

# Manitoba PC Caucus Review

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## SENIORS HOUSING PROJECT OPENING CELEBRATED IN BRANDON

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Senior citizens in western Manitoba have a new 63-unit property to call home, so they can live independently in the community. This week, representatives from federal, provincial and municipal governments attended its grand opening, along with the local co-operative that led its development.

"Access to safe, affordable housing is a priority for our government and Manitobans," said Families Minister Heather Stefanson. "We are proud of the partnerships with the federal government, City of Brandon and West-Man Seniors Housing Co-op that led to the grand opening of this important project that will better the lives of Brandon seniors and the community."

The Canada and Manitoba governments provided more than \$3.1 million toward this \$14 million project through the Investment in Affordable Housing (IAH) extension agreement. The four-storey property, located at 2105 Brandon Ave., features 48 affordable housing units and 15 units with rental rates set at market value.

The City of Brandon provided the property at 2105 Brandon Ave., valued at \$920,000, at no cost and other support totaling more than \$600,000.

The housing project was developed and will be managed by Western Manitoba Seniors Non-Profit Housing Co-op Ltd., which was established in 2009 to provide safe, comfortable, affordable and accessible housing for seniors in Brandon. The co-op also manages a 34-unit affordable seniors' housing property on McDiarmid Drive.

Manitoba Housing, part of Manitoba Families, provides a wide range of safe and affordable housing options throughout the province, often in partnership with other governments, community organizations and private agencies. For more information, visit: [www.gov.mb.ca/housing](http://www.gov.mb.ca/housing).

## GOVERNMENT INCREASES SUPPORT FOR AT-RISK YOUTH IN DAUPHIN

The Manitoba government is increasing its support to the Dauphin At-Risk Teens (DART) program, which co-ordinates police, social service agencies and community organizations to support at-risk youth and their families, Justice Minister Cliff Cullen announced this week.

“By identifying and addressing the root cause of crime, DART continues to make a measurable and positive difference for young people and their families,” said Cullen. “This collaboration helps end cycles of crime, putting youth and their families on the path to long-term health and success. Our government is proud to announce an annual funding increase of \$50,000 to support and expand this important work.”

DART has been working in the community for 10 years. Its clients are young people aged 12 to 17 and their families who are showing high-risk behaviours and may already have existing relationships with community agencies or previous involvement with law enforcement.

Under the DART model, all of the partners work with the youth and their family to identify the issues at the root of the problem and develop a comprehensive plan to improve their lives.



## PREMIER MEETS WITH FEDERAL OPPOSITION LEADER



Premier Brian Pallister welcomed the Honourable Andrew Scheer, Leader of the Official Opposition in the House of Commons, to the Manitoba Legislature as part of Mr. Scheer's visit to Winnipeg this week.

## FREE PROVINCIAL PARK ENTRY FOR THE LABOUR DAY WEEKEND

The Manitoba government will once again offer free entry to provincial parks to mark the Labour Day long weekend, Sustainable Development Minister Rochelle Squires announced this week.

“Free park entry weekends provide an opportunity for all Manitobans to make the trip into one of our beautiful provincial parks and take a moment to enjoy nature,” Squires said. “I encourage everyone to take advantage of this great opportunity and make the most of all that our provincial parks have to offer.”

Park vehicle permits are not required in provincial parks from Friday, Aug. 31 to Monday, Sept. 3. Regular camping fees still apply.



## MANITOBA SUPPORTS OFFICER SAFETY WITH NEW FUNDING TO BRANDON POLICE



The Manitoba government is investing more than \$76,500 to outfit front-line Brandon Police Service (BPS) officers with tactical equipment to help keep them safe in high-risk situations, Justice Minister Cliff Cullen announced this week.

“Police officers in Brandon and throughout Manitoba put their lives on the line every day to keep us safe,” said Cullen. “It’s important for officers to have the necessary gear to ensure they are as protected as possible. We are proud to make this important investment in officer safety from Manitoba’s Criminal Property Forfeiture Fund.”

Funding will be used to purchase ballistic vests and helmets for members of the BPS tactical unit, ensuring they are better protected when responding to serious incidents. A supply of tourniquets will also be purchased and carried by all BPS officers so they can provide immediate and potentially life-saving first aid to themselves or others.

## YOUR PC MLAs IN THE COMMUNITY!



*St. Norbert MLA Jon Reyes presents a Community Places Grant to the St. Norbert Arts Centre*



*Rossmere MLA Andrew Micklefield celebrates with graduates of the NEEDS program for newcomers*



*MLAs Hon. Cameron Friesen, Janice Morley-Lecomte, Sarah Guillemard, Blair Yakimoski, and Hon. Colleen Mayer participate in “Home for Dinner” at Ronald McDonald House*