

# Manitoba PC Caucus Review

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## PREMIER CALLS FOR LEADERSHIP TO REPAIR NATIONAL ECONOMIC UNION

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Following the meeting of Canada's first ministers in Montreal last week, Premier Brian Pallister re-emphasized the tremendous cost of internal trade barriers to the economy and to households across Canada, and called for decisive federal action in the national interest.

"Premiers have recently made some modest progress on reducing trade barriers, but larger federal obstacles loom on the horizon. These obstacles jeopardize the economic union upon which our country was built, sow regional conflict and harm our shared national interests," said Pallister.

"Bills C-68 and C-69 do more than miss opportunities for growth and shared prosperity; they compound problems. They add vagueness where certainty and leadership is required. Critical efforts to secure market access will continue to be frustrated. Vital flood-protection infrastructure will continue to be needlessly delayed. Opportunities to build a new clean, green national energy corridor will be missed. Members of the Canadian family will continue to suffer."

"If we are to realize a new national dream based on shared prosperity and environmentally responsible growth, there must be accountability and clarity. The federal government must lead; it must decisively act in the national interest, and it must do so at this critical moment."

"In Manitoba, we've been told by Ottawa that additional consultations are required to build flood-protection measures through the Lake Manitoba Outlet – meaning our people could face years of extra unacceptable risks."

Pallister insisted the federal government must reassert the sense of co-operative nation building upon which Canada was built.

Read the Premier's full statement by [clicking here](#).

## PROVINCE ANNOUNCES NEW RURAL FAMILY MEDICINE RESIDENCY PROGRAM



A new family medicine residency program in the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority (IERHA) will enable medical residents to learn more about rural medicine and encourage physician recruitment. The announcement was made this week by Riding Mountain MLA Greg Nesbitt, Legislative Assistant to the Minister of Health, Seniors and Active Living. The announcement took place in Selkirk and also included area MLAs Alan Lagimodiere (Selkirk) and Wayne Ewasko (Lac du Bonnet).

Residency is the last stage in training for doctors following graduation from medical school. The family medicine residency program in the Rady Faculty of Health Sciences at the University of Manitoba Max Rady College of Medicine includes training in a number of practice areas including primary care, psychiatry, obstetrics, general surgery, internal medicine, emergency department care, pediatrics and seniors care. This training will allow physicians to better respond to the needs of Manitoba communities.

To learn about this exciting new program, [click here](#).

## MANITOBA ANNOUNCES FUNDING FOR 57 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS



The Manitoba government will be providing \$950,000 in grants to projects for non-profit and community-led organizations across the province, Municipal Relations Minister Jeff Wharton announced this week.

“Our government is committed to investing in programming and infrastructure at the community level,” said Wharton. “Our neighbourhoods and communities see a significant impact as a result of these investments every day through increased economic development, as well as the addition of strengthened community infrastructure.”

A total of 57 projects were approved for \$950,039 through the Community Planning and Assistance Program, the Community Places Program, the Community Support Small Grants Program, the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund, as well as the Emergency Capital Grant Program. The funding announced today will support projects and community-led non-profit organizations that improve the well-being of residents in Winnipeg’s neighbourhoods and communities across the province.

Wharton noted the funding is in addition to more than \$4.5 million in grants announced earlier this year.

## PROVINCE ANNOUNCES FUNDING FOR CIRCLES OF RECONCILIATION



The Manitoba government is strengthening its support for reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people by funding Circles for Reconciliation, Indigenous and Northern Relations Minister Eileen Clarke announced this week.

“Our government is pleased to provide \$25,000 to Circles for Reconciliation, furthering the opportunity to learn about the shared history of Canadian Indigenous nations and peoples,” said Clarke. “By building significant relationships between individuals and groups, we are building a stronger Manitoba.”

Established in 2016, Circles for Reconciliation aims to create trusting, meaningful relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples as part of the 94 Calls to Action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Clarke noted that while the project started in Winnipeg, circles are taking place throughout rural Manitoba and have been expanded to Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia.

To learn more about Circles for Reconciliation, visit [www.circlesforreconciliation.ca](http://www.circlesforreconciliation.ca).

## MANITOBA HERITAGE TRUST PROGRAM FUNDS LOCAL PROJECTS



Funds have started to flow from the Manitoba Heritage Trust Program that will support local museums as they work to engage the community and highlight the history of the province, Sport, Culture and Heritage Minister Cathy Cox and Municipal Relations Minister Jeff Wharton announced this week.

“We are very encouraged by the enthusiasm many local museums have shown towards the Heritage Trust Program,” Cox said. “Our museums help showcase Manitoba’s unique stories and our archives help preserve our rich and diverse history.”

La Société historique de Saint-Boniface will receive a provincial contribution of \$25,000, following a successful fundraising campaign that raised over \$50,000.

“This kind of partnership is exciting because it offers a great incentive for contributions that drive provincial support,” Wharton said. “We are pleased to support local museums and archives all around our great province.”