



## **TAKING OUR PULSE: COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP BASELINE**

Although there are many efforts underway by all levels of government to make our communities more sustainable and climate ready, there is an opportunity for First Nations and municipalities to take the lead. By looking at sustainability and climate change together, local leaders can demonstrate their commitment to the Province of Manitoba's Climate and Green Plan while also taking meaningful steps to making communities more resilient and adaptable.

Local governments can demonstrate good stewardship and provide their communities an opportunity to follow their lead. The simple checklist will provide a baseline so we can begin to prioritize capacity to act in the quadrants toward addressing:

- ✓ Waste Management;
- ✓ Water & Wastewater Management;
- ✓ Sustainable Procurement;
- ✓ Resilient & Adaptable Landscapes;
- ✓ Community Stewardship; and
- ✓ Energy Efficiency & Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Reduction.

Checklist Instructions:

Please fill-out the following information about your community.

Check all boxes where the answer to the question is "yes".

First Nation/Municipality Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Community Contact

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 1. WASTE MANAGEMENT

Has your community developed and implemented a waste management plan and/or waste reduction strategy?

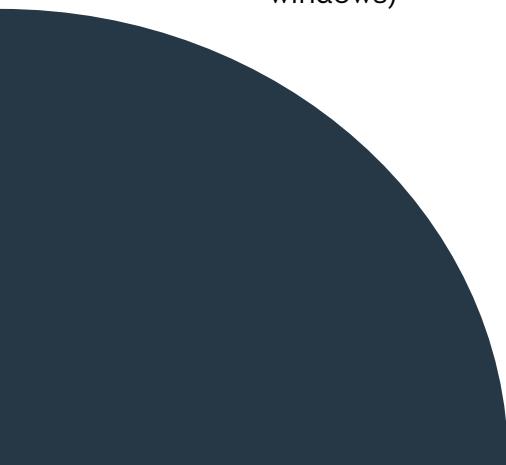
Does your community understand how Multi-Material Stewardship Manitoba (MMSM) works with your community?

Has your community received bins and support from Recycle Everywhere (CBCRA)?

Has your community explored the feasibility of a community composting program?

Does your community provide proper signage at all waste landfill/transfer stations to help with waste recycling and diversion?

Does your community have a program for specialty waste items like:

- White goods (e.g. refrigerators, air conditioners, stoves)
  - Mattresses
  - Batteries
  - Used oil
  - Empty pesticide containers
  - Textiles
  - Asphalt & asphalt shingles
  - Construction, Renovation & Demolition waste (e.g. drywall, scrap metal, doors, windows)
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## 2. WATER & WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT

- Has your community developed and implemented a water conservation strategy?
- Does your community provide education to residents about the importance of maintaining septic systems annually to ensure proper function?
- Has your community developed and implemented a strategy to "slow the flow" on storm water runoff from all publicly owned facilities or properties?
- Does your community promote the use of building and landscape technologies that recycle greywater, rainwater, and snow melt?
- Does your community's road maintenance plans include measures to reduce impacts to waterways including from dust control and/or de-icing products?
- Has your community implemented a hazardous materials spill response plan for spills from highways and public facilities?
- Has a policy for ditch maintenance been implemented that considers removing vegetation only when the flow is blocked?

## 3. SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT

- Has your community prepared a sustainable procurement policy?
  - Does your community buy paper and wood products that come from responsibly managed forests such as Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC®) certified products?
  - Does your community buy electronics that have the Electronic Product Environmental Assessment (EPEAT) certification?
  - Does your community purchase cleaning products that are certified Green Seal or EcoLogo?
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#### 4. RESILIENT & ADAPTABLE LANDSCAPES

- Has your community implemented a policy to ensure all vegetation on public lands are drought tolerant?
  
  - Has your community explored opportunities to use native plants in landscaping plans?
  
  - Has your community implemented a strategy to ensure all municipal/reserve lands are free from invasive species and eradicate if necessary?
  
  - Has your community implemented a policy to ensure municipal lands adjacent to waterways and wetlands maintain a 30 m vegetated buffer strip as per the *Provincial Land Use Policies* ?
  
  - Does your community ensure all construction and maintenance programs use proper erosion control to reduce erosion and sedimentation?
  
  - Does your community provide information and training to all Public Works staff on the 4R-Nutrient Stewardship Program?
  
  - Does your community ensure wetlands, riparian zones and natural shorelines are protected in your development plan, land code, secondary plans and policy as per the *Provincial Land Use Policies* ?
  
  - Are your community's Zoning Bylaws and Development Agreements consistent with your community's goal to protect water, increase recycling & waste diversion, and reduce GHG?
  
  - Does your community have a plan to develop and implement a protected green network that will help maintain wildlife habitat & corridors?
  
  - Has your community developed an emergency response plan for extreme weather events?
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## 5. COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP

- Has your community included an education section on sustainability including water and waste management in every issue of your community newsletter?
- Does your community have proper signage and education about aquatic invasive species (AIS) available at all public boat launches and in the general community?
- Has your community created a Stewardship Committee of engaged residents to get involved in the promotion of good stewardship including water and waste management and GHG reduction?
- Do your Public Works employees hold training seminars on proper disposal of oils, lubes and hazardous waste to ensure education and awareness for safe disposal?

## 6. ENERGY EFFICIENCY & GHG EMISSIONS REDUCTION

- When applicable, are your community owned and operated indoor and outdoor lights high energy efficiency?
  - Has your community explored infrastructure related emissions reduction action like optimization of system design & operations and demand management (e.g. water conservation)?
  - Has your community introduced a tree planting program in your community?
  - Has your community implemented a policy that ensures green building standards are applied for new construction of community owned and operated buildings?
  - Has your community developed and implemented an energy efficiency retrofit strategy for existing community owned and operated building?
  - Does your community follow and implement the principles of *complete communities* and *compact communities* when planning land use?
  - Has your community contacted Efficiency Manitoba or equivalent federal program to identify program opportunities to reduce energy use?
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