73rd Annual Meeting
Midwestern Legislative Conference
Winnipeg, Manitoba | July 15-18, 2018
On Saturday through Tuesday, the MLC Registration & Information Desk will be located at Convention Centre North, Southeast Concourse, First Floor. It will be located in the Delta Hotel lobby on Wednesday. Here are the times:

- **Saturday**: 12:30–6 p.m.
- **Sunday**: 9 a.m.–6 p.m.
- **Monday and Tuesday**: 7:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday**: 8:30–10 a.m.

Next year’s MLC Annual Meeting will be held **July 21-24 in Chicago**. Information on the great state of Illinois — and how to make your visit there next year the experience of a lifetime — can be found at Convention Centre North, Southeast Concourse, First Floor. While visiting the Illinois Table, you’ll have the chance to check out some amazing Illinois-made goods and to sign up for your chance to take some home.

The MLC meeting app puts all of the details of this year’s conference at your fingertips. To download the app, search for “MLC2018” in the Apple or Google stores. If you don’t wish to download the free app, you can view it on any device by going to https://eventmobi.com/2018mlc. (Note: This web-based option requires an Internet connection.)

The WiFi codes for meeting rooms in the Delta Hotel and Convention Centre are as follows:

- **Delta Hotel**: Delta123
- **Convention Centre**: #telus

We value your input on the MLC Annual Meeting. Please take a few minutes to provide your feedback by using the meeting app to evaluate each session. Paper evaluations will be available at the MLC Registration & Information Desk and at sessions starting on Tuesday afternoon.

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WELCOME TO THE 73RD ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MIDWESTERN LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

Breakfasts and receptions are located in the Delta Hotel; most other sessions are located in the RBC Convention Centre. The spouses and guests of attendees are welcome to attend any session. Unless otherwise indicated, attire for all events is business casual.

FRIDAY, JULY 13

6:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. OFFSITE

MLC MIDWEST-CANADA ENERGY SUBCOMMITTEE SITE VISIT TO WUSK Watim Hydroelectric Generating Station
Casual Attire | Separate Preregistration Required

SATURDAY, JULY 14

8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. DELTA HOTEL AND OFFSITE

MLC MIDWEST-CANADA ENERGY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
Charleswood B | Second Floor

12:30 to 6 p.m. CONVENTION CENTRE NORTH

REGISTRATION & INFORMATION DESK/CSG-SPONSORED INTERNET ACCESS
Southeast Concourse | First Floor

SIGN-UP FOR TUESDAY AFTERNOON SITE VISITS TO INNOVATION ALLEY'S NORTH FORGE FABRICATION LAB OR THE KLEYSEN INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED MEDICINE
Southeast Concourse | First Floor
See page 15 for details; space is limited.

1:30 to 7:45 p.m. OFFSITE

MLC AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE SITE VISIT
Offsite Event | Casual Attire | Separate Preregistration Required

A bus will depart from the Delta Hotel's 350 St. Mary Avenue entrance and return by 7:45 p.m. Dinner is included.

SUNDAY, JULY 15

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9 a.m. to 6 p.m. CONVENTION CENTRE NORTH

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10 to 11:30 a.m. CONVENTION CENTRE NORTH

MLC AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING
Room 4-5 East | First Floor | Open to All Attendees

The Canadian supply management program controls the production and price of milk, cheese, eggs, chicken and turkey. The committee will review how this system operates and how it impacts farm profitability. Participants will also investigate how different states and provinces are encouraging farmers to use production methods that improve water quality. Time will be reserved for committee business as well.

Presenters:
» Hon. Ralph Eichler, Minister of Agriculture, Manitoba
» Mr. Matt Lechtenberg, Water Quality Coordinator, Iowa Department of Agriculture
» Rep. John Patterson, Ohio
» Mr. David Wiens, Owner, Skyline Dairy; Chairman, Dairy Farmers of Manitoba; and Vice President, Dairy Farmers of Canada

MLC EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Room 4-5 West | First Floor | Open to All Attendees

Along with a featured presentation that provides an overview of early-childhood policies and investments in Canada, participants will take part in a roundtable discussion on promising strategies in the Midwest’s states and provinces. Time also will be reserved to consider committee business.

Presenter:
» Dr. Emis Akbari, Professor, School of Early Childhood, George Brown College; and Atkinson Centre for Society and Child Development, University of Toronto
MLC MIDWEST-CANADA RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
Room 6-8 | First Floor | Open to All Attendees

The economies of many communities in the region, including small and mid-sized cities, are closely tied to exporting. The presenters for this session have studied the impact of tariffs and trade agreements on communities in the United States and Canada, and will share their findings. The committee will also have a short business session.

Presenters:
- Mr. Dan Ciuriak, Director and Principal, Ciuriak Consulting Inc.; and Fellow-in-Residence, C.D. Howe Institute
- Dr. Sherman Robinson, Nonresident Senior Fellow, Peterson Institute for International Economics

TIME: 10 to 11:30 a.m.

MLC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
Room 4-5 East | First Floor | Open to All Attendees

After hearing from experts on the role of policymakers in helping to support entrepreneurship and create an entrepreneurial economy, participants will engage in a roundtable discussion of ideas and strategies for fostering this activity in their states and provinces. Time also will be reserved for the discussion of committee business.

Presenters:
- Ms. Melissa Roberts, Vice President of Communications and Outreach, Enterprise Center in Johnson County
- Mr. Gustavo Zentner, President, InterPOC Inc. (International Point Of Commerce); and Senior Advisor, Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters

TIME: 3 to 4:30 p.m.

MLC HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
Room 4-5 West | First Floor | Open to All Attendees

Participants will hear from our host province about how Manitoba approaches its mental/behavioral health system and how it distributes and pays for related services, as well as discuss what state governments can learn from the Canadian system generally and from Manitoba specifically. Time also will be reserved for the discussion of committee business.

Presenters:
- Dr. Ginette Poulin, Medical Director, Addictions Foundation of Manitoba
- Dr. Jitender Sareen, Medical Director, Winnipeg Regional Health Authority Mental Health Program

TIME: 4:30 to 5 p.m.

NEWCOMERS ORIENTATION
Kildonan Room | Second Floor

If this is your first time attending the MLC Annual Meeting, come learn more about the Midwestern Legislative Conference and The Council of State Governments. You will also have the chance to win a $50 gift card.

TIME: 4:30 to 5 p.m.
If this is your first MLC Annual Meeting, come enjoy refreshments and meet MLC Executive Committee members as well as other legislators attending their first MLC Annual Meeting.

6:30 to 9:30 p.m.  OFFSITE

OPENING NIGHT RECEPTION AT THE MANITOBA LEGISLATURE

Enjoy the best Manitoba has to offer in quality local food and drink as you sample delicious grown- and made-in-Manitoba food and beverages. Relax as you stroll through the beautiful grounds at the Manitoba Legislature and partake in the “Salute to Crown.” After dinner, tour Winnipeg’s magnificent Legislative Building — one of the finest in Canada. Participate in guided tours of the Legislative Building, or self-tour if you wish. Consider attending what we believe will be a “very special legislative session” featuring Midwestern state legislators as they demonstrate how “Question Period” helps advance governance in Manitoba. (Note: Seating is limited for this “Question Period” event.)

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MONDAY, JULY 16

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7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.  CONVENTION CENTRE NORTH

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AGENDA CONTINUED (MONDAY, JULY 16)

10:45 a.m. to 12 p.m.  CONVENTION CENTRE NORTH

SHARED BORDER, SHARED POLICY CHALLENGES  
Room 1-2 | First Floor  
Panelists will respond to Ambassador Doer’s remarks, discuss cross-border collaborative efforts and identify shared policy challenges shaping the future of the Canada-U.S. relationship.  
Moderator:  
» Dr. Laura Dawson, Director, Canada Institute, Wilson Center  
Presenters:  
» Mr. Carlo Dade, Director, Trade and Investment Centre, Canada West Foundation  
» Mr. Matt Morrison, CEO, Pacific Northwest Economic Region  
» Mr. Colin Robertson, Vice President and Fellow, Canadian Global Affairs Institute

12 to 2 p.m.  CONVENTION CENTRE SOUTH

LUNCHEON  
York Ballroom 1 | First Floor

WELCOME REMARKS  
Speaker Myrna Driedger, Manitoba Legislative Assembly; and Host Province Committee Chair

NATIONAL CSG REPORT  
Rep. Joan Ballweg, Wisconsin, CSG Vice Chair

PRESENTATION: THE ART OF LEADING THROUGH CONTINUOUS CHANGE  
The first neurologist and Canadian woman in space, Roberta Bondar has conducted groundbreaking work for NASA on changes in human physiology. She will draw on her unique experiences and medical knowledge to explore how we can thrive in periods of continuous change.  
Presenter: Dr. Roberta Bondar, Astronaut, Physician, Scientist and Photographer

2:15 to 3:45 p.m.  CONVENTION CENTRE SOUTH

JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORM  
York Ballroom 3 | First Floor  
This session will focus on states’ efforts to improve their juvenile justice systems and will include a look at CSG’s “Improving Outcomes for Youth: A Statewide Juvenile Justice Initiative.”  
This session is being presented by the MLC Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee.  
Presenter:  
» Ms. Nina Salomon, Project Manager, Corrections and Reentry, CSG Justice Center

MENTAL HEALTH DELIVERY IN THE SCHOOLS/STRATEGIES TO PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH ‘DEEPER LEARNING’ OPPORTUNITIES  
York Ballroom 4 | First Floor  
With the help of two leading experts, participants will learn about two policies that aim to improve student outcomes: 1) improving the delivery of mental health services to young people in the schools; and 2) expanding the availability of “deeper learning” opportunities.  
This session is being presented by the MLC Education Committee.  
Presenters:  
» Dr. Mark Weist, Professor of Psychology, University of South Carolina  
» Mr. Gene Wilhoit, Executive Director, National Center for Innovation in Education, University of Kentucky

2:15 to 3:45 p.m.  CONVENTION CENTRE SOUTH

NAFTA AND BEYOND: BUILDING ON THE CLOSE TIES BETWEEN CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES  
York Ballroom 2 | First Floor  
The North American Free Trade Agreement has led to closer economic ties between the United States and Canada, but uncertainty over NAFTA’s future and the imposition of new tariffs have put markets in flux. This session will examine the prospects for reaching a trade agreement, and the potential consequences if one is not reached.  
This session is being presented by the MLC Midwest-Canada Relations Committee.  
Presenters:  
» Dr. Laura Dawson, Director, Canada Institute, Wilson Center  
» Mr. Jeff Vassart, President, Cargill Ltd. (Canada)

4 to 5:30 p.m.  CONVENTION CENTRE SOUTH

CANADA’S PROTEIN HIGHWAY/FUTURE OF HEMP PRODUCTION AND TRADE  
York Ballroom 2 | First Floor  
Canada’s Prairie Provinces and the U.S. Midwest have a huge capacity for growing plant-based proteins. Making the most of this regional advantage is the goal of the Protein Highway initiative. As part of this session, participants will also review the opportunities and challenges ahead for a growing hemp industry.  
This session is being presented by the MLC Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee.  
Presenter:  
» Mr. Shaun Crew, Founder and Former President, Hemp Oil Canada

THE OUTLOOK FOR MANUFACTURING IN NORTH AMERICA’S HEARTLAND  
York Ballroom 3 | First Floor  
This session will explore trends in manufacturing, including the impact of technological advances and global competition. Participants also will examine various facets of this economic sector — for example, the future of traditional and advanced manufacturing, as well as how manufacturing can contribute to the prosperity of small and rural communities.  
This session is being presented by the MLC Economic Development Committee.  
Presenter:  
» Mr. Bob Kill, President and CEO, Enterprise Minnesota

MYTH-BUSTING THE CANADIAN HEALTH CARE SYSTEM: HOW DOES IT REALLY WORK?  
York Ballroom 4 | First Floor  
Americans have heard plenty about the Canadian health care system, but how does it really work? What is the role of the provinces and federal government? Two people with deep knowledge of the system will share their insights.  
This session is being presented by the MLC Health & Human Services Committee.  
Presenters:  
» Hon. Kelvin Goertzen, Manitoba Minister of Health, Seniors & Active Living  
» Mr. Adam Topp, Director of Health Transformation, Manitoba
FAMILY NIGHT AT ASSINIBOINE PARK ZOO’S JOURNEY TO CHURCHILL EXHIBIT

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CSG ASSOCIATES RECEPTION | BY INVITATION ONLY
Delta Ballroom C | Second Floor

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POLICIES TO BUILD A ‘NEW ENERGY ECONOMY’
Room 1-2 | First Floor
In this session, a former state governor and national expert will explore policy strategies that help build consensus and provide the foundations for success in the “new energy economy.”

Opening remarks:
» Hon. Jim Carr, Minister of Natural Resources, Government of Canada

Presenter:
» Mr. Bill Ritter, Former Governor of Colorado; and Director, Center for the New Energy Economy, Colorado State University
Luncheon
York Ballroom 1 | First Floor

Bowhay Institute for Legislative Leadership Development (BILLD) Report
Sen. Sara Howard, Nebraska, BILLD Steering Committee Co-Chair

Presentation: Pathway to Partnership — The Lasting Legacy of World War I on U.S.-Canada Relations
In this presentation, historian Brian Tennyson will discuss how and why the First World War led to a lasting shift in relations between Canada and the United States — from the decades of unease and hostility between the nations that preceded the global conflict, to the emergence of a strong cross-border partnership that continues to this day.
Presenter: Dr. Brian Tennyson, Historian and Author, “Canada’s Great War, 1914-1918: How Canada Helped Save the British Empire and Became a North American Nation”

2 to 3:15 p.m. Convention Centre North

Featured Presentation: 2018 Elections Preview
Room 1-2 | First Floor
Amy Walter has built a reputation as an accurate, objective and knowledgeable political analyst with unparalleled access to campaign insiders and decision-makers. During this session, participants will hear what is at stake this November, including partisan control of the U.S. Congress, state legislatures and governors' offices, as well as the key factors likely to determine electoral outcomes.
Presenter: Ms. Amy Walter, National Editor, Cook Political Report

3:30 to 5 p.m. Convention Centre North

Fiscal Leaders Roundtable
Room 3 | First Floor
Guest experts will present an overview of current fiscal conditions in the states, as well as a look at the potential significance of recent and pending U.S. Supreme Court cases with respect to the fiscal landscape. Participants will also take part in a roundtable discussion of recent developments related to state and provincial budgets across the Midwest.
Moderator: Hon. Cameron Friesen, Minister of Finance, Manitoba
Presenters:
- Mr. John Hicks, Executive Director, National Association of State Budget Officers
- Ms. Lisa Soronen, Executive Director, State and Local Legal Center

3:30 to 5 p.m. Site Visits
Registration for the two site visits is limited and required by 12 p.m. on Tuesday. It can be completed at the MLC Registration & Information Desk.

Site Visit to Innovation Alley’s North Forge Fabrication Lab
Take part in a guided tour of North America’s largest fabrication lab dedicated to the development of new businesses based on manufacturing, technology and business prototyping. Learn how technology adoption and commercialization are fostered by access to and experimentation with new technologies and business concepts, rapid prototyping, and support from the entrepreneur and innovation communities. Located in Winnipeg’s storied Exchange District, this mentor-driven lab accelerates entrepreneurship and innovation in new and mature businesses.

Site Visit to the Kleyten Institute for Advanced Medicine at the Health Sciences Centre
See and learn about recent advances in medical technology while visiting The Centre for Surgical Innovation (CSI) and the Varian EDGE Radiosurgery Clinic. Employing technology that is unique in Canada and rare around the world, CSI features an Intraoperative MRI Research Suite embedded between two advanced operating rooms. The Varian EDGE Radiosurgery Clinic offers stereotactic body radiation therapy — a nonsurgical, minimally invasive way of treating certain types of tumors. This technique allows for higher doses of radiation, greater precision and fewer treatments.

Buses for the two site visits will depart at 3:30 p.m. from the Delta Hotel’s 350 St. Mary Avenue entrance.

5 to 6 p.m. Delta Hotel
Contributors Reception | By Invitation Only
Charleswood | 2nd Floor

5:45 to 6:45 p.m. Delta Hotel
Illinois 2019 Reception
Delta Grand Ballroom | Second Floor
Join next year’s Midwestern Legislative Conference Chair, Illinois Senator Elgie Sims, and his colleagues for a reception highlighting the host state for next year’s MLC Annual Meeting.

7:15 to 10 p.m. Offsite
State Dinner at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights
A great Manitoba dinner will be followed by a tour of the Canadian Museum for Human Rights — the first museum solely dedicated to the evolution, celebration and future of human rights. The museum creates inspiring encounters with human rights, and engages visitors in an immersive, interactive experience that offers both the inspiration and tools to make a difference in the lives of others. Visitors are welcomed as partners on a journey to erase barriers and create meaningful, lasting change. This museum is the first Canadian national museum to be built in nearly half a century, and the first outside the country’s national capital region.
Buses to the museum will begin departing at 6:45 p.m. from the Delta Hotel’s 350 St. Mary Avenue entrance. The State Dinner program will begin at 7:15 p.m. Buses from the museum to the hotel will begin departing at 9:45 p.m., with the last bus departing at 10 p.m.

TUESDAY, JULY 17
FAREWELL TO WINNIPEG NIGHTCAP

In keeping with a wonderful tradition started at last year’s MLC Annual Meeting in Des Moines, enjoy a farewell nightcap at Prairie 360, a revolving restaurant that is quite literally a cut above most others — by 30 floors. Enjoy the spectacular view of Winnipeg as dusk envelops the city. Prairie 360 is located on the 30th floor at 83 Garry Street. It’s tricky to find the right door, but we will have folks to direct you.

Buses to the Prairie 360 restaurant will begin departing at 10:15 p.m. from the Delta Hotel’s 350 St. Mary Avenue entrance and loop every 20 minutes. The last bus back to the hotel will leave at 11:30 p.m. For those wishing to get some night air on the way back, the Prairie 360 is about an eight- to 10-minute walk from the Delta Hotel. Entry to Prairie 360 will be gained with your MLC credentials, and you can use your ticket (provided at the State Dinner) to have a complimentary nightcap.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18

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8:30 to 10 a.m. DELTA HOTEL

REGISTRATION & INFORMATION DESK

Lobby | First Floor

8:30 to 10 a.m. CONVENTION CENTRE NORTH

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Southeast Concourse | First Floor

8:30 to 10 a.m. DELTA HOTEL

BREAKFAST AND MLC BUSINESS SESSION

Delta Grand Ballroom B & C | Second Floor

Everyone is invited to attend the MLC business session. Members will elect new conference officers and act on proposed resolutions. Larry Isaak, president of the Midwest Higher Education Compact, will update members on the work of MHEC.

10 a.m. to 12 p.m. DELTA HOTEL

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP: WORKING WITH THE MEDIA

Delta Grand Ballroom A | Second Floor

Presenter: Mr. Adam Schrager, Author and Investigative Producer/Reporter, WISC-TV, Madison

What makes news? How can you get featured on TV or in the newspaper, or trending online? What are the best and worst ways to publicize legislation? Get answers to these and other media questions while brushing up on your skills in communicating to reporters during interactive training by veteran journalist Adam Schrager.
SUNDAY, JULY 15

6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

FOR CHILDREN & TEENS
YOUTH MEET & GREET AT THE MANITOBA MUSEUM’S SCIENCE GALLERY & PLANETARIUM
Get to know other kids from the Midwest and Canada as you learn about the universal laws of science and explore the wonders of technology and illusion in the Science Gallery. Learn about yourself and the world around you in an entertaining, hands-on atmosphere where you become the scientist. And what evening would be complete without looking up into the night sky? Since we will be indoors, be prepared for a very “enlightening” show at the Planetarium!

Children and teens: Please wear your MLC-provided shirt. Parents: Please drop off your child and check in with a youth coordinator in the Tuxedo Room located on the first floor of the Delta Hotel, by 6:15 p.m. Please pick up your child by 9:45 p.m. in the Tuxedo Room.

FOR SPOUSES & OTHER ADULT GUESTS
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MONDAY, JULY 16

6:15 to 7:30 a.m.

FOR ALL AGES (ANYONE UNDER AGE 18 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT)
FITNESS WALK (MAPS AVAILABLE)
Meet in the Delta Hotel lobby at 6:15 a.m. and discover downtown Winnipeg and the Riverwalk.

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

FOR CHILDREN & TEENS
VOYAGEUR FOR A DAY AT FORT GIBRALTAR
Be a time traveler and experience what life was like for the French Canadian fur traders who opened up the fur trade in Manitoba. Participate in a guided tour of the fort, and learn authentic crafts through hands-on experiences. Fort Gibraltar was a North West Company fur trading post. Today’s replica is a great example of life in the Red River Valley during the early 1800s.

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FOR SPOUSES & OTHER ADULT GUESTS
LEARN, EAT, SHOP: FAVORITE THINGS TO DO IN MANITOBA
The day starts with a 90-minute guided tour of the Manitoba Museum, which is renowned for its vivid portrayal of the province’s rich and colorful history. At De Luca’s family restaurant, develop your culinary skills and enjoy as Chef Mike demonstrates and dishes up a four-course lunch. After shopping at the European market, the day will conclude with a one-hour shopping visit to the area’s newest fashion outlet mall, which features about 100 outlet retailers offering a new level of shopping experience that caters to all tastes and budgets.

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6 to 9 p.m.

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FOR CHILDREN & TEENS
OUTDOOR ADVENTURE
Escape to the peaceful wilderness of Oak Hammock Marsh. Onsite guides and knowledgeable interpreters will bring life to the world of Manitoba’s wetlands through experiential learning. Tour through the marsh, connect with nature, “critter-dip,” and experience ecological and traditional Aboriginal games. And don’t miss the bannock bake!
Children and teens: Please wear your MLC-provided shirt along with comfortable clothes and walking shoes. Sun protection and hats are recommended.
Parents: Please drop off your child and check in with a youth coordinator at the Tuxedo Room, located on the first floor of the Delta Hotel, by 8:15 a.m. Please pick up your child from the Tuxedo Room between 4:30 and 5 p.m.

FOR SPOUSES & OTHER ADULT GUESTS
SHOW ME THE MONEY/SPIRITS OF MANITOBA
Have you ever wondered what it takes to produce over 1,000 coins per second? The Royal Canadian Mint in Winnipeg is a high-tech, high-volume manufacturing facility. Every single Canadian circulation coin is produced here — literally billions each year. The Mint has also made over 55 billion coins for more than 75 countries around the world. Take a guided tour of operations, enjoy lunch, and capture what it feels like to “hold some gold.” After the Mint, there is no better way to get into the Manitoba spirit than to experience first-hand Manitoba’s growing craft brewery and distillery industry. Learn how the products are made while sampling tastes designed to please every palate — and feel free to take a bit of Manitoba home with you.
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5:45 to 6:45 p.m.

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6:30 to 10 p.m.

FOR CHILDREN & TEENS
TRAIN LIKE THE PROS: AN EVENING OF FOOTBALL AND FUN
This event will be fun for novice and experienced football players alike. Show off and improve your skills on a real-life football field. Tour Investors Group Stadium, meet a few professional players from the Winnipeg Blue Bombers, and have some laughs with the team mascots — Buzz and Boomer. Train how the pros train with inflatables and tackle weebles, while also learning how to throw like a pro quarterback.
Children and teens: Please wear your MLC-provided shirt. Sun protection and hats are recommended.
Parents: Please drop off your child and check in with a youth coordinator at the Tuxedo Room, located on the first floor of the Delta Hotel, by 6:15 p.m. Please pick up your child from the Tuxedo Room between 10:15 and 10:30 p.m.
Note: All guests will be required to possess a signed field waiver. Please sign the waiver when registering your child.

7:15 to 10 p.m.

FOR SPOUSES & OTHER ADULT GUESTS
STATE DINNER AT THE CANADIAN MUSEUM FOR HUMAN RIGHTS
A great Manitoba dinner will be followed by a tour of the Canadian Museum for Human Rights — the first museum solely dedicated to the evolution, celebration and future of human rights. The museum creates inspiring encounters with human rights, and engages visitors in an immersive, interactive experience that offers both the inspiration and tools to make a difference in the lives of others. Visitors are welcomed as partners on a journey to erase barriers and create meaningful, lasting change. This museum is the first Canadian national museum to be built in nearly half a century, and the first outside the country’s national capital region.
Buses to the museum will begin departing at 6:45 p.m. from the Delta Hotel’s 350 St. Mary Avenue entrance. The State Dinner program will begin at 7:15 p.m. Buses from the museum to the hotel will begin departing at 9:45 p.m., with the last bus departing at 10 p.m.

10:30 to 11:30 p.m.

FOR SPOUSES & OTHER ADULT GUESTS
FAREWELL TO WINNIPEG NIGHTCAP
In keeping with a wonderful tradition started at last year’s MLC Annual Meeting in Des Moines, enjoy a farewell nightcap at Prairie 360, a revolving restaurant that is quite literally a cut above most others — by 30 floors. Enjoy the spectacular view of Winnipeg as dusk envelops the city. Prairie 360 is located on the 30th floor at 83 Garry Street. It’s tricky to find the right door, but we will have folks to direct you.
Buses to the Prairie 360 restaurant will begin departing at 10:15 p.m. from the Delta Hotel’s 350 St. Mary Avenue entrance and loop every 20 minutes. The last bus back to the hotel will leave at 11:30 p.m. For those wishing to get some night air on the way back, the Prairie 360 is about an eight- to 10-minute walk from the hotel. Entry to Prairie 360 will be gained with your MLC credentials, and you can use your ticket (provided at the State Dinner) to have a complimentary nightcap.
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