

# LAKE MANITOBA LAKE ST. MARTIN

## OUTLET CHANNELS PROJECT

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### LET'S TALK

Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure (MTI) continues to meet with Manitobans living within the flood-affected areas around Lake Manitoba and Lake St. Martin, including Indigenous groups and communities; the Rural Municipality (RM) of Grahamdale; and property owners around Lake Manitoba. This process of sharing information and receiving feedback is essential to completing the licensing process before construction of the Outlet Channels Project can begin, to protect lives and property from the potentially devastating impacts of future flood events. A highlight of recent and upcoming meetings is included below:

**February 24**  
RM of Grahamdale

Regularly scheduled monthly meetings to discuss project updates.

### Indigenous Consultation

The Manitoba government is currently in Phase 2 of its consultation and engagement process. Highlights this past month include:

- MTI has received feedback from 12 Indigenous communities on the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) Information Requests, comprising over 1000 pages of technical comments. MTI will be reviewing these community responses over the coming weeks and will be offering meetings to review and discuss the information provided and MTI's preliminary responses with those communities who provided feedback.
- As of February 8, 2022, the Manitoba government has communicated by letter (1,022), meetings (245), and emails/ phone (4,412) with 39 Indigenous groups and communities about the Outlet Channels Project.

### We Want To Hear From You

Please share your comments on the potential effects of the project by participating in meetings, or by contacting your local project Community Coordinator, band office, government office or association. You can also email [outletchannels@gov.mb.ca](mailto:outletchannels@gov.mb.ca) or the gov.mb.ca or visit [manitoba.ca/outletchannels](http://manitoba.ca/outletchannels).

The environmental assessment is both a planning and decision-making tool. This process is iterative and evolves as additional project information and community and stakeholder feedback is received. Project design, proposed mitigations, and proposed monitoring activities can be adapted to ensure that feedback received through this process is addressed.

### IN YOUR AREA

#### Access Road

- Construction on the Access Road resumed in September 2021. Main construction activities are anticipated to be completed by mid March 2022. This work includes hauling and placing of road building material; installation of culverts; hauling and placing of traffic gravel; seeding of disturbed areas; and decommission of borrow areas (areas where road building material were taken).

In the event that you have any concerns about upcoming field work, please respond to the contact details indicated in Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure's notification letters. Stakeholders in the Rural Municipality of Grahamdale can contact **Jacqueline Hickman** at **204-302-1870** or [Jacqueline.Hickman@gov.mb.ca](mailto:Jacqueline.Hickman@gov.mb.ca) with questions about the Outlet Channels Project.