

Manitoba

LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OHS Enforcement

Mar 23: Since April 1, 2024, Manitoba has carried out 5,660 WSH inspections, resulting in the issuance of 403 Stop Work Orders and 11,851 Improvement Orders. There were also 12 reported OHS work refusals and 55 alleged reprisals.

Action Point: Find out how to implement an [OHS inspections policy](#) in case inspectors show up at your door.

New Laws

Mar 26: In response to the Trump tariffs, Manitoba is getting ready to pass [Bill 42](#), aka *The Buy Canadian Act*, requiring the province to establish a policy affording preferential treatment to Canadian suppliers when procuring government goods and services under the *Government Purchases Act*. The Bill has been reported out of Committee.

New Laws

Mar 27: The province announced that it will invest up to \$1.5 million in the Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME) to develop a made-in-Manitoba program to support Manitoba manufacturers impacted by the Trump tariffs. The program will provide business and workforce training on tariffs and market diversification, a made-in-Manitoba summit to promote business-to-business connections and financial support for tariff planning consultations.

Training

Mar 21: Manitoba is partnering with the Manitoba Chambers of Commerce and Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce on a new \$2 million program offering small- and medium-sized businesses in the province training on how to use artificial intelligence to enhance productivity and grow their business.

New Laws

Mar 6: First Reading for [Bill 25](#), *The Public-Private Partnerships Transparency and Accountability Act*, requiring a public sector entity that uses a public-private

partnership to effect procurement for a major capital project to: i. conduct a preliminary analysis of the viability and expected risks, costs, and benefits of using a public-private partnership for the project; ii. make information about the project and preliminary analysis publicly available and allow the public to comment; iii. comply with applicable procurement laws, agreements, policies, and procedures; iv. engage an independent fairness monitor to oversee the procurement process and prepare a final report and contract summary; and v. report to the Auditor General and to the public at various stages of the project.

Industry Challenges

Apr 8: Manitoba will provide over \$2.5 million in funding to 12 projects through the Manitoba Mineral Development Fund (MMDF) to help drive sustainable economic growth and create good jobs in the mining sector. Thirty of 34 minerals on Canada's 2024 critical minerals list are mined in Manitoba.

Industry Challenges

Apr 2: Manitoba farmers and producers will receive more than \$150 million in supports from the provincial government. Manitoba will provide \$10 million in additional matching funds for the AgriStability program, as well as \$140.8 million for business risk management programming including AgriInsurance, Wildlife Damage Compensation and AgriInvest.

Environmental

Apr 7: Manitoba announced that it will provide \$500,000 through the Climate Action Fund to finance the installation of 51 new electric vehicle chargers across the province, including 39 stations in Brandon and Morden and 12 at 3 multi-unit residential developments.