



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 Naylor,

I am honored that you have agreed to serve Manitobans as the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure.

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 Transportation and Infrastructure, you are tasked with building and maintaining the infrastructure Manitobans need to live and work safely and efficiently. In your role as Minister, you will proactively engage with communities and respond to their needs, creating good local jobs building horizontal infrastructure. You will work with your colleagues particularly in Business, Trade, Mining and Job Creation, Municipal and Northern Relations and Natural Resources and Indigenous Futures to ensure we grow our economy, reliably move goods and services, and keep families safe on our roads and highways.

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

- Build the infrastructure we need to grow our economy.
- Consult with Indigenous communities and get to work building the Lake Manitoba and Lake St. Martin Channels to protect communities from flooding.
- Improve highway safety for Manitoba families by twinning the Trans Canada Highway in eastern Manitoba.
- Ensure our highways, bridges, roads and culverts and government buildings are in a state of good repair.

- Continue to work with the blue-ribbon panel of local leaders and municipal officials to advise the government on infrastructure priorities.

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

- Reverse the cuts to roads and maintenance and invest in snow clearing, gravel roads, ditches, bridges and culverts to keep families safe, protect communities from flooding and create good Manitoba jobs.
- Work with the department of Business, Trade, Mining and Job Creation to pursue initiatives to develop Churchill and Centreport as transportation and supply chain hubs.
- Build a new airport at Wasagamack First Nation as part of our northern airport strategy.

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.

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