



Eco-West Canada News – February 2022

Welcome Alec...

Greetings to all Manitoba Municipalities,

We hope that 2022 brings you both health and happiness.

We are pleased to introduce Alec Massé, a new member who recently joined the Eco-West Canada team.

Alec is a graduate of the Asper School of Business at the University of Manitoba, with a double major in International Business and Entrepreneurship.



He brings new energy and experience in long-term project planning and stakeholder engagement - with municipalities, government stakeholders, etc. - to help move along the interests and initiatives of Eco-West Canada's clients when applying for funding for green projects. Among his main responsibilities will be creating awareness as concerns the electric vehicle sector and the promotion of the installation of electric vehicle charging stations.

Alec will be available to provide ongoing support to our partners. He will be happy to answer any questions or concerns you may have. We are confident that Alec will assume his new responsibilities with enthusiasm and professionalism.

IISD & Eco-West Canada: Exploring new funding opportunities for Manitoba Municipalities' green initiatives

The number of opportunities for Manitoban Municipalities to access funding to implement their planned green initiatives is growing. Many new sources have been announced in recent

months—and may provide the opening needed to move your municipality’s priority actions forward.

The Government of Manitoba has provided financial support to Eco-West Canada and the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) to help municipalities in Manitoba understand the changing funding landscape.

Examples of projects that could be supported through the available funding include:

- Climate-proofing critical infrastructure
- Retrofitting community buildings to be more energy efficient
- Greening your transportation sector, upgrading your fleet vehicles, or expanding active transportation networks
- Updating your wastewater systems

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Eco-West Canada wraps up its first ZEVIP program for electric vehicle chargers

The objective of this project, funded in part by Natural Resources Canada’s ZEVIP (Zero Emission Vehicles Infrastructure Program) was to support the deployment of electric vehicle infrastructure in public places, on-street, and workplaces (in this case, municipal offices) in participating Manitoba municipalities.

For the project, Eco-West Canada grouped 13 municipalities in south/southeast Manitoba to install a total of 31 level 2 charging stations at various sites across the region (see list below). EV chargers for this project were procured and installed as part of a regional partnership to enhance EV charging and support municipal climate change actions throughout the region. All EV chargers deployed under this project will now be owned and operated by one of the following participating municipalities:

- Rural Municipality of Alexander
- Village of Dunnottar
- Local Government District of Pinawa
- Rural Municipality of Taché
- Town of Niverville
- Town of Stonewall
- City of Winnipeg
- Municipality of Ritchot
- Rural Municipality of La Broquerie
- City of Selkirk
- Rural Municipality of Morris
- Rural Municipality of De Salaberry
- Village of St-Pierre-Jolys



AMBM/Eco-West Canada obtain a grant From Manitoba's Climate and Conservation Fund for the promotion of electric vehicles



This new AMBM/Eco-West Canada initiative will focus on the promotion of a municipal electric vehicle infrastructure program to highlight the advantages to municipalities that wish to take advantage of existing funding (provincial and federal) opportunities to implement similar initiatives in the near future.

Planned activities will build upon the electric vehicle infrastructure project that was recently completed in the province by Eco-West Canada in its role as the AMBM's environmental economic development agency. The project (funded in part by NRCan's Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program – ZEVIP) included the installation of 31 level 2 EV chargers in 13 Manitoba municipalities, including seven members of the AMBM, and managed by Eco-West Canada.

Activities in this new initiative will include:

- Promotion of funding opportunities for the purchase and installation of EV charging stations in Manitoba municipalities
- Delivery of a working group session that will allow AMBM/Eco-West Canada to fully engage with bilingual municipalities wanting to plan their transition to EV use
- Engagement with all Manitoba municipalities to prepare for next funding applications to the NRCan Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program (ZEVIP)

- Development of a new Eco-West Canada website to support the promotion of EVs and related charging infrastructures in Manitoba, other EV funding opportunities, etc.



MARR (Manitoba Association of Regional Recyclers) invites you to attend a series of important educational webinars on...

Manitoba's Proposed Transition to full Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for residential Packaging and Printed Paper

In November 2021, MMSM submitted a draft Transition Plan to Conservation and Climate outlining how it proposes to transition the current shared responsibility model for the delivery of residential recycling of packaging and printed paper to one that is fully operated and financed by industry.

The Province of Manitoba has indicated that it will conduct public consultation on the MMSM's Transition Plan in 2022. In advance of this consultation, MARR is pleased to invite you to join us for a series of three (3) educational workshops on *full extended producer responsibility (EPR)* for residential packaging and printed paper.

The purpose of these webinars, which will feature experts from jurisdictions that have transitioned to full EPR, is to provide an overview of EPR, increase understanding on what *full EPR* is, and discuss what this means to communities, waste/recycling service providers, and other stakeholders in Manitoba.

There will be NO fee charged for attending these webinars and registration is open to all Manitoba recyclers, municipalities, First Nations, NGOs and any other interested individuals and groups.

Webinar 1 (Thurs, February 3, 2022 – 10:00 am to ~12:00 pm) - Introduction to Full EPR [Click to view Agenda](#)

Webinar 2 (Thurs, February 24, 2022 – 10:00 am to ~12:00 pm) - Transition to Full EPR – Opportunities and Outcomes for Manitoba Communities

Webinar 3 (Thurs, March 10, 2022 – 10:00am to ~12:00 pm) - Transition to Full EPR – Opportunities and Outcomes for Manitoba Waste/Recycling Service Providers

You only need to register once to attend any or all three webinars. Log-in details for each workshop will be sent to registrants approximately 1 week prior to each webinar.