



Aboriginal Disaster Resilience Project Resources

Information Guide: Manitoba

General Information

Provincial/territorial emergency management organizations coordinate response activities, conduct planning and research, train, administer, and deliver disaster financial assistance programs in their respective province or territory. Funding agreements between emergency management organizations and AANDC help to ensure successful coordinated response and recovery efforts, better clarify roles and responsibilities, and support enhanced preparedness activities, including training and development of more robust community emergency plans for on-reserve First Nations.

For all aboriginal communities not considered as on-reserve First Nations communities, Provincial/Territorial emergency management organizations provide the same level of support as they do any community within their respective jurisdictions. These include Metis, First Nations in settlement areas and Inuit communities

You can use the keywords listed in your internet search engine (Google, Yahoo, Explorer, etc.) to find the information online.

AANDC is currently negotiating provincial/territorial bilateral agreements regarding emergency management service provision for on-reserve First Nations

<https://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1324572607784/1324572653216#a2>

Keywords: AANDC National Emergency Management Plan

For general information regarding AANDC's role in emergency management, please contact:

AANDC Public Enquiries Contact Centre

Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada
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Gatineau, Quebec

Postal Address:
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0H4

Email: InfoPubs@aadnc-aandc.gc.ca
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Fax: 1-866-817-3977
TTY: (toll-free) 1-866-553-0554

Manitoba Emergency Measures Organization (MEMO)

The Manitoba Emergency Measures Organization (MEMO) website has all kinds of valuable information about hazards, including information regarding Regional Managers and staff throughout the province who are able to take calls and do their best to answer any questions about hazards that you may have.

<p>General Office</p> <p>Tel: (204) 945 4772 Toll free: 1-888-267-8298</p> <p>Email: emo@gov.mb.ca</p> <p>Mailing address: 1525 - 405 Broadway Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 3L6</p>	<p>Disaster Financial Assistance</p> <p>Tel: (204) 945 3050 Toll free: 1-888-267-8298 Fax: (204) 948 2278</p> <p>Email: dfa@gov.mb.ca</p> <p>Mailing Address: 800-259 Portage Avenue Winnipeg, MB, R3B 2A9</p>
<p>Western Region</p> <p>Regional Emergency Manager</p> <p>Tel: (204) 867-4751 Cell: (204) 867-0336 Fax: (204) 867-4752</p> <p>Mailing Address: 1525 - 405 Broadway Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 3L6</p>	<p>Eastern Region</p> <p>Regional Emergency Manager</p> <p>Fax: (204) 945-4929 Cell: (204) 782-1279</p> <p>Mailing Address: 1525 - 405 Broadway Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 3L6</p>
<p>Central Region</p> <p>Emergency Manager</p> <p>Cell: (204) 799-4152 Fax: (204) 945-4929</p> <p>Mailing Address: 1525 - 405 Broadway Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 3L6</p>	<p>Interlake Region</p> <p>Emergency Manager</p> <p>Cell: (204) 782-2769 Fax: (204) 945-4929</p> <p>Mailing Address: 1525 - 405 Broadway Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 3L6</p>
<p>Northern Region</p> <p>Cell: (204) 620-5515 Fax: (204) 945-4929</p> <p>Mailing Address: 1525 - 405 Broadway Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 3L6</p>	

<http://www.gov.mb.ca/emo/index.html>

Keywords: Manitoba Emergency Measures Organization

The MEMO website provides detailed information as to Environment Canada's flood forecasts and Weather Radio Information, in addition to an interactive flood risk map via a link to the United States Federal Emergency Management Agency's website.

As well as providing either direct information or links to alerts and warnings, the MEMO website provides hazards information on:

- Winter Power Failures
- Pandemic
- Tornados
- Wilderness Travel Safety

- Flooding
- Severe Storms
- Chemical Releases
- Forest Fires
- Bomb Threats
- Suspicious Packages

Local District Contacts

The website below provides a starting point for identifying local district contacts for your community.

<http://web5.gov.mb.ca/public/municipalities.aspx>

Keywords: Manitoba municipal government

Areas and Districts

School Districts

For School Districts in Manitoba go to

<http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/schools/schooldivmap.html>

Keywords: Manitoba school divisions and districts

Electoral Boundaries and Districts

The website of Elections Manitoba has a “Maps” section which may be helpful

<http://www.electionsmanitoba.ca/en/resources/Maps>

Keywords: Elections Manitoba, electoral divisions, maps

Territorial Policing

The First Nations Policing Program (FNPP), is administered by Public Safety Canada

“A First Nations self-administered policing agreement is an arrangement between Canada, the participating province or territory, and the First Nations community. In these arrangements, the First Nation develops, manages and administers its own police service under provincial legislation. Independent police commissions provide for the impartial and independent oversight of police operations, and the police chief is responsible for the management and administration of the service.”¹ As of Feb 22, 2013, over 80% - or 528 of 617 – of the eligible First Nations communities are under the policing program.

Please check with your Band leaders to see if your community is currently participating in the program. Please note that you might still have to find out exactly where the territorial policing boundaries are, but the website gives you contact information.

<http://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/cnt/cntrng-crm/plcng/brgnl-plcng/index-eng.aspx>

¹Public Safety Canada. (2015). *Trends in Indigenous Policing. Models: An International Comparison*. Retrieved from <http://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/cnt/rsrscs/pblctns/trnds-ndgns-plc-mdl/index-eng.aspx#a5>

Keywords: First Nations Policing Program

You can locate RCMP Detachments in Manitoba at

<http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/mb/detach/index-eng.htm>

Keywords: RCMP Manitoba

Dakota Ojibway Police Service

The Dakota Ojibway Police Service (DOPS) is one of Canada's longest operating First Nation Police Service in Canada. Their website provides maps for DOPS police communities in Southern Manitoba:

<http://www.dops.org/>

Keywords: Dakota Ojibway Police Service, Manitoba, First Nations

Fire Protection Areas

Please note that you might still have to find out exactly where the boundaries are, but the website gives you contact information. Manitoba Fire Departments can be contacted for fire protection area information at

<http://www.firehall.com/departments.php?prov=mb>

The Manitoba Association of Native Firefighters Inc. is a non-profit organization that promotes fire safety and emergency preparedness on First Nation communities. More information can be found on their website:

<http://www.manff.ca/>

Keywords: Manitoba Association of Native Firefighters Inc.

On the website of the Aboriginal Fire Fighters Association of Canada you can find the name of the contact person for Manitoba:

<http://www.afac-acpi.ca/Manitoba.html>

Keywords: Aboriginal Fire Fighters Association of Canada, Manitoba, About us

Territorial Geological Organization

In Manitoba see the Manitoba Geological Survey

<http://gov.mb.ca/iem/geo/index.html>

Keywords: Manitoba Geological Survey, Geoscience, Mineral Resources

Geography - General

The Government of Manitoba has a "Maps" section which may be helpful

<http://www.gov.mb.ca/services/maps.html>

Keywords: Government Manitoba, geography, online services portal, maps

Civil Emergency Measures Act

AANDC National Emergency Management Plan

The National Emergency Management Plan of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) lists the roles and responsibilities of the department and its partners in emergency management. It furthermore describes the concept for operations for responding to and managing an emergency affecting First Nation communities across Canada. The Plan is available for download at:

<https://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1324572607784/1324572653216>

Keywords: AANDC, Emergency Management Plan

Manitoba: Emergency Measures Act

The legislation which covers disasters in Manitoba is called the Emergency Program Act.

<http://www.canlii.org/en/mb/laws/stat/ccsm-c-e80/latest/ccsm-c-e80.html>

Keywords: Manitoba, Emergency Measures Act

There are a few definitions and legal requirements under the Act which are important to understand (note that this list is selected from a larger list and the text has, in some cases, been edited for length).

"co-ordinator" means the Executive Co-ordinator of the Emergency Measures Organization

"department" means a department of the government of Manitoba and includes a Crown agency, board or commission established by the government of Manitoba

"disaster" means a calamity, however caused, which has resulted in or may result in

- (a) the loss of life; or
- (b) serious harm or damage to the safety, health or welfare of people; or
- (b) wide-spread damage to property or the environment

"emergency" means a present or imminent situation or condition that requires prompt action to prevent or limit

- (a) the loss of life; or
- (b) harm or damage to the safety, health or welfare of people; or
- (c) damage to property or the environment

"emergency management program" means a program prepared by a department under section 8.1

"emergency plan" means a plan for preparing for, responding to and recovering from emergencies and disasters

"emergency preparedness program" means a program designed to achieve a state of readiness for emergencies and disasters

"local authority" means

- (a) the council of an incorporated community as defined in The Northern Affairs Act
- (b) the council of a municipality
- (c) the council of an incorporated city, town or village
- (d) the resident administrator or council of a local government district
- (e) the Minister of Aboriginal and Northern Affairs with respect to Northern Manitoba as defined in The Northern Affairs Act
- (f) the Minister of Conservation with respect to provincial parks, crown lands, wildlife management areas or refuges
- (g) the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development appointed under the Indian Act (Canada) with respect to a reserve as defined by that Act
- (h) the Minister of National Defense with respect to a Canadian Forces Base
- (i) the Minister responsible for national parks under the National Parks Act (Canada) with respect to a national park

"municipality" means

- (a) an incorporated city, town or village
- (b) a municipality as defined by The Municipal Act
- (e) a local government district, and
- (f) Northern Manitoba, as defined by The Northern Affairs Act

"private sector" means a person, partnership, unincorporated association or organization that is not a local authority and is not part of the Government of Manitoba or the Government of Canada.

Thus, local authorities are broadly defined to include representatives from both incorporated communities and some unincorporated communities. Ultimate authority, in terms of the approval of disaster plans, rests the coordinator. Further under the legislation, every local authority:

- (a) Shall establish a committee of members of the community to advise the authority on the development of emergency preparedness programs and emergency plans
- (b) shall establish and maintain a local emergency response control group
- (c) shall appoint a person from the local emergency response control group and prescribe the duties of that person including the preparation and co-ordination of emergency preparedness programs and emergency plans for the local authority
- (d) Shall prepare and adopt emergency preparedness programs and emergency plans and submit

- (e) Shall prepare and adopt emergency preparedness programs and emergency plans and submit them to the co-ordinator for approval and co-ordination with other emergency preparedness programs and emergency plans.

Community History

Provincial archives are a great place to search for early history on your community – it may be a bit confusing to access information at first, so take some time to get orientated to each website.

Manitoba Archives

<http://www.gov.mb.ca/chc/archives/>

The Manitoba First Nation Education Resource Centre Inc. has set its goal creating a Manitoba First Nations archive. More information can be found on their website:

<http://www.mfnerc.org/newsletter/creating-a-manitoba-first-nations-archives-next-steps/>

Keywords: Manitoba First Nation Education Resource Centre, archive

Community Information

Aboriginal Affairs Northern Development Canada (AANDC) has many resources available on their website. The webpage Manitoba regional office has contact information available, as well as information on First Nations in Manitoba, Programs and Services, Reference Materials, and 'Who we are, and what we do':

<http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1100100020394/1100100020398>

Keywords: AANDC, regional office, Manitoba

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General Territorial Statistics

You can find statistics on the Government of Manitoba's website

<http://www.gov.mb.ca/mbs/communities/index.html>

Keywords: Manitoba bureau of statistics

Vital Statistics

Manitoba

<http://vitalstats.gov.mb.ca/>

Keywords: Manitoba, Vital Statistics Agency

Supplemental Territorial Hazards Information

Droughts

http://www.gov.mb.ca/waterstewardship/water_info/hydrology/drought.html

Keywords: Manitoba water stewardship division, water availability and drought conditions

Wildfires and Forest Fires

<http://www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/fire/>

Keywords: Government of Manitoba, operations division, fire program

Floods

<http://www.gov.mb.ca/waterstewardship/floodinfo/index.html>

Keywords: Government of Manitoba, Hydrologic Forecast Centre

Human Disease, Epidemics, and Pandemics

<http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/index.html>

Keywords: Manitoba Health, Communicable Disease Control