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MUNICIPAL AND NORTHERN RELATIONS

Important Notice to All Elected Officials and Chief Administrative Officers

2026 MANITOBA PLANNING CONFERENCE

The Manitoba Professional Planners Institute (MPPI), in partnership with the Manitoba Government, is hosting the 2026 Manitoba Planning Conference from May 6 to 8, 2026, at the Delta Hotel in Winnipeg.

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION

Register now for the 2026 Manitoba Planning Conference to build knowledge needed to help shape our shared future. The conference theme is *Momentum in Muddy Waters: Planning through Turbulent Times*. This year's theme reflects the importance of maintaining momentum in planning through times of uncertainty and disruption. Our momentum depends on shared vision, collective action, and partnerships across governments, communities, and stakeholders. Momentum is not only about advancing plans and policies, but also about finding the strength to foster resilience, adaptability, and hope for our shared future in muddy waters.

Keynote speakers include:

Dr. Enid Slack, Ph.D., Director, Institute on Municipal Finance and Governance, School of Cities, University of Toronto
Topic: Rethinking Municipal Finance in a Changing World

Dr. Mark Seasons, PhD, FCIP, RPP, Professor and Director, School of Planning, University of Waterloo
Topic: Planning for and managing "wicked problems"

Michael Redhead Champagne, Ininew speaker, host, author, on-screen personality and advocate
Topic: Beyond Land Acknowledgments

Dr. Brent Roussin, MD JD MPH FRCPC, Chief Provincial Public Health Officer, Manitoba Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care
Topic: Maintaining Momentum: Building Healthier Communities Through Collective Action

The early bird registration deadline is **March 31, 2026**.

For registration and more information, visit the [MPPI Conference Website](#). If you have questions, please contact [Vanessa Akerstream](#).

A French Language version of this memo will be posted to follow.