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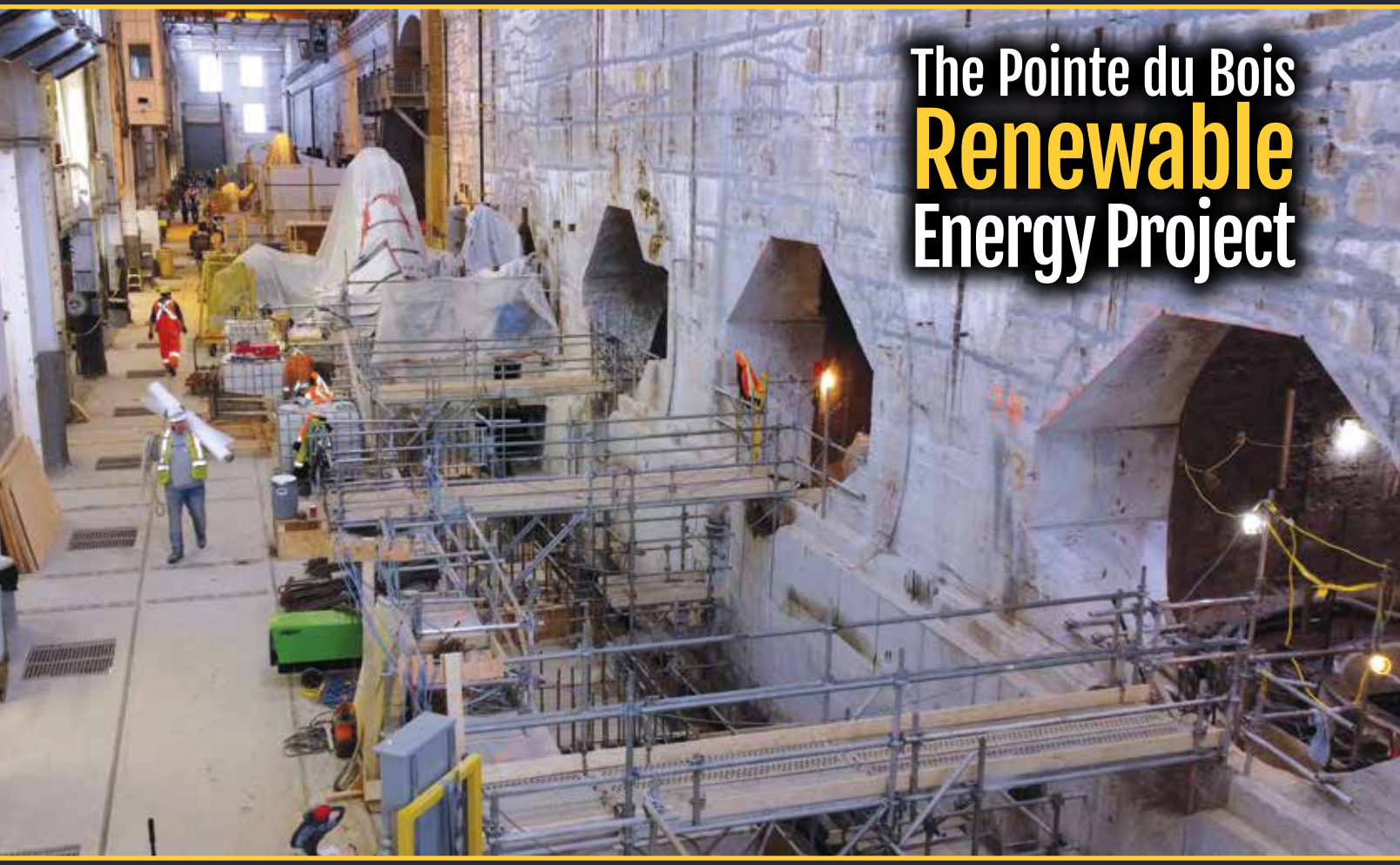

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MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER
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Welcome to the 2026 Manitoba Energy Review! Your Manitoba government is working every day to create more good jobs for Manitobans while strengthening our economy for the next generation.

This year has not been without its challenges, whether it's global threats or wildfires here at home. But Manitoba continues to be in a strong and unique position to lead Canada into the energy future. We are a trusted global trading partner, with a 99% clean energy grid. And our government is going to keep leaning into this opportunity, with a new nation-building project on the horizon right here in our province.

As we continue to Trump-proof our economy and develop our made-in-Canada energy and resource sector, we're looking north to the Port of Churchill Plus project and all the potential it has to bring benefits to Manitoba and Canada. Northern Manitoba has so much potential. And we're going to unlock this potential by building lasting projects that will benefit our province and country for decades to come.

This is only possible if we work in true partnership: with First Nations, Métis, and other governments, and with industries like the energy sector here in Manitoba. Working together is how Manitobans have always gotten big things done. Because of this strong history of partnership, I'm confident that Manitoba's energy sector is going to keep growing, even as we continue to face global uncertainty.

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MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER OF BUSINESS, MINING, TRADE AND JOB CREATION
HONOURABLE JAMIE MOSES

With unmatched potential, ready partners, and unrivaled infrastructure, Manitoba remains a global hub for mineral exploration and development.

We know that global demand for critical minerals is rising. We also know that with 30 of the 34 minerals identified as critical to Canada's long-term economic security, Manitoba has a unique opportunity. Mineral exploration and development deliver good jobs, economic growth, and opportunities to communities across the province. Here in Manitoba, we also see responsible mineral development as a means for economic reconciliation.

Norway House Cree Nation's Minago Critical Minerals Project is the first 100 per cent First Nation-owned critical minerals project in all of Canada. We're proud to support this first-of-its-kind project through strategic investment and ongoing collaboration. Manitoba continues to lead the country in responsible mineral exploration, showing how we can get projects done through consultation and partnership.

Through the Manitoba Mineral Development Fund (MMDF), we're similarly supporting responsible mineral development projects throughout Manitoba. This year's investments include $1.4 million for eight new exploration projects through the MMDF, which will leverage $16.8 million in private-sector investment and create 102 jobs across the province. In April, we announced an additional $2.5 million injection into the MMDF, which will ensure we continue to attract private-sector investments while accelerating project development. This is a clear signal of our province's willingness to help get projects up and off the ground.

Affordable energy is another pillar of Manitoba's competitive advantage. Powered by Manitoba Hydro's clean, baseload electricity, our industries benefit from a dependable, low carbon energy supply that few jurisdictions can offer. This is a major draw for companies looking to expand production while reducing emissions. Our plan to develop 600 megawatts of new, Indigenous majority-owned wind power will further expand our clean energy supply.

Our infrastructure further amplifies these strengths. CentrePort Canada is North America's largest inland port in North America, directly connecting Manitoba to major rail networks and key markets. The Port of Churchill, Canada's only deep sea Arctic port connected by rail, is a strategic northern gateway that shortens shipping routes and opens new possibilities for global trade. These assets make Manitoba a natural hub for companies seeking efficient, reliable access to international markets.

The momentum across Manitoba's energy and resource sectors is creating real, tangible benefits. New investments are flowing into the province. Communities are seeing renewed economic activity. Skilled jobs are being created and sustained. And Manitoba's reputation as a reliable, forward looking partner continues to grow on the global stage.

We have an extraordinary opportunity in front of us. By continuing to build strong partnerships, supporting innovation, and leveraging our natural advantages, Manitoba can play a central role in powering the next generation of economic growth. The work underway today is laying the foundation for a stronger future for all Manitobans. As global demand for critical minerals continues to rise, Manitoba stands ready to meet that demand. ❖

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MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE
MIKE MOYES

When the Premier asked me to assume responsibility for the Department of Environment and Climate Change, I was honoured to lead the province's work to protect our natural environment, address climate change, and support a strong, sustainable provincial economy. My mandate is clear: to safeguard Manitoba's air, land, water, and biodiversity; reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and help communities, businesses, and families adapt to a changing climate while keeping affordability, reliability, and economic opportunity at the centre of our approach. This work is grounded in science, strengthened through partnerships with Indigenous Nations and communities, and guided by practical solutions that support responsible energy development.

Manitoba has made meaningful progress toward delivering affordable, reliable, and sustainable energy. Through the Affordable Energy Plan, Manitobans continue to benefit from low-cost, dependable power as we plan responsibly for the future. This includes supporting Indigenous-owned wind generation, prioritizing energy efficiency as our first resource, and expanding efficiency efforts beyond electricity and natural gas to reduce emissions and costs across the economy.

Building on this foundation, the province released the Path to Net-Zero, a long-term roadmap to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050. The plan commits to modernizing provincial climate legislation, working in genuine partnership with Indigenous Nations, and transitioning Manitoba's electricity grid to net-zero emissions by 2035. The roadmap supports innovation within Manitoba's energy industries, encouraging clean-technology deployment, electrification of industrial processes, and emission reductions in energy-intensive sectors.

We are reinforcing these priorities through targeted investments supporting emission reductions, environmental protection, and clean economic growth. These include expanded renewable energy, grid modernization, electric-vehicle incentives, and energy-efficient buildings and retrofits. Investments in clean-technology innovation, incentives, and climate-resilience initiatives help households and businesses lower emissions while managing energy costs, demonstrating that climate action and affordability go hand in hand.

Manitoba's Crown corporations play a critical role in advancing the province's climate and emissions-reduction objectives. Manitoba Hydro, as the province's electricity and natural-gas utility, assesses future energy demand and identifies the most cost-effective and reliable ways to meet long-term needs. A new integrated resource planning process is underway to ensure future requirements are met in an orderly, affordable, and dependable manner while supporting increased electrification across homes, businesses, and industry.

Energy efficiency and demand-side management are equally essential. Efficiency Manitoba offers over 40 programs to support new construction and retrofits that improve energy performance, lower emissions, and enhance affordability. For example, the Affordable Home Energy Program helps offset the cost of ground source heat pumps, enabling Manitobans to use less energy and save money. Efficiency Manitoba's legislated mandate to reduce electricity use by 1.5 per cent and natural-gas use by 0.75 per cent annually remains a key driver of emissions reductions and long-term savings.

With an electricity system that is more than 99 per cent carbon-free, Manitoba is well positioned to attract investment, support innovation, and lead in sustainable energy development.

By building on our natural strengths, responsible environmental stewardship, and clean energy leadership, Manitoba is moving steadily toward a lower-emissions, more resilient, and prosperous future. ❖

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MANITOBA GOVERNMENT STATISTICS
2025 OIL BY THE NUMBERS

CATEGORIES

Geophysical Licenses Issued 1
Geophysical Expenditures ($)..... 0
Drilling Licenses Issued..... 206
New Wells Drilled..... 173
New Wells on Production..... 165
New Wells Abandoned 0
Horizontal Wells Drilled 173
Metres Drilled..... 427,703
Wells Capable of Production (Dec) 5,498
Wells Producing (December) 4,050
Abandoned Producers..... 166
Other Wells Abandoned..... 16

Certificates of Abandonment Issued 104
Crude Oil Production (m3).....2,375,294.5
% Water Cut..... 87.78
Avg. Oil Production (m3 per day)..... 6,507.66
Value Oil Sold ($) $1,184,611,635.31
Crown Oil Royalty ($ received) $14,680,443.41
Freehold Oil Tax ($ received)..... $13,028,370.74
Average Oil Price per m3 ($)..... $510.60
Lease Sale Bonuses ($)..... $799,350.00
Reservation & Lease Rentals & Fees ($) $282,881.60
Total Crown Area Under Disposition (ha) 57,506.46

2025-26 OIL PRICES

Month	Manitoba LSB		Selling Price Manitoba Production	
2025	**$/M³**	**$/BBL**	**$/M³**	**$/BBL**
January	$604.4	$96.04	$611.39	$97.16
February	$580.77	$92.28	$569.99	$90.58
March	$571.47	$90.81	$523.18	$83.14
April	$517.53	$82.24	$481.20	$76.47
May	$521.78	$82.91	$490.85	$78.00
June	$565.98	$89.93	$536.25	$85.21
July	$566.42	$90.00	$528.94	$84.05
August	$540.35	$85.86	$507.28	$80.61
September	$523.91	$83.25	$498.69	$79.24
October	$490.74	$77.98	$470.32	$74.73
November	$485.61	$77.16	$471.62	$74.94
December	$455.75	$72.42	$437.45	$69.51
Avg. 2025	$535.39	$85.07	$510.60	$81.14
2026	**$/M3**	**$/BBL**	**$/M3**	**$/BBL**
January	$472.91	$75.15	$452.92	$71.97
February	$506.95	$80.55	$488.49	$77.62

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WELL LOCATION MAP

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WELL STATUS INFORMATION

- Location
- Standing
- Producer
- Abandoned producer
- Dry and abandoned
- Junked and abandoned
- Water injection well
- Water injection well (former producer)
- Abandoned water injection well
- Abandoned water injection well (former producer)
- Salt water disposal
- Salt water disposal (former producer)
- Abandoned salt water disposal
- Abandoned salt water disposal (former producer)
- Abandoned potash
- Salt solution well
- Abandoned salt solution well
- Dual completion
- Abandoned dual completion
- Water supply well
- Abandoned water supply well
- Abandoned structure test hole
- Gas injection well
- Water alternating gas injection well
- Horizontal or directional surface location

TOPOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

CULTURAL FEATURES

- Provincial trunk highway
- Provincial regional road
- Railway
- Built up area, other localities

BOUNDARY FEATURES

- Township /Range
- Section line (surveyed, unsurveyed)
- Oil Field
- Indian Reserve
- Potash Disposition Area

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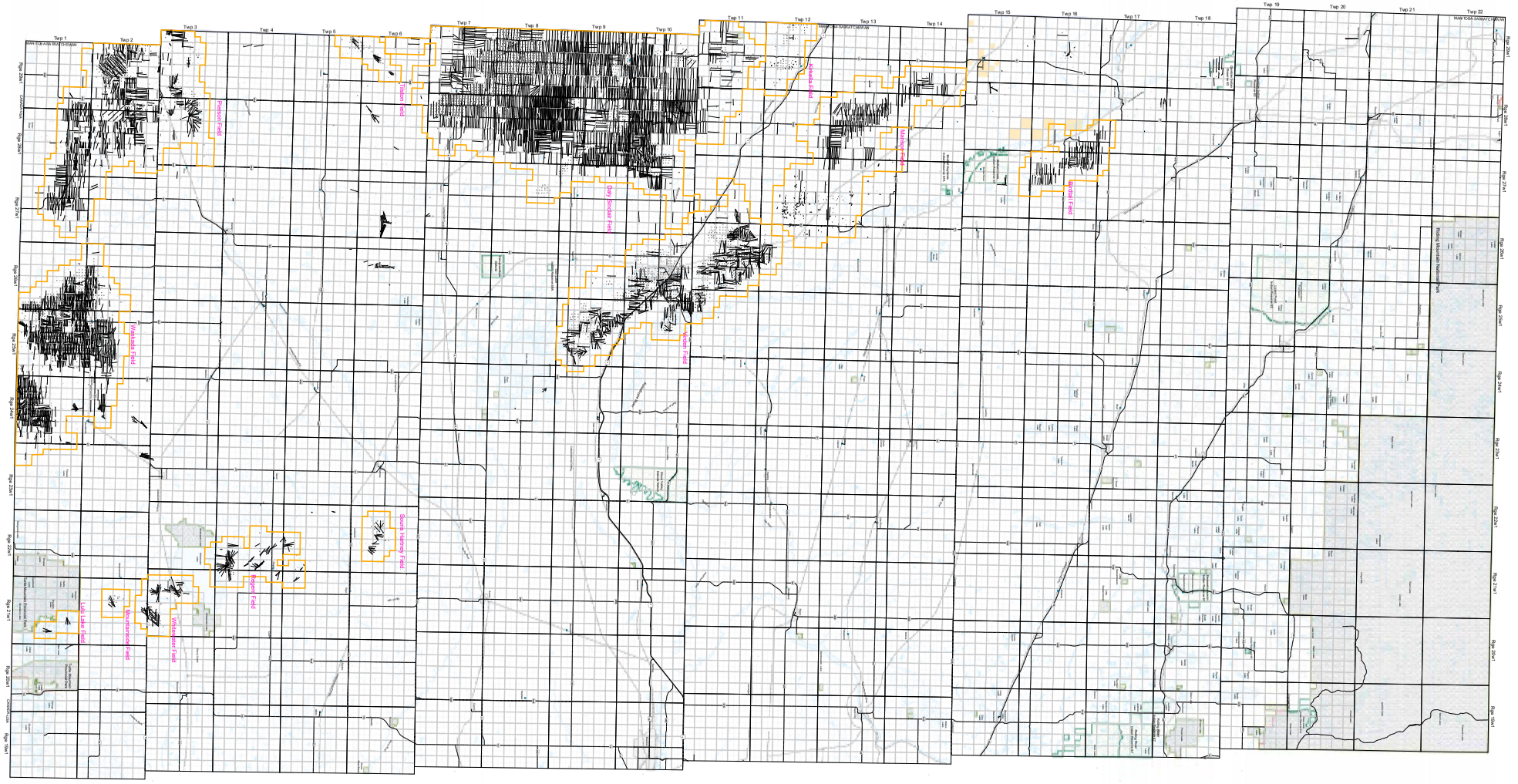
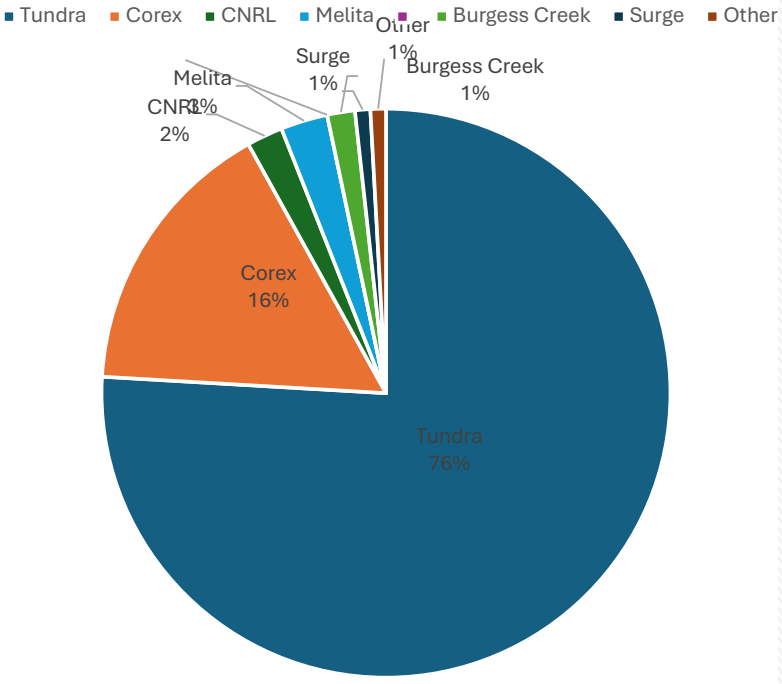


TOP PRODUCERS 2025



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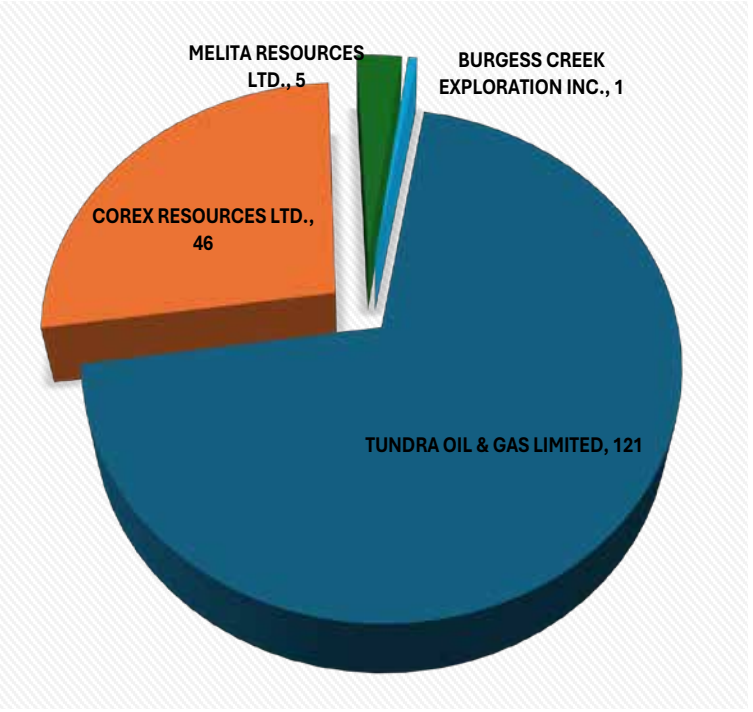

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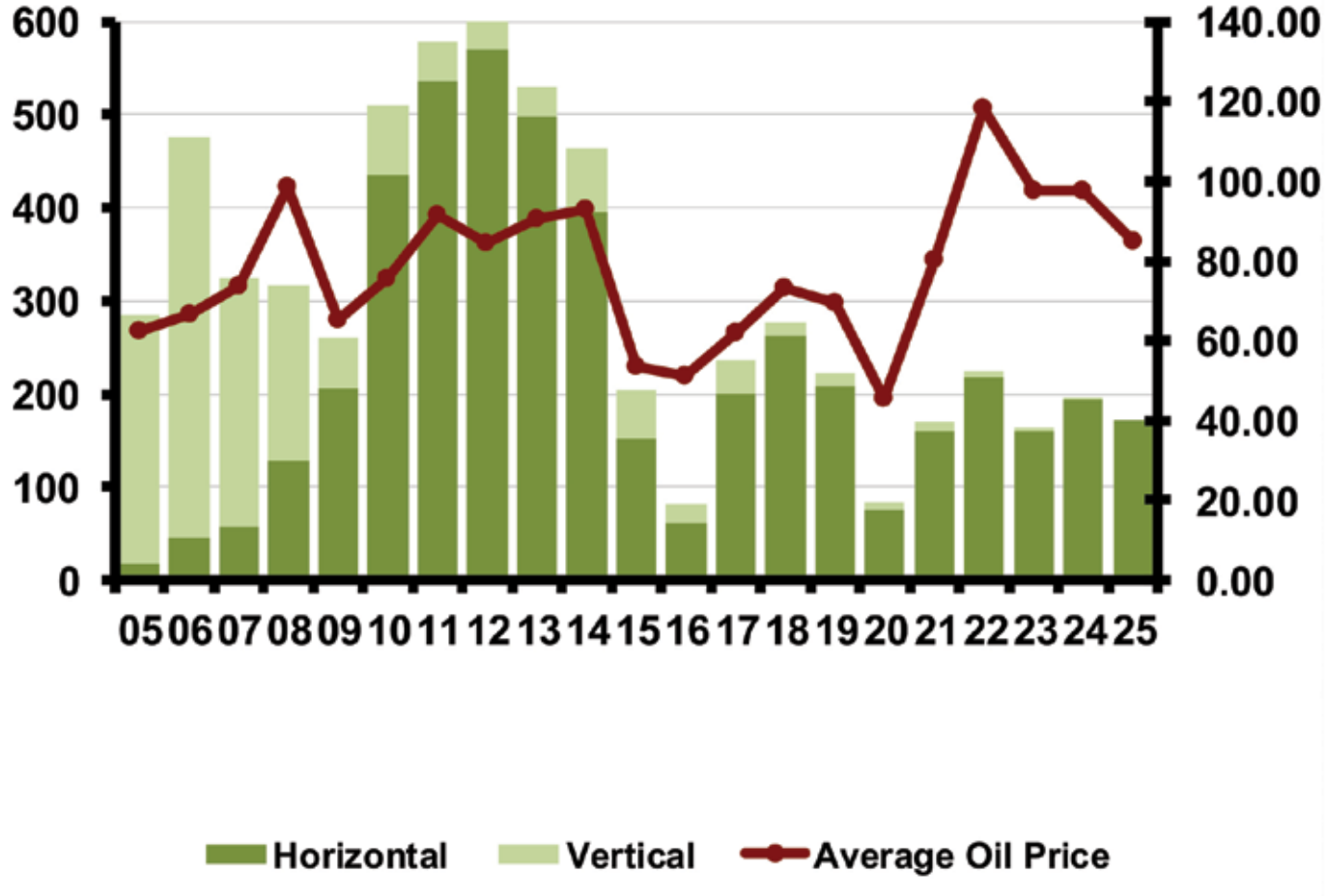


WILLISTON BASIN PETROLEUM CONFERENCE Canada set for spring 2027

The Williston Basin in one of those rarest of assets. A geological formation stretching across the mid-western portions of both the United States and Canada, it's remained an important economic driver for both countries. So much so that the Williston Basin Petroleum Conference – founded from humble beginning over 30 years ago – has flourished as an event that brings together Canadians, Americans, geologists, engineers, entrepreneurs, researchers, and political leaders.

It's not hard to see why. The basin itself is home to so many subsurface commodities beneath three different states (North and South Dakota, Montana) and provinces (Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta) that the early focus solely on oil & gas has expanded to all kinds of economic opportunities.

The importance of the basin is reflected in the dual nature of the conference, with hosting the event alternating between Regina, Saskatchewan (odd-numbered years) and Bismarck, North Dakota (even-numbered years) with each host city offering unique sets of adjacent events, workshops, and technical presentations.

In the spring of 2027, the WBPC again returns to Regina, with a renewed commitment to enhanced oil recovery research, plenary/ technical presentations, and important news from regulators, technical experts, and political leaders.

The tradeshow also returns, with reasonably priced booths and networking opportunities.

Adjacent workshops, including The Dr. Don Kent Core Workshop offered by the Saskatchewan Geological Society and a planned one-day session on enhanced oil recovery (EOR) technology at the PTRC's Energy Innovation Hub are also in the works.

For more information about WBPC 2027, visit wbpc.ca. Booth and individual registrations begin in late 2026. And follow us for updates as additional news about the conference, including finalized dates and events, become available at our LinkedIn page: https://www.linkedin.com/showcase/76566819/ ❖

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING IN MANITOBA'S OIL & GAS INDUSTRY

A strategic imperative for government and industry

By Lyndon McLean

As the pumpjacks rise between grain fields and rural towns depend on the steady hum of drilling activity, the Manitoba's oil & gas sector is facing a challenge that transcends commodity cycles. It's a structural workforce issue, one that government and industry leaders can no longer treat as background noise. The province's energy workforce is aging, the skills required are shifting, and the talent pipeline is not keeping pace with operational, technological, and environmental demands.

For a sector that contributes significantly to rural economic stability, municipal tax bases, and provincial energy security, workforce development is no longer a "nice to have"; it's a strategic necessity.

A LABOUR MARKET UNDER PRESSURE

The province's oil & gas labour market is under strain from multiple, overlapping pressures that are reshaping the sector's operational capacity and long term competitiveness. These pressures directly influence production stability, regulatory compliance, safety performance, and the province's ability to attract investment.

DEMOGRAPHIC DECLINE AND THE RETIREMENT CLIFF

The most immediate pressure is demographic. Manitoba's oilfield workforce skews older than the provincial average, particularly in supervisory, drilling, and technical trades roles. Many of these workers entered the industry during the early 2000s drilling boom and are now approaching retirement.

The implications are significant:

- Loss of institutional knowledge that cannot be quickly replaced
- Supervisory shortages in roles essential for regulatory compliance and safe operations
- Compressed timelines as retirements accelerate faster than training pipelines can replenish

For policymakers, this demographic shift signals a need for accelerated training pathways, mentorship incentives, and targeted immigration strategies.

COMPETITION FROM OTHER SECTORS AND PROVINCES

Manitoba's oil & gas industry is competing for talent on three fronts:

- Urban sectors offering stable schedules and proximity to Winnipeg
- Other provinces with higher wage ceilings and larger oil & gas operations
- Emerging clean energy sectors that align with younger workers' values

This competition reshapes labour mobility patterns. Workers who once cycled through Manitoba's patch are increasingly drawn to Alberta's higher wages or Manitoba Hydro's stable, unionized roles.

A SHRINKING ENTRY LEVEL PIPELINE

Traditional entry points – high school graduates, general labourers, trades apprentices – are narrowing due to:

- Perception challenges about the industry's long term future
- Rural youth out migration to urban centres
- Credential inflation, as roles now require formal training in safety, environmental monitoring, and digital systems

The result is a structural shortage of new entrants, threatening long term workforce sustainability.

RISING TECHNICAL DEMANDS AND SKILL MISMATCHES

The modern oilfield is increasingly digital, automated, and environmentally regulated. This shift has created a mismatch between the skills workers have and the skills employers need.

Key gaps include:

- Digital literacy for sensor based equipment and data dashboards
- Environmental compliance skills for methane detection and emissions reporting
- Hybrid technical competencies blending mechanical, electrical, and digital expertise

This mismatch slows technology adoption and increases operational risk.

RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE CONSTRAINTS

Labour shortages are compounded by rural infrastructure limitations including limited housing availability; childcare shortages; transportation barriers; and fewer community amenities. These are core workforce constraints. And without government investment in rural infrastructure, industry cannot scale its workforce effectively.

VOLATILITY AND WORKER HESITATION

Commodity price volatility has created long term hesitation among workers who experienced layoffs in previous downturns. High wages attract interest, but perceived instability deters commitment.

For government and industry, stabilizing the workforce requires clearer long term signals about the sector's role in Manitoba's energy future.

TRAINING FOR A MODERN, LOW CARBON OILFIELD

Manitoba's Path to Net Zero and Clean Energy Strategy are reshaping the skill requirements of the energy workforce. Compliance, emissions reduction, and digital operations are now core operational functions.

Government and industry must jointly support training in:

- Methane detection and reduction technologies
- Electrification and hybridized field equipment
- Environmental monitoring and reporting
- Data driven operations and predictive maintenance
- Advanced safety and emergency response

These competencies are essential for environmental performance, investor confidence, and long term operational efficiency.

STRENGTHENING MANITOBA'S TRAINING ECOSYSTEM

The province's current training infrastructure – while strong in trades and general technical education – wasn't designed for the rapidly evolving needs of a modern oil & gas sector. Coordinated action is critical.

COLLEGES AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTES

Institutions like Assiniboine Community College and Red River College Polytechnic provide foundational programs, but industry specific offerings remain limited. Government support for curriculum development, equipment modernization, and instructor training could accelerate the creation of specialized programs in drilling technology, emissions reduction systems, digital field operations, and environmental compliance.

INDUSTRY LED TRAINING

Many operators and service companies invest heavily in in house training. However, smaller firms lack the scale to develop advanced programs. A provincial or industry funded shared training hub could ensure consistent standards and broaden access.

INDIGENOUS WORKFORCE PARTNERSHIPS

Indigenous participation is essential to the sector's long term sustainability. Co developed training programs in environmental monitoring, heavy equipment operation, and land stewardship support both economic reconciliation and workforce stability.

Government can play a catalytic role by continuing to support Indigenous led training initiatives and integrating them into broader provincial workforce strategies.

TECHNOLOGY, AUTOMATION, AND THE EMERGING SKILLS GAP

Automation is reshaping field operations. Remote monitoring, predictive maintenance, and drone based inspections reduce manual site visits and increase the need for workers who can interpret data and manage digital systems.

This shift creates a widening skills gap:

- Traditional labour roles are declining
- Tech enabled roles are increasing in complexity
- Training programs have not yet caught up

Joint investment in upskilling programs is essential to prepare workers for hybrid roles that blend field experience with digital competencies.

A COORDINATED PATH FORWARD

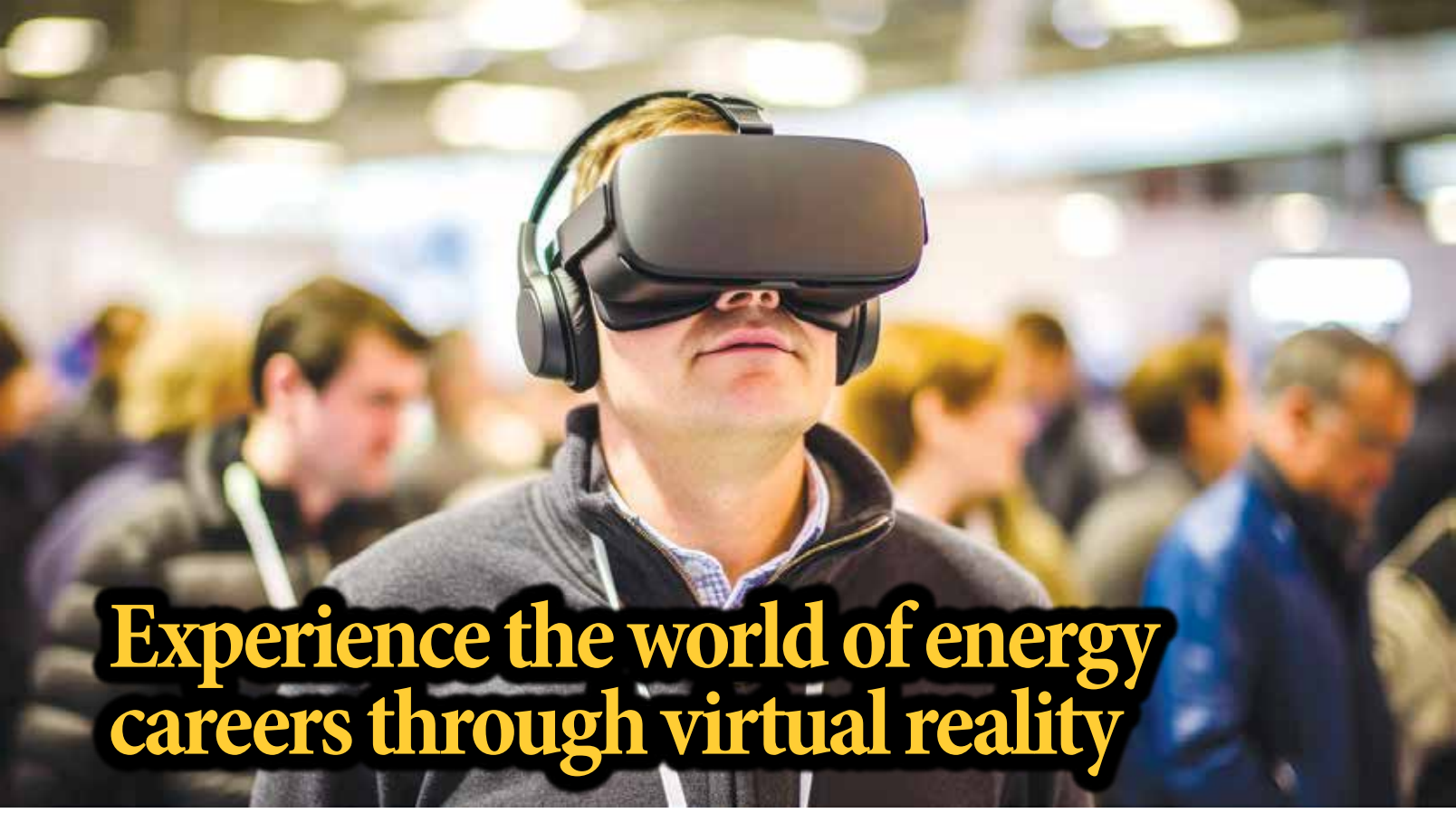
Manitoba's oil & gas sector is at a strategic crossroads. The province has an opportunity to build a workforce that's not only technically skilled but also aligned with long term environmental and economic goals.

A coordinated approach between government and industry should focus on:

- A provincial energy workforce strategy aligned with net zero goals
- Investment in specialized training infrastructure
- Support for Indigenous led training and employment pathways
- Incentives for rural workforce retention
- Upskilling programs focused on digital and environmental competencies

The stakes are high. Workforce capacity will determine whether Manitoba's oil & gas sector remains a stable economic engine for rural communities – or whether labour shortages and skill gaps erode its competitiveness.

For government and industry leaders, the path forward isn't simply about filling jobs. It's about building a resilient, future ready workforce capable of supporting both today's energy needs and tomorrow's low carbon economy. ❖



Experience the world of energy careers through virtual reality

By Lisette Cameron, Analyst, Careers in Energy

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Canada's energy sector remains a critical pillar of the national economy, supporting employment across a wide range of technical, operational, and professional roles. As the industry navigates technological advancement, decarbonization, and shifting market demands, workforce readiness has become a strategic priority.

Careers in Energy (CIE), a division of Energy Safety Canada (ESC), supports industry by strengthening the talent pipeline and enabling informed workforce planning. Through labour market intelligence, practical tools, and career resources – grounded in a strong foundation in safety training – CIE and ESC help align workforce development with industry needs while maintaining high safety standards across Canada's energy system.

IMMERSIVE VIRTUAL REALITY EXPERIENCES

CIE delivers a suite of virtual reality (VR) experiences that provide immersive exposure to real energy worksites and occupations. The program offers a blend of education and innovation, offering participants a firsthand view of how Canada's energy sector functions today – and how it's evolving.

These experiences showcase the scale and complexity of energy operations across established and emerging sectors. Participants can explore facilities, observe interdisciplinary teams at work, and see how automation, innovation, and digital tools are reshaping roles across the sector. For audiences unfamiliar with modern energy careers, VR helps bridge the gap between perception and reality.

A STRUCTURED APPROACH TO CAREER EXPLORATION

Each experience serves a distinct purpose within the career discovery journey:

- Adapting Futures introduces users to emerging and evolving energy sectors through immersive tours of innovative worksites. It highlights cleantech, renewables, petrochemicals, digitization,

automation, and industrial construction, demonstrating how technology and sustainability are shaping future skill requirements.

- Experience the Energy: Take the Tour allows participants to virtually visit real energy worksites. Users gain insight into operations, technologies, equipment, and workflows and see how diverse occupations across trades, engineering, technology, and operations work together to support safe and efficient energy production.
- Experience the Energy: Take the Challenge uses scenario based mini games to simulate real workplace tasks such as equipment operation, hazard identification, and problem solving. Participants test their skills and receive tailored career recommendations based on how their abilities align with specific energy occupations.
- Take the Energy Journey provides a guided exploration of multiple energy facilities and career pathways. The experience helps users connect their interests to real world worksites, emerging technologies, and long term career opportunities within Canada's energy industry.

These tools help bring energy careers to life – all while reinforcing the importance of safety, innovation and adaptability in today's energy workforce.

SCALABLE, NO COST ENGAGEMENT FOR ORGANIZATIONS

CIE offers these VR experiences at no cost to support outreach and engagement in Manitoba and across Canada, helping organizations – from schools and community organizations to career fairs and industry events – promote meaningful conversations about energy careers.

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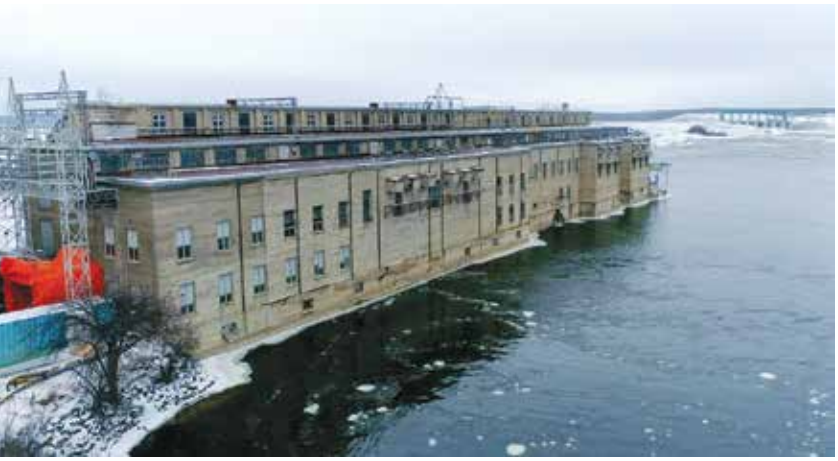
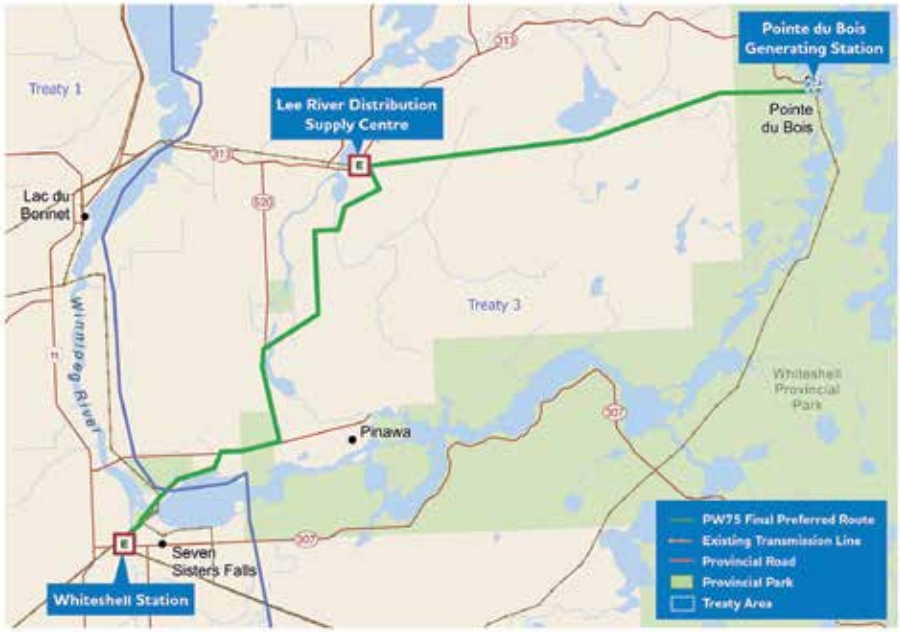
Pointe du Bois Renewable Energy Project: Modernizing Manitoba's oldest hydroelectric workhorse

By Lyndon McLean



For more than a century, the Pointe du Bois generating station has been a quiet constant in Manitoba's energy landscape. Commissioned in 1911 and originally built by City Hydro – later Winnipeg Hydro – Pointe du Bois is the oldest hydroelectric plant still operating on the Winnipeg River. Its 16 turbine generator units, housed in a 135 metre powerhouse beside a 14 metre waterfall drop, have delivered an average of 599 million kilowatt hours annually for generations.

But even for a facility built with early 20th century industrial ambition, age eventually demands renewal. And that's the driving force behind the Pointe du Bois Renewable Energy Project (PREP), a multi year modernization initiative that pairs new generating units with a new high capacity transmission line to ensure the station remains a reliable contributor to Manitoba's clean energy supply well into the middle of this century.



A CENTURY-OLD STATION READY FOR RENEWAL

Pointe du Bois has served Manitoba well since construction began in 1909, ultimately reaching completion in 1926 at a cost of $3.25 million. Today, its net capability stands at 34 megawatts, supported by 15 double horizontal shaft Francis turbines and one Straflo turbine. The station connects to the provincial grid through 69 kV lines to Winnipeg and 138 kV lines to Slave Falls.

Yet many of the station's electrical, mechanical, and civil components are more than 100 years old. PREP addresses this reality head on by replacing eight of the original generating units that are nearing end of life. The new units will

restore the station closer to its full licensed generating capacity without exceeding any limits set out in the Water Power Act license governing upstream water levels.

Once installed, the upgraded units are expected to add an average of 380 gigawatt hours of annual production. That's enough electricity to power approximately 35,000 additional Manitoba homes, extending the station's operable life to at least 2055 and reinforcing Manitoba Hydro's long term renewable energy strategy.

INSIDE THE GENERATING STATION UPGRADE

The generating station component of PREP has been underway since 2022:

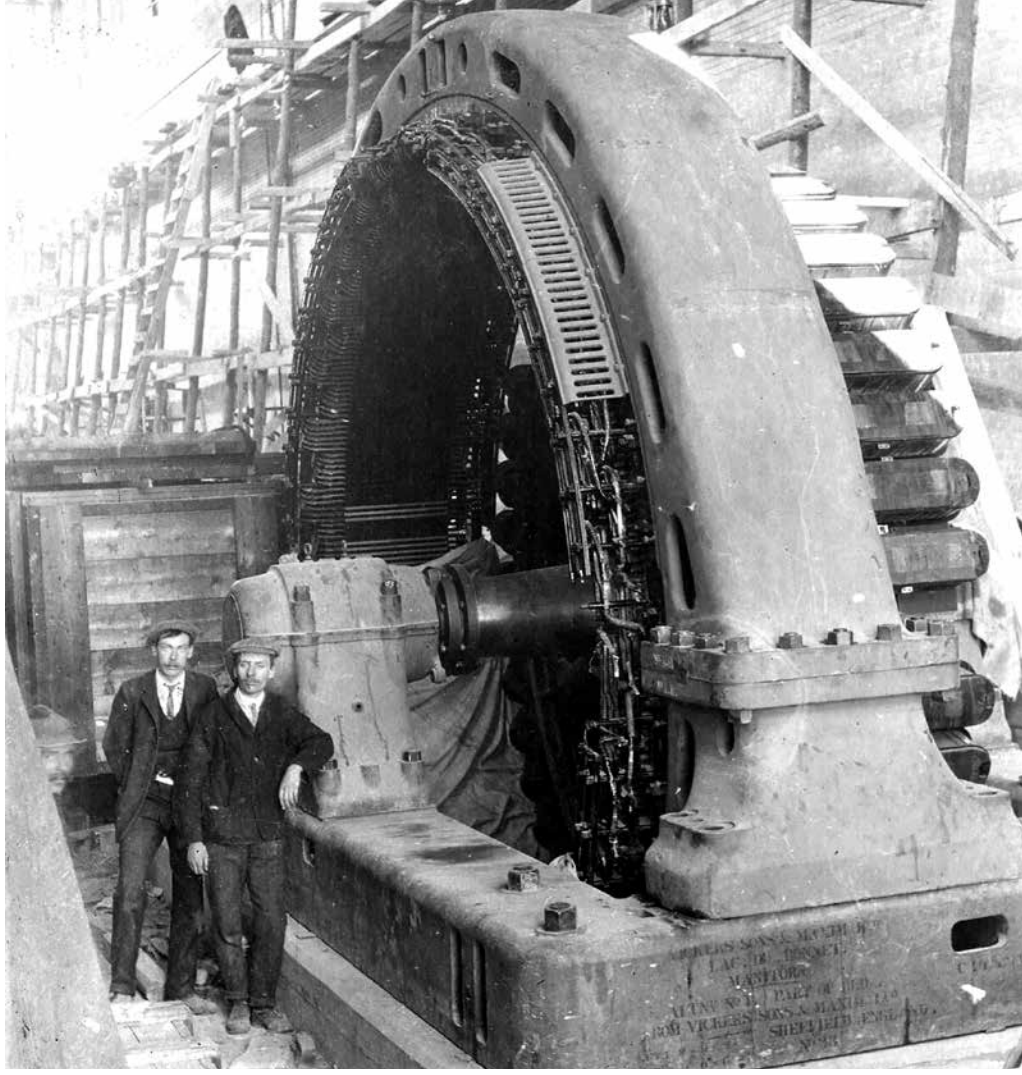
- Preliminary worksite and equipment preparation: Fall 2022
- Removal of old generating units: Spring 2023 to spring 2024
- Assembly and installation of new units: Ongoing through summer 2027

This phased approach allows the station to continue operating while modernization proceeds, maintaining reliability for customers and stability for the provincial grid.

A NEW TRANSMISSION LINE FOR A NEW ERA

Modernizing Pointe du Bois is only half the story. The station's increased output requires a transmission system capable of carrying more power, and the existing lines – some of which date back decades – are nearing replacement.

To meet future demand, Manitoba Hydro is constructing a new 115 kV transmission line, designated PW75, running approximately 51 kilometres from Pointe du Bois to the Whiteshell station. The project received its Class 2 Environment Act licence on September 12, 2025.



The new line will:

- Increase transmission capacity to match the upgraded generating units
- Improve reliability for customers in surrounding communities
- Replace an aging 66 kV line to Winnipeg that will be decommissioned
- Utilize an existing right of way between Pointe du Bois and the Lee River distribution supply centre, widened to accommodate the higher voltage infrastructure
- Establish a new right of way between Lee River DSC and Whiteshell station

Additional upgrades at both Pointe du Bois and Whiteshell stations will support the new transmission configuration.

Construction of PW75 began in December 2025, with a target in service date of summer 2027 – timed to align with completion of the new generating units.

A STRATEGIC INVESTMENT IN MANITOBA'S RENEWABLE FUTURE

The Pointe du Bois Renewable Energy Project is more than a refurbishment; it's a strategic investment in Manitoba's long term clean energy system. By modernizing the province's oldest hydroelectric station and pairing it with new transmission infrastructure, Manitoba Hydro is reinforcing grid reliability, increasing renewable generation, and ensuring that a century old asset continues to deliver value in a rapidly evolving energy landscape.

As the province continues to position itself as a leader in renewable electricity, PREP stands as a reminder that innovation isn't always about building something new – it's often about renewing the legacy assets that have powered communities for generations. ❖

Strategic savings: *Take control of your facility's energy use*

In today's ever-evolving industrial landscape, planning future activities, investments, and costs while managing operations is challenging. With so much to consider at once, energy efficiency may be the last thing on your mind.

However, prioritizing energy efficiency is essential for environmental and economic sustainability. Taking an "energy efficiency first" approach delivers guaranteed returns through bill savings, lower operational costs, and improved productivity. Addressing inefficiencies now leads to benefits for years to come.

HOW EFFICIENCY MANITOBA'S STRATEGIC ENERGY MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS CAN HELP

Efficiency Manitoba's Strategic Energy Manager Initiative supports large industrial companies that use more than 20 GWh of electricity annually in strategically reducing energy consumption within the organization. This program offers an enhanced incentive structure to offset the cost of hiring and maintaining a full-time energy manager dedicated to identifying energy savings opportunities and developing a Strategic Energy Management Plan.

Many industrial facilities use less than 20 GWh annually, and a new Strategic Energy Management Cohorts program has recently been launched to support medium and smaller facilities that use less than 20 GWh annually.

Instead of hiring an energy manager, participants identify an energy champion at their facility and join a cohort of other similar-sized organizations to participate in a shared energy efficiency experience. Participants receive many of the same benefits as the Strategic Energy Manager Initiative, including access to workshops, coaching, financial incentives, and technical support.

Both Strategic Energy Management programs have the same objective, to help make your industrial operations more energy efficient through planning and a focus on continuous improvement.

WHAT IS A STRATEGIC ENERGY MANAGEMENT PLAN?

A Strategic Energy Management Plan is a formal energy reduction strategy for your facility that outlines annual savings targets and potential energy-saving projects. As your organization progresses through the program, your team will receive coaching, training, and support to identify and implement energy-saving projects and build their expertise. Efficiency Manitoba facilitates collaboration across your organization to create a culture of conservation.

PROGRAM BENEFITS AND SUPPORTS

The Strategic Energy Management programs provide the following supports:

- A fully funded Strategic Energy Management Workshop, to unite your team to identify and implement energy-saving opportunities
- Ongoing coaching and training opportunities
- Incentives for operational and behavioural energy-saving projects outside of existing Efficiency Manitoba offers
- Development of an energy model to track performance
- Access to Efficiency Manitoba's Equipment Lending Library for instruments and logging tools to better understand your organization's energy use

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- Marketing materials, templates, and tips to communicate, promote, and celebrate energy-saving initiatives

PROJECT FEATURE: CENOVUS

In April 2025, Cenovus joined Efficiency Manitoba's Strategic Energy Manager Initiative. Their Minnedosa-based ethanol plant has already participated in several Efficiency Manitoba offers, including their Custom Energy Solutions Program, Business Lighting Program, and Feasibility Studies.

"We've had great experiences working with Efficiency Manitoba, and we're looking forward to building on that momentum," said Rajesh Gupta, Senior Technical Advisor at Cenovus. "Their Strategic Energy Manager Initiative supports our ongoing efforts to reduce our plant's energy consumption."

After joining the program, Cenovus held its Strategic Energy Management Workshop in June. "It was a great first step to get buy-in from all our employees and make this a team effort we can all be proud of," said Rajesh.

"I've been impressed with the support Efficiency Manitoba provides through this program," continued Rajesh. "I'm excited to see how much our plant can save as the program progresses."

START SAVING ENERGY TODAY

If you're a larger industrial facility committed to continuous improvement, innovation, and energy efficiency, Efficiency Manitoba can help you reach your financial and sustainability goals. Get in touch with their team by emailing energymanager@efficiencyMB.ca.

To learn more about Efficiency Manitoba's Industrial programs and other energy efficiency technologies, visit efficiencyMB.ca/industrial. ❖

EFFICIENCY MANITOBA

OCNI is the gateway to Western Canada's nuclear future

ORGANIZATION OF CANADIAN NUCLEAR INDUSTRIES
OCNI
Clean Energy for a Low Carbon Economy

By Ivette Vera-Perez, President & CEO, Organization of Canadian Nuclear Industries

Canadian Provinces from coast to coast are increasingly looking to nuclear technology as a pillar of a secure and economically beneficial energy future. This trend is a strategic response to a world where energy sovereignty and reliability, and economic diversification, are increasingly important. The scale of the challenge is clear: according to Canada's Energy Regulator, domestic demand for electricity is forecast to more than double by 2050. Meeting this surging demand will require a diversified, high-output grid built on a foundation of reliable, sustainable, nuclear power.

Provinces like Saskatchewan and Alberta have already signaled strong nuclear ambitions, recognizing that nuclear energy provides the reliable, clean, baseload power essential for heavy industry and growing populations. Western Canada more broadly is positioned to leverage its industrial expertise in support of this buildout of nuclear across the country.

Suppliers and service providers across the region are facing a unique opportunity to join Canada's world-class nuclear supply chain. OCNI serves as the bridge for businesses entering the nuclear sector. With Canada's reputation as a Tier 1 nuclear power, the upcoming expansion is a prime opportunity for Western Canada to capitalize on its industrial strength. By investing in the readiness of local supply chains today, Alberta's SMEs can meet the global gold standard for nuclear certification and secure their place in this high-growth industry.

OCNI acts as the primary "gateway," clarifying complex entry requirements for "new-to-nuclear" businesses. By providing a structured roadmap, OCNI helps small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) expand their existing industrial capabilities into a sector that can complement their existing businesses and growth opportunities over the lifetime of a multigenerational piece of infrastructure.

A critical challenge for Western Canadian suppliers is the timeline of nuclear procurement. Unlike traditional industrial projects, nuclear readiness must be cultivated years in advance. If a business waits for final regulatory approval to begin certification, the window for participation will likely have already closed. Procurement cycles for specialized components mean the supply chain must be ready well before the first shovel hits the ground.

While Saskatchewan and Alberta have taken visible steps toward integrating nuclear power, the potential for a pan-Western supply chain is immense.

While the barrier to entry is high, nuclear facilities are designed to operate for upwards of 80 years, offering stable, high-value contracts that span generations and providing positive GDP benefits to communities long after construction has ended. OCNI's core mission is to help companies achieve "Ready for Nuclear" status today, ensuring that substantial economic benefits remain within Western Canada.

While Saskatchewan and Alberta have taken visible steps toward integrating nuclear power, the potential for a pan-Western supply chain is immense. Provinces like Manitoba and British Columbia, with their deep industrial roots and technical talent, are perfectly positioned to support this regional build-out.

For the private sector to commit capital to specialized certifications, however, the industry will require policy certainty. OCNI and its partners are working closely with both industry and government to mitigate risk by encouraging mechanisms that support early-stage domestic investment. The organization also strives to provide clarity by advocating for long-term procurement frameworks that allow local shops to commit to a nuclear future well in advance of construction. Through these efforts, OCNI facilitates regional integration by connecting Western suppliers to the broader Canadian nuclear ecosystem, ensuring they can compete on a national and global stage.

Western Canada has built its economy on a spirit of innovation and the ability to deliver complex industrial projects. Nuclear energy represents the next evolution of that legacy. By incorporating nuclear power, the West can insulate its economy from global economic and trade uncertainty while doubling down on its competitive advantage. The journey to becoming a nuclear powerhouse begins with supply chain readiness. OCNI is here to open that door, providing the map toward success and ensuring Western Canada remains an energy leader for the next century and beyond.

Ivette Vera-Perez is a recognized leader with over 20 years of experience in energy, cleantech, and sustainability. Her background includes strategic planning, business development, and advancing low-carbon solutions through cross-sector collaboration. She holds a Master of Applied Science from UBC and an MBA from McGill University.

Before joining the Organization of Canadian Nuclear Industries (OCNI), Ivette served as President and CEO of the Canadian Hydrogen Association, where she led the rebranding the organization, expanded its national footprint and more than doubled its membership base. She worked closely with the federal government to advance Canada's Hydrogen Strategy.

Earlier, she led the national industry team at Mitacs and managed over $275 million in GHG reduction programs at the Ontario Centres of Innovation. Ivette has served on the boards of Canada Cleantech Alliance and the Atlantic Hydrogen Alliance, is a founding Director of the Ontario Clean Technology Industry Association (OCTIA) and currently sits on the NRC's Clean Energy Innovation Research Centre Advisory Board. ❖

Environmental sustainability in Manitoba's oil & gas sector: What operators need to know

By Lyndon McLean

Manitoba's oil & gas sector is small by national standards but strategically important, supporting rural economies, stabilizing regional employment, and contributing to provincial energy security. But it also operates in a jurisdiction where environmental expectations are rising faster than in most other producing regions.

For industry leaders, Manitoba's sustainability landscape is no longer a peripheral concern. It has become a core operational reality, shaping regulatory compliance, capital allocation, technology adoption, and long term competitiveness.

The question is no longer whether sustainability matters. It's how companies can integrate it into their business model in a way that protects margins, strengthens social licence, and positions them for a low carbon future.

A REGULATORY CLIMATE THAT DEMANDS MORE

Manitoba's oil & gas sector is modest – less than three per cent of Canada's total production – but it operates under a provincial government that has made climate action a defining policy priority. The Path to Net Zero strategy commits Manitoba to deep emissions reductions across all sectors, and the Province's Clean Energy Strategy pushes electrification, geothermal heating, solar, wind, and biofuels.

For operators, this means:

- Stricter methane regulations and more rigorous reporting
- Higher expectations for land and water stewardship
- Greater scrutiny of wellsite reclamation timelines
- Pressure to integrate renewable or low emission technologies

Manitoba's regulatory environment isn't adversarial, but it is assertive. Companies that anticipate compliance trends rather than react to them will be better positioned to avoid cost shocks and maintain operational flexibility.

METHANE REDUCTION: THE PATH TO COMPLIANCE AND COST SAVINGS

Methane is the most immediate sustainability battleground. Federal regulations require steep reductions, and Manitoba's producers have responded. Already they've adopted leak detection and repair (LDAR) programs; infrared imaging for fugitive emissions; low bleed or no bleed pneumatic devices; and solar powered pump systems. These investments are not just about meeting regulatory thresholds. They reduce product loss, lower carbon intensity, and strengthen the industry's social licence in a province where environmental expectations are high.

For operators, methane reduction is the rare sustainability initiative that pays for itself.

LAND AND WATER: THE MANITOBA ADVANTAGE... IF IT'S MANAGED WELL

Manitoba's environmental ethos is shaped by its geography and culture. Landowners expect responsible development. Municipalities expect transparency. And Indigenous communities expect meaningful engagement.

This creates both risk and opportunity.

Risks lie in poorly managed land or water issues that can escalate quickly – politically, legally, and reputationally. However, companies that excel in reclamation, water recycling, and community engagement gain smoother permitting, stronger relationships, and fewer operational disruptions.

Many Manitoba operators already exceed minimum reclamation standards, recognizing that long term access to land depends on trust. Water recycling technologies are also gaining traction,

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In a province where environmental stewardship is part of the social fabric, operational excellence in land and water management is a competitive differentiator.

INDIGENOUS PARTNERSHIPS: A STRATEGIC IMPERATIVE

Across Canada, Indigenous participation in energy development is reshaping the sector. In Manitoba, this trend is accelerating – especially in renewable energy, where Indigenous led geothermal, solar, and biomass projects are expanding rapidly.

For oil & gas companies, this shift has implications:

- Consultation expectations are rising.
- Environmental monitoring increasingly incorporates Indigenous knowledge.
- Economic participation models are evolving.

Companies that build strong Indigenous partnerships find smoother project execution, fewer delays, and stronger community support. Those that treat consultation as a checkbox exercise will face growing resistance.

THE RENEWABLE SHADOW AND THE INTEGRATION OPPORTUNITY

Manitoba's oil & gas sector operates alongside one of the cleanest electricity grids in North America. Hydroelectricity dominates. Wind and solar are expanding. Geothermal heating is gaining momentum. This creates pressure on fossil fuels – but also opportunity.

Forward looking operators are exploring:

- Solar powered pumpjacks
- Electrified drilling and production equipment
- Hybrid renewable fossil operations
- Geothermal integration for facility heating

In a province with abundant, low cost clean electricity, electrification isn't just environmentally beneficial; it can reduce operating costs and improve reliability.

The companies that thrive will be those that treat renewables as a tool, not a threat.

A TRANSITION DEFINED BY EVOLUTION, NOT EXIT

By no means is Manitoba phasing out oil & gas anytime soon. The province's climate strategy acknowledges that fossil fuels remain essential for the foreseeable future. Rural economies depend on the sector. And the infrastructure, workforce, and supply chains are deeply embedded.

But the sector is being reshaped by:

- Tighter emissions standards
- Growing Indigenous leadership
- Increasing public expectations
- The rise of low carbon alternatives

For industry leaders, the path forward is clear: operate cleaner, engage earlier, innovate faster, and integrate sustainability into every stage of the value chain.

This is not about survival. It's about competitiveness.

THE BOTTOM LINE FOR INDUSTRY

Manitoba's oil & gas sector is entering a new era – one defined not by production volumes, but by operational excellence and environmental performance.

Companies that succeed will:

- Treat methane reduction as a business opportunity
- Lead on land and water stewardship
- Build durable Indigenous partnerships
- Leverage Manitoba's clean energy advantage
- Integrate sustainability into long term planning

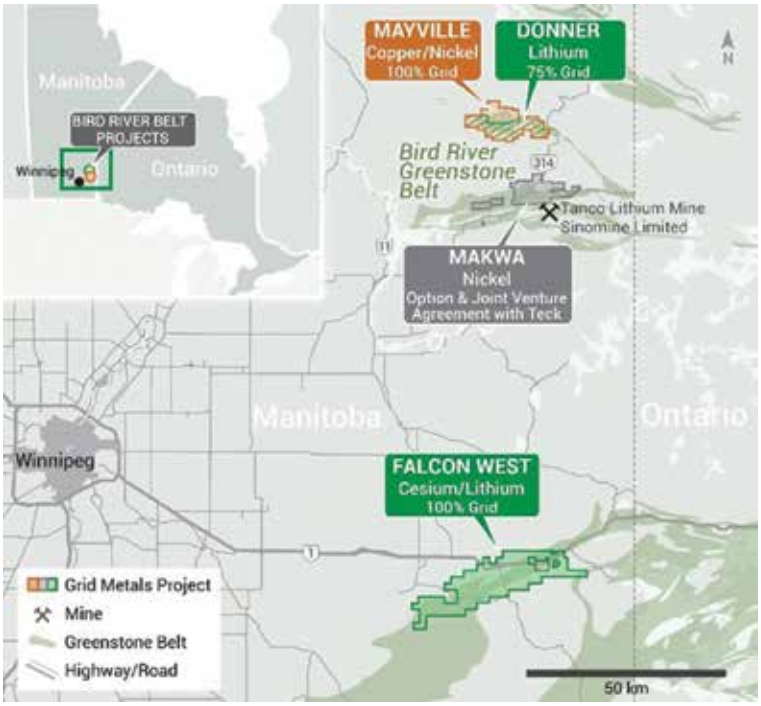
The pumpjacks near Virden and Waskada will keep moving. But the expectations surrounding them are changing. And the companies that adapt now will define the future of Manitoba's energy landscape. ❖

Grid Metals: A global leader in cesium exploration and development

Grid Metals is focused on advancing its Falcon West cesium discovery, located in southeastern Manitoba, while maintaining upside optionality to other critical metals projects in the province. Since the end of 2025, Grid Metals has completed two cesium-focused drill programs at Falcon West with 56 assays pending from the Phase 2 drill program. The company expects to commence work on an initial cesium resource estimate once all assays have been received.

As background, cesium has been designated a critical mineral by the US and Canadian governments. It's an extremely rare metal that is supply constrained with the USGS reporting that existing stockpiles could be depleted in a few years. There have only been six cesium-bearing pollucite deposits ever discovered, and it's widely believed that the Tanco mine in Manitoba is the only mine producing cesium feedstock at the moment. Cesium carbonate currently trades for US$240,000/t, doubling since summer 2025 and approximately 10 times the price of lithium carbonate.

Outside of Grid's focus on its flagship cesium project, the company has announced two earn-in agreements with major mining companies on Manitoba projects in the last 18 months (Teck Resources in December 2024 and Boliden in April 2026). In addition, the company has a 6.8 million tonne lithium resource located close to the Tanco lithium/cesium operation in southeastern Manitoba that stands to benefit from the recent move higher in lithium prices.



With a number of "shots on net" to realize value for shareholders in the next 12 to 18 months, Grid Metals is a name to keep an eye on! ❖

MMF establishes partnership with RES to deliver renewable energy for Manitobans

In January, the Manitoba Métis Federation (MMF), through its affiliate the Red River Métis Power Corporation (RRMPC), entered into a formal relationship with RES, the world's largest independent renewable energy company, to advance Manitoba's clean energy future.

"Over the past year we have carried out an industry partner selection process that included an extensive due diligence process on values and principles alignment, capacity and capabilities assessment, and project development openness," noted Jack Park, MMF Minister of Energy and Infrastructure, and Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors of RRMPC. "After meeting with over a dozen multi-national renewable energy companies and visiting some existing wind farm operations, RES has been selected as the right industry partner for us as we develop renewable energy projects."

The RRMPC and RES signed a Memorandum of Understanding outlining shared objectives for strategic renewable energy development. With this government-industry relationship in place and wind energy project development well advanced, both parties are working to finalize a definitive agreement in preparation for the current Manitoba Hydro Request for Qualified Suppliers and subsequent Request for Proposals.

"RES is honoured to partner with the Manitoba Métis Federation and the Red River Métis Power Corporation as we work together to advance renewable energy in Manitoba," said Peter Clibbon, Senior Vice-President, RES in Canada. "We deeply value the confidence placed in us. This partnership is grounded in trust, respect, and a commitment to long-term collaboration. Together, we have the opportunity to shape projects that deliver lasting benefits and contribute to a cleaner, more resilient energy future for Manitobans."

Launched in October 2024, the RRMPC is an affiliate of the MMF with a mandate to develop wind power capacity in Manitoba, along with other long-term energy and economic development objectives.

RES operates in 24 countries and has delivered over 28 GW of renewable projects worldwide including wind, solar, energy storage, and green hydrogen, as well as transmission and distribution. In Canada, RES has developed or constructed more than 3.9 GW of wind, solar, and energy storage projects since 2005, with a 9.9 GW pipeline under development.

"The MMF is ready to do our part to provide the energy needed for Manitoba residents, export opportunities, major projects, and industry demand going forward," said MMF President David Chartrand. "Our initial 200 MW wind energy project that we are developing with RES is the beginning of our renewable energy plans. Through it and other projects we will continue to develop and strengthen our renewable energy utility, the Red River Métis Power Corporation." ❖

Top three causes of heavy-duty back-up generator leaks

West End Radiators' mobile technicians repair a back-up generator heat exchanger on-site.

Back-up generators are a critical piece of equipment for oil & gas, energy, and critical minerals operations across Manitoba.

Across compressor stations, processing facilities, and remote mine sites, dependable power is essential for maintaining production, protecting equipment and ensuring crew safety during outages.

West End Radiators (West End Rad | WER), a Manitoba-based heat exchanger repair, rebuild, and manufacturing shop, specializes in servicing cooling systems for back-up generators across all major OEMs, including CAT, Cummins, Onan, Detroit, and Perkins.

With over 65 years of experience servicing back-up generator heat exchangers for oil & gas, energy, and mining equipment across Western Canada, their team has seen just about everything.

So, we asked West End Rad's Director of Technical Innovation & Co-Owner, Justin Feeleus, to share the three most common reasons heat exchangers in back-up generators start to fail. Here's what he had to say.

REASON 1: LACK OF GENERATOR USE

Back-up generators (gensets) are designed for emergencies, so they often sit idle for long periods of time. Ironically, that lack of use is one of the most common contributors to heat exchanger leaks.

Why? Because when a generator isn't run regularly, coolant becomes stagnant, accelerating internal corrosion.

"By the time a site needs emergency power, the heat exchanger may already be weakened and susceptible to cracking and leaking from lack of use," says Feeleus.

To help prevent this, West End Rad's technicians recommend running your backup generator for at least 30 minutes each month to ensure proper circulation and confirm the system is operating as it should.

REASON 2: INTERNAL RUSTING

The metals inside a genset heat exchanger are constantly exposed to coolant, air, and fluctuating temperatures. Unfortunately, these are the perfect conditions for rust to form.

Once rust starts, it quickly eats away at the metal inside of the generator's heat exchanger.

"Rust is one of those things you don't see until it's too late," Feeleus says. "By the time we open the unit, the damage is already done on the inside."

Even minor rust buildup can cause your generator to run hotter, potentially pushing its heat exchanger past its limits.

REASON 3: CONTAMINATION FROM IMPROPER FLUID LEVELS

Maintaining the correct coolant level is one of the simplest ways to protect a generator's heat exchanger. That's because low coolant exposes components to air, accelerating oxidation and reducing heat transfer.

A clogged and corroded back-up generator heat exchanger — the kind of issue West End Rad's custom-manufactured aluminum coolant reservoirs are designed to prevent.

On the other hand, overfilling creates excess pressure as coolant expands. This puts stress on the system and increases the risk of cracks and leaks.

"This is a perfect example of why back-up generators need custom-built heat exchangers," says Feeleus. "OEM parts can work for light or moderate conditions, but backup generators operate at a completely different level."

WEST END RADIATOR'S SOLUTION: CUSTOM ALUMINUM COOLANT RESERVOIRS

Luckily, West End Rad has a long-term, cost-effective fix. Custom aluminum coolant reservoirs. The company manufactures these at their Winnipeg plant.

"These reservoirs not only solve existing leaks, but help prevent future failures caused by rust, contamination, or long periods of inactivity," notes Feeleus.

WER starts by visiting your site to take precise measurements of the existing heat exchanger. Then, using those measurements, their team manufactures a custom reservoir and returns to install it along with a new heat exchanger core as needed.

Each unit is engineered and tested to be 100 per cent leak-free, helping maintain consistent temperatures and reduce strain on the generator.

DEALING WITH A LEAKING BACKUP GENERATOR?

If your business is experiencing issues with your on-site generator's cooling system, WER's safety-certified mobile service technicians can come to your site to assess your heat exchanger.

West End Radiators services heavy-duty industries across Canada. Learn more on their website westendrad.ca. ❖

Canada and Manitoba sign a new agreement to get major projects built faster

Courtesy of the Prime Minister's Office

The world is changing rapidly. In response, Canada's new government is focused on what we can control. We are building a stronger, more independent, more resilient economy – an economy built on the solid foundation of strong Canadian industries and workers, bolstered by diverse international trade partners.

That's why Canada's new government is diversifying our trade partnerships – securing more than 20 economic and security partnerships across four continents. To seize the full potential of these partnerships, Canada's new government is partnering with provinces, territories, and Indigenous governments to build new ports, highways, and trade and energy corridors at speed and scale.

Prime Minister Mark Carney and Manitoba Premier Wab Kinew announced the new Co-operation Agreement between Manitoba and Canada on Environmental and Impact Assessment.

This agreement will bring a "one project, one review" approach to major infrastructure initiatives in Manitoba. Canada and Manitoba will implement a streamlined and flexible assessment process that minimises duplication and delivers major projects faster while reinforcing strong environmental protections and upholding the rights of Indigenous Peoples. This ensures both governments can adopt the most effective assessment process on a case-by-case basis – either by relying on Manitoba's process or by implementing a coordinated federal-provincial approach.

The new Co-operation Agreement will help accelerate major infrastructure projects across Manitoba – getting shovels in the ground faster on projects like the Port of Churchill Plus. This project would modernise the Port of Churchill by advancing potential improvements, such as an all-weather road, rail line enhancements, a new energy corridor, and strengthened marine ice-breaking capacity. Together, these upgrades would establish a reliable trade corridor in the North, enabling Canada to export more resources to European markets. In September 2025, Canada's new government referred this project to the Major Projects Office to help move it forward. Since then, the federal government has provided $500,000 to enable decision-making led by First Nations, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, and the Manitoba Métis Federation, as well as the development of the Manitoba Crown Indigenous Corporation to help lead the project, while also working with the private sector through the MPO to explore efficient ways to move critical minerals and LNG through the port. Now, with today's Co-operation Agreement, Canada and Manitoba can pool our resources to further advance this project and unlock its full potential.

This agreement builds on the strong partnership between the governments of Canada and Manitoba – a partnership rooted in a shared mission to build big and build fast. It is the seventh impact assessment agreement Canada has reached with a province, following agreements with Alberta, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Ontario, New Brunswick, and British Columbia.

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"Today's agreement between Canada and Manitoba means shovels in the ground faster on major infrastructure projects that will transform our economy. Together, we are cutting red tape and streamlining approvals to build new trade and energy corridors that will power our industries, create thousands of high-paying Canadian careers, and expand our reach in global markets. We're building Manitoba strong to build Canada strong."

— The Rt. Hon. Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada

"Manitobans are excited about building up the port of Churchill to create good jobs, chart new trade routes for Canadian goods, and finally make Manitoba a 'have province.' Today marks an important step in our ongoing collaboration with the federal government to streamline regulatory processes and set the right conditions for private sector investment in our Arctic port as we continue to work with Indigenous nations, the Major Projects Office, and other stakeholders to advance the Churchill Plus project."

— The Hon. Wab Kinew, Premier of Manitoba

"By adopting a 'one project, one review' approach, we are streamlining federal and provincial assessments under a single, coordinated process. Together, Canada and Manitoba are unlocking transformative opportunities for investment, trade, and good-paying careers that will strengthen the economy and build a stronger, more sustainable future for Manitobans and all Canadians."

— The Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, President of the King's Privy Council for Canada and Minister responsible for Canada-U.S. Trade, Intergovernmental Affairs,Internal Trade and One Canadian Economy

"Today's agreement with Manitoba will help us build faster and smarter in the province I am proud to have grown up in. In Manitoba and beyond, 'one project, one review' means less duplication, more certainty, and a clearer path to unlock projects that will grow our economy, strengthen our energy security, and create good jobs."

— The Hon. Tim Hodgson, Minister of Energy and Natural Resources

"This agreement demonstrates our commitment to working together for a cleaner environment and a stronger economy, ensuring that major projects move forward efficiently and responsibly – while maintaining Canada's world-leading environmental standards and upholding constitutional obligations to Indigenous Peoples."

— The Hon. Julie Aviva Dabrusin, Minister of the Environment, Climate Change and Nature

"We are proud to announce this agreement that will allow us to move forward in developing the Port of Churchill while ensuring rigorous environmental standards and protecting the rights of Indigenous and Northern communities. This is a balanced and sustainable approach that will open opportunities to grow our economy through investment and trade and create good jobs for Manitobans while protecting Manitoba's unique lands and waters."

— The Hon. Mike Moyes, Manitoba's Minister of Environment and Climate Change

QUICK FACTS

- Today's agreement between Canada and Manitoba is the seventh of its kind, following those with Prince Edward Island, Ontario, New Brunswick, Alberta, Nova Scotia, and a previously established agreement on impact assessments with British Columbia.
- The Port of Churchill Plus project is part of a larger vision to unlock an Indigenous-owned energy corridor in Manitoba. This project would be developed in close cooperation with Manitoba's new Crown-Indigenous Corporation. Both the federal and provincial governments are working with the town of Churchill, Manitoba, the Arctic Gateway Group, as well as Nunavut and Inuit to advance this project. ❖

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