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PREMIER TO OTTAWA: BACK OFF

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In response to news that the federal government plans to impose its own made-in-Ottawa carbon tax on top of our government's made-in-Manitoba Climate and Green Plan, Premier Brian Pallister had a strong message for the federal government.

"We don't think a made-in-Ottawa plan is best for Manitoba. We think a made-in-Manitoba plan, designed by Manitobans is the best – and we'll stand by that."

To see Premier Pallister's remarks in response to the federal government's threat to impose their plan on Manitobans, click [here](#).



AMBULANCE FEES REDUCED AGAIN



Ambulance fees have been reduced by \$85 as part of the Manitoba government's continuing efforts to deliver more affordable emergency service to families throughout the province.

Initially announced in last month's budget, the fee reduction took effect on April 1. The new price, down from \$425, marks a 20 per cent reduction in the bill Manitobans receive for ambulance service, with customers paying either \$340 or the pre-existing base fee established by the service provider, whichever is lower. This represents an average total decrease of \$182 since 2016, when the average ambulance fee was \$522.

OVER 700 NEW CHILD CARE SPACES COMING TO COMMUNITIES ACROSS MB

Families Minister Scott Fielding has announced the creation of up to 780 new licensed early learning and child-care spaces, supported by \$22.8 million through the Canada–Manitoba Early Learning and Child Care Agreement.

As announced in February, the Canada–Manitoba Early Learning and Child Care Agreement earmarks funding from the Government of Canada to support 1,400 new and newly funded child-care spaces in Manitoba. This announcement revealed the location of up to 780 of those spaces that will be added through new construction, in addition to funding for 621 existing licensed spaces at 63 child-care centres that was announced in early March.

These new child-care spaces will be located in the communities of Rivers, Portage la Prairie, St. Georges, Virden, Bowsman, Notre Dame des Lourdes, La Broquerie, Stony Mountain, Roblin, Thompson, Minnedosa, Gladstone, Morden, and Winnipeg.



PRESERVING OUR HERITAGE



Community museums and archives can now access matching dollars from the new Manitoba Heritage Trust Program, Sport, Culture and Heritage Minister Cathy Cox and Municipal Relations Minister Jeff Wharton announced this week.

Eligible organizations will be required to contribute a minimum of \$2,500 to an established heritage trust, Cox said. Working in partnership with The Winnipeg Foundation, the province will provide one dollar for every two dollars raised for an organization's endowment fund. The province will guarantee support up to a maximum of \$25,000 to organizations that raise \$50,000.

In all, organizations will have access to \$5 million in matching grants through the Manitoba Heritage Trust Program, which will be administered through the province's three-year agreement with The Winnipeg Foundation.

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