

# Manitoba PC Caucus Review

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## PREMIER TRAVELS TO OTTAWA

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Premier Brian Pallister travelled to Ottawa late this week for a series of meetings on Parliament Hill and with various organizations in our nation's capital.

The Premier's time in Ottawa includes a meeting with Federal Opposition Leader Andrew Scheer to discuss healthcare and interprovincial trade, and Federal Citizenship and Immigration Minister Ahmed Hussen to discuss cooperation on immigration and asylum seekers.

Premier Pallister also met with the Institute of Fiscal Studies and Democracy, and has several interviews scheduled with the national media.

If you would like to catch the Premier's interviews, tune in to the programs below or check their network websites to watch or listen online anytime:

Friday, Apr 27 - **Power & Politics** - 4:00 PM on CBC News Network

Friday, Apr 27 - **Power Play** - 4:00 PM on CTV News Channel

Saturday, Apr 28 - **The House** - 9:00 AM on CBC Radio

Sunday, Apr 29 - **Question Period** - 10:00 AM on CTV

## PROVINCE LAUNCHES INTAKE FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

The Manitoba government is seeking grant applications for community development projects and initiatives, Municipal Relations Minister Jeff Wharton and Sustainable Development Minister Rochelle Squires, minister responsible for the status of women, announced this week.

The government is investing more than \$20 million in community development programs for the 2018-19 fiscal year. Applications are now being accepted for the Community Places Program, Hometown Manitoba, Neighbourhoods Alive! and Partner 4 Growth.

"Investments in these community organizations are critical in supporting the sustainability and economic development of neighbourhoods across our province," said Wharton. "Budget 2018 announced an 11 per cent funding increase for the Community Places Program, demonstrating our continued commitment to community development in Manitoba."

For more information on how to apply, visit [www.gov.mb.ca/mr/bldgcomm/intake/index.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/mr/bldgcomm/intake/index.html).

## HAVE YOUR SAY ON A NEW ECONOMIC GROWTH STRATEGY FOR MANITOBA!

The Manitoba government is holding meetings this month with stakeholder groups to guide the development of a new provincial economic growth strategy, Growth, Enterprise and Trade Minister Blaine Pedersen announced earlier this week.

The province is partnering with local chambers of commerce to host three stakeholder engagement summits with representatives from business, industry, education and economic development organizations. Additional meetings and roundtable discussions will be held throughout the province in the weeks ahead, the minister added.

Under the leadership of Dave Angus, former CEO of the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce, and Barb Gamey, founder and CEO of Payworks, stakeholder engagement summits are planned for April 26 in Brandon, April 27 in Winnipeg and April 30 in Thompson.

After completing these consultations, the Manitoba government will work with key economic development organizations, as well as the Premier's Enterprise Team, to shape further strategic direction, programming and service delivery mechanisms.

A new website has also been launched to receive online submissions from the public. Manitobans are encouraged to submit their ideas to [www.gov.mb.ca/egs/](http://www.gov.mb.ca/egs/).

## HELWER'S CONSTRUCTION PAYMENTS BILL PASSES SECOND READING

A private member's bill introduced by Reg Helwer, MLA for Brandon West, to ensure timely payments in Manitoba's construction industry passed second reading in the Legislative Assembly this week.

Bill 218, the Prompt Payments in the Construction Industry Act, would require construction site owners to make periodic payments to contractors at specified times and to make final payments to them promptly upon work completion. Similar obligations would apply to contractors' payments to subcontractors.

"This is a fair and balanced legislative proposal that would ensure a timely flow of payments across the construction industry to companies and workers," said Helwer. "Industry groups in our province have asked for this legislation for a long time. Payment delays affect the viability of businesses, general costs of construction and Manitoba's competitiveness across North America in attracting investment."

Some companies in Manitoba have been owed millions of dollars for goods or services and have not been paid according to contractual obligations. The absence of prompt payment legislation has added to a heavy burden on the Manitoba court system.

Industry groups across Canada are working with the federal and provincial governments to pass similar legislation. Our Progressive Conservative caucus has consulted the Manitoba Prompt Payment Coalition, a group of 29 organizations representing industry, trades and labour, which has called for legislated enforcement of timely payments of contracts. We have listened and acted.

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