

HISTORIC HELP FOR MANITOBANS

Safer Streets.

Healing Health Care.

Stronger Communities.

Opportunities Ahead.

Speech

2023 Budget Speech

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Indigenous Land Acknowledgement

We recognize that Manitoba is on the treaty territories and ancestral lands of the Anishinaabe, Anishinewuk, Dakota Oyate, Denesuline and Nehethowuk peoples.

We acknowledge Manitoba is located on the Homeland of the Red River Métis.

We acknowledge northern Manitoba includes lands that were and are the ancestral lands of the Inuit.

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Introduction

Madam Speaker and members of the Legislative Assembly, I am honoured and humbled to rise in the House today to deliver the 2023 Budget – Historic Help for Manitobans.

I stand here with the weight of responsibility knowing how much Manitobans have suffered from the burden of rising costs due to inflation and the cost-shock of the federally imposed Liberal-NDP carbon tax.

Unlike the budgets of my predecessors where fiscal responsibility ruled the day, Budget 2023 fully reflects the progressive conservative roots of our premier – where helping Manitobans make ends meet and historic new funding will lead to safer streets, stronger communities and the healing of our health care system.

This budget will create new opportunities for all Manitobans.

There is no greater evidence of this new and balanced approach than this – in the last year, the Manitoba economy emerged faster and stronger than anyone could have anticipated.

Benefitting from additional tax revenue, we are reinvesting every cent to help struggling families make ends meet and strengthen the programs and services Manitobans rely on.

And we are doing it without mortgaging our children's future.

The target deficit in this budget is \$363-million. We remain on track to balance the budget just as we promised.

Our premier's balanced approach began in September, when affordability cheques began arriving in mailboxes to help families make ends meet.

It continued with historic help for our schools, which are receiving the largest funding increase in over a quarter century.

Municipalities were also suffering but are now benefiting from restored and significant operating funding increases, ensuring we can grow stronger communities together.

And it continued last month with our Carbon Tax Relief Fund, which will help ease the cost shock of this largely hidden federal tax.

Budget 2023 returns us to the balance of our Progressive Conservative roots – progressive on social issues and conservative on fiscal issues.

This year's budget provides help when it is most needed. It provides historic help for Manitobans.

Madam Speaker, I want to thank the thousands of Manitobans who participated in pre-budget consultations. You are the lifeblood of our democracy, and this budget reflects your priorities.

This includes the many Indigenous leaders and communities we consulted on our whole-of-government commitment to advancing Truth and Reconciliation.

Together, we will heal.

And together, we will build a province of opportunity for all of us.

Historic Help for Manitobans

To help Manitobans make ends meet as they deal with the continuing pressure of rising costs and the federal carbon tax, Budget 2023 is providing historic help that will support Manitobans across all areas of family and community life.

From historic investments to help better serve seniors, singles and families to historic tax changes that will help Manitobans make ends meet, this budget is about doing everything possible for Manitobans at a time when they need it most.

Manitoba's economy may be recovering from the pandemic, but cost shock is making it harder for families, individuals and seniors to make ends meet.

The Liberal-NDP carbon tax is making that situation even worse.

In a report last year, the Parliamentary Budget Officer estimated the average Manitoba household lost \$300 due to the carbon tax.

That loss will rise in the coming years to over \$1,100 by 2030.

Our premier has helped lead the fight to demand the prime minister pause the carbon tax immediately.

He has refused, but that isn't stopping her from fighting for Manitobans.

To offset the federal tax grab, our Carbon Tax Relief Fund is providing single people with \$225 and couples with \$375 in benefits.

It puts \$200-million back in the pockets of Manitobans.

Madam Speaker, our government is also taking action to keep electricity rates low.

After we reduced payments charged to Manitoba Hydro, they adjusted their general rate application to the Public Utilities Board to just two per cent in each of the next two years.

This change will save Manitoba Hydro and its ratepayers \$190-million this year and over \$4-billion over the next 20 years.

Our electricity rates are among the lowest in Canada, and they will stay that way under our government.

That is historic help in its own right, and we aren't done yet. Not even close.

Our government promised we would phase-out education property taxes, making homeownership more affordable for families.

Madam Speaker, we are increasing the School Tax Rebate for residential and farm properties to 50 per cent this year, returning \$774 to the average homeowner.

This lowers the tax burden on Manitobans while putting us on the path to fair and transparent education funding into the future.

Manitoba's historically high income tax rates have made it harder to attract the best and brightest to our province.

They have also made it harder for middle-class families and seniors to make ends meet.

Madam Speaker, we are taking action with the largest reduction in provincial income taxes in the history of our province.

Under this budget and effective this year, we are increasing the Basic Personal Amount from just under \$11,000 to \$15,000. That means you won't pay a cent of tax on the first \$15,000 you earn.

This measure will result in a total of 47,400 low-income Manitobans being removed from the tax rolls and it will save the average two-income family over \$1,000 this year, compared to 2022

Starting in 2024, we are also making our tax system fairer by adjusting income tax brackets.

The lowest tax bracket will now apply to the first \$47,000 of income while the second tax bracket will apply to income between \$47,000 and \$100,000.

The highest tax bracket will now apply only on income over \$100,000.

These changes will bring us in line with other provinces.

It will put our first tax bracket within 10 per cent of British Columbia, New Brunswick, Ontario, Quebec and Saskatchewan.

And it will make our second tax bracket the fourth-highest in Canada.

Madam Speaker, our income tax changes help working and middle class Manitobans the most.

A two-income family making \$50,000 each will save over \$1,250 in income tax in 2024 and every year going forward.

These tax changes are historic.

They will make Manitoba a more affordable place to live, work and raise a family for generations to come.

Madam Speaker, our premier's total tax and affordability measures are putting \$1.8 billion back in the pockets of Manitobans.

By next year, we will have provided over \$5,500 to help the average family make ends meet.

On this side of the house, we will always fight for Manitoba families.

Safer Streets

We all want to feel safe in our homes, on our streets and in our communities.

To achieve this, Manitoba needs a balanced approach that addresses the root causes of crime while also getting tough on violent crime and violent criminals.

Assaults and homicides have claimed too many victims.

Federal changes to the Criminal Code have made it easier for violent offenders to get bail, contributing to a revolving door in our criminal justice system.

Our government has been clear. Enough is enough.

We have joined every premier in Canada to call on the prime minister to reform bail laws to keep violent offenders in jail.

Members of the Official Opposition have been on the record opposing these bail reforms.

They want to let violent criminals off the hook while also defunding the police.

We are taking a much different approach.

We are cracking down on crime and funding the police to protect our streets and neighbourhoods.

Madam Speaker, we are working with our frontline officers to invest over \$51-million in a new, two-year Violent Crime Strategy.

The strategy will build on our investments in new police units to track down criminals on outstanding warrants and keep offenders released on bail from victimizing our communities.

We are also working to make downtown Winnipeg a safe place for visitors and businesses, with over \$3.6-million to support the Downtown Community Safety Partnership.

This innovative public-private partnership provides eyes and ears in downtown Winnipeg 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Their three patrol teams have responded to over 3,500 calls to date and made nearly 3,000 connections between our most vulnerable citizens and the housing and other supports they need.

They have done this while walking side-by-side with Indigenous community organizations.

We thank them for helping make our streets safer so that downtown can, once again, become a safe destination for business, arts, culture and sport.

Madam Speaker, the success of the Downtown Community Safety Partnership shows us that cracking down on violent crime is just one part of the equation.

Our society has changed and our understanding of the root causes of crime requires a balanced approach.

Too many Manitobans fall into petty crime due to homelessness, loss of income and addiction challenges. We can do more to help them.

Our budget provides historic help with supports that will prevent crime and put more Manitobans on the road to recovery than ever before.

We are investing over \$51-million this year in our comprehensive homelessness strategy.

This investment enhances funding for overnight shelters, transitional housing and rent subsidies for Manitobans in need.

Our collaborative and coordinated approach to homelessness is starting to work.

The support provided in Thompson for their sobering centre and other initiatives has helped reduce homelessness and other challenges in northern Manitoba.

And their success is being studied by communities like Brandon, which is also working to open a sobering centre with support from our government.

We are also providing low-income Manitobans with the help they need to prevent homelessness.

Last year, we implemented the first increase to the Employment and Income Assistance basic needs rate in nearly 20 years.

We created the new Disability Support Program to help Manitobans with severe and prolonged disabilities to lead lives of dignity in the community.

And we increased Rent Assist benefits, subsidizing the housing costs of working families.

Over the last year, we have helped 1,400 more Manitobans with Rent Assist. In addition, we have built 130 new social and affordable housing units.

We are providing historic help for low-income Manitobans now and into the future.

Madam Speaker, there is no greater loss than the loss of a child.

We have heard the stories of parents who have lost their children to drug addiction.

We are committed to preventing these tragedies through a strong focus on recovery.

In just five years, our government has opened six Rapid Access to Addictions Medicine Clinics – two in Winnipeg and one each in Brandon, Selkirk, Thompson and Portage la Prairie.

Madam Speaker, these RAAM clinics save lives.

Since the first clinic opened in 2018, they have helped nearly 7,000 people get access to counselling, detox and long-term treatment, putting them on the road to recovery.

This spring, we are opening a third RAAM Clinic in Winnipeg, which will be Indigenous-led through our partnership with the Aboriginal Health and Wellness Centre.

And we have expanded operating hours in Portage la Prairie and Thompson and added Saturday drop-in times in Winnipeg. Our government is also increasing the number of treatment beds for Manitobans who need residential care.

Over the last year, we fulfilled our commitment to open 100 supportive recovery housing beds through community partnerships with organizations like Klinik Community Health Centre, Siloam Mission, Community Health and Housing Association, Men are Part of the Solution and Riverwood House. This year, we are opening an additional 1,000 new treatment spaces.

Our government recognizes the importance of culturally-appropriate supports for Indigenous people, helping them heal from the impacts of intergenerational trauma.

We are supporting the Indigenous-led Clan Mothers Healing Village and Knowledge Centre to build a healing lodge and residential units for women recovering from sexual violence, exploitation and trafficking.

We are also dedicating more resources to mental health support than ever before, with over \$17-million for year two of our Five-Year Roadmap for Mental Health and Community Wellness.

Madam Speaker, our budget will provide hope, healing and recovery for thousands of Manitobans. It will provide historic help to those in need.

Healing Health Care

We are healing health care in Manitoba.

We are working to shorten wait times by recruiting, retaining and rebuilding our frontline.

We have secured additional funding from the federal government and we are making historic investments that put patients first.

The COVID-19 pandemic did untold damage to health care systems around the world.

Here in Manitoba, it touched every health professional and every patient.

It left nurses, doctors and health-care staff overworked. It left our seniors isolated.

And it forced hospitals to redirect resources to care for COVID-19 patients, creating a backlog in surgeries and diagnostic tests.

These challenges are not unique to Manitoba, but Manitoba is truly unique in responding.

Our premier has been leading the fight for more equitable health care funding after years of inaction by the federal government.

She has galvanized premiers across the country to finalize a deal adding over \$46-billion to Canadian health care over the next decade.

Our team is also taking action on health care here at home.

Madam Speaker, we are investing \$7.9-billion in our health care system this year.

That is over \$668-million more than last year to heal health care – a 9.2 per cent increase.

Madam Speaker, I would like to take a moment to thank the doctors, nurses and other health-care professionals who come to work every day to care for our most vulnerable citizens.

You are heroes, and we will always stand with you.

Our number one priority following the pandemic has been addressing the shortage of nurses and other health care professionals in Manitoba.

Our work is paying off.

In collaboration with our colleges and universities, we will exceed our pledge to add 400 nursing seats to postsecondary institutions across the province.

Late last year, we announced a comprehensive \$200-million Health Human Resources Action Plan with new incentives and recruitment resources to bring 2,000 health care professionals to Manitoba.

This action plan will transform Manitoba into an international destination for health care professionals of all backgrounds, providing a sense of security for our aging population.

And thanks to investments in this budget, the nurses we are recruiting today will be working in new and expanded hospitals tomorrow.

Madam Speaker, we are providing a total multi-year capital investment of \$1.2-billion to continue health care capital projects.

That includes:

- a new hospital in Portage la Prairie;
- a new hospital in Neepawa; and
- renovations to Brandon Regional Health Centre and the Western Manitoba Cancer Centre.

Winnipeggers will benefit from multi-million dollar renovations to the St. Boniface Hospital emergency department, the Grace Hospital intensive care unit and CancerCare Manitoba.

We are also joining the Health Sciences Centre Foundation in the \$100 million Operation Excellence redevelopment, which will significantly expand surgical and diagnostic services at the Health Sciences Centre hospital.

This historic effort is part of our commitment to redevelop the broader Health Sciences Centre campus in the coming years.

Madam Speaker, this is historic help for our health care system and it doesn't end there.

In December 2021, our government brought together leading health care professionals to form the Diagnostic and Surgical Recovery Task Force.

Their expertise and administrative skills have generated real results for Manitobans. In just over a year, more than 22,000 people have received surgeries or diagnostic tests because of their work.

Their innovative approach has transformed lives, making it possible for parents to get back into the job market and seniors to play with their grandchildren after years of debilitating pain.

We thank each member of the task force for their dedication, and we thank all the health care workers who answered the call to address this challenge.

This year, we are investing \$130-million so that our Diagnostic and Surgical Recovery Task Force can continue this important work.

Under our watch, Manitobans can stop waiting and start living.

Together, we will work our hardest and do our best to reduce the pandemic backlog.

Madam Speaker, many Manitobans with diabetes simply cannot live full lives without access to necessary medical technology.

That is why, in 2021, our government expanded eligibility for the advanced glucose monitor and insulin pump program to include all young adults under the age of 25.

Today, we are expanding these programs to include all eligible adults with Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes in the province of Manitoba. We now have the strongest program in Canada.

We are also creating a new Hearing Aid Program for Manitoba's seniors, enriching the lives of an estimated 6,200 Manitobans with hearing loss.

Our government is budgeting an additional \$120-million towards our successful Manitoba Pharmacare program.

Manitoba seniors have worked hard, played by the rules and raised children and grandchildren to give back to our province.

They deserve to age with dignity and independence.

Over the last year, our government has consulted with more than 10,000 Manitobans to develop our seniors strategy.

We are investing millions in that strategy this year so we can provide our seniors with the community and recreation services they deserve.

Two years ago, our government committed to implement all 17 recommendations of Dr. Lynn Stevenson's report on long-term care.

We are keeping our promise to Manitobans by investing \$55-million to implement those recommendations this year.

Madam Speaker, our government will always fight for seniors.

We will heal our health care system with historic help in this year's budget.

Stronger Communities

Growing a stronger Manitoba starts with vibrant and thriving communities – with the services, businesses, infrastructure and jobs that will attract new families, investment and growth.

From the two-income family who relies on before-and-after-school child care, to the single mother of a special needs child in public school, to the retired parents caring for their adult child with disabilities – families need affordable and quality services close to home.

In 2021, we committed to create 23,000 affordable spaces in just five years under the Early Learning and Child Care Agreement.

This year, we are on track to create over 2,600 spaces in non-profit centres across our province.

And we are expanding child care in schools, providing parents with critical before-and-after-school care.

We know the cost of child care makes it difficult for parents to make ends meet.

Our government is investing \$76-million to make \$10-a-day child care a reality for all Manitobans this year. We are three years ahead of schedule.

Madam Speaker, schools are the core of every strong community and teachers the heart and soul of every school.

We are helping our K-12 schools with a \$100-million funding increase, bringing our total investment to \$1.7 billion this year.

That means more funding for special needs grants, and more for schools who need it most.

We are also making \$77-million in funding permanent to support school divisions for teacher and staff wages.

In 2019, our government promised to build 20 new schools in the next decade.

We are ahead of schedule.

There are students learning in seven schools already, with another on the way next year for the Waverley West neighbourhood.

We have six more schools in progress now and more on the way.

Madam Speaker, strong communities are only as strong as the support they provide for the most vulnerable.

Historically low wages in our disability programs have contributed to high turnover and staff burnout in this critically important sector.

We have heard from Abilities Manitoba and other organizations that these historically low wages hurt the quality of care for people with intellectual disabilities.

We are taking action with \$81-million to establish an average funded wage of \$19 per hour for all disability service workers funded by our government.

We have heard the sector loud and clear.

Madam Speaker, we are investing over \$640-million in disability services this year.

We are providing help for more Manitobans with disabilities than ever before.

We value the municipal and community services that contribute to the strength of our communities.

From community centres to parks to reliable wastewater services, strong municipalities are the backbone of Manitoba.

We have heard from the Association of Manitoba Municipalities that their quality of service is at risk without a significant increase in operating funding.

To help municipalities reach their full potential, we are unlocking operating funding as we acknowledge the important role their success plays in helping us grow stronger communities and a more vibrant Manitoba.

Our government is investing \$47-million more in operating grants for municipalities, bringing total municipal operating funding to over \$217-million this year.

That is the largest increase in a decade, and it is part of a new and more equitable funding formula. Our government will continue this for years to come.

In addition, we are providing millions more for transit, wastewater treatment and other municipal capital projects.

Strong communities also need to be lively and livable places with thriving sport, culture and heritage activities.

Last year, we doubled the Building Sustainable Communities Fund to \$25-million to support local projects, including new playgrounds and community club upgrades.

That funding continues for all non-profits and local governments this year.

We are also investing \$50-million in the Arts, Culture and Sport in Community Fund to support local programming and capital construction projects throughout our province.

Manitoba communities would not be the same without their connection to our pristine, natural environment.

Madam Speaker, our fresh air and natural beauty is the envy of the world.

As we respond to the impacts of climate change, our government is committed to creating a greener Manitoba for our children and grandchildren.

We are working with Indigenous communities, municipalities and stakeholders across the province to reduce emissions through Manitoba's Climate and Green Plan.

Our Waste Reduction and Recycling Support Program will divert more than 188,000 tonnes of waste from Manitoba landfills annually.

Investments in the Efficient Trucking Program will retrofit our tractors and trailers with fuel saving technologies.

And Manitoba's Water Management Strategy will help sustain our industries and protect our lakes, rivers and streams for generations to come.

Manitoba's 92 provincial parks and vast network of trails are the crown jewels of our province.

We are protecting them and investing in a new parks capital plan to renew park infrastructure.

We are also fixing the Parks Reservation Service, launching a new modern system just in time for this year's summer camping season.

Manitoba's Conservation Service is also getting a boost, with new training, equipment and technology for the frontline officers who keep us safe every day.

Madam Speaker, protecting our environment will help us create stronger communities and a greener Manitoba.

Opportunities Ahead

Over the last year, we have seen unprecedented economic growth in our province and an influx of skilled immigration.

Adding to this, as we look forward, we see tremendous opportunities ahead with continued improvement in our fiscal position as we work to create the right conditions for sustained economic growth.

Other positive signs include:

- Manitoba's gross domestic product increased by 3.6 per cent and our businesses created over 21,000 net new jobs last year;
- key industries such as manufacturing and agriculture showed record new growth; and
- the unemployment rate dropped to 4.6 per cent, among the lowest in Canada.

And last year, we welcomed more than 21,000 newcomers, including nearly 14,000 people through our flagship Provincial Nominee Program.

That is the highest number of nominees since Progressive Conservatives established this program in 1998.

Thanks to the Provincial Nominee Program, 85 per cent of nominees have already secured employment in Manitoba.

Behind each of these statistics is a story.

- A multi-generation family farm that is thriving.
- A mother who recently arrived in Manitoba and found new hope working at a local start-up.
- A young father who found a good-paying manufacturing job after years of unemployment.

Many more opportunities lie ahead as we grow in confidence and build on our strengths and determination as a province.

Madam Speaker, this year's budget builds on the economic success of the last year while addressing the challenges of the future.

Manitoba will have more than 114,000 job openings over the next five years, and nearly 60 per cent of those jobs will require some post-secondary education and training.

Last year, we stood with our universities and colleges to announce the Skills, Talent and Knowledge Strategy to prepare students for real jobs in the labour market.

We are building on that strategy this year by investing more in the Sector Council Program, working with employers to deliver the training Manitobans need.

We are also supporting newcomers so they can have their credentials recognized, creating the new Internationally Educated Professionals Program to speed up certification.

We want professionals from around the world to fulfill their dreams in Manitoba, not settle for something less just because they were educated abroad.

Madam Speaker, we are fighting for newcomers while helping create opportunities for them and benefits for all in the months and years to come.

Manitoba's colleges and universities lead the world in research and skills training, preparing bright young minds to create opportunities as we build our economy.

This year's budget invests over \$65-million more in our postsecondary institutions. That is more historic help for students.

We also know that affordable tuition attracts students from across the country to our colleges and universities.

It allows parents to contribute to the cost of their children's education, ensuring they get a good start as they leave home.

Madam Speaker, we are capping university tuition increases at 2.75 per cent for all students in Manitoba this year.

For too many years, Manitoba was too slow to attract venture capital.

Last year, our government responded with the new Venture Capital Fund, creating a much larger venture and growth capital ecosystem for Manitoba businesses.

We have doubled down on that success by adding \$50-million this year, bringing our total contribution to \$100-million. Nothing but opportunities lie ahead!

To enhance our competitiveness, we will be eliminating payroll taxes for 150 more employers by adjusting the exemption threshold to \$2.25-million.

Madam Speaker, we will take further action on the payroll tax in the years to come.

Last year, we made it our mission to make Manitoba a world-class mining destination. We are already seeing the results as opportunities unfold.

We have seen a 95 per cent increase in mining exploration investments in 2021 and an estimated 28 per cent increase in 2022.

To maximize this unprecedented investment, we are creating 18 new positions across government.

These new employees will have one job – speed up the permitting process so we can get mines up and running right here in Manitoba.

We are also committing \$10-million over three years in the Manitoba Mineral Development Fund.

Tapping into our mining potential will also fuel jobs, growth and opportunities for Indigenous communities, advancing economic reconciliation.

From zinc to nickel and copper to lithium and silica, Manitoba has the resources to create endless opportunities and power the world economy.

The members of the opposition want to keep our resources in the ground, costing thousands of jobs and billions in investment.

We will get our resources out of the ground and out to market in record time.

Madam Speaker, while the world is struggling with supply chain disruptions and growing geopolitical risk, businesses see Manitoba as a stable market for investment.

They look to our trade and transportation infrastructure with unique access to North American and global markets to shorten their supply chains and reduce risk.

Our message to investors is simple – Manitoba is open for business.

Thanks to our work with the Manitoba Heavy Construction Association, we are investing over \$2.5-billion in trade-enabling highway infrastructure over the next five years.

That includes the Winnipeg One Million Perimeter Freeway Initiative, which will create opportunities for improving trade and commerce in our capital city for decades to come.

We have also committed \$40-million to build infrastructure that will develop and expand CentrePort South, North America's largest inland port and foreign trade zone.

Once complete, this development will bring over \$1-billion in investment to Manitoba.

Finally, we are working with northern businesses and community leaders to upgrade the rail line to the Port of Churchill.

Madam Speaker, we are investing to enhance our export capacity at a critical time for the global economy.

One day soon, Western Canadian exporters from the Rocky Mountains to Hudson Bay will have access to global markets right here in Manitoba.

With the historic help in this Budget, the opportunities ahead are endless.

Conclusion

Madam Speaker, Spruce Woods Provincial Park – the namesake of my constituency – possesses astounding natural beauty.

Tucked away in Western Manitoba almost two hours outside of Winnipeg, the heart of the park includes the only naturally-occurring desert in the province.

It is called the Spirit Sands in honour of its spiritual significance for early Indigenous peoples.

If you hike the trail through those sands, you will come to lookouts with views over a massive canopy of spruce trees that seem to stretch forever. Over those trees is the breathtaking expanse of our blue prairie sky.

Looking out across that skyline and its endless vista, all I can feel is confident in the opportunities that lie ahead for Manitobans.

Madam Speaker, as I prepare to depart public life later this year, I close this budget speech with the same sense of confidence and optimism I felt when I began my career as a public servant.

Confident that our historic help for Manitobans will make their lives more affordable.

Confident that we will make our streets safer and our communities stronger.

Confident that we will heal health care and create the boundless opportunities that we know lie ahead for Manitobans – today, tomorrow and into the future.

And it all starts today – with Historic Help for Manitobans.

Thank you.

