

# Manitoba PC Caucus Review

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## PHASE 2 REOPENING PLAN ANNOUNCED, MEASURES EFFECTIVE JUNE 1

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Our PC government has finalized the draft Phase Two plan for restoring safe services. Measures to continue safely restoring services and opening additional businesses while ensuring physical distancing will be effective June 1. Some of the changes include:

- detailed guidance for post-secondary educational institutions and vocational colleges;
- removing occupancy limits for therapeutic and health-care services;
- detailed guidance for senior's clubs;
- additional details on requirements for the safe operation of splash pads;
- updated guidance for community centres;

- the reopening of arts and cultural activities, such as dance, art and theatre;
- clarifications on the opening of bars, beverage rooms, brew pubs, micro-brewers and distilleries to allow sites that do not serve food to open, as well as updated guidance from public health that all patrons must be seated at tables and stand-up service is not allowed; and
- detailed public health guidelines for film productions.

Premier Brian Pallister spoke on the reopening thanking Manitobans: "I want to thank Manitobans for their input, and as a result of these discussions and advice from public health experts, we are in a position to move forward with phase two of our plan to safely restore our services."

Included in the openings is limited access to educational facilities. Additional tutorial days will be allowed while still ensuring physical distancing. These include one-on-one learning as well as assessment and specific programming.

## PROVINCE ANNOUNCES FUNDING TO HELP PROTECT MANITOBA'S NATURAL INFRASTRUCTURE



Our PC government believes that Manitoba's approach to ensuring long-term, sustainable support for conservation and adaptation to climate change is critical in creating a cleaner and greener Manitoba. That's why the Government of Manitoba, in partnership with Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation, is investing in projects that conserve and enhance natural infrastructure in our province.

Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation has selected a total of 23 projects from 19 organizations for approval so far in 2020, with a second round of successful grants expected to be announced later this spring. More than \$1.8 million in Conservation Trust funds will contribute, and with matching funds of nearly \$5.4 million, the total investment in these projects is more than \$7 million.

"Funding projects that preserve our environment cannot wait as they play a vital role in combating climate change," said Premier Brian Pallister. "Due to the innovative approach of the endowment the Conservation Trust's revenues ensure guaranteed conservation funding in perpetuity, no matter the financial pressures Manitoba faces."

This announcement marks the second round of Conservation Trust grant distributions, which support the objectives of the Made-in-Manitoba Climate and Green Plan.

The Conservation Trust was established in 2018 with a \$102 million contribution to The Winnipeg Foundation that established an endowment fund to generate annual

revenues for conservation projects in perpetuity. Two additional Trusts, the GROW Trust and the Wetlands GROW Trust, have also been created, bringing Manitoba's total investment in these trusts to \$204 million.

Activities funded by the Conservation Trust include conserving biodiversity, mitigating floods and droughts, mitigating climate change, improving soil health, preserving waterways and decreasing soil erosion.

## PROVINCE PROVIDES ECONOMIC SUPPORT FOR LOW-INCOME MANITOBANS WITH DISABILITIES

Our PC government is extending \$4.6 million in direct and immediate financial support to low-income Manitobans with disabilities during the COVID-19 pandemic through the new Disability Economic Support Program.

The Manitoba government is making this investment to help address what they consider an urgent priority.

"COVID-19 is creating new challenges and causing financial difficulties for some of our province's most vulnerable people" said Premier Brian Pallister. "Manitobans living with disabilities may be facing additional costs to adjust to the new realities of daily life during the pandemic. As we respond to these challenges together, our government is making an important investment to help address urgent needs."

More than 23,000 Manitobans rely on monthly benefits under the disability category of employment and income assistance.

Under the disability economic support program, each recipient will receive a \$200 cheque in early June.

More information about the Disability Economic Support Program is available at: [www.manitoba.ca/covid19/infomanitobans/desp.html](http://www.manitoba.ca/covid19/infomanitobans/desp.html).