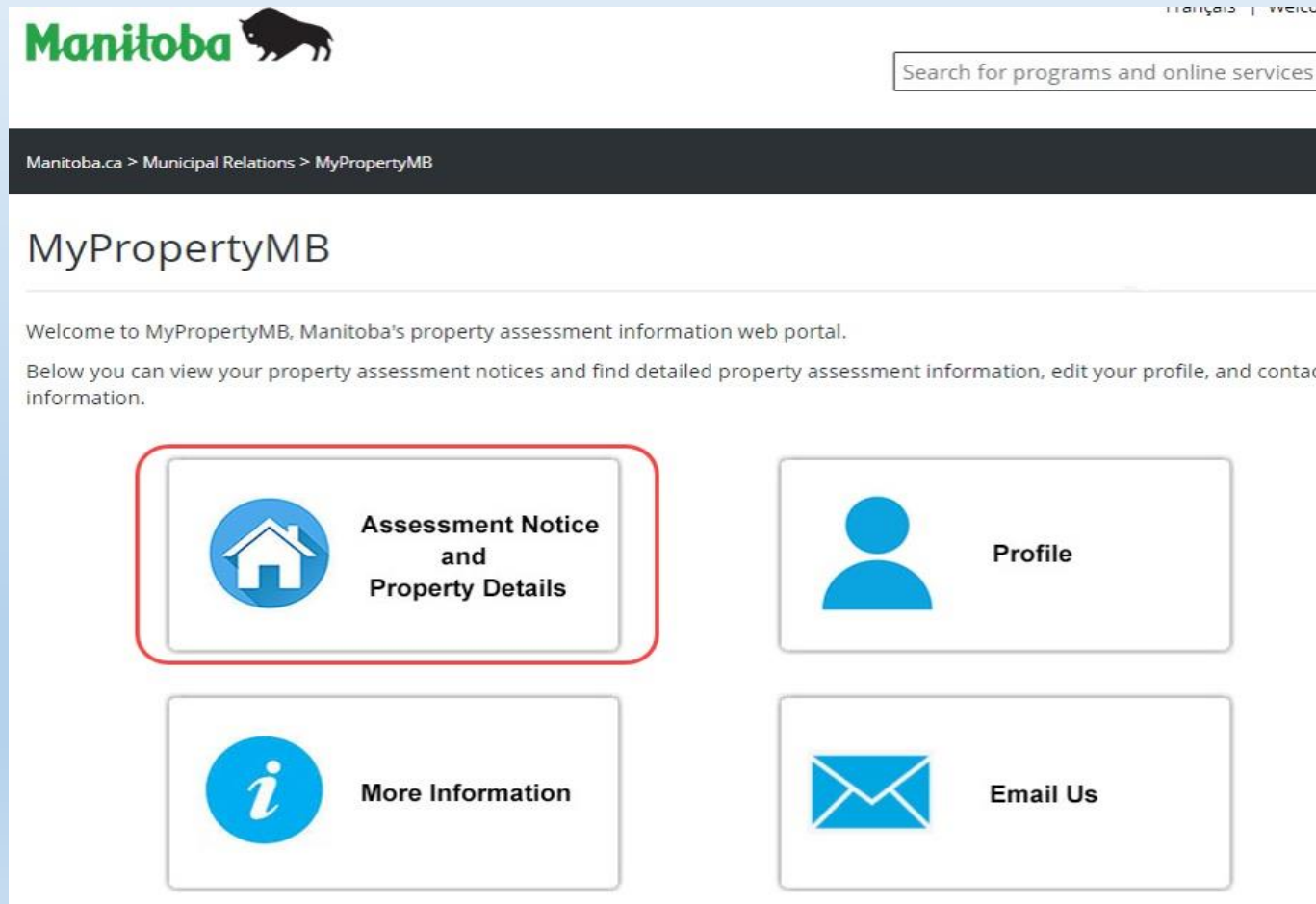
- Education Sessions for Municipal Officials
- Municipal Financial Plans and Tax Notices
- Database, Software and Website Upgrades
- Education Property Tax Rebate Program
- Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal System
- Mobile Assessment Interface
- Desktop Reviews using Oblique Imagery
- Reassessment 2025

Municipal Assessment and Advisory Services (MAAS)

Recent Success

MyPropertyMB - View your Assessment Notice online (eNotices)

- 'MyPropertyMB' was launched in May 2022; This Online service allows rural property owners to view and print their Notice of Assessments from anywhere and at any time.



MR produces ~450,000 Assessment Notices in spring of a re-assessment year & about 45,000 every year

- Before eNotices they were all Printed & Mailed



Municipal Services Officers (MSOs)

Key Responsibilities

- Assist municipalities in interpreting and applying provincial legislation
- Guidance in all aspects of municipal administration, finance, taxation, legislation and elections
- Advice and support to municipal officials in the preparation on annual municipal budgets
- Development of direct and shared training and educational opportunities
- Build and strengthen key relationships and connections with stakeholders
- Respond to citizen complaints

Municipal Assessment and Advisory Services (MAAS) -- Fun Facts

- An average of \$1.4B in new assessment is added to municipal tax rolls on an annual basis resulting in \$16M in supplementary taxes
- IT branch is continually improving the municipal and public website interfaces and increasing reports available – Manitoba Municipalities Online (MMO) and Manitoba Municipalities Online (MAO)
- Municipal Service Officers provided training courses (Virtually and in person) to 242 municipal councillors and employees between January through March 2023.

Office of the Fire Commissioner (OFC)



Ryan Schenk, Fire Commissioner

Neil Lavoie – MESC College Director

Neil Billedeau – Program Manager - Fire Inspections Unit

Mike Gagne – Deputy Fire Commissioner - Response Programs

Vacant – Deputy Fire Commissioner, Municipal Support



The Fires Prevention and Emergency Response Act

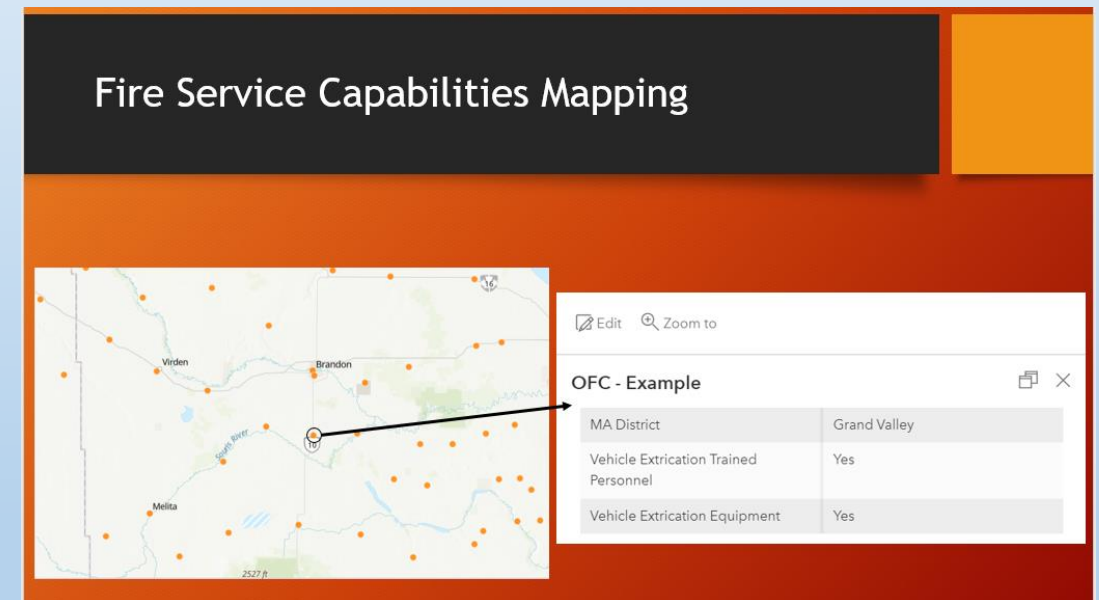
What we do:

- Ensure sustainable fire protection and emergency response services for Manitobans through fire and life safety programming.
- Provide access to Manitoba-based vocational emergency services training through the Manitoba Emergency Services College.



Municipal
Support

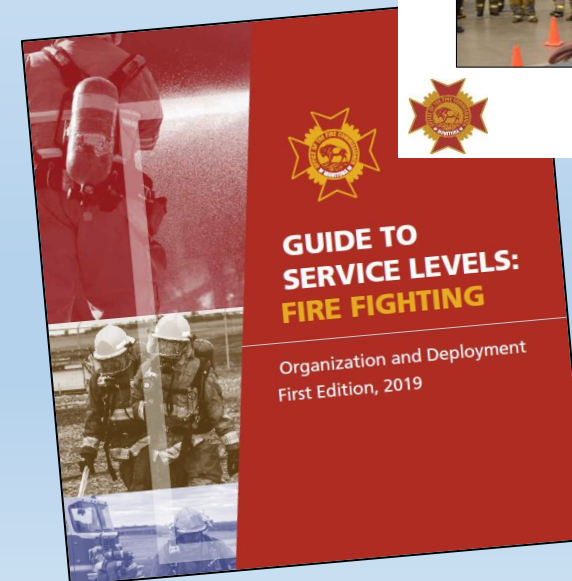
Response
Programs



Our Connection to You

Through our work:

- We serve as a resource to community leadership and develop guides on local fire protection programming in area's such as:
 - Department Administration
 - Department Operation
 - Department Service Levels
 - Community Hazard Risk mitigation relative to the Fire Service
 - Regulatory Interpretation and Application relative to fire protection and fire prevention
 - Regional approaches to fire and technical rescue services, and fire department administration, including mutual aid and fire protection agreements



Fire Protection Workshop

Three photographs showing participants in a workshop. The top left photo shows two people in full firefighting gear. The top right photo shows a group of people standing around equipment. The bottom photo shows a fire truck with 'OFFICE OF THE FIRE COMMISSIONER' written on its side.

An Introduction to the Fire Service for Elected Officials and CAO's

Manitoba Emergency Services College
Brandon, Manitoba

The logo for the province of Manitoba, featuring the word 'Manitoba' in green and a black silhouette of a bison.

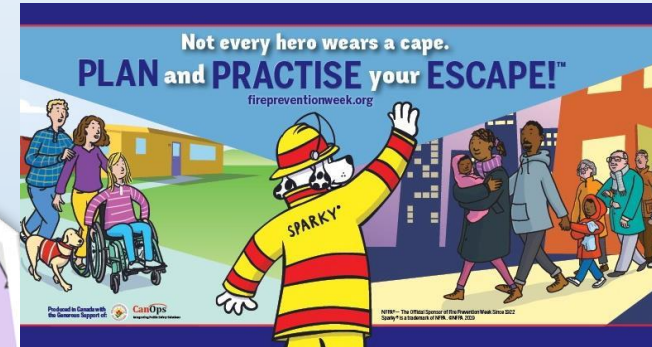
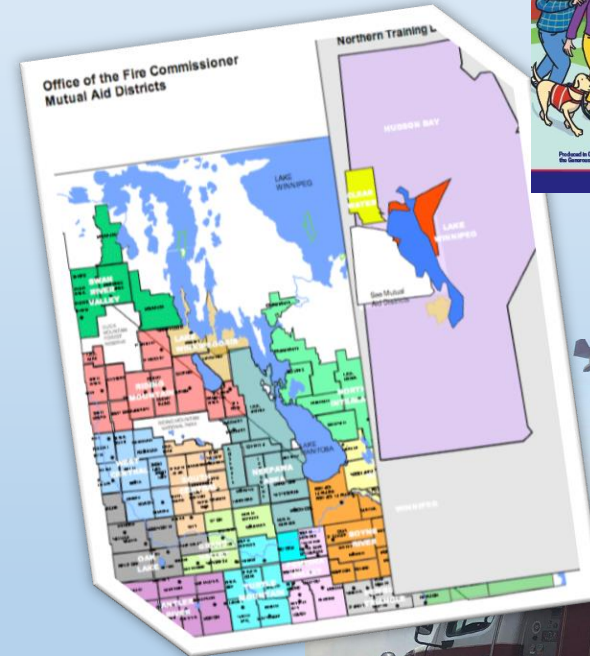
Our Connection to You

- We empower communities with enforcement tools and mechanism to address local fire and life safety hazards and achieve compliance.
- We serve as a resource to community based fire safety inspectors on fire code application and interpretation.
- We train on average 1,843 fire service students per year in fire and life safety programming and offer 50 different programs through the Manitoba Emergency Services College.




Our Connection to You

- We produce provincially fire prevention campaigns and develop materials to enable locally delivered programs
- We enable and support the creation of mutual aid districts to support regional approaches to fire protection and technical response services.
- We provide access to provincial supports and resources for site level emergency or disaster response.



Your Role and Obligations

- Communities must determine what level of service they wish to provide and what community based hazards they will respond to.
- Communities must determine the origin and cause of a fire and request assistance from the OFC when they are unable to do so.
- Communities must ensure their Emergency Services Personnel are properly trained for the tasks they will perform (Workplace Safety and Health Act)
- Emergency Response Personnel must have the proper personal protective equipment and resources to do the job (Workplace Safety and Health Act)
- All fire incidents information must be entered into the provincial fire data reporting system to enable fire incident analysis and trending.



Helmet	\$300
Hood	\$112
Mask	\$250
SCBA (Scott)	
Air pack	*\$6,600
Regulator	*\$1,250
Fire Dex Coat	\$1,375
Veridian Gloves	\$112
Fire Dex Pants	\$926
Honeywell boots	\$325
Total =	\$11,250

*SCBA air pack and regulator are assigned to Fire Station Engines (fire trucks)

To Access our Resources

Toll Free Number 1-888-253-1488

Website: Manitoba.ca/firecomm

E-mail address: firecomm@gov.mb.ca



MANITOBA BUREAU du COMMISSAIRE aux INCENDIE

SENSIBILISATION AUX RISQUES D'INCENDIE ET À LA SÉCURITÉ DU PUBLIC

EDUCATION ET FORMATION PROFESSIONNELLE **CODES ET NORMES** **OPÉRATIONS** **INTERVENTION D'URGENCE** **ADMINISTRATION ET SERVICES DE SOUTIEN**

Accueil

Sensibilisation aux risques d'incendie et à la sécurité du public

Sensibilisation aux risques d'incendie et à la sécurité du public

Le mandat de la section de la **Sensibilisation aux risques d'incendie et à la sécurité du public** du Bureau du commissaire aux incendies est d'éduquer et d'offrir des renseignements à jour sur les incendies et les autres risques au public et aux pompiers.

Pour atteindre ces objectifs, la section crée des programmes sur la sécurité-incendie et la sécurité générale du public, qui s'appuient sur les tendances révélées par les statistiques en matière d'incendie.

Nous continuons à veiller à ce que le service d'incendie du Manitoba soit bien équipé et bien organisé, et à ce que ses membres aient la formation nécessaire pour pouvoir faire face à toutes les urgences possibles.

En tant qu'éducateur ou parent, vous trouverez ici des ressources sur la prévention des incendies et la sécurité, que vous pourrez imprimer en format PDF ou personnaliser.

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