

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 environmental approvals and 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 meetings is included below:

January 12 Fisher River Cree Nation	Meeting to allow for continued discussion on the environmental assessment, project updates, Environmental Management and Monitoring Plans and consultation.
January 19 Indigenous communities and Indigenous organizations	Meeting to present and discuss the proposed construction sequencing and contracting strategy with multiple Indigenous communities and organizations.
January 27 RM of Grahamdale	Regularly scheduled monthly meetings to discuss project updates.



PROJECT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The Manitoba government is providing an update to the proposed construction work schedule highlighted in the [July newsletter](#). Based on feedback, MTI will be increasing the number of contracts from 12 to 16 for the Lake Manitoba Outlet Channel. One additional contract for construction of a new distribution line will bring the total number of contracts to 17. MTI continues to meet with Indigenous groups and communities; and industry stakeholders such as Manitoba Heavy Construction Association and Winnipeg Construction Association. The updated Lake Manitoba Outlet Channel construction sequencing plan can be found on the next page.

The number of construction contracts will remain the same for the Lake St. Martin Outlet Channel; however, the timing of Contract CH2 will now occur in years two and three instead of years three and four. Please refer to pages four and five of the [July newsletter](#) for information on these contracts.

Indigenous Consultation

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

- MTI has extended the deadline for feedback on the draft responses to the Impact Assessment Agency's information requests, public information requests and associated engineering reports to January 2022.
- As of January 7, 2022, the Manitoba government has communicated by letter (1,017), meetings (242), and emails/ phone (4,320) with 39 Indigenous groups and communities about the Outlet Channels Project.

CONSTRUCTION SEQUENCING

Overall construction of the Outlet Channels Project will follow a work schedule that balances the timing of activities to minimize environmental impacts.

Lake Manitoba Outlet Channel

The Lake Manitoba Outlet Channel is approximately 24.1 km long and connects Watchorn Bay on Lake Manitoba to Birch Bay on Lake St. Martin. The Lake Manitoba Outlet Channel includes a water control structure at Iverson Road, three bridges at Township Line Bridge, Crane Ridge Road Bridge (new PR 239), and PTH 6, and realignment of PR 239 (Crane Ridge Road) and adjacent municipal roads.

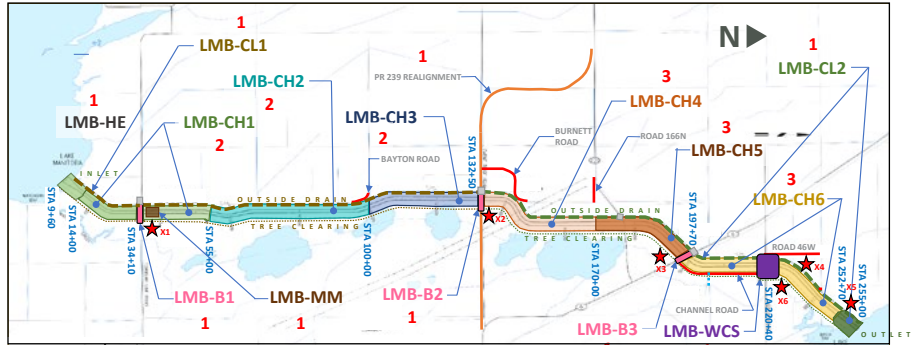


Figure 1: Updated Lake Manitoba Outlet Channel: Construction Sequencing and Contracting Strategy

ID	Contract Title	Construction Schedule	Scope of Work
LMB-CL1	Tree Clearing and Outside Drain Excavation	Year one	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clearing from Lake Manitoba to new PR 239 Outside drain excavation from Lake Manitoba to new PR 239
LMB-CL2	Tree Clearing, Outlet and Outside Drain Excavation	Year one	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clearing from new PR 239 to Lake St. Martin Outside drain excavation from new PR 239 to Lake St. Martin Outlet excavation
LMB-CH1	Channel Excavation	Year two	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Channel excavation from STA 9+60 to STA 55+00
LMB-CH2	Channel Excavation	Year two	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Channel excavation from STA 55+00 to STA 100+00
LMB-CH3	Channel Excavation	Year two	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Channel excavation from STA 100+00 to STA 132+50
LMB-CH4	Channel Excavation	Year three	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Channel excavation from STA 132+50 to STA 170+00
LMB-CH5	Channel Excavation	Year three	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Channel excavation from STA 170+00 to STA 197+70
LMB-CH6	Channel Excavation	Year three	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Channel excavation from STA 197+70 to STA 252+70
LMB-B1	Township Line Road Bridge	Year one	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bridge construction
LMB-B2	PR 239 Bridge (Crane Ridge Road)	Year one	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Road detours and culverts for outside drain Channel excavation Approach roadworks
LMB-B3	PTH 6 Bridge	Year one	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Groundwater depressurization Utility relocation and new lines
LMB-WCS	Water Control Structure	Year one, two and three	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bridge/control structure Gates, Guides and Hoists, and ancillary features Excavation and erosion control
LMB-R1	Municipal Road Realignments	Year one	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bayton Road Burnett Road Channel Road Road 46W Road 160N
LMB-R2	PR 239 Realignment	Year one	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clearing and grubbing Grading and paving Removal of old PR 239 alignment Utility relocation
LMB-MBH	Manitoba Hydro Distribution Line + Relocations	Year one and two	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New 3-phase line to WCS Distribution relocations and linework Transmission corridor works
LMB-HE	Lake Manitoba Heritage Excavation Works	Year one	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heritage excavation of two archaeological sites
LMB-MM	Manure Management	Year two	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manure removal and remediation



Access Road

- Construction on the Access Road resumed in September 2021 and is expected to continue until mid-February. This work includes hauling and placing of borrow material; installation of culverts; hauling and placing of traffic gravel; seeding of disturbed areas; and reclamation of borrow areas.

Geotechnical Investigations

- An investigation at the future site of the Lake St. Martin Outlet Channel water control structure occurred in early January.

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 with questions 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 or the gov.mb.ca or visit 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.