



Departmental
Briefing
October 2023

**MUNICIPAL
RELATIONS**

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Municipal Relations

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

- ✓ Focus on the needs of our clients
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- ✓ Support skill development
- ✓ Embrace transparency and accountability

Responsibilities

- Land use and community planning
- Sustainable development and services
- Assessment of property tax policy and information services
- Building municipal capacity and governance

Other Reporting Entities

- Manitoba Water Services Board
- The Fort North Portage Partnership
- Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries Corporation - Government Business Enterprise (GBE)

The minister is responsible for

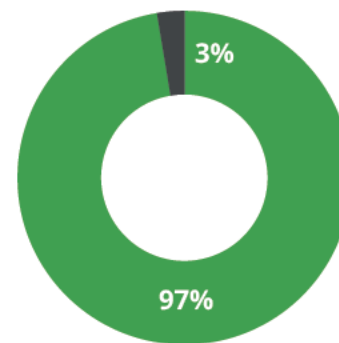
42	ABC appointments
21	Statutes
32,005	Regulatory Requirements

2023/24 Quick Facts

BUDGET	\$419.58 million	STAFF	330.60 Full Time Equivalents (FTEs)
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Summary Budget

thousands



	Budget	FTEs
Core	\$408,868	330.60
OREs	\$10,711	-
Total	\$419,579	330.60

Municipal Relations

Operating Budget by Main Appropriation

Part A (thousands)

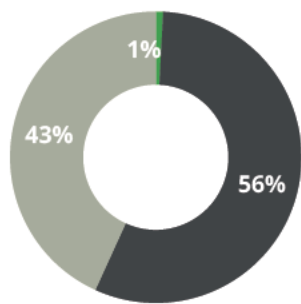


2023/24 Budget

■ Administration and Finance	\$7,782
■ Community Planning and Development	\$13,705
■ Municipal Assessment and Advisory Services	\$12,520
■ Financial Assistance	\$372,501
■ Amortization	\$850

Capital, Loans and Guarantees

Part B, C, and D (thousands)



Appropriation Title	2023/24 Budget
■ Departmental Capital (Part B)	\$1,725
■ Loan and Guarantee Programs (Part C)	\$117,364
■ ORE Capital (Part D)	\$90,548

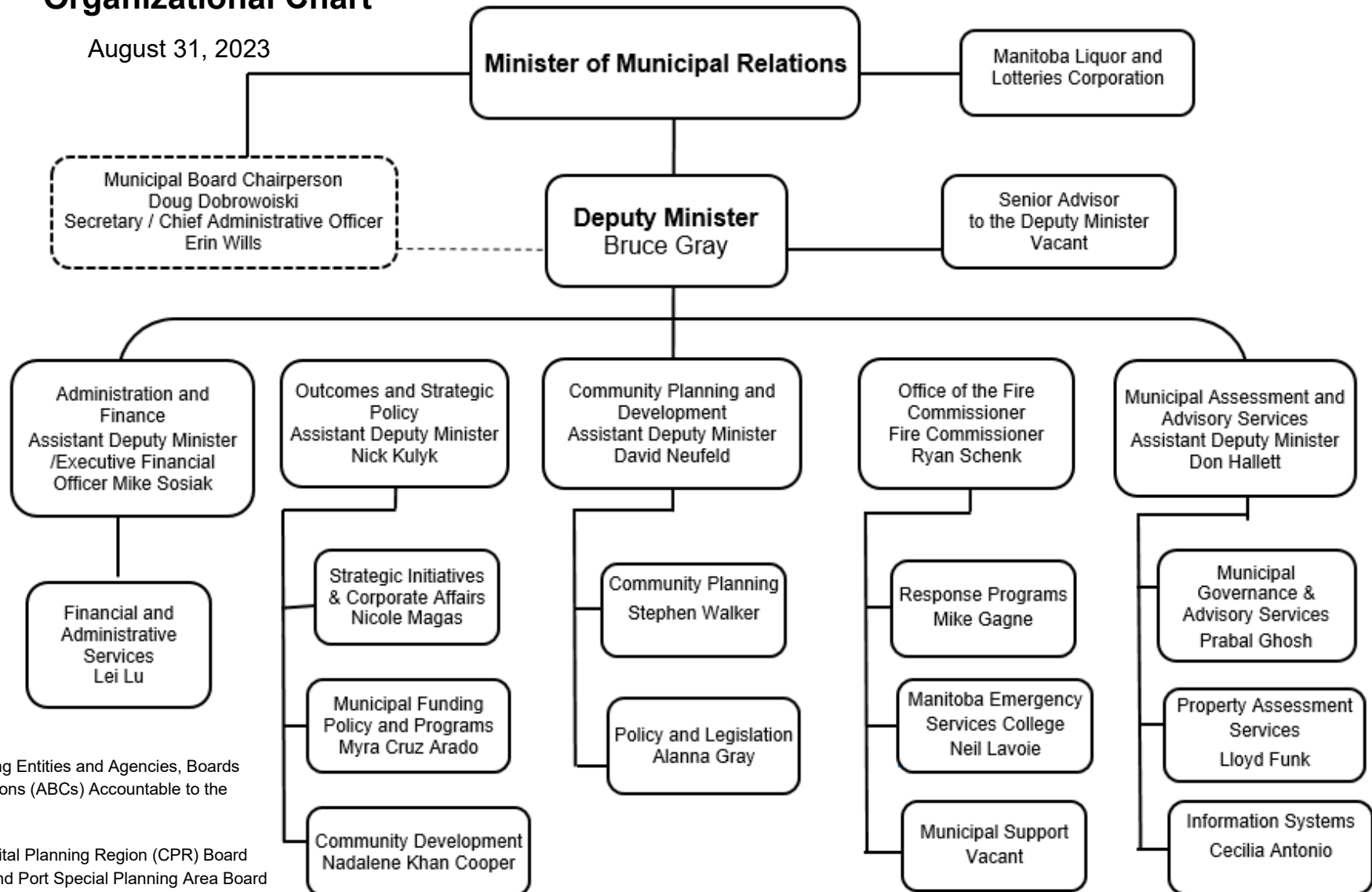
Federal, Provincial and Territorial Involvement

- Provincial/Territorial Officials Committee (PTOC) on Local Government (Does not include Canada)
- Shoal Lake 40 Agreement Committee (City of Winnipeg and Canada Represented)

2. Department Organization

Organizational Chart

August 31, 2023



Other Reporting Entities and Agencies, Boards and Commissions (ABCs) Accountable to the minister:

- Capital Planning Region (CPR) Board
- Inland Port Special Planning Area Board
- Keystone Centre
- Municipal Board
- Manitoba Code of Conduct
- Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries Corporation
- Manitoba Water Services Board
- The Forks North Portage Partnership

Deputy Minister

Bruce Gray

Bruce Gray has carried out many senior management responsibilities for the Province of Manitoba, including leadership in areas of local government administration, natural resource management, environmental stewardship and financial management. He has helped teams effectively provide advice and support toward government decisions related to complex files and has actively led and contributed to a number of diverse cross-departmental initiatives involving community and industry engagement. Bruce holds a Master of Public Administration degree and a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Winnipeg.



Department Strategy Map

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Priorities and Objectives

Quality of Life – Improving Outcomes for Manitobans

- Improve Quality of Life in Communities
- Advance Truth and Reconciliation
- Sustain Manitoba's Unparalleled Natural Environment
- Foster Private Investment for Economic Growth

Working Smarter – Delivering Client-Centred Services

- Foster and Advance Innovation
- Reduce Red Tape

Public Service – Delivering Client-Service Excellence

- Enhance Client Services
- Build our Capacity to Deliver
- Advance Inclusion
- Strengthen Respect in our Workplaces

Value For Money – Protecting Manitoba’s Bottom Line

- Provide Value for Money
- Mitigate Costs through Planning and Prevention
- Help Manitobans Keep More of Their Money
- Balance the Budget

Department Responsibilities

The department works with municipal partners to build strong and healthy communities. This includes building municipal capacity, supporting and improving community development, planning and permitting, and strengthening collaboration and shared solutions with municipalities.

The overall responsibilities of the Minister and Municipal Relations include:

- Establishes a framework of legislation, finance, planning and policy that supports autonomy, accountability, safe and financially efficient local government, community development, a quality property assessment system, and sustainable development of our communities.
- Delivers training, ongoing advice, technical analysis, and funding related to land management, community revitalization, infrastructure and building the capacity of local governments to provide services.
- Works collaboratively with all Manitobans to ensure communities are places of opportunity. The department’s clients include individuals, municipal governments, fire services, non-governmental organizations, industry, academic communities and utilities.
- Promotes intergovernmental relationships and strategic partnerships between and among the provincial and federal governments, local governmental and non-governmental organizations.

- Manitoba Municipal Relations includes three divisions noted under appropriations 13.1 to 13.3.

The minister is also responsible for:

- Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries Corporation (separate binder)
- Manitoba Municipal Board (independent quasi-judicial appeals body)
- Manitoba Water Services Board (responsible for the Board – Consumer Protection and Government Services responsible for staff)

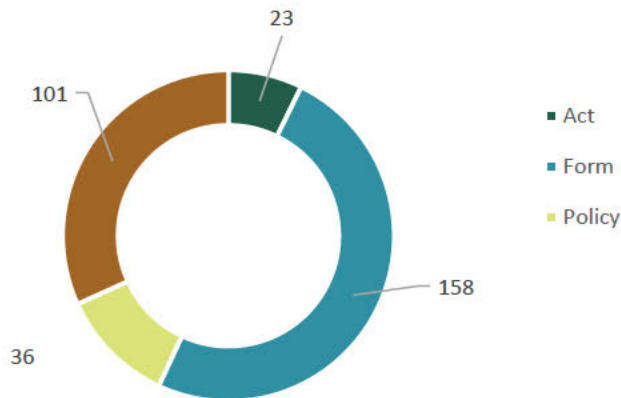
Policy Instruments

As of March 31, 2023

A regulatory requirement is an action that must be taken by a Manitoba resident, local government, non-profit or business in order to access a program or service of the government or government agency, carry on business, or participate in a regulated activity. Regulatory requirements are found in statutes, regulations, policies, or forms made by government departments or government agencies.

The department currently administers **32,005** regulatory requirements through **318** policy instruments. A chart of the policy instruments by type is included below.

Count of Department's Regulatory Instruments by Type



* Note that a list of statutory responsibilities of the minister is included in the appendix.

Program Descriptions

Administration and Finance Division - Provides executive planning, management, and directs departmental policies and programs while overseeing their implementation. Additionally, the division delivers the comptrollership function and central management services, including financial and administrative services and budget oversight.

Community Planning and Development Division - Contributes to the department's overall mandate by delivering land use planning services to municipalities, planning districts, landowners and the public. The division is also responsible for leading and engaging other departments in provincial land use policy and legislation governing municipal land use planning in Manitoba.

Municipal Assessment and Advisory Services Division – Supports the legislative framework through which municipal governments are accountable to the province as well as their ratepayers. Additionally, the division supports effective, efficient and sustainable municipalities by providing information systems, guidance and direction on good governance such as respectful behaviour and codes of conduct, conflict of interest, transparency, accessibility, and responsiveness; and delivers property assessment services for all taxing authorities except the City of Winnipeg.

Office of the Fire Commissioner - The Office of the Fire Commissioner (OFC) is Manitoba's lead agency in supporting communities across Manitoba on fire protection and fire prevention programs. The OFC supports fire service capacity building and ensures sustainable fire protection and rescue services through the Manitoba Emergency Services College training program, providing advice and guidance to fire service leaders and community leadership, and serves Manitobans through various operational response mandates established under the Fire Prevention and Emergency Responses Act. The overall mission is to build a stronger fire service and better protect Manitobans.

Outcomes and Strategic Policy Division – Provides strategic analysis and advice on Manitoba's funding strategy for municipalities and community development organizations. Responsible for the development and administration of funding mechanisms and other related financial capacity support programs to municipalities and community development organizations in Manitoba. Develops and analyzes municipal financial and statistical information to support decision-making. Provides corporate services support for the department, including general administrative affairs, strategic planning, stakeholder relations, and other department/government-wide initiatives.

The Municipal Board - The Municipal Board (the “Board”) is a quasi-judicial tribunal whose mission is “To deal with matters that come before the Board in a fair, impartial and timely manner”. The Board processes appeals, applications and referrals, hearings are held in accordance with legislative procedure and natural justice.

Due to its quasi-judicial nature in advising the Minister and municipalities, the Board operates independently and liaises and reports to the department for administrative reasons only.

The Board has responsibilities under 17 statutes, including but not limited to The Municipal Act, The Municipal Board Act, The Municipal Assessment Act, The Planning Act, The Water Rights Act, and The Special Surveys Act.

Human Resources

Staffing Overview

Staffing Overview - Full Time Equivalent (FTE) As of April 1, 2023		
	2023/24 FTEs	2022/23 FTEs
Main Appropriations		
Administration and Finance	73.80	73.90
Community Planning and Development	106.00	106.00
Municipal Assessment and Advisory Services	150.80	151.10
TOTAL	330.60	331.00

Minister's and Deputy Minister's Staff ^{*a}

List of Non-Political Staff		
Branch	Title	Name of Employee
Minister's Office	Correspondence Secretary	Sandhu, Swati
Minister's Office	Correspondence Secretary	Odenigbo, Sandy
Minister's Office	Admin Assistant To Minister	Urbanowich, Tara
Deputy Minister's Office	Deputy Minister	Gray, Bruce
Deputy Minister's Office	Bilingual Executive Assistant To The DM	Afuang, Velline
Deputy Minister's Office	Secretary To Deputy Minister	Parsons, Penny
Total	6	

List of Political Staff	
Branch	Title
Minister's Office	Executive Assistant To The Minister
Total	1

Notes

* As of August 31, 2023

^a List of Minister's and Deputy Minister's staff is based on employee's position title, cost center and fund center.

Vacancies *

Type	Count
Total FTEs	330.6
Total Value of Vacant FTEs	71.8

21.7%
Vacancy Rate

Appointments **

Competitive Appointments	Count
Competition - Internal	3
Competition - Open	27
Total	30

Direct Appointments	Count
Acting Status to Regular	1
Former Employee Return	1
Total	2

Event Type	Count
Acting Status	5
In-Service Appointment	15
New Appointment	17
Total	37

Terminations **

Type	Count
Retirements	5
Other Terminations	5
Total	10

Employment Equity *

Employment Equity Group	Percent
Woman	58.6%
Indigenous Peoples	10.3%
Person with Disabilities	8.4%
Visible Minority	14.1%

Notes

* As of August 31, 2023

** From April 1, 2023 to August 31, 2023

Glossary of Human Resources Terms

Term / Acronym	Definition
Acting Status	Temporary assignment of an employee to another position with a higher maximum rate of pay.
Acting Status to Regular	Appointment of an individual previously in acting status to a position on a regular (permanent) basis.
Competition – Closed	Competition in which only current employees are eligible to apply.
Competition – Internal	Competitions in which only current employees within a specific department or work area are eligible to apply.
Competition – Open	Competition for which anyone eligible to work in Canada may apply.
Competitive Appointments	Appointments resulting from a competition (Open, Closed, Internal) ; excluding secondments.

Difficult to Recruit Position	Appointment of an individual to a position that is determined to be difficult to recruit (including difficult to recruit location).
Direct Appointments	Appointment made outside of a competitive process.
Employment Equity Group	Inclusive of four groups recognized by the Manitoba government for employment equity initiatives: women, Indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities and visible minorities.
Employment Equity Initiative	Appointment of an individual who is a member of a designated group for the purposes of advancing public service employment equity goals and objectives.
Former Employee Returning	Appointment of an individual previously terminated, generally to a similar position.
Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)	A measurement for number of positions. Every full-time regular position represents one full-time equivalent position.
Indigenous People	Employee who identifies as a person of North American Aboriginal ancestry including First Nation, (status and non-status Indians), Inuit and Metis
In-Service Appointments	Appointment of existing employees in a new/different position.
New Appointment	Appointments of individuals who are not pre-existing employees (ie. member of the public).
Other Direct Appointments	Appointment of an individual where other reason codes do not apply.
Persons with Disabilities	Employee who identifies as a persons whose functional limitations owing to their impairment have been accommodated or may require accommodation in their job or workplace, and/or persons who have a long-term or recurring impairment and believe an employer or potential employer is likely to consider them to be disadvantaged in employment by reasons of that impairment, or persons who have a long-term or recurring impairment and consider themselves to be disadvantaged in employment by reasons of that impairment.
Retirement	Employees who end their employment, and who typically begin to collect entitlements from the Civil Service Superannuation Board.
SAPEX	Sapex is a database hosted on a Oracle Server where major employee information were appended monthly. Data from this database are never changed once uploaded and are used for reports that requires consistency.
Political Employee	A political staff member appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council under section 59(1) of The Public Service Act.

Termination	Employees whose employment has ended with the Manitoba government, with or without cause.
Total FTEs	Total value of all FTEs, including full time and part-time positions.
Total Value of Vacant FTEs	Sum of vacant FTEs excluding Minister's position and Career Opportunity for Student FTEs.
Vacancy Rate	Percentage of vacant FTEs.
Visible Minorities	Employee who identifies, because of their race or colour, as a visible minority
Women	Employee who identifies as a woman

3. Strategic Overview

Urgent Matters

The following items require action or attention by the end of the calendar year:

1. Municipal and Community Development Funding Programs:
 - a) Municipal Economic Development Infrastructure Program
 - b) Municipal Service Delivery Improvement Program
 - c) 2024/25 Building Sustainable Communities/Urban Hometown Green Team Programs
2. Association of Manitoba Municipalities Fall Convention
3. Significant 2024/25 Budget priorities
 - a) Strategic Infrastructure Basket escalator
 - b) Tiered Water and Wastewater Framework
4. Fire Prevention Week
5. Forks North Portage Partnership 2023 Annual Public Meeting

1. Issue: Municipal and Community Development Funding

A) Municipal Economic Development Infrastructure Program (MEDIP)

High Level Summary:

On August 1, 2023, Manitoba announced one-time funding of up to \$39.9 million that will be distributed to all municipalities outside of Winnipeg on a per capita basis to help mitigate high levels of inflation, and also launched the new \$44.5 million application-based Municipal Economic Development Infrastructure Program (MEDIP), available to municipalities outside of Winnipeg to support critical infrastructure projects under the key investment themes of Economic Development, Renewal and Innovation. Funds will flow for the per capita program upon the receipt of signed contribution agreements ^{23(1)(a)} and the deadline for municipalities to submit a complete MEDIP application package via Manitoba Municipalities Online is October 6, 2023 ^{23(1)(a)}

Current Status:

- As the MEDIP is a new program, the department is in the process of developing an evaluation matrix that aligns with key criteria for program eligibility and project outcomes.
- ^{23(1)(a)}

Recommendation:

^{23(1)(a)}

B) Municipal Service Delivery Improvement Program (MSDIP)

High Level Summary:

The MSDIP launched in 2021, the multi-year program provides \$5M in funding that has provided support to municipalities through third party audits or service delivery reviews to evaluate the efficiency of municipal programs or services in the areas of transportation, water and sewer, solid waste management, recreation and culture, planning, and general government administration.

These service reviews are completed by pre-approved third party consultants and result in recommendations that can help municipalities streamline services and find cost savings that they can reinvest in other services. Up to \$1.5M is available in 2023/24 to support new projects. The third intake for proposals closed on September 15, 2023.

Current Status:

- The department delivered a webinar for municipalities to learn about program guidelines and the application process, 23(1)(a) [redacted]
- An interdisciplinary evaluation committee will review proposals against established criteria, and announcements can be scheduled as early as late fall 2023 for projects approved by the Minister.
- After approval, the third party consultants will be engaged to conduct reviews based on municipalities' request and the reviews are available for others to learn from.
- 23(1)(a) [redacted]

Recommendation:

23(1)(a) [redacted]

C) 2024/25 Building Sustainable Communities / Urban Hometown Green Team program

High Level Summary:

23(1)(a) [redacted]


Current Status:

- The BSC program is a \$25M annual application based grant program that responds to community needs and supports a broad range of community development projects, including capital, capacity building, community initiatives and planning.

- The GT program is a \$4M to \$10M annual application-based grant program that provides funding to non-profit organizations, education authorities, Northern Affairs Community Councils, and municipal governments, to create summer jobs for youth that are aged 15 to 29. A complementary program is provided for jobs in provincial parks. The purpose of the program is to support Manitoba's workforce and training development strategy by offering opportunities to youth to gain leadership skills and employment income for post-secondary education, while at the same time strengthening Manitoba's economy.
- Program intakes for these program typically are publicly announced in November of each year.

Recommendation:

23(1)(a)

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Contact Person: Nick Kulyk, Assistant Deputy Minister, Outcomes and Strategic Policy, 204-792-5527


2. Issue: The Association of Manitoba Municipalities Fall Convention

High Level Summary:


The Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) will be hosting its 25th annual convention at the Keystone Centre in Brandon – from November 28 – 30, 2023. The convention brings together municipal elected officials, administrators and provincial government representatives to learn about and discuss issues, and vote on resolutions significant to Manitoba municipalities for the province to address.

The AMM will request that the Minister participate at this year's event to bring government remarks, and to jointly serve as master of ceremonies (MC) for a forum involving all ministers. It is expected that the AMM will also request the department to proclaim the third annual Municipal Government Awareness Week in Manitoba – to coincide with the timing of this year's AMM convention. The central purpose of the proclamation is to recognize the importance of local governments, and strengthen the provincial-municipal relationship. Typically, the Minister also hosts in-person meetings with individual municipalities to discuss their priorities and concerns. During the convention, other ministers normally do the same in relation to their portfolios.

Current Status:

- The department's Strategic Initiatives and Corporates Services unit is developing a plan to coordinate the department's involvement at this year's AMM Convention – including related logistical and policy / briefing activities.
- 23(1)(a) 

Recommendations:

23(1)(a) 

Contact Person: Nick Kulyk, Assistant Deputy Minister, Outcomes and Strategic Policy, 204-792-5527

3. Issue: Significant 2024/25 Budget Priorities

A) Strategic Infrastructure Basket Escalator

High Level Summary:

The Strategic Municipal Investment Fund provides Municipal Operating and Strategic Infrastructure funding to municipalities across Manitoba on an annual basis. Unconditional operating funding supports core operating services and programs, while infrastructure funding addresses shared provincial-municipal priorities.

In 2023, the Government of Manitoba announced a \$47M increase to the Municipal Operating grant to support the 2023 municipal calendar year, and committed to make this base increase permanent in 2024/25, along with exploring an inflationary escalator for both operating and infrastructure purposes.

Current Status:

- 23(1)(a) [Redacted]
- The department is developing a range of options to be considered.

Recommendation:

23(1)(a) [Redacted]

23(1)(a)(f) [Redacted]

23(1)(a)(f)

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Current Status:

- 23(1)(a)(f)

[Redacted]

Recommendation:

23(1)(a)

[Redacted]

Contact Person: Nick Kulyk, Assistant Deputy Minister, Outcomes and Strategic Policy, 204-792-5527

4. Issue Title: Fire Prevention Week

High Level Summary:

Each year, the Minister responsible for the Office of the Fire Commissioner (OFC) proclaims Fire Prevention Week during the first week of October to coincide with the national dates. The OFC is developing items that could be profiled during this year's Fire Prevention Week between October 8 and 14, 2023

Current Status:

- Fire Prevention Week 2023 is October 8 – 14, with the nationally determined theme being “Cooking Safety Starts with YOU. Pay attention to fire prevention”.
- Historically, a Fire Prevention Week media event is held in partnership with the City of Winnipeg to kick off the week with elected officials from both the Province and the City speaking. In 2022, the media event took place at the Carberry Fire Department and received strong support from rural Manitoba.
- The OFC is prepared to support elected officials in profiling public education initiatives that are often led by community volunteer firefighters within their home community.

Options and Recommendations:

The OFC will proceed with planning Fire Prevention Week 2023 and identify alternatives to hosting a public kick-off event.

Contact Person: Ryan Schenk, Fire Commissioner, Office of the Fire Commissioner, 17(1) & 17(3)(d)

5. Issue Title: Forks North Portage Partnership 2023 Annual Public Meeting

High Level Summary:

The Forks North Portage Partnership (FNPP) has requested the Minister to bring greetings at its 2023 Annual Public Meeting scheduled for November 8, 2023.

Current Status:

- The Forks North Portage Partnership is a key stakeholder in the development of the downtown. They are responsible for the ownership, management and continuing renewal of The Forks and North Portage sites. The federal government, provincial government, and the City of Winnipeg each hold one of the three common shares of the organization. The Minister of Municipal Relations is the Provincial Shareholder representative. The Partnership is governed by a ten-member Board of Directors. Each shareholder appoints three members to the Board.
- On August 31, 2023, Sara Stasiuk, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Forks, invited the Minister to attend and bring greetings at the North Portage Annual Public Meeting. Department response is pending.
- An agenda for this year's event has not yet been provided. The Annual Public Meeting typically includes greetings from all three shareholders and includes reports on financial and program activities. It is anticipated the November 2023 meeting will include a status update on increased Forks Market attendance and sales, safety improvements, Railside development and other priorities for the upcoming year.


- 23(1)(a) [Redacted]

- 23(1)(a) [Redacted] On May 12, The

Province and True North issued a news release outlining the redevelopment plan which will include: a health-care centre, affordable and family housing, a full-scale grocery store, neighbourhood services and urban green spaces.

Recommendations:

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Contact Person: Nick Kulyk, Assistant Deputy Minister, Outcomes and Strategic Policy, 204-792-5527

Strategic Priorities and Opportunities

The following items are matters are for consideration in the longer term that may pertain to organizational changes, strategic plans, multi-year projects, emerging issues and other topics:

1. Municipal Funding
2. Community Development Non-Profit Sector Strategy
3. Capital Planning Region
4. Municipal Governance and Financial Oversight
5. Municipal Board Appeals Process, Capacity and Operational Review
6. Medical First Responders Designation

1. Issue Title: Municipal Funding

Timeline for Action: 2024/25 Budget

High Level Summary:

The Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) and its members (including the City of Winnipeg) continue to lobby the Manitoba government for long-term, stable and predictable funding that reflects their contribution to overall economic growth.

Specific calls related to municipal funding include:

- Establishment of a simplified, predictable funding model with an annual escalator;
- Rebate of the PST paid by municipalities;
- Streamlining of existing tax tools and create tax flexibility for municipalities;
- Increased funding for water and wastewater infrastructure;
- Improved coordination between economic development office and agencies to meet municipal economic development needs;
- Comprehensive broadband and cell service infrastructure for rural Manitoba; and
- Increased funding for policing.

Current Status:

- Provincial funding to all municipalities is provided through the Strategic Municipal Investment Fund, Manitoba’s basket funding model. Funding includes Municipal Operating support (\$137.9M Winnipeg; \$78.8M other municipalities) to address key service priorities and core programs, and Strategic Infrastructure funding (\$89.8M Winnipeg; \$70.6M other municipalities) to address priority capital projects. This includes water and wastewater treatment plants, solid waste treatment plants, public transit, roads and bridges, recreation, and other strategic projects.
- 20(1)(c) & 23(1)(a) [Redacted]
- 23(1)(a) [Redacted]
- The Municipal Economic Development Infrastructure Program (MEDIP) announced in August 2023 will support critical infrastructure projects beyond

water and sewer, and will serve as a bridge for funding support until new federal programming is available.

- 23(1)(a)(f)

[Redacted]

Recommendation:

23(1)(a)

[Redacted]

Contact Person: Nick Kulyk, Assistant Deputy Minister, Outcomes and Strategic Policy, 204-792-5527

2. Issue Title: Community Development Non-Profit Strategy**Timeline for Action:** Fall – Winter 2023/24**High Level Summary:**

In 2019, the Department was directed to develop a government-wide strategy for promoting sustainability in the non-profit sector. In 2019/20, engagement with the non-profit sector included community forums in Winnipeg, Brandon and Thompson. The issue of increased operating funding and capacity building was raised at all sessions as a priority issue.

Since 2020, due to COVID-19, the Non-Profit Strategy policy work was paused in order to implement and deliver enhanced project-based funding to support the immediate needs of the Non-Profit Sector including funding increases to the Building Sustainable Communities Program (\$25.0M in 2023/24) and the Urban/Hometown Green Team Program (\$9.0M in 2023/24) along with one-time COVID relief measures.


Current Status:

- To date, MR priorities have been centered on supporting its non-profit sector stakeholder/clients, maintaining core-operating funding, streamlining agreements, reducing red tape, enhancing partnerships and doubling application-based project funding noted above. In 2023/24, MR provided funding to 1,477 non profit organizations.
- This includes stabilizing core operating funding to key sector leaders including United Way Winnipeg's annual core operating funding (\$4.89M in 2023/24). In addition, MR has pursued efforts to develop MB Grants Online (GO) - a new online grants management system to promote and centralize provincial application based grant funding programs for non profit organizations.
- 23(1)(a)

Confidential Advice to Minister:


23(1)(a)

23(1)(a)



Options and Recommendations:

23(1)(a)



Contact Person: Nick Kulyk, Assistant Deputy Minister, Outcomes and Strategic Policy, 204-792-5527

3. Issue Title: Capital Planning Region

Timeline for Action: ongoing

High Level Summary:


On January 1, 2023, the Capital Planning Region (CPR) was created pursuant to a regulation under The Planning Act. The Capital Planning Region is a corporation without share capital consisting of 18 municipal members that make up the capital region – and up to four provincial appointees. CPR’s mandate is to enhance economic and social development by improving and coordinating sustainable land use and development in the region. This is accomplished by adopting a regional plan as required by legislation by January 1, 2025, and promoting opportunities for regional cooperation in the development of infrastructure and the provision of services.

Current Status:

- The CPR Board of Directors has held three meetings since April 26, 2023. They have adopted procedural by-laws, appointed officers, drafted a budget, developed new board and staff handbooks, and approved an adoption process for Plan 20-50 – the draft regional plan by-law.
- On June 16, 2023, Manitoba formally announced three provincial appointees to the Capital Planning Region Board of Directors, with three year terms. Mike Moore, past Consultant with the Urban Development Institute, as board chair. Elisabeth Saftiuk, Vice-President of Policy and Government Relations for the Manitoba Chamber of Commerce, as vice-chair, and Chief Gordon BlueSky, Chair of Treaty One Development Corporation that represents seven area First Nations.
- The Department of Municipal Relations is responsible for coordinating the technical review of the regional plan by-law to ensure provincial interests are addressed. To support a whole of government approach, the Community Development and Planning Division chairs an inter-departmental Technical Advisory Committee to coordinate provincial input and advise at critical points in the adoption process.

Confidential Advice to Minister:

23(1)(a)



23(1)(a)

Options and Recommendations:

23(1)(a)

Contact Person: Alanna Gray, Manager, Policy and Legislation Unit, Community Planning and Development, 204-583-6011

4. Issue Title: Municipal Governance and Financial Oversight

Timeline for Action: ongoing, 23(1)(a)

High Level Summary:

The department is working on a number of initiatives to strengthen governance, financial oversight and public accountability. These initiatives include: improvements to the financial plan template and processes; enhanced education programs for municipal council conflict of interest; continued promotion, monitoring and evaluation of the code of conduct legislation and regulations; and development of a strategy to improve municipal compliance for financial reporting as required under the Municipal Act.

Current Status:

- The department has contracted KPMG to complete the scoping exercise for the modernization of municipal financial plan templates and processes. The department has established a Task Force focused on improvements to municipal financial reporting to help advise the consultant. As municipal compliance with the submission of their Audited Financial Statements within the legislated June 30 deadline is very poor, the department is also exploring options in an effort to bring the municipalities under compliance.
- The department is collaborating with Communications and Engagement Division to develop educational materials on The Municipal Conflict of Interest Act and the role of the Ombudsman.

Confidential Advice to Minister:

23(1)(a)

Options and Recommendations:

23(1)(a)

Contact Person: Don Hallett, Assistant Deputy Minister, 204-345-4663

5. Issue Title: Municipal Board Appeals Process, Capacity and Operational Review**Timeline for Action:** Next six months**High Level Summary:**


The Municipal Board of Manitoba is a quasi-judicial administrative tribunal established under the authority of The Municipal Board Act. Main areas of the Board's jurisdiction include newly added planning appeals and referrals under The Planning Act and City of Winnipeg Charter, and assessment appeals under The Municipal Assessment Act.

Manitoba amended The Planning Act and City of Winnipeg Charter Act in 2021 to expand the rights of land use applicants to appeal certain planning decisions of municipal council. Amendments also gave Winnipeg residents the right to appeal zoning decisions (to match the rights of residents outside Winnipeg). The Municipal Board is also now subject to statutory service standards (120 days to complete a hearing and 60 days to issue an order). To help resolve disagreements between municipal councils and applicants, The Municipal Board Act was further amended in 2023 to give the Municipal Board the ability to mediate and resolve disputes through a case management approach with the agreement of all parties and without holding a hearing.

Due to these changes, the Municipal Board is currently experiencing high volumes of appeals and referrals (assessment, planning and Capital Finance), many of which are becoming increasingly complex. At the same time, municipalities and developers are experiencing challenges in adjusting processes to the new legislated requirements.


Current Status:

- In the absence of formally adopted planning appeal and planning referral rules that incorporate case management, the Municipal Board is operating with interim rules and procedures. The department continues to provide technical assistance and support to equip the Municipal Board in delivering its enhanced mandate.

Confidential Advice to Minister:23(1)(a)


Recommendation:

23(1)(a)



Contact Person: Alanna Gray, Manager, Policy and Legislation Unit, Community Planning and Development, 204-583-6011

6. Issue Title: Medical First Responder Designation**Timeline for Action:** End of 2023 Calendar Year**High Level Summary:**

In the spring of 2022, the College of Paramedics of Manitoba changed the education requirements for Medical First Responders by increasing the training hours to 312 hours of training from 120 hours. Since this change, eleven municipalities are no longer have Medical First Responders in their communities to assist Manitobans with healthcare issues in emergency situations.

In response to the changed education requirements Manitoba Health established a working group to develop solutions for municipalities wanting to offer some type of medical first response service.

Current Status:

- To date, Health has consulted with fire departments in Miniota, Niverville, St Andrews and Headingley, on the skills a fire first responder can perform without being a regulated health professional.
- Manitoba Health continues to engage with stakeholders and government partners to ensure the proposed amendments to the Land Emergency Medical Response System Regulation are in line with the skills and services that can be provided by fire first responder in future.

Confidential Advice to Minister:

- 23(1)(a)

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Contact Person: Ryan Schenk, Fire Commissioner, Office of the Fire Commissioner, 17(1) & 17(3)(d)

Renewing Relationships and Advancing Indigenous Reconciliation

The department has strongly encouraged central training that is being provided in this area, provided education for Community Planning staff on Crown Indigenous Consultations, and continues to support programming that promotes partnering with Indigenous communities at the Manitoba Planning Conference, in support of Call to Action #57.

The department has sought to work in partnership with Indigenous communities in meaningful consultation on various initiatives including the Leaf Rapids initiative (regarding the long term future of the Town of Leaf Rapids), The Capital Planning Region Board (appointing the Chief from the Brokenhead Ojibway nation as a voting member of the Board), and engaging indigenous communities on Phase 1 of the Capital Region Servicing Strategy. The department is also working to develop culturally appropriate fire initiatives and programming as a member of the First Nations Prevention Table, in support of Call to Action #92.

Also in support of Call to Action #92, the department has started completing initial consultation assessments with Indigenous communities on major initiatives and projects such as the capital region servicing strategy and the Plan 20-50 regional growth plan. Additionally, the department has been working as a member of the Shoal Lake 40 Working Group under the Tripartite Agreement with the City of Winnipeg and Shoal Lake 40 First Nation to promote economic and cultural advancements within the community.

The department has delivered a series of workshops and webinars for leaders and staff to advance Equity, Diversity and Inclusion including focus on Truth and Reconciliation.

Federal, Provincial and Territorial Overview

Representation at FPTs

Provincial and Territorial Ministers Responsible for Local Government

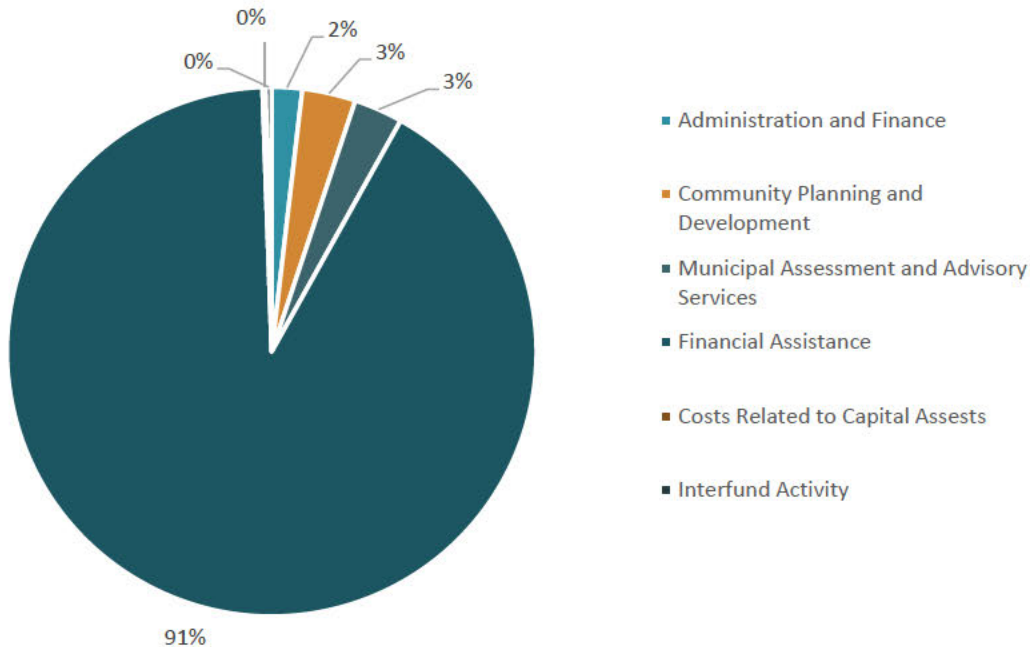
Description: The Table of Ministers Responsible for Local Government works to promote effective local government through the collective research, analysis, planning, development and sharing of information related to municipal issues of mutual interest and importance. Based on constitutional convention that indicates that municipalities are within the jurisdiction of provinces and territories, the Table engages the federal government to advocate on areas of provincial/territorial (PT) mutual interest, as required.

Other Information: An annual meeting is held each June and in 2024 the meeting will be in Newfoundland. The Minister's involvement with this table is supported by department staff involvement on various working level sub-committees focus on topics of PT mutual interest. In June 2023, it was decided working groups would be established that address growth and sustainability, future infrastructure agreements and climate change adaptation/disaster assistance.

4. Fiscal Overview

The following information reflects spending appropriations approved for the department in fiscal year 2023/24 by the Legislature. The annual Estimates process to determine the budget for the next fiscal year (2024/25) is currently underway.

Percentage Distribution of Departmental Operating Budget (2023/24)



Summary Budget Overview

The Department's summary budget includes the core department of Municipal Relations and two Other Reporting Entities (OREs) - Manitoba Water Services Board and The Forks North Portage Partnership.

The Minister of Municipal Relations also has responsibility for Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries (MBLL), however as this is a Government Business Enterprise, MBLL's expenditures and revenues are not consolidated into the department's Summary financial position. Instead, MBLL's 2023/24 budgeted net profit of \$668 million is reflected as part of government's overall revenues on a Summary basis.

The Department's 2023/24 summary budget total is \$420 million; it is an increase of over \$28 million or 7 per cent from the 2022/23 summary budget level of \$392 million.

This increase of is primarily due to Department's increased cost for the following.

Core Department

- The \$47 million, or 28%, increase in municipal operating grants was provided through special warrant last year (2022/23) which coincided with the 2023 municipal fiscal year. While the added funding was not included in the 2023/24 Estimates, the budget speech committed to keeping this funding in the base for the 2024 municipal year and future as it could flow after March 31, 2024 to municipalities.
- Grant assistance increase of \$23.4 million for Municipal Capital Basket Funding. This increase results in over \$160 million for cost-shared investments in municipal capital projects, including water and wastewater infrastructure.
- Grant assistance increase of \$862 thousand for the Urban/Hometown Green Team Program. This increase rebalances the base budget to allow hiring of the same number of youth as pre-pandemic, while taking into account the minimum wage increase since 2019.
- Office of the Fire Commissioner increase of \$392 thousand to reflect the full year cost of 4.00 FTE positions added in 2022/23, to meet legislative requirements of facilitating emergency / disaster response. This includes wildfire urban interface, provincial ground search & rescue, and Heavy Urban Search and Rescue (HUSAR) programs.
- Salary adjustment of \$1.3 million related to recent contract settlement with Manitoba Government and General Employees' Union (MGEU).

Other Reporting Entities

- Increase of \$2 million due to increased operating expenditures for the Manitoba Water Services Board.

Summary (millions)	2023/24 budget	2022/23 budget	Incr./ (decr.)
Core Department	407	382	25
Other Reporting Entities (OREs)	11	9	2
General Consolidation	1	1	-
Total	420	392	28

Pressures, Risks and Other Considerations

The following is confidential advice to a minister and may be protected by section 23(1) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Municipal Operating / Capital Basket - Base Funding ^{23(1)(a)}

Budget 2023 provided an increase of \$47M in municipal operating grant payments in calendar year 2023, which reflects a 28 percent increase from \$170M in 2022 to \$217M, to address municipal cost pressures for delivering core services and programming that has materially increased due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and higher than average inflation rates.

However, this increased funding was paid from the Province’s 2022/23 fiscal year, as municipalities’ 2023 budget (calendar) year crosses over two provincial fiscal years (2022/23 and 2023/24) ^{23(1)(a)}

In addition, the department provided a \$4.0M increase in Manitoba Water Services Board (MWSB) capital grant funding in 2023 – from \$20M annually to \$24M. Similar to the operating basket increase, this increase was paid in 2022/23 fiscal year. ^{23(1)(a)}

Municipal Operating / Capital Basket Funding - Escalator ^{23(1)(a)}

The department has been facing increased pressure from municipalities and the AMM to increase its annual operating funding to municipalities based on economic growth. ^{23(1)(a)}

Municipal Transit Operating Top-Up Funding - \$13.4M

Budget 2023 provided \$13.4M in one-time transit support to the 5 municipalities that operate municipal transit systems (Winnipeg, Brandon, Selkirk, Thompson and Flin Flon. Winnipeg received the majority (\$13M or 97%) of this funding based on population and transit ridership.

^{23(1)(a)}

Urban Hometown Green Team – Base Funding and Minimum Wage Increase -

^{23(1)(a)}

Based on in-year reallocations, a total of \$9.0M in funding for the Urban Hometown Green Team program is available in 2023/24 as part of a temporary top-up to the program economic recovery , The program provides annual grants to municipalities

outside Winnipeg, education authorities and other non-profit organizations to increase summer employment opportunities for youth aged 15 to 29.

23(1)(a)



List of Major Grants/Grant Programs

Grant Recipient	2023/24 Approved Amount \$000s
Municipal Operating Grants	170,279.0
Municipal Capital Grants	160,400.0
Building Sustainable Communities	25,000.0
Grants to Municipalities in Lieu of Taxes	21,363.0
Other Municipal Grants	5,723.0
United Ways of Manitoba	4,950.0
Urban Hometown Green Team	4,873.0
Neighbourhood Renewal Fund	1,061.3
Capital Planning Region	540.0
Boys & Girls Clubs of Winnipeg	474.1
Training Incentive Grant Program	360.0
North End Renewal Corporation	353.5
Spence Neighbourhood Association Inc.	215.0
Daniel McIntyre/St. Mathews Community Association Inc.	151.5
Brandon Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation	151.5
Thompson Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation	151.5
West Broadway Development Corporation	151.5
North End Revitalization Inc. (NERI)	150.0
Chalmers Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation	120.0
The Winnipeg Foundation	120.0
YMCA/YWCA (Winnipeg)	80.0
Dauphin Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation	75.8
Flin Flon Neighbourhood Revitalization Corp	75.8

Portage la Prairie Community Revitalization Corp	75.8
Selkirk Community Renewal Corporation	75.8
The Pas Community Renewal Corporation	75.8
Community Initiatives Program	75.0
Recreation Connection Manitoba	63.4
Poverty Reduction Council	50.0
Recreation Opportunities for Children Eastman	50.0
Recreation Opportunities for Children Central	40.0
Manitoba Camping Association Sunshine Fund	36.0
Chalmers Community Renewal Initiative	31.5
Manitoba Camping Association	23.0
Canadian Red Cross - Safety Services	5.2
SUN Fund for Kids - Recreation Services	5.1
Grants to Municipalities in Lieu of Taxes Recovery from Other Departments	(20,775.0)
Green Team Recovery from Economic Development, Investment and Trade	(3,790.0)
Total	372,860.9

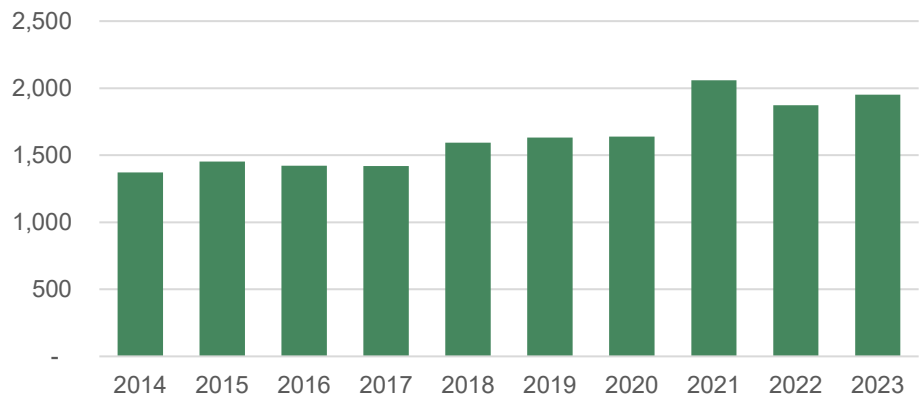
List of Major Contracts

Vendor Name	Contract Value \$000s	Contract Term	Type/category	Description
Pictometry Canada Corp	950	2023-2027	Tendered	Multi-year contract for software used by Property Assessment Services Branch that provides high-resolution ortho and oblique imagery at a property level.
Crane Steel Structures	2,035	2022-2023	Tendered	Contract to complete construction of Live Fire Training Building at Manitoba Emergency Services College.

Historical Expenditures in Sector (\$000s)

The chart below shows expenditures by area rather than by department to capture expenditures in a sector unaffected by departmental reorganizations over time. This 10-year analysis includes expenditures for Agriculture, Environment and Climate, Indigenous Reconciliation and Northern Relations, Infrastructure and Transportation, Municipal Relations and Natural Resources and Northern Development.

Expense by Sector Ten Year Analysis:
Community and Resource Development
(millions)



5. Impending Legislative and Regulatory Changes

The following items have been passed by the Assembly and will come into force on the date specified:

Local Urban Districts Regulation 174/99 under the Municipal Act:

In force date: January 1, 2024

A Local Urban District (LUD) is an unincorporated urban settlement area within a municipality represented by an elected committee and subordinate to the municipal council. LUDs provide a higher level of service to urban settlements (street lighting, paving, garbage collection, etc.) than would otherwise be provided to the rest of the municipality. An LUD allows the cost of these services to be contained within its boundaries; only the properties within the LUD pay for this higher level of service through their taxes.

LUDs are created at the request of municipalities based on a petition submitted by residents. Division 3 of The Municipal Act prescribes requirements for these petitions and their submission to the province. Valid requests to create, amend or dissolve an LUD are implemented by the Lieutenant Governor-in-Council (Cabinet) through amendments to the Local Urban Districts Regulation, M.R. 174/99, under The Municipal Act.

- Hanover – LUDs of Grunthal and Blumenort (boundary expansion)
- North Norfolk – LUD of Austin (dissolution)
- La Broquerie – LUD of La Broquerie (boundary expansion)
- RM of Morris – LUD of Rosenort (boundary expansion)
- Riding Mountain West – LUD of Angusville (dissolution)
- Woodlands – LUD of Warren (boundary expansion)

6. Scheduled Events

Event Name	Date/Location	Description	Expectation of Minister
Fire Prevention Week	October 8 -14, 2023	Fire Prevention Week is an annual event that utilizes public education materials to bring awareness to fire prevention and what to do in the event of a fire.	23(1)(a)
Winnipeg Metropolitan Region Board meeting	October 19, 2023 – CanadInns Polo Park	Monthly Board meetings.	23(1)(a)
Manitoba Planning Conference	October 25-27, 2023 at the Delta Hotel, Winnipeg	Annual conference for planners, industry and government.	23(1)(a)
Forks North Portage Annual Public Meeting	November 8, 2023 Canadian Museum for Human Rights	Annual meeting	23(1)(a)
Association of Manitoba Municipalities Annual Fall Convention	November 28-30, 2023 Keystone Centre, Brandon	Annual gathering of Municipal elected officials and administrators to share information, meet with government officials and vote on standing resolutions.	23(1)(a)
Monthly Meeting with Municipal Administrators	November 2023	Information sharing call with municipal administrators	23(1)(a)
Building Sustainable Communities Intake Announcement	November 2023	Occurs annually	23(1)(a)

Urban Green Team Intake Announcement	November 2023	Occurs annually	23(1)(a)
MEDIP Approved Projects	December 31	One time program announcements	23(1)(a)
MSDIP Approved Projects	December 31	3 rd intake announcements	23(1)(a)
Shoal Lake Agreement Committee Meeting	December 2023	Occurs annually	23(1)(a)

7. Appendices

Acronyms

Acronym	Full Terms
AMBM	Association of Manitoba Bilingual Municipalities
AMM	Association of Manitoba Municipalities
BSC	Building Sustainable Communities
CAN-TF4	Canada Task Force 4
CAFC	Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs
CCFMFC	Canadian Council of Fire Marshalls and Fire Chiefs
CFAA	Canadian Fire Alarm Association
CDB	Community Development Branch
CoW	City of Winnipeg
CPB	Community Planning Branch
CPD	Community Planning and Development Division
CPR	Capital Planning Region
CRPB	Capital Region Planning Board
DM	Deputy Minister
DPCRPP	Disaster Prevention and Climate Resiliency Program
EDI	Equity, Diversity and Inclusion
EMC	Executive Management Committee
EPTR	Education Property Tax Rebate
FAS	Financial and Administrative Services
FLS	French Language Services
FNPP	Forks North Portage Partnership
FPERA	Fire Prevention and Emergency Response Act
FTE	Full-time Equivalent
GIL	Grant-in-Lieu
GT	Urban Hometown Green Team Program
HUSAR	Heavy Urban Search and Rescue
ICIP	Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program
IPSPA	Inland Port Special Planning Authority
ISB	Information Services Branch
LGD	Local Government District
LUD	Local Urban District
MAAS	Municipal Assessment and Advisory Services Division
MAFC	Manitoba Association of Fire Chiefs
MB	Municipal Board
MBGO	Manitoba Grants Online
MBLL	Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries
MC	Master of Ceremonies
MCBF	Municipal Capacity Building Fund
MCSBEA	The Municipal Councils and School Boards Elections Act

Acronym	Full Terms
MDTP	Mobility Disadvantaged Transportation Program
MEDIP	Municipal Economic Development Infrastructure Program
MESC	Manitoba Emergency Services College
MFPP	Municipal Funding Policy and Programs
MFS	Manitoba Fire Service
MGAS	Municipal Governance and Advisory Services
MGEU	Manitoba Government and General Employees' Union
MMA	Manitoba Municipal Administrators
MMO	Manitoba Municipalities Online
MSDIP	Municipal Service Delivery Improvement Program
MSO	Municipal Services Officer
MWSB	Manitoba Water Services Board
OAG	Office of the Auditor General
OFC	Office of the Fire Commissioner
ORE	Other Reporting Entities
OSP	Outcomes and Strategic Policy
PLU	Policy and Legislation Unit (Community Planning and Development Division)
SIB	Strategic Infrastructure Basket
SICA	Strategic Initiatives and Corporate Affairs
SMIF	Strategic Municipal Investment Fund
SL40	Shoal Lake 40 First Nation
TRC	Technical Review Committee
UWW	United Way of Winnipeg
WMR	Winnipeg Metropolitan Region
LGD	Local Government District
RM	Rural Municipality
UL	Underwriters Laboratories of Canada

Stakeholder Contact List

Organization	Contact Name	Title
Association of Manitoba Bilingual Municipalities	17(1) & 17(2)(e)	President Chief Executive Officer
Association of Manitoba Municipalities	17(1) & 17(2)(e)	President Executive Director
Canadian Fire Alarm Association	17(1) & 17(2)(e)	President (Manitoba chapter)
Canadian Council of Fire Marshalls and Fire Commissioners	17(1) & 17(2)(e)	President
Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs	17(1) & 17(2)(e)	President
Code of Conduct Appeals Directors	17(1) & 17(2)(e)	Appeals Director

Organization	Contact Name	Title
	17(1) & 17(2)(e)	Appeals Director (alternate)
Disaster Assistance Appeal Board	Doug Dobrowolski	Chair
Forks North Portage Partnership (FNPP) Board of Directors	17(1) & 17(2)(e)	Chair
		Chief Executive Officer
Manitoba Firefighters Burn Fund	17(1) & 17(2)(e)	President
Inland Port Special Planning Authority Board	17(1) & 17(2)(e)	Chair
Keystone Centre	17(1) & 17(2)(e)	Chair
		Chief Executive Officer
Land Value Appraisal Commission	Cam Harvey	Chair
Transportation Options Network for Seniors (TONS)	17(1) & 17(2)(e)	Executive Director
Manitoba Municipal Administrators	17(1) & 17(2)(e)	Executive Director
Manitoba Association of Fire Chiefs	17(1) & 17(2)(e)	President
Municipal Board	Doug Dobrowolski	Chair
Underwriters Laboratories of Canada	17(1) & 17(2)(e)	Senior Codes and Regulatory Services Branch
United Way of Winnipeg	17(1) & 17(2)(e)	Board Chair Chief Executive Officer
Water Services Board	Travis Parsons	General Manager, Water Services Branch
Winnipeg Airport Authority	17(1) &	President and CEO
Winnipeg Metropolitan Region	17(1) & 17(2)(e)	Board Chair Executive Director

Agencies, Boards and Commissions Appointments

Lieutenant Governor in Council and Ministerial boards where all members are appointees of the Government of Manitoba:

- Municipal Board
- Municipal Codes of Conduct Appeals Director (a Ministerial appointment conducted in alignment with Agencies, Boards and Commissions procedures)

- Manitoba Water Services Board

Boards that the Government of Manitoba has a legislative responsibility, in whole or in part, to appoint one or more members:

- Inland Port Special Planning Area Board
- Capital Planning Region Board (operating as the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region Board)

Boards to which the Government of Manitoba makes or recommends appointment(s), based upon agreements with other governments and agencies:

- Forks North Portage Partnership (FNPP) Board of Directors
- Keystone Centre

Statutory Responsibilities of the Minister

Any statutes that are not assigned to a particular Minister are the responsibility of the Minister of Justice, as are any amendments to those statutes.

- The Department of Agriculture and Resource Development Act [section 9 insofar as it relates to infrastructure grants or rural economic development initiatives]
- The City of Winnipeg Charter (S.M. 2002, c. 39)
- The Capital Region Partnership Act
- The Community Renewal Act
- The Local Government Districts Act
- The Municipal Act
- The Municipal Assessment Act
- The Municipal Affairs Administration Act
- The Municipal Amalgamations Act
- The Municipal Board Act
- The Municipal Councils and School Boards Elections Act
- An Act respecting Debts Owed by Municipalities to School Districts
- The Municipal Taxation and Funding Act [Part 2]
- The Fires Prevention and Emergency Response Act
- The Official Time Act
- The Planning Act [except Part 10]
- The Regional Waste Management Authorities Act
- The Soldiers' Taxation Relief Act
- The Unconditional Grants Act
- The Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries Corporation Act
- The Manitoba Water Services Board Act

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