

MANITOBA'S LAND USE PLANNING ACTION PLAN (ACTION PLAN)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Why is Manitoba releasing a Land Use Planning Action Plan?

Manitoba prepared an Action Plan in response to the recommendations from the independent Statutory Review of Planning Legislation prepared by Braid Solutions Inc. Manitoba has accepted all recommendations from the report.

The Action Plan is government's formal response to the consultant's recommendations and also responds to feedback and input shared by stakeholders throughout the Statutory Review process.

2. What does the Action Plan seek to accomplish?

The Government of Manitoba is committed to innovation and continuous improvement in Manitoba's land use planning framework, especially in responding to the unique challenges that many municipalities face in managing land and resources and guiding local planning decisions.

The Action Plan sets out the building blocks to strengthen and improve Manitoba's land use planning framework in partnership with municipalities. Manitoba's goal is to ensure the framework is effective, streamlined and responsive to stakeholder feedback.

3. How is the Action Plan organized?

The Action Plan outlines 30 actions, organized by the five main themes identified in Braid Solutions Inc.'s final report:

- Structure and Performance of the Legislation (9 actions)
- Common Service Standard (8 actions)
- Framework for Regional Planning (5 actions)
- Independent Appeal Function (6 actions)
- Future Statutory Reviews (2 actions)

The Action Plan layouts three time periods for initiating and implementing the actions: actions underway or initiated by October 2025, upcoming actions initiated by October 2026, and future actions initiated by October 2027.

Each action identifies which of Braid Solutions' recommendation(s) it relates to.

4. Who was engaged during the development of the Action Plan?

The Action Plan builds off of the 250 participants representing more than 95 municipalities that participated in the independent Statutory Review of Planning Legislation report process.

The department met with a multi-stakeholder group, called the Planning and Development Working Group, several times in 2025 to review the consultants' report, discuss shared priorities and review the proposed actions for implementation. The working group includes representation from the Association of Manitoba Municipalities, Manitoba Municipal Administrators, City of Winnipeg, City of Brandon, Winnipeg Metropolitan Region, Urban Development Institute and Manitoba Home Builders' Association.

5. Who is responsible for completing the Action Plan?

Manitoba Municipal and Northern Relations, along with the Manitoba Municipal Board and other relevant provincial departments, will use the Action Plan to guide our work in partnership with local governments and public stakeholders.

6. When will the Action Plan be completed?

Work on the Action Plan has already begun and several actions have been completed with the passing of legislation (Bills 3 and 4) earlier in 2025. The department will focus on implementing all the actions over the next 3-5 years.

7. How will progress updates be shared on the Action Plan?

In alignment with Action #30, the department will provide regular progress reports on the implementation of planned actions on a new website created to track progress and in the department's annual report.

8. How will the Action Plan impact the Municipal Board?

The department continues to work on making the planning appeal process and The Municipal Board more effective and responsive. While the operations of The Municipal Board are being addressed through a separate process outside of the Action Plan, the actions in the plan are designed to align and support the Municipal Board in achieving their goals.