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PREMIER CALLS FOR PROGRESS ON TRANS MOUNTAIN PIPELINE

In response to this past weekend's announcement by Kinder Morgan that it is suspending non-essential spending on the Trans Mountain Pipeline expansion until May 31, and the possibility the project could be abandoned after that date, Premier Brian Pallister is calling on the government of British Columbia to abandon its opposition to the project and for the Government of Canada to ensure the project proceeds to completion because the project is in the national interest.

"Canada has a process for review and approval of projects such as the Trans Mountain Pipeline expansion," said Pallister. "It is a process that ensures all points of view be heard and fairly considered. It's important to respect that process and especially important that governments respect the process.

"The Trans Mountain Pipeline expansion has been reviewed and it has been approved. It is in the national interest the project be completed."

GUILLEMARD DELIVERS FOR UMSU AND UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA STUDENTS



A private member's bill moved by Sarah Guillemard, MLA for Fort Richmond, proposing increased transparency and autonomy for the University of Manitoba Students' Union (UMSU), passed second reading. Bill 300 would also strengthen decision-making abilities of UMSU members and ensure referendums for students on any fee increases.

The amendments to the UMSU Act were requested by the union's leadership as it petitioned the Progressive Conservative government for the changes.

The passage of Bill 300 in second reading occurred despite the opposition NDP's initial efforts to stall the legislation against UMSU's wishes.

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MANITOBA SIGNS NEW MULTILATERAL HOUSING FRAMEWORK

The Manitoba government has endorsed a multilateral Housing Partnership Framework. The announcement was made at a meeting of Canada's federal, provincial and territorial ministers in Toronto, attended by Families Minister Scott Fielding earlier this week.

"By signing onto this framework, it will guide the way Manitoba works with the federal government to support improved housing outcomes for Manitobans in need and represents the longest term commitment we have seen from the federal government in a generation," said Fielding. "By working together with federal, provincial and territorial partners on this framework, we are collaboratively moving forward on shared priorities for housing in Canada."

For more information on this new housing framework, click here.



HONOURING THE HUMBOLDT BRONCOS, SUPPORTING OUR JETS



Members of our caucus joined with all Canadians and people around the world in mourning the tragedy that struck the Humboldt Broncos. PC MLAs joined in honouring the Broncos as part of National Jersey Day on April 12. It was also marked with a Ministerial Statement from Hon. Cathy Cox, Minister of Sport, Culture and Heritage and MLA for River East, which can be viewed on our YouTube channel by clicking here.

On a happier hockey-related note, our entire team is excited to get behind the Winnipeg Jets for their 2018 Stanley Cup Playoff run! Premier Brian Pallister, along with members of our caucus and staff, showed their support with a fun video to cheer on the Jets. Check it out on the Premier's Facebook page by clicking here!

