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# JohnQ Public Information Session 2025

**November 19, 2025**

# Welcome

**Brad Erb**

John Q Public Inc. Chair



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## Land Acknowledgement

*JohnQ Public is headquartered on Treaty No. 1 Territory, the traditional territory of the Cree, Dakota, Dene, Ojibway, and Oji-Cree First Nations, and the homeland of the Métis Nation.*

*We acknowledge that we are all Treaty people and honour the spirit and intent of Treaty Making across the province.*

*We recognize the contributions of Indigenous Peoples to the past, present and future prosperity of our communities. We commit ourselves to moving forward in partnership, guided by Reconciliation, respect, and collaboration.*

# Agenda

8:30 AM – 8:45 AM	<b>Registration and Breakfast</b>
8:45 AM – 9:15 AM	<b>Welcome and JohnQ Introductory Video</b>
9:15 AM – 9:35 AM	<b>New Economic Development Plan</b> <i>Guest Speaker – Deputy Minister Michael Jack</i> <i>Province of Manitoba – Business, Mining, Trade, and Job Creation</i>
9:35 AM – 9:55 AM	<b>CN Railways Certified Site Program</b> <i>Guest Speaker – Linda Vergata</i> <i>CN Rail – Manager, Business Development</i>
9:55 AM – 10:15 AM	<b>Winnipeg Region Rail Port</b> <i>Guest Speaker: Jeff Simpson</i> <i>HDR – Rail Operations &amp; Planning Practice Lead</i>
10:15 AM – 10:35 AM	<b>Efficiency Manitoba’s Support to Municipalities and Communities</b> <i>Guest Speaker – Colleen Kuruluk</i> <i>Efficiency Manitoba – CEO</i>
10:35 AM – 10:45 AM	<b>JohnQ Municipalities – Transition to Energy-Efficient Buildings Support</b> <i>Guest Speaker – Stephanie Wolfe</i> <i>Community Energy Lead – JohnQ Public Inc.</i>
10:45 AM – 11:00 AM	<b>Closing Comments</b>

# JohnQ Public – Our Story

New Video

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## About JohnQ Public Inc.

- JohnQ Public Inc. (JohnQ) is a Non-Profit Municipal Participation Corporation (MPC), formed in 2017 by Municipalities in and around the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region - incorporated in 2018 under the Corporation Acts of Manitoba
- Focus on economic, social, and environmental good

### What we do:

- We bring communities together to share ideas, capacity and resources - [collaboration](#)
- We deliver strategic infrastructure and services in communities large and small - [capacity](#)



JohnQ's vision for the future is simple but powerful: to make Manitoba families stronger and support its communities by delivering what Manitobans need today and tomorrow

## JohnQ Mission is Simple...

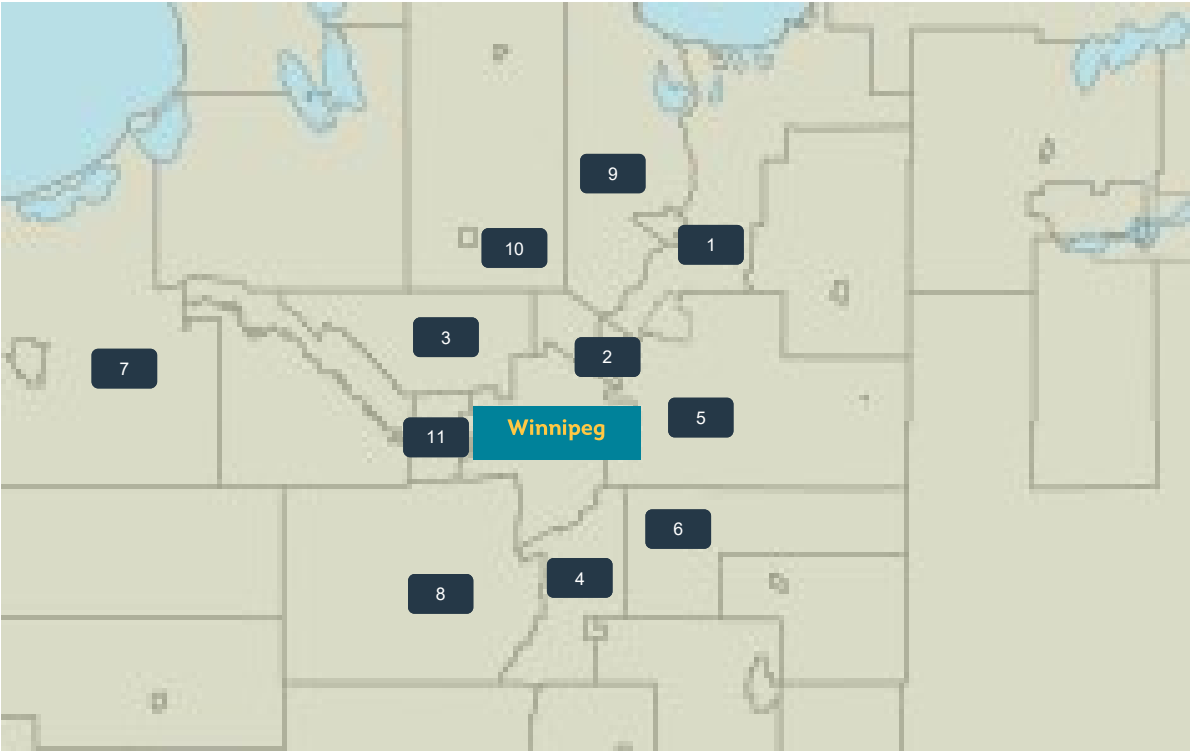
- Support the delivery of critical infrastructure and services
- Anticipate and solve problems together - while maintaining our autonomy.
- Develop a professional and transparent process to reduce risk and get the best value for money.
- Reduce red tape and work at the speed of business.
- Build partnerships with ALL governments, administrators, NGO's, suppliers, business and industry.





# Shareholder Municipalities

The Board members are Mayors, Reeves and Councilors from the shareholder municipalities, and local experts



- 1. RM of St. Clements
- 2. RM of East St. Paul
- 3. RM of Rosser
- 4. RM of Ritchôt
- 5. RM of Springfield
- 6. RM of Tache
- 7. RM of Portage La Prairie
- 8. RM of Macdonald
- 9. RM of St. Andrews
- 10. Town of Stonewall
- 11. RM of Headingley
- 12. Open
- 13. Open
- 14. Open
- 15. Open

# JohnQ Board of Directors



**Brad Erb**

Reeve, RM of Macdonald

**Chair**



**Debbie Fiebelkorn**

Mayor, RM of St. Clements

**Executive**



**Jim Robson**

Mayor, RM of Headingley

**Executive**



**Roy Tufford**

Mayor, RM of Portage la Prairie

**Director**



**Deepak Joshi**

At Large

**Director**



**Armand Poirier**

Mayor, RM of Taché

**Director**



**Brian Imhoff**

Councillor, RM of East St. Paul

**Director**



**Sandra Smith**

Mayor, Town of Stonewall

**Director**



**Ken Mulligan**

Reeve, RM of Rosser

**Director**



**Tracy Slyker**

Councillor, RM of St. Andrews

**Director**



**Patrick Therrien**

Mayor, RM of Springfield

**Director**



**Jim Campbell**

At Large

**Director**



**Scott Corbett**

At Large

**Director**

**10 Board Members + 3 Open**  
appointed by the Shareholders

**3 Board Members + 2 Open**  
(\* ) appointed by the Board of Directors

# New Video



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## JohnQ Staff

Colleen Sklar, *CEO*

Katy Gray, *Vice President, Innovation and Social Impact*

Colleen Sailor, *Financial Manager*

Stella Kassimatis, *Executive Assistant*

Stephanie Wolfe, *Community Energy Lead*

Alandra Barairo, *Junior Planner*

Mitch Duval, *JohnQ Accounting*

# New Economic Development Plan of Manitoba

**Michael Jack**

Deputy Minister of Business, Mining,  
Trade and Job Creation



# CN Railways Certified Site Program

**Linda Vergata**

Manager, Business Development  
CN Railways



# Winnipeg Region Rail Port

**Jeff Simpson**

Rail Operations & Planning  
Practice Lead, HDR



# Efficiency MB's Support to Municipalities and Communities

**Colleen Kuruluk**

CEO, Efficiency Manitoba



# JohnQ Municipalities - Transition to Energy-Efficient Buildings Support

**Stephanie Wolfe**

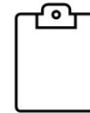
Community Energy Lead, JohnQ  
Public Inc.



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# JQ Energy Lead Objectives

- Inventory efficiency opportunities across the region
- Facilitate access to Efficiency Manitoba funding
  - Commercial
  - Residential
  - Municipal buildings
  - Industrial
- Develop tailored educational resources
- Identify policy alignments with efficiency goals
- Coordinate group procurement when beneficial



# Connecting Municipalities to Funding

- Met with eight JohnQ RM's
- Matched 19 retrofit projects in municipal buildings with Efficiency Manitoba funding:
  - 7 Community Halls or Centres
  - 6 Arenas or Curling Rinks
  - 3 Admin offices
  - 1 Fire Hall
  - 1 Museum
  - 1 Baseball diamond (lighting)
- Working with managers/ volunteers to move projects forward



# Develop Resources and Educational Materials

## Checklists

- Energy Efficiency in Arenas
- Energy Efficiency in Fire Halls

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### Energy Efficiency Checklist for Fire Halls



<p>Insulation</p> <p><u>Rebates*:</u> <u>Building Envelope</u></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Consider increasing wall and/or roof insulation. Slab insulation can be added at time of construction.</b></p> <p>Energy loss is inversely proportional to the R-value, which has implications regarding how much insulation is sufficient: For a wall with an insulation level of R-10, heat loss can be reduced by 50% by adding an additional R-10, for a total of R-20. Upgrading from R-20 to R-30 reduces heat loss by 16.7%; from R-30 to R-40 by 8.3%, and from R-40 to R-50 by 5%.</p> <p>In a building with bulky metal girts or beams coming through the walls and ceiling, you will not get full value for any extra insulation you install. The girts or beams will limit how much insulation is economical to put in the wall, or they may make it more effective (although also more expensive) to put insulation elsewhere on the inside or outside of the wall.</p>
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## Educational events

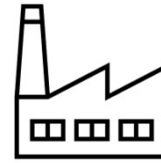
- Tour of Ritchot geothermal district energy buildings
- Webinar: **Saving Energy in Arenas and Curling Rinks**  
Wednesday, December 10; 10am – 11:30am
- Webinar: Ground Source Heat Pump Effectiveness

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# Future Projects

- Target other sectors within participating RM's to promote and facilitate Efficiency Manitoba funding

- Residential
- Commercial
- Industrial



- Continue to develop customized resources and events
- Increase energy efficiency for other JQ projects
  - Senior's housing



# Closing

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**Thank you.**

JohnQ at your service

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