

A photograph of the Manitoba Legislative Building, a large, ornate, light-colored stone building with a prominent central dome topped by a golden statue. The building features classical columns and is surrounded by a paved plaza with benches, greenery, and a fountain on the left. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds.

Departmental Briefing

October 2023

**NATURAL
RESOURCES AND
NORTHERN
DEVELOPMENT**

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Natural Resources and Northern Development

Vision

*A working landscape
where people, communities
and nature thrive.*

Mission

Advancing responsible resource development while ensuring the long-term sustainability of fish, forests, wildlife and protected spaces.

Values

- ✓ Transparent and accountable
- ✓ Science-based
- ✓ Collaborative
- ✓ Respectful
- ✓ Innovative

Responsibilities

- Foster Indigenous partnerships and sustainably manage natural resources
- Suppress forest fires, enforce activities to protect public safety, the environment and Manitoba's natural resources
- Manage provincial parks, ecological reserves, and the Canadian Heritage Rivers System to improve Manitoba's protected areas network
- Oversee Crown land management and Treaty Land Entitlement agreements
- Consult with Indigenous communities regarding resource activities affecting their rights and promote reconciliation
- Manage and develop resource-based tourism opportunities for economic growth

Agencies, Boards and Commissions (ABCs)

- Beverly and Qamanirjuaq Caribou Management Board
- Conservation Agreements Board
- Endangered Species, Ecosystems and Ecological Reserves Advisory Committee
- Fish and Wildlife Enhancement Fund Committee
- Resource Tourism Appeal Committee
- Whiteshell Advisory Board

The minister is responsible for

33	ABC appointments
27	Statutes
29,647	Regulatory Requirements

2023/24 Quick Facts

BUDGET	\$151.56 million	STAFF	533.35 Full Time Equivalents (FTEs)
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Summary Budget

thousands



	Budget	FTEs
■ Core	\$151,555	533.35
OREs	-	-
	\$151,555	533.35

Natural Resources and Northern Development

Operating Budget by Main Appropriation

Part A (thousands)



2023 / 24 Budget	
■ Finance and Shared Services	\$2,811
■ Stewardship and Resource Development	\$20,241
■ Resource Management and Protection	\$38,123
■ Manitoba Wildfire Service	\$51,299
■ Parks and Trails	\$35,830
■ Costs Related to Capital Assets	\$3,251

Capital, Loans and Guarantees

Part B, C, and D (thousands)



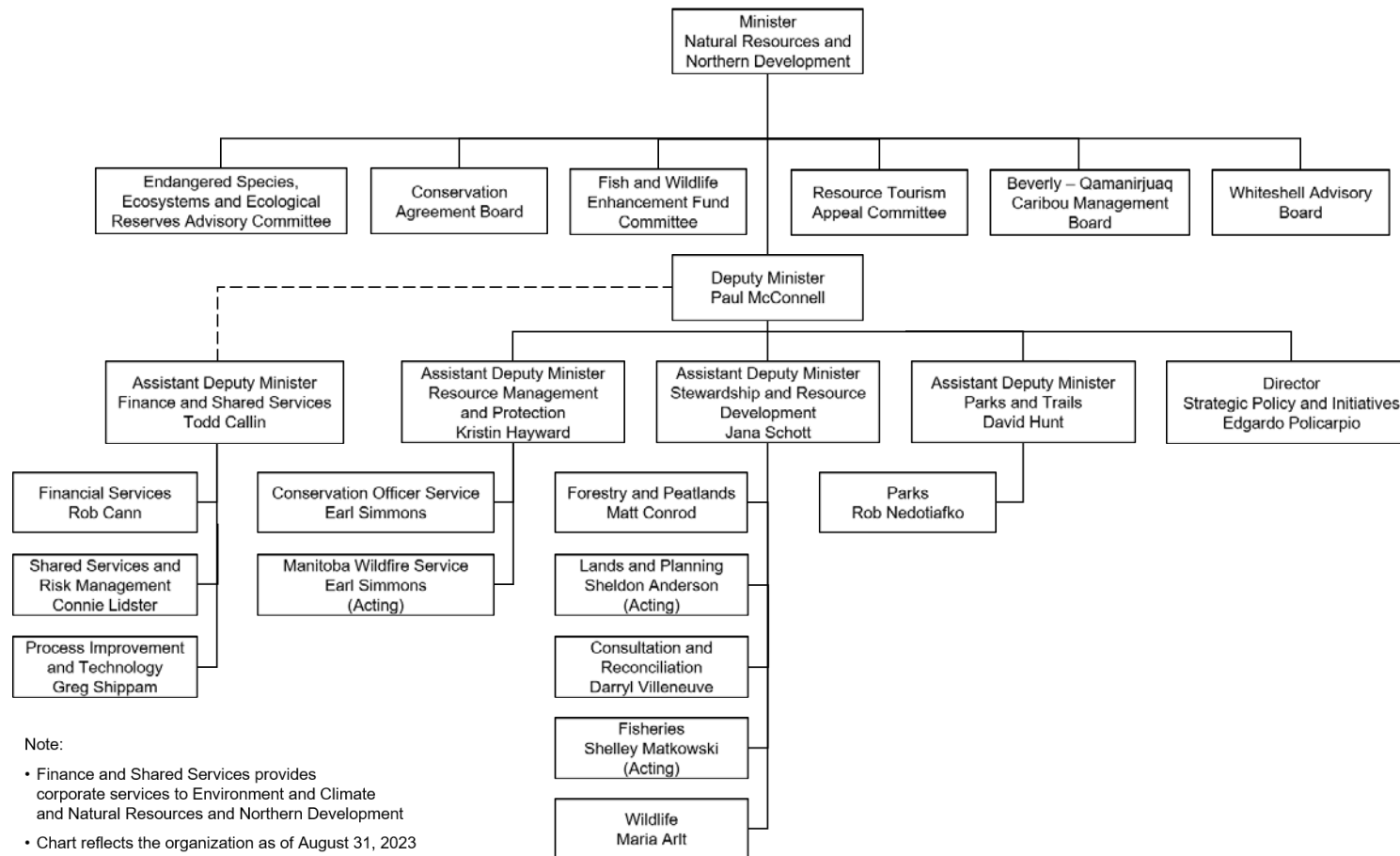
Appropriation Title	2023/24 Budget
■ Departmental Capital (Part B)	\$15,949
Loan and Guarantee Programs (Part C)	-
ORE Capital (Part D)	-

Federal, Provincial and Territorial Involvement

- Canadian Council of Fisheries and Aquaculture Ministers
- Conservation, Wildlife and Biodiversity Ministers
- Northern Development Ministers Forum
- Arctic Northern Policy Framework Leadership Committee
- Canadian Council of Forest Ministers

2. Department Organization

Organizational Chart



Deputy Minister

Paul McConnell

Paul McConnell currently serves as the Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Northern Development, responsible for promoting sustainable development, managing and protecting Manitoba's natural resources, and ensuring a thriving working landscape for people, communities, and nature.



Prior to joining the public service in Manitoba, Paul held significant positions with the Yukon government beginning in 2015. These roles included serving as the Assistant Deputy Minister of Property Management, Assistant Deputy Minister of Transportation, and President of both the Yukon Liquor Corporation and Lotteries Yukon. He also served as the Deputy Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources since July 2022, and prior to that, he was Deputy Minister of Highways and Public Works since July 2020.

Before joining the Yukon government, Paul spent 25 years with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and has a degree in criminology from Simon Fraser University.

Department Strategy Map

The department strategy map lists the four Government priority areas:

- Quality of Life
- Working Smarter
- Public Service
- Value for Money

The department's objectives are listed under each priority. Objectives, initiatives and performance measures are described in further detail, following the strategy map.

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Priorities and Objectives

Quality of Life – Improving Outcomes for Manitobans

- Maximize the Value of Manitoba's Provincial Parks and Trails
- Advance Reconciliation
- Lead Sustainable Development Management of Natural Resources

Working Smarter – Delivering Client-Centred Services

- Advance Technology and Innovation
- Reduce Red Tape
- Engage Manitobans in Decision Making
- Increase Transparency

Public Service – Delivering Client-Service Excellence

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

Value For Money – Protecting Manitoba's Bottom Line

- Increase Accountability
- Provide Value for Money
- Balance the Budget

Department Responsibilities

The Minister of Natural Resources and Northern Development is responsible for leading the responsible development of Manitoba's natural resources, the sustainable management of Manitoba's parks, and supporting social and economic development opportunities in the north.

The overall responsibilities of the minister and Natural Resources and Northern Development include:

- Oversee the management and administration of Crown land and lead reviews of Crown land and Crown interests identified for transfer to Canada under Treaty Land Entitlement agreements.
- Ensure the Crown fulfills its duty to consult on resource activities that may affect Indigenous and treaty rights.
- Suppress forest fires that negatively affect natural resources and infrastructure located on Crown and private lands.
- Maintain sustainable fish and wildlife populations and protect the ecosystems required for these species.
- Manage development of resource tourism opportunities.
- Ensure Manitoba's forests and peatlands are developed and managed in a sustainable manner.
- Facilitate increased Indigenous participation in the natural resource sectors and encourage the establishment and enhancement of partnerships.
- Oversee the prevention, detection, mitigation and eradication of fish, forestry and wildlife diseases.
- Manage the prevention, detection, control and mitigation of aquatic and terrestrial invasive species.
- Deliver a highly effective Conservation Officer Service that focuses on appropriate enforcement activities that protect public safety, Manitoba's natural resources and the environment.
- Manage provincial parks, ecological reserves and the Canadian Heritage Rivers System to enhance Manitoba's protected areas network.
- Administer legislation under the responsibility of the minister as listed in the appendix.

The minister is also responsible for:

- Beverly and Qamanirjuaq Caribou Management Board
- Conservation Agreements Board
- Endangered Species, Ecosystems and Ecological Reserves Advisory Committee
- Fish and Wildlife Enhancement Fund Committee
- Resource Tourism Appeal Committee
- Whiteshell Advisory Board

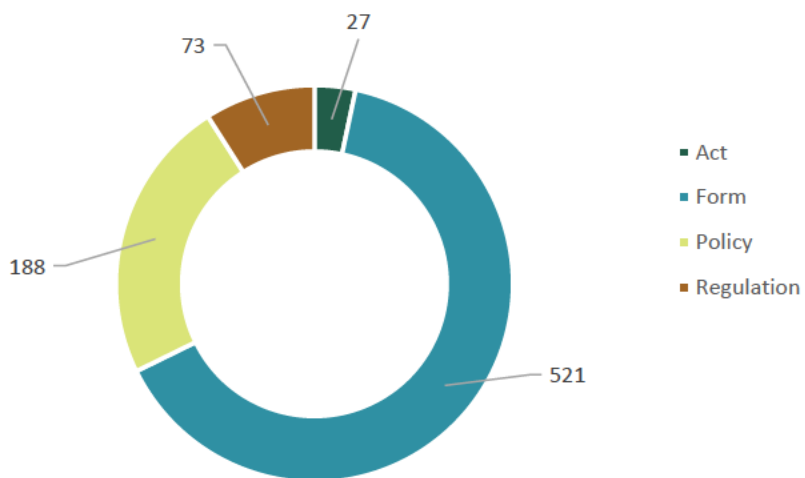
Policy Instruments

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 29,647 regulatory requirements through 809 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

Finance and Shared Services Division is comprised of the Process Improvement and Technology unit, Shared Services and Risk Management unit, and Financial Services branch. Together, this group provides information technology and business analysis services, risk management services, and financial and administrative leadership to the department. The Administration and Financial Services group budgeted in Environment and Climate provides shared services to the department of Natural Resources and Northern Development.

Resource Management and Protection Division supports the Conservation Officer Service to ensure public safety and protection of Manitoba's natural resources. The Manitoba Wildfire Service delivers wildfire preparedness, mitigation and prevention programming, as well as wildfire suppression programming, as required. The Manitoba Wildfire Service operates under a separate financial appropriation.

Stewardship and Resource Development Division supports responsible resource development and ecosystem management and provides for the administration and management of Crown land. The division coordinates meaningful engagement and consultation with Indigenous communities to advance economic reconciliation and supports activities that increase Indigenous participation in natural resource sectors.

Parks and Trails Division provides integrated delivery of all provincial parks programming and services and supports development of Manitoba's recreational trails network.

Strategic Policy and Initiatives Branch supports the department's policy and planning process to ensure timely, informed and consistent decisions on department-wide policy priorities. This includes coordinating with multiple branches and divisions in the development and implementation of legislation, regulations, policies and programs. The branch also coordinates and provides secretariat support for agencies, boards, and commissions reporting to the minister and is responsible for the Resource Tourism Operators Program. The branch operates under the Finance and Shared Services financial appropriation.

Human Resources

Staffing Overview

Sub-appropriation	Fund Center	2023/24 FTE Value	2023/24 Salary Budget \$000s
25.1a	Minister's Salary	1.00	42
25.1b	Executive Support	8.00	755
25.1c	Strategic Policy and Initiatives	13.00	1,159
25.2a	Divisional Administration	2.00	213
25.2b	Forestry and Peatlands	46.00	5,193
25.2c	Lands and Planning	27.00	2,202
25.2d	Consultation and Reconciliation Unit	15.00	1,280
25.3a	Divisional Administration	2.00	217
25.3b	Wildlife	39.00	3,820
25.3c	Fisheries	40.35	3,964
25.3d	Conservation Officer Service	125.65	16,944
25.4a	Manitoba Wildfire Service	58.20	11,099
25.5a	Divisional Administration	14.00	985
25.5b	Parks	142.15	21,352
	Total	533.35	69,225

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

List of Non-Political Staff		
Branch	Title	Name of Employee
Minister's Office	Admin Assistant To Minister	Cruz, Hazel
Minister's Office	Correspondence Secretary	McFadyen, Brittany
Deputy Minister's Office	Deputy Minister	McConnell, Paul
Deputy Minister's Office	Senior Advisor To The Deputy Minister	Olson, Robert
Deputy Minister's Office	Executive Assistant To Deputy Minister	Carpene, Denise
Deputy Minister's Office	Administrative Assistant To DM	Kalinski, Debby
Total	6	

List of Political Staff	
Branch	Title
Minister's Office	Executive Assistant To The Minister
Minister's Office	Special Assistant To The Minister
Total	2

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	533.4
Total Value of Vacant FTEs	102.0

19.1%
Vacancy Rate

Appointments **

Competitive Appointments	Count
Competition - Closed	1
Competition - Internal	1
Competition - Open	335
Total	337

Event Type	Count
Acting Status	20
In-Service Appointment	91
New Appointment	272
Total	383

Direct Appointments	Count
Acting Status to Regular	1
Difficult to Recruit Position	10
Disciplinary	1
Former Employee Return	1
Other Direct Appoint	2
Reasonable Accommodation (Medical)	2
Reassignment	2
Total	19

Terminations **

Type	Count
Retirements	23
Other Terminations	100
Total	123

Employment Equity *

Employment Equity Group	Percent
Woman	36.0%
Indigenous Peoples	24.8%
Person with Disabilities	3.7%
Visible Minority	3.1%

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 (i.e. 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.

Term / Acronym	Definition
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 an 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. Bilateral Contribution Agreement with Natural Resources Canada for Wildfire Firefighting Equipment
2. Conservation Officer Service Revitalization – Phase 1 of Sustainable Growth of the Service
3. Manitoba Wildfire Service Readiness Assessment
4. Forest Management Licence Agreement Extension for Forest Management Licence 2
5. Aquatic Invasive Species Action Plan
6. Limited Interim Moose Hunting Opportunity 2023 for Cultural / Ceremonial / Traditional Purposes
7. Louisiana Pacific long-term licensing decisions and Crown-Indigenous consultation


Issue notes follow on the next pages.

1. Issue Title: Bilateral Contribution Agreement with Natural Resources Canada for Wildfire Firefighting Equipment

High Level Summary:

To help address the increasing frequency, intensity, and severity of wildfires across Canada, Natural Resources Canada established the federal Fighting and Managing Wildfires in a Changing Climate (FMWCC) Program. This program represents a whole-of-government approach to emergency management, providing funding to provinces, territories, and Indigenous communities for wildfire preparedness, mitigation and response.

23(1)(a) and 20(1)(a)




The essential equipment that could be procured by the Manitoba Wildfire Service includes vehicles and heavy equipment such as trucks, fire engines, tankers and mobile command centres. Equipment and machinery such as pumps, hoses, sprinklers, drones and structure protection units; communications equipment and information technology systems; personal protective clothing and equipment; and a variety of other urgently required equipment and tools are also eligible.

Current Status:


- Manitoba has expressed interest in signing an agreement with Canada.
- The Manitoba Wildfire Service is preparing a comprehensive plan for acquiring new equipment and technology through the program.

Confidential Advice to Minister:

23(1)(a), 21(1)(a)



23(1)(a), 21(1)(a)



Options and Recommendations:

No recommendations at this time


Contact Person:

Kristin Hayward, Assistant Deputy Minister, 204-619-0179


2. Issue Title: Conservation Officer Service Revitalization – Phase 1 of Sustainable Growth of the Service**High Level Summary:**

Conservation officers provide critical front-line services that protect public safety and Manitoba's fish, wildlife, and forest resources. The Manitoba Conservation Officer Service is the third largest law enforcement organization in Manitoba, with 92 officers and 39 offices. Seven of those offices are currently not staffed with officers.


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**Current Status:**

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**Confidential Advice to Minister:**

23(1)(a)

**Options and Recommendations:**

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Contact Person:

Kristin Hayward, Assistant Deputy Minister, 204-619-0179

3. Issue Title: Manitoba Wildfire Service Readiness Assessment

High Level Summary:

The department is exploring opportunities to engage the services of a consultant to assess the Manitoba Wildfire Service's response preparedness. This assessment would entail a forensic examination of the 2023 wildfire season, including pre-season preparedness planning and an assessment of the service's ability to meet preparedness levels as dictated by the Initial Attack Preparedness System throughout the season. The study would also include an assessment of the effectiveness of the Initial Attack Preparedness System, wildfire detection systems, and tactical decision-making. The focus of the study would be on identifying opportunities for improvement and addressing gaps, and it will consider:

- How decisions were made (both before and during the season)
- Whether staff requested, collected and examined the right information to prepare for and manage wildfires
- Whether the systems and procedures in place supported safe, efficient and effective decision-making and operations
- Whether the right information got to the people that needed it, both on a daily operational basis and during incidents
- Whether policies and best practices are in place and are followed
- Whether training and experience was appropriate for individuals in key roles

Current Status:

- 23(1)(a) [REDACTED]
- 23(1)(a) [REDACTED]

Confidential Advice to Minister:

23(1)(a) [REDACTED]

Options and Recommendations:

- 23(1)(a) [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

Contact Person:

Kristin Hayward, Assistant Deputy Minister 204-619-0179

4. Issue Title: Forest Management Licence Agreement Extension for Forest Management Licence 2

High Level Summary:

Nisokapawino Forest Management Corporation (NFMC), a partnership owned by seven First Nations and Canadian Kraft Paper, has requested a two-year extension for their forest management licence (FML) to complete meaningful engagement with Indigenous communities. NFMC is developing a new 20-year forest management plan (FMP). Once approved, this plan will enable a long-term FML extension. ^{23(1)(a)}

Representatives from local communities have also joined the FMP planning team, along with NFMC and government representatives.

Current Status:

- NFMC communicated to all Indigenous communities the intent to request extension to their FML prior to making the requests to government.
- The Forestry and Peatlands Branch sent consultation letters to communities on August 3, 2023, providing a 60-day written comment period to hear any concerns relating to the extension.
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Confidential Advice to Minister:

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Options and Recommendations:

^{23(1)(a)}

Contact Person:

Marianne Porteous, Manager, Planning and Development, 204-793-4109

5. Issue Title: Aquatic Invasive Species Action Plan

High Level Summary:

Manitoba is under threat of the spread and establishment of aquatic invasive species (AIS) from both outside and within the province. AIS can have negative economic, social, environmental and human health implications.

The public is urging the government to take increased action to prevent the spread of AIS into and within Manitoba. 23(1)(a)

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Current Status:

- Manitoba recently established the AISAF, consisting of stakeholders from across the province, to provide feedback and recommendations on strategy development and the overall delivery and effectiveness of Manitoba's AIS Program. 23(1)(a)

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Confidential Advice to Minister:

None

Options and Recommendations:

23(1)(a)

Contact Person:

Erin Dunbar, Director of Fisheries, (204) 918-7022

6. Issue Title: Limited Interim Moose Hunting Opportunity 2023 for Cultural / Ceremonial / Traditional Purposes

High Level Summary:

Crown-Indigenous consultation is underway for the Limited Interim Moose Harvest, starting October 30, 2023 to December 11, 2023, as per Manitoba's Moose Conservation Closure Regulation.

Since 2011, the Duck and Porcupine Mountains have been closed to moose hunting due to declining moose populations. Although moose population recovery has been slow, recent survey results show a limited harvest would be sustainable. The department authorized a limited harvest in 2022, but there was little participation.

On July 31 and August 1, 2023, NRND co-hosted a two-day Moose Symposium to engage Indigenous Nations about the state of moose in the Duck and Porcupine Mountain areas. This initiative was separate from the Crown-Indigenous consultation process. 23(1)(a)

Current Status:

Consultation is underway with ten Indigenous Nations for the proposed 2023 Limited Interim Moose Hunting Opportunity and the Cultural / Ceremonial / Traditional Moose Hunting Opportunity. Consultation letters were sent on July 25, 2023, requesting feedback by September 22, 2023. The department met with Skownan First Nation, Minegoziibe Anishinabe (formerly Pine Creek First Nation), and the Manitoba Métis Federation, 23(1)(a)

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Confidential Advice to Minister:

None

Options and Recommendations:

No recommendations at this time.


Contact Person:

Sharla Dillabough, Section Manager, Wildlife Branch, (431) 541-8974

7. Issue Title: Louisiana Pacific Long-term Licensing Decisions and Crown-Indigenous Consultation**High Level Summary:**


Louisiana Pacific (LP) submitted a draft 20-year Forest Management Plan (FMP) in December 2019 and an Effects Assessment (EA) in April 2021. Approval of the FMP is required to renew their Forest Management Licence (FML) and Environment Act Licence (EAL). These licences were previously extended to December 31, 2022 to conclude Crown-Indigenous consultation, which faced legal challenges.

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**Current Status:**

- The working group technical table has been meeting monthly since late 2022, while the leadership table has met intermittently. Significant progress has been made in improving communications and fostering mutual respect.
- In September of 2023, the First Nations shared their initial study focused on an expert review of LP's 20-year FMP.


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**Confidential Advice to Minister:**

23(1)(a)

**Options and Recommendations:**

23(1)(a)

**Contact Person:**

Matt Conrod, Director Forestry and Peatlands Branch, (204) 803-6639

Strategic Priorities and Opportunities

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

1. Conservation Officer Service Revitalization
2. Proposed Provincially Significant Peatlands
3. Shared Financial Risk for Resource Road Development
4. Seal River Feasibility Assessment – Memorandum of Understanding

Issue notes follow on the next pages.

1. Issue Title: Conservation Officer Service Revitalization**Timeline for Action:** Next six months and beyond**High Level Summary:**

The department is revitalizing the Conservation Officer Service (COS) to restore it to effective operational levels by 2025. The strategy includes three major elements: competitive salary levels, increased officer complement (full-time equivalents) and enhanced operating funding. Initiatives implemented to-date under the plan include:

- Dedicated funding for aerial surveillance for night hunting and dangerous hunting enforcement.
- Increased operating funding for new tactical tools, safety equipment and gear.
- The establishment of a dispatch service to address officer safety concerns
- Support for new unmarked patrol vehicles to aid enforcement and surveillance
- Various operational and organizational changes, such as implementing badge-to-badge reporting, introducing new rank structure, and updating new patrol officer uniforms to distinguish the service's law enforcement role.

Current Status:

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Confidential Advice to Minister:

23(1)(a)

Options and Recommendations:

- 23(1)(a)

- 23(1)(a)

Contact Person:

Kristin Hayward, Assistant Deputy Minister, 204-619-0179

2. Issue Title: Proposed Provincially Significant Peatlands**Timeline for Action:** End of fiscal year 2023/24**High Level Summary:**

Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC) submitted a proposal to Forestry and Peatlands Branch to designate the “Kaskatamagan Peatlands” as a provincially significant peatland under The Peatlands Stewardship Act and the Provincially Significant Peatlands Regulation.

The proposed project is located in northeast Manitoba and connects two disparate wildlife management areas and is 238,000 hectares in size.

The project was reviewed by department staff 23(1)(a)

Current Status:

- 23(1)(a)

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Confidential Advice to Minister:

23(1)(a)

Options and Recommendations:

23(1)(a)

Contact Person:

Lee Fedorchuk, Peatlands Program Lead, 204-782-3485

3. Issue Title: Shared Financial Risk for Resource Road Development**Timeline for Action:** End of fiscal year 2023/24**High Level Summary:**

Road construction is a major cost for Manitoba's forest industry and other resources do not share in these costs. Natural disturbances and policy decisions (e.g., woodland caribou recovery planning), create uncertainty in the volume of timber that industry can access when constructing a new road. To address this potential inequity, Nisokapawino Forestry Management Corporation (NPMC) and Canadian Kraft Paper (CKP) have presented a pilot project proposal to share the risk associated with road costs.

Current Status:

NPMC and CKP have presented a pilot project proposal to NRND that includes a model for sharing financial risk and a series of planned roads in Forest Management Licence #2. ^{23(1)(a)}

NRND is in the process of engaging other departments for perspectives on the proposal, including Economic Development, Investment and Trade (EDIT), Transportation and Infrastructure (MTI), and Indigenous Reconciliation and Northern Relations (IRNR).

Confidential Advice to Minister:^{23(1)(a)}**Options and Recommendations:**^{23(1)(a)}**Contact Person:**

Matt Conrod, Director Forestry and Peatlands Branch, (204) 803-6639

4. Issue Title: Seal River Feasibility Assessment – Memorandum of Understanding

Timeline for Action: As soon as possible, following the election.

High Level Summary:

The Seal River Watershed Alliance (SRWA), comprised of four First Nations, including Barren Lands First Nation, Northlands Denesuline First Nation, O-Pipon-Na-Piwin Cree Nation and Sayisi Dene First Nation, is proposing the creation of an Indigenous Protected Area in northern Manitoba.

In December 2022, at a United Nations Biodiversity Conference, the Manitoba government agreed to participate in a feasibility assessment with Parks Canada and the SRWA to assess the potential for an Indigenous Protected Area. 23(1)(a)

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Current Status:

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Confidential Advice to Minister:

- 23(1)(a)
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Options and Recommendations:

- 23(1)(a)
- 23(1)(a)

Contact Person:

David Hunt, Assistant Deputy Minister, 204- 945-4842

Renewing Relationships and Advancing Indigenous Reconciliation

- Supporting the Seal River Watershed Protected Area Initiative and the Fisher River Cree Nation Conservation Area Initiative for the protection and conservation of ecosystems and biodiversity and sustainable cultural uses.

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

Federal, Provincial and Territorial Overview

Representation at Federal, Provincial and Territorial (FPT) Forum

Canadian Council of Forest Ministers (CCFM)

Description: Established in 1985, the Canadian Council of Forest Ministers (CCFM) is a forum for federal, provincial and territorial governments to come together to discuss and exchange information, provide leadership and promote action on common forest and forestry-related issues of Canadian public and international concern. The table is planning to review the Canadian Wildland Fire Prevention and Mitigation Strategy, which is currently in development.

Other information: 23(1)(a)



Canadian Council of Fisheries and Aquaculture Ministers (CCFAM)

Description: CCFAM is the primary multi-lateral engagement forum for federal-provincial/territorial governments to address fisheries and aquaculture issues of national importance. It has six areas of work, including: 1) review and coordinate policy; 2) promote inter-jurisdictional cooperation; 3) improve consultations and information sharing; 4) identify opportunities; 5) provide a forum for discussion and 6) develop linkages to other ministers' councils.

Other information: 23(1)(a)



Conservation, Wildlife and Biodiversity Ministers (CWB)

Description: CWB has been meeting on an ad hoc basis since 2015 to engage in national strategic discussions to make decisions and provide direction on conservation, wildlife, and biodiversity. The forum is supported by an ad hoc CWB deputy ministers forum and a formal federal-provincial-territorial assistant deputy ministers forum—the Conservation, Wildlife and Biodiversity Steering Group. CWB is working on a collaborative approach to renew the National Biodiversity Strategy to address conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity.

Other information: 23(1)(a)



Northern Development Ministers Forum (NDMF)

Description: NDMF was established in 2001 to advance the diverse and common interests within northern communities across Canada and to raise awareness among decision-makers and the public about the accomplishments, contributions, and potential of the North. Member jurisdictions of the NDMF include Canada, Alberta,

British Columbia, Manitoba, Newfoundland and Labrador, Northwest Territories, Nunavut, Ontario, Quebec, Saskatchewan, and Yukon.

Other information: 23(1)(a)

Arctic Northern Policy Framework Leadership Committee (ANPF)

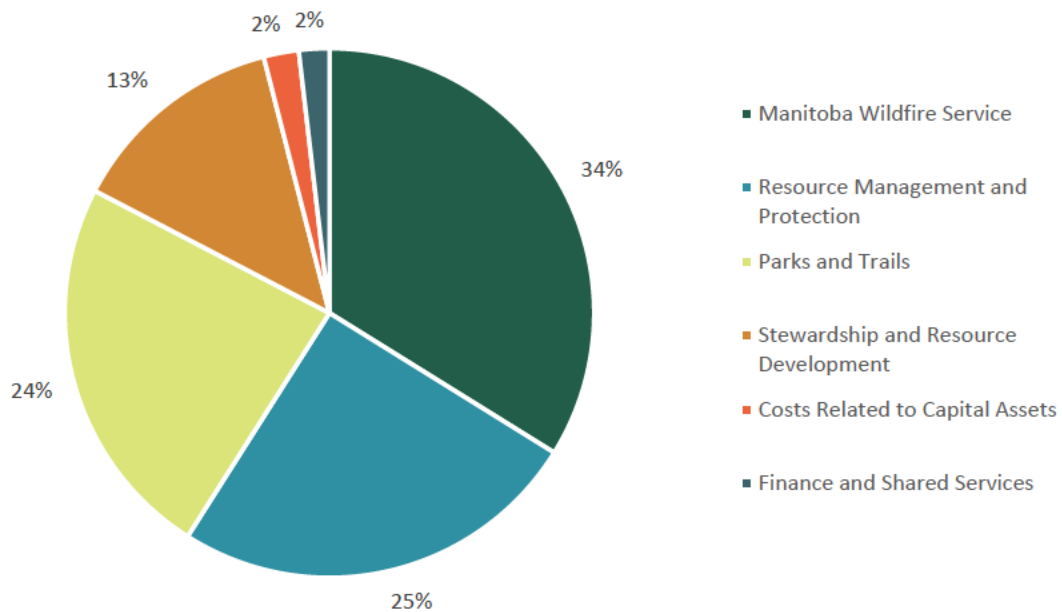
Description: Canada's Arctic and Northern Policy Framework was launched in 2019 to define and co-develop a long-term vision for the Arctic and the North in collaboration with Indigenous partners, the federal government, and six territorial and provincial governments.

Other information: 23(1)(a)

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

Preliminary Summary Net Impact Statement						
Natural Resources and Northern Development						
\$000s						
		2022/23 Budget	2023/24 Budget	Variance		
				Inc/(Dec)	%	Expl #
Revenue						
Fees and Other Revenue - Service fees and other misc charges		41,298.0	41,380.0	82.0	0.2%	1
Shared cost and other Federal transfers		813.0	1,409.0	596.0	73.3%	2
Sinking Funds and Other Earnings		-	-	-	0.0%	
Total Revenue		42,111.0	42,789.0	678.0	1.6%	
Expenses						
Finance and Shared Services		2,798.0	2,811.0	13.0	0.5%	
Stewardship and Resource Development		18,594.0	20,241.0	1,647.0	8.9%	3
Resource Management Protection		28,485.0	38,123.0	9,638.0	33.8%	4
Manitoba Wildfire Service		49,325.0	51,299.0	1,974.0	4.0%	5
Parks and Trails		31,450.0	35,830.0	4,380.0	13.9%	6
Costs Related to Capital Assets		3,292.0	3,251.0	(41.0)	-1.2%	
General Eliminations		4,221.6	4,036.3	(185.3)	-4.4%	7
Total Expenses		138,165.6	155,591.3	17,425.7	12.6%	
Summary Net Impact before Debt Servicing		(96,054.6)	(112,802.3)	(16,747.7)	-17.4%	
Debt Servicing		-	-	-	0.0%	
Summary Net Impact after Debt Servicing		(96,054.6)	(112,802.3)	(16,747.7)	-17.4%	
Capital Asset Acquisitions		5,949.0	15,949.0	10,000.0	168.1%	8
Natural Resources and Northern Development Expenses breakdown:						
		2022/23 Budget	2023/24 Budget	Inc/(Dec)	%	Expl #
Salaries and Benefits		62,750.6	71,861.3	9,110.7	14.5%	9
Other Expenditures		70,307.0	78,163.0	7,856.0	11.2%	10
Grants/Transfer Payments		1,861.0	2,361.0	500.0	26.9%	11
Recoveries		(45.0)	(45.0)	-	0.0%	
Amortization		3,292.0	3,251.0	(41.0)	-1.2%	
Total NRND Expenses		138,165.6	155,591.3	17,425.7	12.6%	

Explanations:

- Net revenue increase of \$82K to Fees and Other Revenue due to:
 - \$68K increase to Park Service fees to offset the increase to Southeast Whiteshell Fire Department annual grant
 - \$48K in new revenue for Foreign Resident Migratory Gamebird licence
 - \$34K decrease due to the elimination of the Fish hatcheries revenue line for 2023/24
- Net Revenue increase of \$596K to Shared Cost and other Federal transfer due to:
 - \$500K increase in revenue for the bilateral agreement with the Government of Canada for the 2 Billion Trees program
 - \$96K increase in revenue for the bilateral agreement with the Government of Canada for the National Forestry Inventory program

3. Net Expenditure increase of \$1.6M to Stewardship and Resource Development due to:
 - a. \$597K increase in Salaries for new FTEs and normal salary adjustment
 - b. \$750K increase for the 2 Billion Trees initiatives
 - c. \$100K increase for the National Forestry Inventory
 - d. \$200K increase for the Dutch Elm Disease management program
4. Net Expenditure increase of \$9.6M to Resource Management Protection due to:
 - a. \$613K for the expansion of the Chronic Wasting Disease management program
 - b. \$5.7M in normal salary adjustments
 - c. \$3.2M increase for Conservation Officer Services
 - d. \$150K increase for inflationary pressures
5. Net Expenditure increase of \$2M to Manitoba Wildfire Services due to:
 - a. \$600K in inflationary increases
 - b. \$589K in normal salary adjustment
 - c. \$785K increase for the annual indexing of contracted aircraft service with Babcock Canada Ltd.
6. Net Expenditure increase of \$4.4M to Parks and Trails due to:
 - a. \$1M increase in normal salary adjustments
 - b. \$2.6M increase in Salaries and operating for 15.10 new FTEs
 - c. \$381K increase for inflationary pressures
 - d. \$85K increase to the Continuing Service Agreements for 911 Fire agreements in Parks
 - e. \$300K for one-time grant payment to 2 new recipients
7. Interfund Activity – General Eliminations by Central Finance \$185K.
8. \$10M increase in Capital asset acquisition for Manitoba parks infrastructure renewal strategy
9. Due to the increase in Salaries and Normal salary adjustment for; Finance and Shared Services \$13K; Stewardship and Resource Development \$567K; Resource Management and Protection \$5.7M Manitoba Wildfire Service \$589K; Parks and Trails \$2.5M
10. Due to the increase in operating expenses for; Stewardship and Resource Development \$880K; Resource Management and Protection \$4M; Manitoba Wildfire Service \$1.4M; Parks and Trails \$1.6M
11. Due to the increase to the Dutch Elm Disease program grant \$200K; one-time grant payment in Parks \$300K

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.

1. New reservation service for provincial park campgrounds
 - Manitoba Parks is transitioning to a new camping reservation service for the 2023 camping season.
 - The system will be expanded to include seasonal campsites.
2. Travel Manitoba Study – Provincial Parks


In December 2022, Travel Manitoba released a report entitled *Evaluating the Tourism Potential of Manitoba's Provincial Parks*, which provides a case for renewed investments and enhancements in provincial parks to improve visitor experience and enhance tourism.
3. Manitoba Parks Infrastructure Renewal Strategy

A new, 10-year Infrastructure Renewal Strategy that prioritizes capital project investments to modernize and enhance Manitoba's provincial parks.

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List of Major Grants/Grant Programs

Recipient	2023/24 Estimates \$000s	Grant Title
Dutch Elm Disease Program (38 communities)	1,250	Annual support for community based tree removal and preventative maintenance
International Peace Gardens	542	Manitoba's support towards the operation and maintenance of the International Peace Gardens
Indigenous Initiatives (Various First Nation Communities)	400	Mineral Development Protocol (Indigenous Initiatives) - project-based grant funding to First Nations communities to support activities to develop and implement a consultation protocol
Snowmobilers of Manitoba Inc. (Snoman Inc.)	250	To support with trail rehabilitation efforts
Indigenous Engagement (multiple communities)	99	Indigenous Engagement - Support for land and water-based Indigenous-community engagement and collaboration
Manitoba Trappers Association	54	Annual operating grant
All-Terrain Vehicle Association of Manitoba	50	To support the general operations of the association
Canadian Council of Forest Ministers (CCFM)	32	Manitoba's contribution to support for federal, provincial and territorial governments to work cooperatively to address major areas of concern
FRI Research (SERG-I) formerly Forest Protection Ltd (FPL)	27	Grant for SERG International for forest pest management research projects
Beverly and Qamanirjuaq Caribou Management Board	27	Manitoba's contribution to board who coordinates management herds in the interest of Traditional Users and their descendants
Fur Institute of Canada	26	Manitoba's contribution to support operating costs
Manitoba Forestry Association - Manitoba Envirothon	25	Support of the Manitoba Envirothon
FRI Research (Healthy Landscapes Program)	23	Healthy Landscapes program
Peatlands Ecological Research Group (PERG)	20	For restoration and peatlands research projects in Manitoba

Recipient	2023/24 Estimates \$000s	Grant Title
Churchill Northern Studies Centre	7	Annual support for research of northern wildlife and resource management
Manitoba Natural Resource Officer Association	5	To support association to provide information to the public through trade shows and career symposiums.
Lifesaving Society	5	Support towards beach safety activities in Manitoba
Fort Whyte Alive	5	Support for the operation and maintenance of the Fort Whyte Centre for Environmental Education
Manitoba Wildlife Federation	4	To support the Alice Chambers-Hyacinth Colomb Assistantship Program which offers financial assistant to students for research projects
	2,851	

Recipient	In-Year Approvals \$000s	Grant Title
Ducks Unlimited Canada - Oak Hammock Marsh	63	Remediation work required to bring the interpretive trail system to a functioning condition
Manitoba Bear Rehabilitation Centre	5	Support for Wildlife Rehab Centres
Prairie Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre	5	Support for Wildlife Rehab Centres
Wildlife Haven Rehabilitation Centre	5	Support for Wildlife Rehab Centres
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List of Major Contracts

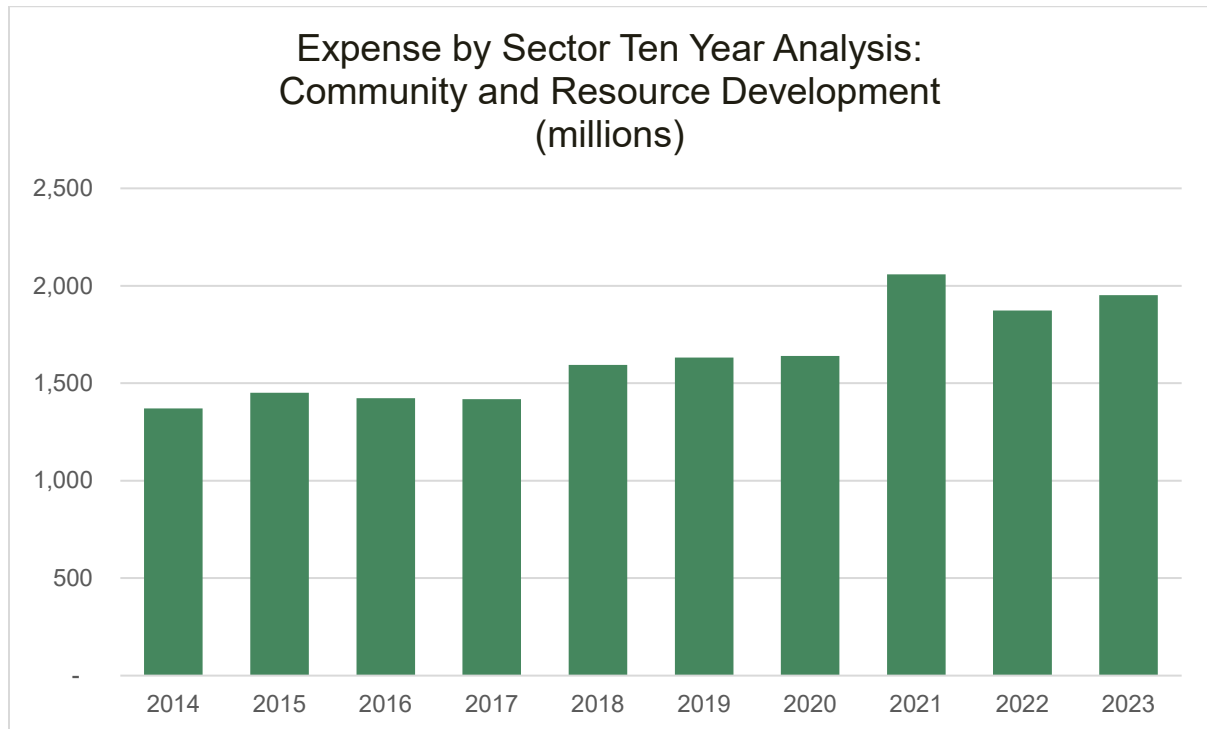
25.2 STEWARDSHIP AND RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT					
Vendors	Amount \$000s	Contract Start Date	Current Completion date	Type/ Category	Description
Various	1,020	30-Sep-22	31-Mar-27	Tendered	Multi-Year Seedling Contract (2022-2027)
25.2b FORESTRY AND PEATLANDS					
Vendors	Amount \$000s	Contract Start Date	Current Completion date	Type/ Category	Description
PRT Growing	1,470	06-Sep-22	31-Mar-26	Tendered	6997-2022/23-Provincial Reforestation Seeding Production
25.3 RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND PROTECTION					
Vendors	Amount \$000s	Contract Start Date	Current Completion date	Type/ Category	Description
Taiga	900	17-Oct-22	31-Mar-25	Tendered	Enforcement by Helicopter for Illegal Night Hunting

25.4 MANITOBA WILDFIRE SERVICE					
Vendors	Amount \$000s	Contract Start Date	Current Completion date	Type/ Category	Description
Babcock Canada INC	186,647	01-Dec- 18	30-Nov-28		Wildfire aviation suppression services Wildfire Service Season is April 1 to September 30
Prairie Helicopters Custom Helicopter Heli-Inter Helicopter Transportation Services Canada (HTSC) Wings over Kississing	29,515	01-Apr- 22	31-Mar-25	Tendered	Wildfire Operations: four medium lift helicopters and one intermediate lift helicopter, and a floatplane contract, for three years with the option to extend for two additional years at Manitoba's discretion
Perimeter Solutions	1,852	26-May- 22	31-Mar-26		Supply and Delivery of Bulk Class "A" Fire Foam
25.5b PARKS					
Vendors	Amount \$000s	Contract Start Date	Current Completion date	Type/ Category	Description
RK'S Metal Construction	1,216	22-Feb- 23	31-Mar-24	Tendered	7263-2023/24- Bakers Narrows Washroom building Construction Tendered as 29092

Upcoming Contracts					
Vendors	Amount \$000s				Description
ALS Canada	4,976	01-Apr-23	31-Mar-28	Tendered	Chemistry and Microbiological services(Water, Enviro, OAM - BA12 and BA25)
Whitemouth Reynolds Waste Management Facility	2,139				Whitemouth Reynold Waste Facility
TBD	1,450(est)				Beach Safety Services – Birds Hill
TBD	1,500(est)				Beach Safety Services – Winnipeg Beaches & Grand Beach

Historical Expenditures in Sector

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.



5. Impending Legislative and Regulatory Changes

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

Bill 8 – The Off-Road Trails and Maintenance Act and Snowmobile Trails Permit Regulation

Coming into Force date of act and regulation (except for \$25 off-road vehicles fee): November 1, 2023

Coming into Force date of \$25 off-road vehicle fee: April 1, 2024

This act and regulation ensures that users of off-road vehicles (ORV) would have access to safe, high-quality recreation opportunities.

Bill 13 – Wildlife Amendment Act

Coming into Force date: April 1, 2024

Bill 24 – Wildfires Act Amendment

Coming into Force date: April 1, 2024

Act amendments remove the need for a work permit under Bill 24 – The Wildfires Act.

6. Scheduled Events

Event Name	Date/Location	Description	Expectation of Minister
Arctic and Northern Policy Framework Leadership Committee Meeting	October 13 Yellowknife, NWT	Regular annual meeting including some territorial premiers, federal and provincial ministers, and Indigenous leaders to discuss arctic and northern priorities.	23(1)(a)
Canadian Council of Forest Ministers (CCFM) Ministers Meeting	November 15 Online	Joint table discussing primarily forestry topics, with some wildfire topics from time to time.	23(1)(a)
11 th Snoman Annual General Meeting, Congress and Banquet	November 18, evening banquet	The weekend consists of the AGM on Friday night, educational seminars and club administrative information on Saturday and an Awards Banquet Saturday evening	23(1)(a)
Beverly and Qamanirjuaq Caribou Management Board	November 21-23, 2023 Churchill, MB	Bi-annual meeting of the Board. Location of meetings varies (MB, SK, NU, and NWT).	23(1)(a)

Event Name	Date/Location	Description	Expectation of Minister
Canadian Wildlife and Biodiversity Ministers Meeting	TBD – November or December Virtual Meeting	Meeting to discuss the draft National Biodiversity Strategy.	23(1)(a)
Association for Mineral Exploration Round-Up	January 2024 Vancouver, BC	Mineral exploration conference	23(1)(a)
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7. Appendices

Acronyms

Acronym	Full Terms
ABC	Agencies, Boards and Commissions
AIS	Aquatic Invasive Species
AMM	Association of Manitoba Municipalities
CANMAN	Canada-Manitoba Fisheries Advisory Committee
CCFAM	Canadian Council of Fisheries and Aquaculture Ministers
CEC	Clean Environment Commission
CIFFC	Canadian Interagency Forest Fire Centre
CKP	Canadian Kraft Paper
COS	Conservation Officer Service
CWD	Chronic Wasting Disease
DED	Dutch Elm Disease
DFO	Fisheries and Oceans Canada
EAB	Emerald Ash Borer
EAL	Environmental Act License
EDIT	Economic Development Investment and Trade
EMO	Emergency Management Organization
EMS	Emergency Medical Services
FFMC	Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation
FIPPA	Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act
FML	Forest Management Licence
FMOP	Forest Management Operating Plan
FMP	Forest Management Plan
FTE	Full Time Equivalent
FWEF	Fish and Wildlife Enhancement Fund
GIS	Geographic Information System
GPS	Global Positioning Systems
GRE	Government Reporting Entity
HPAI	Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza
IRNR	Indigenous Reconciliation and Northern Relations
JPBW	Jack pine Budworm
LAP	Large Area Planning
LP	Louisiana-Pacific

Acronym	Full Terms
MNRTA	Manitoba Natural Resources Transfer Act
MPPCOA	The Manitoba Provincial Park Cabin Owners Association
MSC	Marine Stewardship Council
MSY	Maximum Sustainable Yield
NFMC	Nisokapawino Forest Management Corporation
NRV	Natural Range of Variation
ORE	Other Reporting Entities
ORTS	Off-Road Trails Safety
ORV	Off-Road Vehicle
PBAC	Polar Bear Advisory Committee
PPEF	Provincial Parks Endowment Funds
PSP	Provincially Significant Peatland
SBW	Spruce Budworm
SIU	Special Investigations Unit
SOA	Special Operating Agencies
SPL	Spruce Products Ltd
SRWA	Seal River Watershed Alliance
TLE	Treaty Land Entitlement
TRC	Truth and Reconciliation Commission
TSA	Timber Sale Agreement
WMA	Wildlife Management Area
WRAA	Water Resources Administration Act

Stakeholder Contact List

Organization	Contact Name	Title
All-Terrain Vehicle Association of MB (ATVMB)	17(1), 17(2)(e)	Executive Director (incoming Sept 2023)
All-Terrain Vehicle Association of MB (ATVMB)	17(1), 17(2)(e)	President
Archery Manitoba	17(1), 17(2)(e)	Executive Director
Assiniboine Park Zoo	17(1), 17(2)(e)	Director; Conservation and Research
Association of Manitoba Community Pastures	17(1), 17(2)(e)	General Manager
Berger Peat Moss	17(1), 17(2)(e)	Technical Advisor
Birds Canada	17(1), 17(2)(e)	Vice President; Science and Conservation
Canadian Forage and Grassland Association	17(1), 17(2)(e)	Executive Director
Canadian Institute of Forestry	17(1), 17(2)(e)	Manitoba Director
Canadian Interagency Forest Fire Centre	17(1), 17(2)(e)	Executive Director
Canadian Kraft Paper	17(1), 17(2)(e)	President
Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (CPAWS) – Manitoba Chapter	17(1), 17(2)(e)	Executive Director
Canadian Sphagnum Peatmoss Association	17(1), 17(2)(e)	President
Canadian Wildlife Service	17(1), 17(2)(e)	Head, Priority Places & Stewardship Unit
Delta Waterfowl	17(1), 17(2)(e)	Chief Policy Officer
Duck Mountain Trapper's Association	17(1), 17(2)(e)	President
Ducks Unlimited Canada – National Boreal Program	17(1), 17(2)(e)	Head of Industry and Government Relations
Environment and Climate Change Canada	17(1), 17(2)(e)	Manager, Protected and Conserved Areas Recognition Unit
Environment Climate Change Canada	17(1), 17(2)(e)	Conservation Coordinator
Forest Industry Association of Manitoba	17(1), 17(2)(e)	Executive Director
FPM Peat Moss	17(1), 17(2)(e)	Operations Manager

Organization	Contact Name	Title
Harry J. Enns Wetland Discovery Centre	17(1), 17(2)(e)	Manager
International Society of Aborigiculture Prairie Chapter	17(1), 17(2)(e)	Manitoba Director
Lake Winnipeg Indigenous Commercial Fishers Inc.	17(1), 17(2)(e)	Chairperson
Louisiana Pacific	17(1), 17(2)(e)	Area Forest Manager
Manitoba Association of Watersheds	17(1), 17(2)(e)	Executive Director
Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation	17(1), 17(2)(e)	Board Chair
Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation	17(1), 17(2)(e)	Chief Executive Officer
Manitoba Hydro	17(1), 17(2)(e)	Manager, Transmission & Distribution Environment and Engagement
Manitoba Lodges and Outfitters Association	17(1), 17(2)(e)	Executive Director
Manitoba Lodges and Outfitters Association	17(1), 17(2)(e)	President
Manitoba Museum	17(1), 17(2)(e)	Curator Zoology
Manitoba Nursery Landscape Association	17(1), 17(2)(e)	President
Manitoba Provincial Park Cabin Owners Association	17(1), 17(2)(e)	Chair
Manitoba Trapper's Association	17(1), 17(2)(e)	Executive Director
Manitoba Urban Forestry Council	17(1), 17(2)(e)	Chair
Manitoba Wildlife Federation	17(1), 17(2)(e) 17(1), 17(2)(e) 17(1), 17(2)(e)	President Executive Director Managing Director
Nature Conservancy of Canada	17(1), 17(2)(e)	Executive Director
Nature Conservancy of Canada	17(1), 17(2)(e)	Vice President Manitoba Region
Nature Manitoba	17(1), 17(2)(e)	President
Nature Serve Canada	17(1), 17(2)(e)	President and Chief Executive Officer
Nekote Limited Partnership	17(1), 17(2)(e) 17(1), 17(2)(e)	Managing Chief Community Liaison
Nisokapawino Forestry Management Corporation	17(1), 17(2)(e)	General Manager

Organization	Contact Name	Title
North Whiteshell Business Association	17(1), 17(2)(e)	Chair
Options License Initiative, c/o Okimaw Community and HR Solutions	17(1), 17(2)(e)	VP Organizational Development
Parks Canada	17(1), 17(2)(e)	Director of National Parks Establishment
Parks Canada	17(1), 17(2)(e)	Superintendent for the Manitoba Field Unit
Parks Canada	17(1), 17(2)(e)	Senior Establishment Manager and Negotiator (Central)
Parks Canada	17(1), 17(2)(e)	President and Chief Executive Officer
Premier Tech Horticulture	17(1), 17(2)(e)	Operations Director
Reimer Soils	17(1), 17(2)(e)	President
RM Stuartburn	17(1), 17(2)(e)	Chief Administrative Officer
Sharptails Plus Foundation	17(1), 17(2)(e)	President
Snoman	17(1), 17(2)(e)	Executive Director
Snoman	17(1), 17(2)(e)	President
South Whiteshell Chamber of Commerce	17(1), 17(2)(e)	President
Southeast Pallet and Wood Products	17(1), 17(2)(e)	General Manager
Spruce Products Limited	17(1), 17(2)(e)	President
Sprucewoods Loggers Sawmill	17(1), 17(2)(e)	President
SunGro	17(1), 17(2)(e)	Western Canada Manager
Sunterra	17(1), 17(2)(e)	Environmental Manager
Tetro Soils	17(1), 17(2)(e)	Owner
Trails Manitoba	17(1), 17(2)(e)	Executive Director
Trails Manitoba	17(1), 17(2)(e)	President
Travel Manitoba	17(1), 17(2)(e)	Fish & Wildlife Specialist
Tree Canada	17(1), 17(2)(e)	Chief Executive Officer
Trees Winnipeg	17(1), 17(2)(e)	Executive Director
Whiteshell Cottagers Association	17(1), 17(2)(e)	President
Whiteshell Trapper's Association	17(1), 17(2)(e)	President
Wildlife Conservation Society	17(1), 17(2)(e)	President and Chief Executive Officer

Agencies, Boards and Commissions Appointments

Boards that the Government of Manitoba has a legislative responsibility, in whole or in part, where the Lieutenant Governor in Council (LGIC) appoints all members, who are appointees of the Government of Manitoba:

- Endangered Species, Ecosystems and Ecological Reserves Advisory Committee

Boards that the Government of Manitoba has a legislative responsibility, in whole or in part, where the minister appoints all members, who are appointees of the Government of Manitoba:

- Conservation Agreements Board
- Fish and Wildlife Enhancement Committee
- Licensing Advisory Committee
- Resource Tourism Appeal Committee
- Whiteshell Advisory Board

Boards that the Government of Manitoba has a legislative responsibility, in whole or in part, where the minister appoints one or more members:

- Polar Bear Conservation Advisory Committee

Boards of the Government of Manitoba where the minister appoints all member organizations, who designate representatives as members:

- Aquatic Invasive Species Advisory Forum

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

- Beverly and Qamanirjuaq Caribou Management Board
- Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada
- International Peace Garden Association
- Pimachiowin Aki Corporation Board of Directors
- Wapusk Management Board
- West Region Elk Management Board

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 Conservation Agreements Act (C 173)
- The Conservation Officers Act (C 177)
- The Crown Lands Act (C 340)
[Except section 1 as it relates to agricultural Crown lands, and subsection 7(1) and section 7.1 as they relate to work permits on agricultural Crown lands, and section 7.1 to 7.6 and 7.7]
- The East Side Traditional Lands Planning and Special Protected Areas Act (E3)
- The Ecological Reserves Act (E5)
- The Endangered Species and Ecosystems Act (E 111)
- The Fish and Wildlife Enhancement Fund Act (F 87)
- The Fisheries Act (F 90)
- The Fishermen's Assistance and Polluter's Liability Act (F 100)
- The Forest Act (F 150)
- The Forest Health Protection Act (F 151)
- The International Peace Garden Act (I70)
- The Manitoba Natural Resources Transfer Act (N 30)
- The Natural Resources Agreement Act, 1938 (N 40)
- An Act to Ratify a Certain Agreement Between the Government of the Dominion of Canada and the Government of the Province of Manitoba (N 50)
- The Manitoba Natural Resources Transfer Act Amendment Act (N 60)
- The Manitoba Natural Resources Transfer Act Amendment Act, 1963 (N 70)
- The Provincial Parks Act (P20)
- The Peatlands Stewardship Act (P 31)
- The Pimachiowin Aki World Heritage Fund Act (P70)
- The Polar Bear Protection Act (P 94)
- The Resource Tourism Operators Act (R 119.5)
- The Upper Fort Garry Heritage Provincial Park Act (U80)
- The Wildfires Act (W 128)
- The Wildlife Act (W 130)
- The Wild Rice Act (W 140)
- Manitoba Fishery Regulations, 1987 made under s. 43 of the Fisheries Act (Canada)

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