

Advocacy at a Glance – Q3 2024 Update

Quarterly, UDI Manitoba will be providing members with an update on our advocacy initiatives. Our “Advocacy at a Glance” update will provide members with a snapshot on the UDI’s top advocacy files and initiatives.

UDI and MHBA present at WMR Plan 20-50 Hearing



On July 25, 2024, MHBA CEO Lanny McInnes presented industry feedback to the Winnipeg Metro Region’s Board of Directors at its first public hearing on the WMR’s proposed regional plan, Plan 20-50.

The Winnipeg Metropolitan Region (WMR) has prepared [Plan20-50](#), a 30-year regional plan for Manitoba’s Capital Region that provides a long-term framework to coordinate land use, servicing, and infrastructure. Plan20-50 sets the blueprint for a resilient, sustainable, and globally competitive region. Plan20-50 considers: community growth and development, infrastructure investment and servicing, regional economic development, watershed and natural asset stewardship, climate resilience, agriculture and resources, and collaboration with Indigenous Nations.

To read the MHBA/UDI MB presentation to the WMR Board, [click here](#)

Province to Introduce New Capital Regional Planning Legislation this Fall

The Manitoba government has announced it is planning to introduce legislation to give municipalities the freedom to choose whether they want to take part in the capital planning region. Details on what these legislative changes will look like will be shared once legislation has been introduced before the house. Information on next steps for the Winnipeg Metro Region and the Plan 20-50 public hearing process will be shared with members as it becomes available.

To view the government's press release, [click here](#)

City of Winnipeg Rapid Zoning Bylaw Amendments/HAF Initiatives

UDI has been actively engaged with City officials over the summer as they consult on further zoning bylaw changes that facilitate the further development of malls and corridors, streamlining permitting process, and look to establish a Infill Infrastructure program as part of its Housing Accelerator Fund initiatives.

Development Agreements on Permits

UDI continues to have representatives serve on the provincial government's Bill 37 Working Group, which is examining how to potentially implement the part of Bill 37 which would allow for municipalities to attach development agreements on building permits. This part of the Bill was passed by the Manitoba Legislative Assembly but has not yet been enacted by the government. UDI representatives met with provincial officials and provided a recommended regulatory definition of "major development". UDI continues to monitor this situation very closely and will provide members with an update as soon as new information becomes available.

Bill 37 Review

Braid Solutions has been engaged by the Province of Manitoba to initiate the Statutory Review of Bill 37.

Stakeholder meetings, including a number of sessions with UDI members, were held over the summer with a final report and recommendations scheduled to be provided to the Minister of Municipal Relations in October. It is expected that any regulatory or legislative changes to Bill 37 would be brought before the Legislature during the Spring 2025 session.

UDI Manitoba Launches New Committees

UDI Manitoba launched 2 new Committees to assist and advise UDI's Board of Directors on issues impacting Manitoba's land development industry. The two Committee's have be constituted and have been working over the summer on a host of issues important to Manitoba's development community..

UDI's Technical Research Committee, chaired by Veronica Eno, has been engaged with City officials on two primary topics over the summer. Parks design and construction/warranty issues, as well as securities, have been the focus of the committee's work over the past 3 months.

UDI's Infill Committee, chaired by Tim Comack, has been focused on addressing infrastructure servicing issues such as combined sewers and the status of Winnipeg's servicing capacity study. Zoning bylaw changes and residential waste water collection have also been topics addressed by the committee.

City of Brandon: Development Charge Rate Study & By-Law Updates



Development Charge Rate Study

& By-Law Updates

Engagement Period Now Open Online

(August 14 – September 4)

Over the past year, the City has been working in consultation with Watson & Associates Economists and Dillon Consulting to review and update the Development Charges policies and rates. This comprehensive review is now complete and has led to a set of recommended changes.

The City would like to engage with Industry stakeholders on the proposed updates to the Development Charges rates and by-law. We are looking for written feedback on the following DRAFT documents:

- Development Charges By-law
- Development Charges Capital Infrastructure Policy (formerly Local Service Policy)
- Development Charges Background Study

These documents, along with background information can be viewed on the City website: [City of Brandon - Development Charges](#). The online commenting period is open from **August 14 - September 4**.

Please submit all enquiries or feedback relating to the above documents to LandDevelopment@brandon.ca by September 4. Please use the subject line 'Development Charges Updates'.