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GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES IMPORTANT INVESTMENTS IN BRANDON

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The hub of the Westman region received some great news this week with an investment in the Brandon Police Service and the expansion of a successful program for job seekers in the Wheat City.

The Manitoba government is providing more than \$130,000 from Manitoba Justice's Criminal Property Forfeiture Fund to the Brandon Police Service to improve safety for their officers and the community, Justice Minister Cliff Cullen announced this week alongside Families Minister Heather Stefanson and area MLAs Len Isleifson, Reg Helwer, and Doyle Pivniuk.

"These significant investments will enhance public safety in Brandon and the surrounding regions by equipping police with the tools they need to stay safe and do their jobs more effectively," said Cullen. "These tools will help to save lives and enhance officer safety, and the Manitoba government is pleased to provide this support to the Brandon Police Service."

Also announced this week was Jobs On 9th, which is modeled after the successful Jobs On Market service centre in Winnipeg. Jobs On 9th, which will launch this coming fall, will support individuals looking for employment with resume development, job search counseling, job referrals, connections to community resources and access to computers, phones and printers.

"Jobs on 9th will be a single-window resource for job seekers, with supports for people who are ready to find and successfully apply for work," said Stefanson. "We've seen a lot of success with this approach in Winnipeg, which is why we are expanding to serve the Brandon and Westman regions. We are investing in proven strategies that will make a real difference in the lives of Manitobans and their families. The advice and support they receive at this service centre could change the rest of their lives."

INVESTING TO EXPAND CHILD CARE IN VIRDEN AND RIVERS



Families Minister Heather Stefanson joined Arthur-Virden MLA Doyle Piwniuk and Riding Mountain MLA Greg Nesbitt for a pair of events highlighting our government's investment in child care during Early Childhood Educator (ECE) Week.

The governments of Canada and Manitoba are investing \$2.7 million in capital funding and ongoing annual support to the Funshine Early Learning Centre, a new 66-space child-care centre in Virden expected to open this fall. In addition to the capital funding, governments will also provide an annual operating grant of more than \$362,000. This funding is provided through the Canada-Manitoba Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC) Agreement.

In addition, Minister Stefanson and her MLA colleagues marked the grand opening of the Riverdale Community Daycare in Rivers. The Canada-Manitoba Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC) Agreement provided a capital grant of up to \$900,000 for this project and will also provide an annual operating grant of more than \$191,000.

We know that accessible, high-quality child care is a priority for Manitoba families," said Stefanson. Our government is proud to support strategic investments like these, where we can make a real difference for children and families for years to come."

PROVINCE SUPPORTS TAKE PRIDE WINNIPEG!

The Manitoba government is providing funding to support community-based programs that help keep neighbourhoods healthy and clean.

"Manitobans have a proud history of volunteerism," said Sustainable Development Minister Rochelle Squires, on behalf of Growth, Enterprise and Trade Minister Blaine Pedersen. "We know how important it is to be active in the community, to protect and invest in the environment we live in. This funding recognizes the important work of Take Pride Winnipeg! and its team of dedicated volunteers."

Squires noted the province is supporting Take Pride Winnipeg! with \$60,000 in funding. The funding will enable the organization to continue to expand its programs across the province including cleanup of litter, removal of graffiti, painting of murals, recycling of plastic bags, education programs and painting homes for seniors.

"We want all Manitobans to work together to make a difference and help keep our communities clean and beautiful for everyone to enjoy," said Tom Ethans, executive director, Take Pride Winnipeg! "On behalf of the entire organization and our volunteers, we are very happy to have the province's support for the important work we are doing."

Take Pride Winnipeg! is a charitable organization. Its mission is to inspire community pride, raise public awareness, and promote citizen responsibility in keeping Winnipeg and Manitoba clean and beautiful.

To learn more about Take Pride Winnipeg! visit www.takepride.mb.ca/.