# Manitoba PC Caucus Review

PROVINCE UNVEILS PHASE 2 'DRAFT PLAN' OF RESTORING SAFE SERVICES; WELCOMES FEEDBACK

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### Restoring Safe Services Phase 2 - Draft Plan

Do you have questions or feedback about reopening your business or service? To provide feedback on our Phase 2 Draft Plan, visit **engagemb.ca** 



Our PC government is exploring additional steps to gradually and safely continue restoring services and reopening additional businesses while ensuring physical distancing measures remain in place.

"We thank Manitobans for their diligence in respecting physical distancing guidelines, and we hope to be in a position to move forward and ease some additional restrictions while ensuring the health and well-being of all Manitobans," said Premier Brian Pallister.

The provincial government understands that we have to be safe and cautious as we move forward with reopening our economy. That's why engagemb.ca is available for you to provide feedback on the Phase 2 Draft Plan for restoring safe services.

In careful consultation with Public Health experts, as part of Phase Two, the province is considering allowing

limited access to educational facilities, where physical distancing can be maintained for additional tutorial days, such as one-on-one learning, assessment and specific programming.

Effective today, May 22, public gatherings will be increasing to 25 people indoors and 50 people outdoors. Also, as of today residents of personal care homes and long-term care facilities can have visits outdoors.

The Phase 2 Draft Plan for restoring services builds on measures from *Restoring Safe Services: Manitoba's Pandemic and Economic Roadmap for Recovery,* which set out an evidence-based plan to ease public health measures.

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### MANITOBA RESTART PROGRAM TO PROVIDE \$500 MILLION IN ECONOMIC STIMULUS

Our PC government is increasing infrastructure investments by an additional \$500 million over two years as part of an economic stimulus package.

The Manitoba Restart Program will kickstart "many important shovel-worthy projects throughout the province that will improve the quality of life of all Manitobans," said Premier Brian Pallister. "Projects that will not only create jobs in the short term, but will also create opportunities for access, transportation, attracting additional small business to our province."

The province is committed to working with industries, municipalities and all levels of government to help stimulate our economy. The \$500 million investment expands on significant already-planned infrastructure investments of \$3 billion.

The Manitoba Restart Program includes new water and sewage projects through the Municipal Water Services Board, road and highway resurfacing and repairs, bridge repairs, municipal infrastructure priorities, and potential new cost-sharing construction projects with other levels of government if agreements can be reached.

This additional investment is one of many COVID-19 economic recovery measures undertaken by the province through the Manitoba Protection Program, which also includes approximately \$250 million in supports for small and medium-sized businesses and various measures to help the health and well-being of Manitobans.

### INCREASED SUPPORT FOR LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS ACROSS MANITOBA



Our PC government has committed \$10 million in grants to support 344 community development projects. This investment through the Building Sustainable Communities program is part of the province's efforts to restart provincial economy during the COVID-19 pandemic.

These grants will help give community organizations a much-needed boost during this unprecedented time and this investment is another way the Manitoba government is helping to rebuild the economy.

"We are committed to supporting projects that will help build thriving, sustainable communities and a better future for Manitobans," said Premier Brian Pallister.

The Building Sustainable Communities program was established to help provide a higher quality of life for Manitobans by responding to the priorities in each community.

"Strong communities make for a strong province. We are boosting our support for community projects as we work together to rebuild the Manitoba economy," said Municipal Relations Minister Rochelle Squires. "We know these have been challenging times for many Manitobans, but by working together, we will get through this."