

OCTOBER 2023 MONTH IN REVIEW

Manitoba

LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Infectious Illnesses

Aug 25: Manitoba Health reported the year's first confirmed human case of West Nile Virus—a person in their 40s living in the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority who is now in the hospital. Three other possible cases are under investigation. There were 7 confirmed cases of WNV in Manitoba in 2022, five of which required hospitalization.

Action Point: Use the [OHSI Infection Exposure Control Plan](#) template to prevent infectious illnesses at your workplace

New Laws

Aug 3: Manitoba rolled out new recruitment and retention incentives for healthcare community and facility support workers, including: i. a one-time wellness health spending account increase of \$500 (\$250 for part-timers); ii. Reimbursement reimbursed of professional licence or association membership fees in 2023-24 and 2024-25; and iii. Premium pay of \$8.00 per hour for weekend work.

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Sep 7: New Age Metals announced that it's teaming with Australian giant Mineral Resources Ltd. to launch the largest lithium exploration program ever undertaken in Manitoba, a \$7 million venture encompassing 15,000 metres of diamond drilling and geophysical surveys.

Environmental

Aug 25: Manitoba conservation and patrol officers have laid 46 fisheries charges totaling \$7,518 in fines and \$1,974 in restitution during the 2023 open water fishing season on Pelican Lake. Eighteen individuals were charged for angling with barbed hooks, 5 for angling without a valid licence and 22 for possessing fish that didn't comply with size limits.