



PREMIER of MANITOBA

Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs and International Relations Minister responsible for Indigenous Reconciliation

Legislative Building, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 0V8 CANADA

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Dear Minister Sandhu,

I am honored that you have agreed to serve Manitobans as the Minister of Public Service Delivery. Our government is a listening government. As a Minister, I expect you to respect the excellence and expert advice of the public service and to work with them on our shared mission to serve the people of Manitoba.

Manitobans told us it was time for change. We have promised to deliver a government that builds a shared future for our province. Our platform offered an ambitious and responsible plan to make health care better, lower costs, and grow the economy with good jobs and a balanced budget.

Manitobans expect us to fulfill our commitments, and it is my expectation that you deliver on the commitments that pertain to your Ministry. Delivering on our core election commitments within a balanced budget is critical to fulfilling the mandate Manitobans have given us.

As the Minister of Public Service Delivery, it is your goal to deliver on the projects we have committed to and maintain capital investment in accordance with our commitment to deliver a balanced budget in the first term. You will ensure government contracts create good Manitoba jobs.

In particular, I ask that you work with your Cabinet colleagues and through legislative, regulatory and department processes to deliver on these immediate priorities:

- Delivering on our commitment to give Manitobans a new plastic and digital health card.
- Build new schools and maintain our existing school buildings to ensure our children have the best environment to learn.
- Work with the Department of Housing, Addictions and Homelessness to build more affordable and social housing to help every family find a safe place to call home.
- Work with leaders in the skilled trades, the Ministers for Labour, Advanced Education and Training and the Manitoba Indigenous Reconciliation Secretariat to create a new procurement policy that prioritizes local workforce development and economic reconciliation within existing trade agreements.
- Provide high quality and timely government services to all Manitobans.

Additionally I ask that you work with your Cabinet colleagues and through legislative, regulatory and department processes to deliver on our other key commitments:

- Work with the Minister for MTI to build the infrastructure we need to grow our economy.
- Review the Residential Tenancies Act to strengthen renters' rights and protect affordable housing.
- Build on our government's success in making sure the Legislature serves as the people's building, welcoming and accessible to all Manitobans.
- Bring in new P3 accountability legislation.
- Build on our government's success at ending the backlog in Vital Statistics and ensure Manitobans can continue to access these services by keeping Vital Statistics fully staffed with good family-supporting jobs

In addition to these priorities, I also expect that you uphold your role with integrity, professionalism and a commitment to accountability. That includes working closely with your Deputy Minister and your senior officials to ensure all decisions are made in the public interest. Just like any high-performing organization, our government will set metrics and measurable goals, listen to evidence and frontline workers, regularly assess our work and report on our progress in order to deliver on the results Manitobans deserve.

The road ahead will have challenges. Change does not come easily. But we owe it to the people of this great province to deliver on our commitments. I know you are as committed as I am to working hard every day to deliver for the people of Manitoba. Our Cabinet will reflect the values all Manitobans share of honesty, hard work, pragmatism and kindness.

Manitobans can accomplish amazing things when we stand together as one province. I firmly believe there is no challenge that we cannot meet when we are united as one Manitoba.

I know I can count on you to fulfill these important responsibilities. As Premier I promise to support you as a Minister, consult with you as a Manitoban and lean on you as a friend. Together, we will work to honour the trust Manitobans have given us.

Miigwech, Merci, Thank you,

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