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Allow some risk capital to be tax free. Encourage businesses to adopt new technologies. Increase internships for students/experiential learning. Increase support for North Forge,

I would focus efforts on expanding innovation in the IT sector which is already quite robust in Manitoba but additional, focus other strengths such as agriculture.

Winnipeg's main selling point is affordable housing and good people and this needs to be maintained. The current increases in taxes to accommodate unwanted infrastructure is having a negative impact on the city.

Invest more in innovation if possible

Find better road materials for northern infrastructure and use them.

Lets focus in on helping the existing economy and existing business owners.

Research our university and find out cutting edge ideas to improve on and implement.

Push Center Port.

The public sector should not be involved in encouraging the private sector to be innovative. Market forces will encourage them enough. by controlling spending and decreasing taxes it will make our province more attractive to private investment.

Encourage the transition from an oil economy to an electricity based economy (especially transportation). Manitoba is rich in hydro electricity, and stands to gain significantly in this change. Less gasoline use means less money leaves the province.

not until the deficit is under control.

Open up the Province to business investment by reducing small business tax and medium size business tax. Create incentive for manufacturers to want to come to Manitoba and build here.

Trim the fat. Management.

Let the private sector support its own innovation for profit

renewable energy

Yes. I believe we should invest heavily in education, and medical innovation. Manitoba should be the global centre of excellence for education, where we can attract people from all over the globe to study here.

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Stability should be the priority for now. Investment in innovation can be implemented once the province is again in a reliable, stable position.

Avoid costly PPP schemes.

People will innovate and come up with new ideas and processes without the government funding them. Once an innovation has been developed a financial reward will follow.

innovation is great but business will take care of this themselves. cut the red tape for entrepreneurs to bring their ideas to market.

Innovation is best left to business and communities

chump change - keep this as an investment in our economy. MB needs more access to venture capital and incubators - we still don't have critical mass in this area

**GIVE INCENTIVES TO CREATE ENERGY EFFICIENT MATERIALS USED IN CONSTRUCTION OF HOMES AND BUILDINGS**

You have such a program?

Loans to young entrepreneurs.

Less government oversight. Let government staff do their job. Cut the political interference.

Encourage entrepreneurs, and new business to start/stay in Manitoba. - how? Better infrastructure- roads transportation- easier to move product. Trained trades people- skilled workers.

Government does not innovate. It creates committees and commissions studies that are shelved. Attract manufacturing and tech industries with low energy costs and tax incentives. Industry provides the innovation.

Economic freedom through lower taxes and business expenses, less government intervention in every aspect of current businesses

Greater economics at a cost for what? What about focusing on things that will sustain us and are much more critical like clean water and protecting our aquatic resources?

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Promote better connections between Manitoba's researchers (post-secondary school and research-intensive companies) and business who commercialize these products. Develop strategic "clusters" that can help Manitoba businesses compete in the global economy - life sciences. agriculture / food processing, and environment.

Income taxes should be eliminated completely and increase the provincial tax accordingly. Done incrementally throughout the years. People should not be taxed for making money....just taxed on what they spend. Always ensuring that essentials are not taxed: hydro, food, shelter.

Provide loans to businesses through a province investment bank.

Job training programs/internships for people who have never had regular employment. Fewer subsidies to profitable enterprises like True North.

NOt sure. Don't think the innovation ideas now are making an impact.

buy/build hover crafts to service remote communities year round

enhances food security

enhances medical security

enhances job security

all the benefits of a ROAD without the costs associated with building the road

Get industry friendly Manitoba into a tax situation where they will want to innovate without taxpayer monies

Why do you make it a yes or no response. There can be a more customized approach. Government support can be adjusted appropriately for existing economic conditions.

Innovation is the purvue of industry and takes place when the markets demand. Keep the government as far away from this as possible. Any encouragement should be through verifiable tax incentive.

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Partner with private business to support research and development. Help fund research for companies that gainfully employ the researchers. Have agreements in place that province shares in profits realized as a result of this innovation but province's profit end when it's investment has been recovered.

A better working relationship with Western Provinces with an in depth comparison analysis evaluating taxes, and regulations that may not be harmonized.

Many companies view government programs as possible revenue streams to increase profits rather than a means to meet the intent of the program. Just keep corporate taxes steady and competitive and let the companies compete

sell off crown corporations and regulate them . Pay off debt.

Manitoba is a small province and we should not try to go it alone. It's time for it to work with Sask and Alta to look at service delivery and resource development.

investment in indigenous social enterprise and urban indigenous development

The province needs to stop providing bailouts. The funds are often used but never recovered economically. In fact, we are now seeing the results of continuous government bailouts which have resulted in very little long term solutions.

If you offer more competitive tax rates they will come.

Double the tax write-offs for research and innovation.

Yes, and make sure they are tied into a change in our education model. Innovation relies on partnerships. That means government support, but also means business and educational institutions need to step up. Innovation needs care and feeding...it does not "just happen".

Bring in regional governance for the capital region. We are growing inefficiently which leads to higher infrastructure costs, higher transportation costs, higher taxes, and higher carbon emissions. These inefficiencies are indebting future generations of Manitobans.

1. STOP MPIC from subsidizing the Winnipeg police department

2. STOP advancing the city of winnipeg monies toward rapid transit 500,000,000 wasted already with a further 500,000,000 to complete Pembina seems like a fortune to provide buses to a football stadium

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economic growth equals more tax money from employment and the business and personal taxes that arise from such

make it easier for businesses to start and grow.

why are the only options \$50 million or zero? I would reduce this.

Aerospace, complex manufacturing, domestic and international logistics

Manitobans have it good here. The government should not be funding innovation. People with new and good ideas will prosper if there is a market.

A wage decrease or freeze for all members of Parliament like you guys are giving yourself wage increases almost every year and there's no need for that because you're not really helping us at all with our crumbling infrastructure and our education and our healthcare wow you guys really got to find some cutting costs here and

People can do more themselves

Let free enterprise happen.

If you ever saw the inside of some programs designed to support and promote innovation, you would never contribute another dollar to them.

Do some hard evaluation of outcomes and do not rely on self-reporting.

Support or develop a small program (one-shop stop; could even be a one-person desk) that helps companies go international when they have demonstrated viability.

Recognize experts who have not been the generators of an innovation or invention, but who have made a significant or critical technological contribution. Too often, faculty in educational facilities who are co-opted into collaborative research with business entrepreneurs are neither adequately rewarded nor recognized for their genius. Do you remember the name of the college instructor who designed and tested the electronics for the shock knife used in police academies around the world? You have probably never heard of him or his work unless you know him personally or were at least peripherally involved with the invention. But the educational facility in which he was based might be remembered. How motivating do you think it is for people to contribute to a highly successful innovation, but get nothing out of it except their normal salary—no lasting recognition and no share in the ongoing rewards generated by patents

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and other rights? Eventually, they stop investing their energy and talent.

trade deals abroad

Private/public partnerships. The private sector benefits from this - make it attractive to be (more) involved in cost-sharing.

Only programs that can be supported through tax credits, thereby providing support when incremental taxes are generated, should be considered. Simply providing hand-outs for this, generally with minimal oversight, is bad business, and does not often provide the financial revenue expansion anticipated.

Wind energy would pay for itself in a windy province, though it might need a higher initial investment. Finding cost effective ways of reducing heating energy needs in winter, like adding black panels to southward-facing walls, could be explored and advertised in public education initiatives.

We do need to be more selective on what we support. Some over the course of a year seem questionable

Make it easier for immigrants to transfer their certifications and professional designations.

Extend funding or grants, to people or groups that help resolve socio-economic issues this budget is strained by.

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how about a provincial BDC? to provide more finance to new riskier enterprises?  
Seed money grants to get started

Unless there is a proven positive ROI, funding should not increase and should be analysed closely for opportunities for savings.

It is not up to Government to pick economic winner or losers. The track record is poor. Get out of the market place.

Lower our personal income tax and maybe people would want to move here

East-West hydro power grid connecting provinces instead of North-South with the US. Most parts of Bi-Pole III should be scrapped given that alternative energy sources such as solar power are going down significantly while hydro remains stagnant.

The government could become a model user of fairly simple existing technologies to encourage telecommuting or working from home several days a week, This would reduce green house gases, traffic, wear & tare on roads and make it easier for government employees to care for their children without the need for full time day care.

connecting up organizations to maximize coordinated activity and the spreading of information

Certainly recognize and commend ideas that work, but put the "ideas" industry and their failed hobby projects out of work. There are few better mousetraps or lightbulbs to invent, we can learn new working ideas from richer provinces' experiments and still keep our old working ideas proven successful from generations of real hardworking Manitobans who built our province.

Encourage social enterprise, environmental innovation.

Human Methane Extraction and Animal Methane Extraction!

No one paid our settlers for their ideas, just their hard work and crop.

Stop chasing smokestacks, 1950 is over. Cultural economy needs support of any form. Free education after grade 12 would grow this province and bring in taxpayers with educational levels that make their own workplaces, support worker cooperative model. Drop weapons industry as it only looks like production but is actually wasting material.



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You need to explain how each of these programs provide economic returns before asking this question.

Educate the youth in well funded, high caliber schools and universities that are affordable.

How to export our water. Recent global risk forum indicated that water is the greatest risk facing us globally in ten years. Is there an opportunity to leverage this resource.

Work with schools,business's,municipalities,etc.to train more employees in the field that they think are required. A cost sharing arrangement may have to be developed or incentives given

The more skills we bring to Manitoba, the better and more diversified this province becomes.

unique product manufacturing

Developing tax incentives for tech companies that choose bring server farms or other tech jobs to Manitoba to increase good paying jobs to ensure a good tax base to draw tax revenue from.

Technology, bio-medical, renewable energy, agriculture

Develop of our natural advantages like agriculture and water instead of putting them against each other. Develops renewable energy so Manitobans can lock in their energy future instead of vs central utilities controlling . This would allow rural and remote MANITOBA to take some ownership on energy usage with the help of Mb hydro. Develop renewable energy do it compliments Manitoba hydro on distribution system

A lot less red tape

We should invest in green energy initiatives that we could use to sell excess energy to others. Looking at things like wind and solar power

Stop spending money on new ideas and start spending money on existing ideas.



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De telles dépenses aujourd'hui assure une augmentation de la prospérité au long terme. L'investissement dans l'éducation va de paire avec les investissements en innovation. Le gouvernement doit avoir le courage d'investir dans l'innovation. Des coupures aujourd'hui réduira la prospérité (et donc les taxes) de demain

Become a leader in sustainable energy and eco-products. Support businesses to become leaders in new eco-friendly materials and technology.

we should try to end the endless cycle of road repair that is blamed on our weather. 1) there should be enforced warranties on road construction. How is it that 1 year after a major road rebuilding, its already showing deterioration? Do we not have some kind of warranties on these massive contracts?

2) We should be investing in research to find a solution that works. This could reap tremendous dividends down the road.

Get our province in a better financial position, drop the pst and Income tax and business will come.

Provide tax breaks to companies that use innovative MB products or services. Provide tax credits for research that parallels the Federal SRED tax credits. Give breaks to those companies employing environmentally friendly drilling and mining techniques. Fund biological research to combat zebra mussels naturally. Give funding to farmers for engineered wetlands to protect our rivers and lakes.

Reduce wasteful spending on hydro projects

Offer private participation to find a solution to the Zebra Muscel problem in Lake Wpg. Manitoba could offer its resources to innovators and entrepreneurs to prove up their product/processes. Tax/royalty incentives for mining and resource exploration companies.

I'm not sure there is need for programs towards innovation if we can better educate and help our families. I believe humanity has innovation in them, no need to finance it, just put the power in the people's hands and watch it flourish.

Support non-profit organizations like CDEM and JA Manitoba who offer entrepreneurship, financial literacy and innovation programs to the Manitoban youth.

Green Technologies, when managed effectively, the long term cost saving can eliminate the costs to develop.

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Reduce payroll taxes and replace them with equivalent income taxes. We want to encourage payroll type payments. This would also reduce the risk to entrepreneurs.

0 crime

Solar power, electric cars....getting off fossil fuels.

Create opportunities for private sector / entrepreneurs to work together with the public sector to address some of the 'wicked issues' through a social innovation framework. Support agreements where entrepreneurs can develop public sector prototypes at cost and commercialize the IP.

Green technology. Software development. If the province isn't going to exploit its natural resources we need to create resources.

spend more money on activities such as North Forge because they have helped hundreds of new entrepreneurs in the last few years. their volunteer board has been far more effective than government funded agencies like Innovate Manitoba. Then you also don't need your own employees for "innovation" when all they are doing is doling out cash.

Scrap the PST and bring in the HST. The PST is poorly designed, poorly administered and ineffective. a 7% Provincial portion of the HST would be far better for business and the public

Air ships to transport goods, especially to remote communities. There should be a push to invest in innovation for businesses which can produce exports or grow their business in terms of employees to generate more revenues for the province.

At least for the short term, while we dig our way out of the hole the NDP left us in, we need to concentrate only on the basics.

low tax environment - anything else is a waste of money. it's not the government's job to actively encourage economic growth. the government needs to get out of the way, provide reasonable infrastructure and low tax, low cost (hydro) environment, business will do the rest.

Support libraries; essential for literacy and economic growth

Lower tax on New Co. For first 3 years to see if it,s viable .

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I would only support it, if there was strong evidence that these work. I am not convince it works. I see people who learn how to fill out Paperwork to get these moneys, I think this government has to start thinking like the Dragon Den Investors. Where is their money, they are entrepreneurs after all, they know how to work for it, hand outs make week ends.

None allow private business to do this

Better studies and help for green alternatives. Give incentives for people to completely change their way of lighting their homes. Have business leaders with good ideas to cut costs able to get relief from the tax man to get their ideas to the public at better prices because they are home grown. No need to pay for expensive shipping when built right here in Manitoba

free market. Stop subsidizing private business. Yes it helps new businesses start up, but sometimes it just delays the inevitability of failure for poor business management skills or bad ideas. governments shouldn't be doing this.

I am in favor of these programs if they are valid ideas, because we all want MB & its people to prosper & create jobs.

Attract private business to become invative an give huge tax cuts as jobs will be created and money spent back into the economy

We must support small business innovation and growth. Financing new technology/equipment for start up and or growth a must in manufacturing Wealth is created by royalties and manufacturing of all types. Adding value is critical Not more govt jobs investigating what to do, let business do it

Private enterprise is infinitely more knowledgeable in determining viable business initiatives.Facilitate start-ups by getting out of the way.

Innovation is good but don't get sucked into some pie in the sky ideas that waste millions of dollars with no positive out come. Remember the fiasco in Ontario, 2 billion lost and now average hydro bill is \$300 a month. Oh yeah Bipole 111 is our White elephant created by dopey Doer and Salinger.

We should fight the federal government against any support for bombardiere as it is in direct competition with New Flyer and maybe our plane industry. If they get a benefit then we should get the exact same benefit.

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Energy and water. We have both but haven't developed them to the point where markets are lucrative and benefits Manitobans.

Programs should only be undertaken if it can ensure that it is a viable business. Taking untrained workers and ensuring they get paid regardless of whether they show up or work hard is ridiculous...

No carbon tax.

Provide loan guarantees for small businesses as access to capital from traditional banks is impossible to get.

We must have the public sector invest in health and agricultural research. The private sector has maximized profit at the expense of our health and agriculture systems.

Yes yes yes. Start enevative ideas.

Make the province business friendly with more online services. Perhaps CRA should take over move of the tax administration (yes, I'm thinking HST) and Industry Canada could take over the companies office functions.

Don't mind new business coming to Manitoba but I don't think the taxpayers should foot the bill by giving them tax dollars to build their buildings.

Until you can get things under control, I would put this program on hold.

Allow the free market to rule, there are trillions of dollars sloshing around the world with no productive home aside from currency speculation and front running the stock and bond markets based on central bank collusion with centrally planned governments. There is 0 need for any government anywhere in the world to borrow more money (or create currency units out of thin air) under the guise of innovation or other such euphemisms. This is just pure crony capitalism, plain and simple.

Continue supporting entrepreneurs and small businesses with opportunities such as research space, funding, tax incentives.

Suspend or lower business tax 10% for two years if more than 50 people employed in start up

Higher taxes on the rich and businesses. Increased minimum wage for increased spending from citizens.

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Lower taxes, make it easier for businesses to come and grow. More help is also needed in the rural areas as businesses leave and nothing is replaced. More incentives for new and different businesses to start.

Lower Rental Fees for Business to establish in Manitoba, to lower taxation for new Business looking to expand into Manitoba! Just for example,...the Government and country of Belize, an incentive of No Business tax on any of my locations' throughout the country for Ten Years...

Look around the world, adopt good ideas others have proven success with, instead of re-inventing new untested methods and burning money on mistakes. When gov't gets out of the way and drops taxes and red tape great things happen in the private sector.

Would encourage programs that help all citizens prosper. Training for youth individuals with intellectual and physical disabilities If people are assisted with services they become tax paying citizens slash and cut does not encourage prosperity/growth. Commitment to companies that offer good wages and long term commitment to manitoba and employees.

The government needs to lead innovation from within.

Suspend programs for 4-5 years

We should bring back more of our own manufacturing jobs that we have shipped away. Being more self sufficient as a country is a good thing.

maintain

Innovators will have no problem finding innovative funding in the 21st century. Did google or facebook ever ask for a taxpayer handout to get started? Nope!..

Market the Manitoba brand better now that the ndp are gone. I believe they destroyed our image over the last decade. Manitoba is a great place to live and work. Also the personal income tax bracket for lower class employment should be lowered so people have more money in their pocket to spend on business manitoba.

Successful innovation requires risk in that it drives companies to carefully consider what to pursue. When the Government subsidizes these activities it neutralizes the risk that helps to sharpen companies focus and the return on the investment is negligible.

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Tax incentives for new start up businesses. Especially in northern Manitoba. The benefit would be longer term tax revenue. Penalize communities that increase their level of property taxes beyond the inflation rate.

To encourage economic growth, we must begin making young adults and children see the futures in work such as manufacturing, trades, and other practical professions - too many children believe that university is the only way forward, and they could not be further from the truth. If you get smart citizens working respectable jobs period (such as the trades), innovation will happen within those areas.

I would discontinue for a few years. As a business owner I am accessing these programs but I feel that growth within your business should be able to support a portion of their innovative ideas.

Government programs seem to have a limited impact on "new ideas" which are usually driven by private money.

Work with our strengths of a mixed economy and encourage local owned biz growth

Potentially put some of the carbon pricing revenues into supporting clean energy innovation. Hopefully Clinton will win the US election, which will mean there are export opportunities for clean energy technology.

Explore opportunities to develop Manitoba's natural resources in a responsible and sustainable manner

The government should put a halt to all advertising by Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries, these products and services do not really need to be advertised and the money saved from advertising could be returned to government general revenue as increased profits.

Allow Registered Nurses, Nurse Practitioners, and other multidisciplinary health care professionals to work within their full scope of practice. Invest in primary care clinics and reduce billing for physician services to the province.

green energy. we seem to be only focused on hydro - what investments have been made for solar or wind or other ideas?



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Continue to support but truly look for innovators that are not the usual suspects. Far too often, the same large companies or their off shoots are provided funds. True competition, blinded as to who responds is the best way to find new potential.

Reinvest in "value-added" resource use, where we encourage manufacturing, refinement, development, in province. Green energy would be a great sector for this!

We need less regulations and red tape for small business. This will cost nothing and bring on innovation.

You should encourage new business and companies to come to Manitoba with better tax breaks. Then let the companies do the research and expense of new innovations and then once proven implement them where needed.

ending age discrimination and torture

Not sure.

Foster a business friendly environment and let the private sector fuel growth. Tax breaks for expanding or starting up in Manitoba.

A) the toggle question above is worded in a weaselly way again.

B) I don't know.

MB should pursue revenue growth/ cost reduction opportunities. EVs are low hanging fruit, promote them with infrastructure, incentives. Toxic emissions make people sick, HC is expensive, utilize Fed leverage. EVs offer innovative job opportunities through new industry. Always think of efficiencies first, the rest follows.

Research other productive countries to see what they are doing. Norway, Sweden and Denmark.

Stay diversified in our industries, which includes farming. Input costs are already high enough, so the Province of Manitoba should lean on municipalities to not allow agricultural production land to be sold off for essentially, exurban sprawl.

Get the red tape out of the way, let inventor types create without the hoops. Government should look at gasification projects to control garbage, and should get the wind power/ solar power projects on the way to production.



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None, treat industry like a child, let it play with the toys it has for a while, don't just buy it anything it wants because it whines. Especially if you can't afford to feed the thing in the first place.

Manitoba should focus on attracting companies that consume electricity to Manitoba, by offering tax holidays (but no loans or grants) equal to 20% of wages that are over \$20/ hour (what MB will get back from workers income taxes).

cut programming in half or rotate programs every few years.

Manitoba should start investing in solar energy, electric car charging boths. And solar charged street lights.

Allocate funding for training and wrap-around supports (e.g. housing, addictions treatment, and cultural reclamation) to social enterprises that employ people at high risk of offending or re-offending.

Allocate \$10M annually for social purchasing from social enterprise through Housing.

Invest in staffing to enable other departments (i.e. Infrastructure) to generate the value that Manitoba Housing has achieved through social purchasing.

Invest \$250,000 to implement Year 3 of the Manitoba Social Enterprise Strategy.

Invest \$250,000 to implement Year 4 of the Manitoba Co-operative Community Strategic Plan.

Invest significantly increased human and related resources to ensure the timely and effective implementation of The Accessibility for Manitobans Act.

Greater diversification of our export portfolio

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The IT market should be developed and entrepreneurial ecosystem should be boosted

Access to mentorships from successful innovative manitobans

Arts funding, Better agricultural methods that capture carbon and nutrient and use less fertilizer. COmmunity economic development and social enterprise funds.

I would create jobs near or on reserves such as bio farms so as to cut costs of shipping food up north. They would also be able to sell they foods to help fund the reserve. Thus cutting funding from the province.

If we have more cash in our pockets we will need less assistance to start up a business. if we continue to get over taxed it creates a dependency with our creditors.

Better utilization of existing natural resources (e.g., energy resources such as hydro and wind).

IT and biotech

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If we do not start looking at long term projects or cost savings now, it will never happen.

Give young people reasons to stay in Manitoba. Ensure our cities are attractive for our young adults and that they can get jobs that allow them opportunity and growth.

Public education about green economy options. Share information to citizens about how Manitoba's citizens (not the government) can wisely spend money wisely on housing, transportation, and energy. A conservative government that can show real leadership on the environment instead of being solely on side to oil & gas is an attractive government to everyone.

Encourage academic freedom by not positioning our centres for higher learning as for profit.

With legalization of marijuana coming in Canada and parts of the USA the provincial government needs to take steps to draw public and private investment and take that money out of criminal coffers and create good paying tax able jobs

Yes, as long as we are primarily funding research in green-tech.

I believe in the free market. If there is the opportunity to make money, then private enterprise should pay for it

Je ne vois pas pourquoi nos gouvernements donneraient des subventions à des compagnies qui font de l'argent. N'essayons pas de sauver ce qui ne peut être sauvé et c'est juste une question de temps avant que la compagnie tombe. Les fonds doivent être utilisés au Manitoba.

Increase research funding for universities, which carry out virtually all of the research done in the province.

Build on the current innovated startups such as hi-tech industry. Support environmentally friendly alternatives for Manitoba such as the solar and wind industry, electric buses and other vehicles and other infrastructure for electric vehicles. Make Manitoba the province that uses the most electric vehicles.

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Natural free range foods like, eggs, poultry and beef etc. Also, meat processors might encourage other wild game processing for resale. like game (after testing to ensure healthy animal harvest) such as moose, elk or deer. Locally grown produce may come into markets more regular for extra income for farmers and natural growers and processors. These are just a few ideas, There are more I am sure.

Eliminate homelessness with housing first models. Eliminate RHAs and move to provincial models for specialty services like mental health.

Give the private sector the incentives. Get out of their way. Reduce all the red tape. Less regulations on green technologies and in-kind support. Pursue green technologies like electric busses. We should be a world leader. As well, explore urban transportation alternatives such as trams or cable cars for Winnipeg. Half the cost of rapid transit.

how about looking at the complex regulations that it takes to get businesses in the natural resources sector to get going? Why with a resource rich province like ours are we not taking advantage of those resources? I'm talking Mining, lumber, etc. These are the types of industries that will thrive in the north. We need jobs.

Net ZERO buildings, innovation to produce FOOD locally in northern communities/reserves, reconnect with the land as they had done previously = economic development opportunity for indigenous communities to take pride in!

Leave it to the feds/private sector.

Increase the price of carbon and provide incentives to business improving carbon efficiency.

Green energy with a focus on solar power for all street lights.

Can the government provide empirical evidence that this investment has a greater ROI? Projects should be required to provide proof of benefit to the province within 5 years or repay investment plus interest.

Solar powered street lights & buildings.

We must focus on switching over to renewable energy, leave the rest of the oil in the ground where it belongs. Without our environment, we will have nothing.

low cost loans may help, as the money can be paid back.

More jobs

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**Responses**

Look to prevention of issues not just intervention. This may not seem like innovation but when \$200 at the front end of a child's life can save \$200,000 in the adult stage - it makes sense. Instead of putting people in jail, make sure programming exists to keep them out of cost heavy interventions.

\$50,000 sounds like a meaningless amount for funding business/tech innovation province-wide.

Recycling of currently unrecyclable items. In Manitoba. Items such as textile products.

Support for social enterprises that work with low-income people and which provide training and jobs in the green economy. I've already increased spending on infrastructure and education: that is what is going to allow business and our province to prosper in the long term.

Eliminate unnecessary regulations.

Green. Less roads and more transportation options.

10% cut

I would cut this budget in half

Citizen think tanks, like this survey.

Let private industry figure it out

Innovation in our infrastructure, transportation, renewable energy.

Capitalize on legalized marijuana; open it up for commercialization...

Make pot legal for sale to anyone over 21 and create business that sell it and collect taxes on the business also on the product like cigarettes .There already is a huge underground market for this California has come out of a financial hole by doing this.

We need to ensure our youth have the proper education to assist with innovation. They are our future and will determine our future economic growth.

Make it easier for small scale green initiatives. I want to put a small solar panel on my roof, help me do that or help lower the initial cost, let me make me own energy in a way that has long term positive initiatives.

make greater use of our natural resources

Electric vehicle use, manufacturing, affordability, and infrastructure.

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**Responses**

Two things. Number One: Reduce poverty. Number Two: Put resources into education. There's no better formula to encouraging economic growth. This plan should include pressuring Ottawa to legislate the recognition of Indigenous Peoples as the founding members of Canada AND focussing on reducing poverty on reserves. These ideas are all intimately linked.

Pursue more innovations in energy production (fire the COO at Hydro -save even more money) and more responsible green energy conscious decision makers at the utilities board. The innovative ideas that are supposedly supported by government can't be sustained and will leave MB anyway because of the caustic employment opportunity monopoly that is Bell (ON),...Hydro.

Allow people to generate their own electricity and sell it to Manitoba Hydro. Including large building setting up larger power supplies. Allow people to invest in their own resources and not depend on the government mothership. The government should support through investment, not handouts.

Green energy research

Use non-profits to be the voice of business and innovation. Governments come and go but organizations such as CFIB and the CTF stand the test of time because people that support them see value in their message.

Focus on more green living/environmentally neutral businesses, then offer more incentives for switching to these options by making home improvements that reduce consumption, vehicle choices that reduce emissions, business changes that reduce their impact etc.

This question is very poorly structured. Trickle down economics does not work. But you do need to do something to build Manitoba's economic base. There is no natural reason why people should live here so you need to create artificial ones. Expand arts and innovation especially in technology.

...Work closely with business leaders to find and create new opportunities.

Sustainable renewable energy (solar and wind) initiatives.

Green technology.

Carbon tax on fossil fuels to fund wind and solar projects. Move us into the 21st century

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**Responses**

We should encourage development of a soybean crush plant in manitoba. Would add income to farmers as well as employ many people. We are in a perfect spot to capitalize on growing soybean acres in western canada. Would rather see a plant in Central/SW MB then near Regina.

Encourage private investment in innovation

clean sustainable energy

Green industry.

Charge higher rates for exported energy.

By providing better budgetary restraint will be able to use \$ savings to lower taxes which will in turn encourage economic growth.

reopening the port of Churchill.

Start shipping our rough fish ( suckers , carp , ect )to China

Also team up with Alberta and Saskatawan and build a northern pipe line and while building the pipe line put a highway in the same cut line to port of Churchill offering the easy movement on oil and other goods ( wood , uranium , minerals , and grains ) to the world market.

Support synergies between business, educational enterprises and government departments.

Why are we paying for private business innovation? Let them fund their own R&D and innovation.

I would think we are doing well on this area right now, cost-neutral for a couple of years, then invest more in this area once other issues are cleared up.

Technologies that have the potential to create long-term savings or economic development that spin off into long-term benefits

engaging our youth, they will be here for the long term

innovative transportation to get congestion off the hyways. Semi and the driver getting ferried here and there by train with as little hyway driving as possible?? Passenger trains that run cheap and then cars available for rent at the station to get to work, etc. Company shuttle buses?

Choose the right program. Do not waste too much money, time & energy on feasibility studies.



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**Responses**

Business can or should mostly look after themselves.

Have a 5 year tax free period for new industry coming to the province. Job creation

Let's make something with out recycling?? Let's look at producing solar energy. This is Manitoba. We have lots of sun here.

Bribing good ides may work for the "affirmative action" entitled quota crowd, but the majority of Manitobans and our province's builders got ahead by hard work.

Solar farms vs hydro damns. Team up with Elon Musk to see the advantages.

Offer tax incentives to job creating businesses looking to relocate or start up in mb.

Decentralize power to municipalities, and let businesses make their own decisions. Offset income taxes for employed citizens, and workers WILL come.

solar powered roadways.

Host regional forums and look to all sectors for participation. Don't marginalize local gov't or its employees when seeking input. Developers know how to exploit opportunity - learn from them and include them.

green industry

Investment in tourism and transportation for places like Gimli, Churchill.

Solar & wind power

I wish I had something to propose. However I trust in THIS government to make sound decisions.

Innovation can be fostered by reduced regulation. Reduce or remove regulations where possible on new and small businesses. Allow people to run businesses form their homes without a permit until they reach a certain threshold of income.

This seems to be hard to access and only benefits a few companies. Focus on core services.

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**Responses**

We have a lot of potentials in Manitoba tourism, but we need to have the right people to proactively liaise with leisure companies around the world to promote tourism investment in Manitoba. We need to do more promotions and business investment outreaches. We can learn from the success of Pebble Beach, Laguna Seca at Monterey, Monaco, Las Vegas and Macau. We need good ideas to attract tourists, but most importantly, we need the right people and capital to make these ideas happen.

We do not need this program while attempting to rein in the deficit spending. This program can be introduced at a later time at much less than \$50 million. The economy will continue whether this program is continued or temporary discontinued.

Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries waste money. Yes it generates revenue but too much wasteful spending occurs. Creating sale tags, air miles, price tags for each location is ridiculous. Actually having people create this at head office only to have it toss out at the store level. Not all stores carry the same product . The stores are capable of creating the ones they actually need. Way too many locations. Way too many managers and way too many people employed in the same capacity at Head Office. Many of the departments are doing the same position. Sell off the smaller locations that are near major grocery stores to the grocer and keep one large store in each area of the city. Keep Northdale, Eastwinds, Southdale, Dakota, Leila, Goulet, Ellice, Fort Richmond, Kenaston, Grant Park , Burnell , Charleswood and Crestview. Make sure there is a Bottle n Cork in 4 sectors of city. Deficit would be eliminated by sale. Revenue from sale, less salaries. Revenue would still be generated by the off sale stores as they have to purchase the product from the government. Hire a few extra liquor inspectors to ensure that off sales are maintaining social responsibility. This would create economic growth and help us prosper. Stop renovating the casinos. There was nothing wrong with them. Government has no business running the event centre. That should be sold off too!! More revenue!!

Innovation can be funded through an increase in business taxes to large companies. Innovate and invest or pay more for sitting on cash.

Continue to provide energy solutions to sell outside the province

not sure

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**Responses**

still encourage material stewardship and reduce reuse and recycle to save costs. we need to expand the pipelines to move natural gas and oil.

Stop over taxing companies and offer incentives for them to hire full time with benefits...

Good ideas don't need cash bribes.

Develop a website to help manitobans learn how to be healthier, reduce their carbon footprint, start their own gardens etc. Make material available for ppl to find.

Electric cars. Rapid transit - on rails.

Small Engine Design and Production would be a good industry for Manitoba to compete and prosper over the long term.

solar energy should be pursued... wind for energy ... more green!!

Investing in green energy and small businesses.

Provinces that are almost a billion dollars in debt can't afford the extras until there is a reduction in the deficit and it is controlled.

Teach entrepreneurship to young people. Make it an option in high school. Encourage colleges to do more than help young entrepreneurs.

we need innovation to make our province flourish

Modernize access to our port of Churchill. Nationalize the port, modernize the port

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**Responses**

We need more programs that promote pride, economic sense to remain a Manitoban and teach trades that will sustain our economic growth. Less skilled employees in the construction fields is leading to less Manitoba residents operating and employing Manitoba residents in the skilled labor & trades fields. Our skills as a province must meet our demand for expanding development. We must have the workforce to hire local business to perform these project. Without we continue to hire out of province thus negatively impacting our economic growth. The innovative skills that our students are obtaining through our universities and colleges are taking their skill sets out of province upon completion so we are investing in another provinces growth. There is something very wrong with out provinces current system that is over taxing, over regulating, and under investing in small business development to provide these opportunities. Remapping current systems to establish a strong growth and appeal to remain here is a small shift that will benefit our province to a path of future growth and pride.

Mandatory elementary school lessons for children in the space of technological development and computer programming awareness. Mandatory elementary school Canadian civil rights lessons to develop awareness against what we now know as Trumpism.

Dredge the mouth of the red and lake winnipeg. Encourages boat traffic /fuel sales. Call it local tourism. Allow open liquor in parks, promote fun.

This is a very obscure question. Is this about corporate subsidies? If so, then my answer is no.

A reallocation of support for cooperative businesses that encourage collaboration.

Stop closing us off from external partners who want to come here. Stop cutting research programs that seed partnerships at institutions in MB. Be prepared to invest in cutting edge ideas as they present themselves.

Increase immigration of trained and innovative individuals.

No, use the great minds out there and follow suit. Elon Musk solar roofs...does it work here? use the resources that other nations have figured out to apply to ours instead of wasted resources. We don't have to be first, just smarter by less wasting.

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More opportunities for this in high schools, and less teaching on subjects that students will never use unless they really, really want to take it (e.g. Shakespeare, etc.). I realize it would be minimal in high schools since often university knowledge is needed, but I think this would help. We have too much classroom style teaching and need to use other methods to expand our children's thinking toward innovation.

Become a leader in clean energy innovation! Bring manufacturing jobs to the province. Sell hydro energy to the US for higher cost than what Manitobans pay! If you reduce taxes on Manitobans, it will stimulate the economic growth through increased consumer spending.

Tesla wanted to build a factory here that employed 50 engineers at 100k a year. That could have grown to 200 high paying jobs in the next 5-10 years. Look to work with some multi nationals to employ Mb'ans in high paying jobs!

Reduce barriers to entry and regulation wherever possible for small businesses - generating high levels of market flexibility at the lowest levels while regulating strictly larger businesses and the many (virtual) monopolies in the province with a particular mind to the public good, ultimately it benefits us all, and the markets too.

The arts will bring more people with disposable income to the province as visitors. Film industry, ballet, symphony, art galleries and shows are all examples of organizations that can generate huge spin offs. One movie set up brings money to hotels, restaurants, local talent, etc. Make it easier for the arts to thrive and it won't cost the government a nickel. I get that people like sports but they are expensive. The arts are much cheaper to maintain. Let's class the place up!

Not the right space for this but not sure where to put it in. The latest building code in regards to energy savings is interesting. We just built a house 1 1/2 years ago apparently we could not build it the same way again without spending even more money! We have 1700 sq.ft with a full finished basement and our heating bills rarely go over \$100 in one month. Some of the rules and regulations are getting out of hand.

Solar roofs, solar roads, CO2 sucking concrete for roads, bridges and highways

Lower business taxes as compared to other provinces. Lower utility costs such as electricity, gas and water.

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**Responses**

Privatize MPI and MLCC.

Build a road to Churchill and make it a proper diverse sea shipping port where trucks can pick up cargo as well as trains. The railway will never come back if you take it out and a road will increase tourism as well!!

Privatization of commercial fish processing. It's caught in our waters, it leaves the province processed and packaged to create more jobs which generate tax revenue.

Aquaculture as we are in the middle of the continent and have more than ample water resources to bad the industry had been plagued on the past by investment in unproven technology and people who thought they knew what they were doing. The industry from primary production to processing and international marketing is booming everywhere else, why are we so far behind.

Being more lean. Less paper pushing.

Green energy to increase energy independence

I really think the government needs to invest in person's with disability small business plans to get people off of disability in winnipeg

Use Hydro and MPI to develop innovation programs that also support our Sustainable Development Act, partner with education sector.

Environmentally responsible innovations

DEPRESCRIBING initiatives! Pharmacists (and physicians) working with families of elderly patients to withdraw futile treatments! Pharmacists already have this knowledge and families already want this! It's the current reactionary health delivery system that gets in the way of this goal. Put child care centres with/near PCH or elderly day care centres.

Buy services and equipment locally when possible to keep the money in town.

Let's first focus on our basics - a balanced budget, solid funding in education, more money and resources for families and a health system that is truly a health system, not a disease treating system.

Innovation is a wild card. It can bolster the economy, or be a complete waste if the investment turns into nothing. If the budget is tight and something needs to be cut, speculative initiatives need to be put on hold. This should be cut before services that families rely on.

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**Responses**

Businesses should pay for they're own innovation

Make an environment that is freindly to people. Innovation will come

100% innovation start-ups always needs a hand up till stand onown feet.

Innovation would be a good thing to aim for if our infrastructure wasn't in shambles. For the time being we sould stick to the basics.

Recognize success stories, possibly provide low or no cot loans for their expansion, end free money for losing businesses.

Yes

Clean energy projects such as more wind and delving into the solar market.

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Create a free economic zone for start up companies.

I wish I knew an answer to this but I believe there are opportunities.

No ideas

Let private sector drive innovation. No role for province here

Carbon tax that is revenue neutral to rebate to tax payers and invest in renewable energy

Let the businesses innovate if they want to. Government can fund innovations within itself instead of doing business' work for them

Tax breaks to entice new companies to come and build in Manitoba and put jobs here.



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**Responses**

Find synergies with social services. If someone is able to pick up a welfare cheque then they should be able to spend an hour or 2 every now and then giving back to the government and people supporting them. Find something for disabled people, don't leave it to the private sector and quotas to under employ hard working and capable people that simply require minor accommodations. The system we have now makes employers fearful of reprisal, headaches, complications or productivity. Maybe the government should provide a type of insurance to employers for trying at least to hire someone who is physically or mentally impaired. You could also stop giving grants away to established artists and start giving them to up and coming self-starting artists. People with 2 novels published don't need a grant as much as the person working at McDonald's that just finished their first novel. The learning experience of a first-timer should be capitalized on so that at least the artist has entrepreneurial education to come away from their cheap start-up fledgling art company. MB housing initiatives although well intentioned aren't at all cost effective. Maybe give people the option of fixing up or renovating their MB Housing domicile...Make cleanliness part of the condition to the housing, and if people are unable to clean, the gov could 'employ' a neighbor who maybe can't work a full time job, but could manage to go next door and help someone clean up. This would build community values, increase sense of security, it would keep disabled people productive to the extent they're capable and give them a little spending money to try to enjoy life a little bit. A tiny bit of extra money means things like a bike to save in transportation costs also subsidized, enhances general health, improves mobility and self esteem for example.

Creating a more positive relationship with our first nations population, and make employment equity with people with disabilities a reality, right now you go into provincial offices and there are virtually no people with disabilities to be seen

Pay for actual outcomes...not unrealized potential. Could be loans that are partially forgiven when success is demonstrated

Investment in innovation is the responsibility of the private sector and the only way that the government should encourage investment in innovation is by eliminating all taxes in any form levied on businesses.

More emphasis on funding tech initiatives. More funding for small business to stay and grow in Manitoba.

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**Responses**

We are spending a lot of money on infrastructure in rural areas that is a complete waist. Focus more on developing centers where the infrastructure costs are better utilized. Whether that means just Winnipeg and Brandon then that is where it should be spent.

Innovation is one of the biggest opportunities to help move Manitoba forward. It is the wave for the future. The jobs created by innovation can replace those that should be reduced within government

Encourage the private sector to invest and stop MB Hydro from leading the way this costs the consumer.

These programs are ineffectual. There is so much red tape in trying to get a new idea or product out on the market that it's no wonder why people aren't trying. Our federal intellectual properties office needs to be restaffed as they would rather put up roadblocks than assist Canadians in their efforts.

Incentives for green energy funded by a revenue neutral carbon tax.

We have lots of capacity for hydro-electric energy. We should market it as best we can. We should explore hydrogen fuel cell technology. It requires large amounts of electricity and water, we are rich in both.

Reduce payroll tax for companies who increase staff hire apprentices

Create incentives for green technology, environmental initiatives, and invest in the green economy and move away from fossil fuels and polluting industries. Another cost-neutral initiative is introduce a bottle deposit where we can get 10cents back on bottles and cans.

I would fully encourage the use of airships to service the needs of northern communities in the winters rather than the building and maintenance of so many ice roads.

Tax breaks for qualifying ventures.

Better public transportation, better care of the environment, green technology

Continue to capitalize on the trendy -ness of Manitoba as an environmental leader and a province of hope where people want to be and work. That in itself can spur creativity and become a self fulfilling prophecy. Continued support for small business.

Smart specialization

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**Responses**

I believe a provincial venture capital firm should be created with multiple tiers that support both larger and smaller projects. This venture cap firm should be staffed with experts and it alone should be involved in supporting innovation and business development.

Garbage recycling to generate power

I'm unclear what this refers to. Why is there not an option here to increase or decrease the amount spent here, like the other categories? This is odd. How much is currently spent on this? Anyways, lots of innovation is already happening. Also, I think 'innovation' is over-idealized. What does it really mean? Research discoveries? Universities do this yet have experienced cuts.

Provide free and experienced business management and accounting advise to existing small businesses to help them be competitive. Lots of small business owners don't have these skills yet provide excellent service or products.

Only invest in green jobs

Job opportunities and variety in industry.

Give young people 13 years and up...grants for innovations to technology that improves the overall economic development of the province.

More efficient energy, make wind farms in our vast prairies to provide energy to the rest of Canada at a lower cost, it would bring money into Manitoba and create the jobs I was talking about for the lower class.

Do away with those foolish and useless "entrepreneur" centers like "futurepreneur" and the like and invest the funds directly in small business; invest in giving small business grants directly to small businesses... also there's no age limit on a good idea. Stop putting age limits on qualifying grants and programs for aspiring entrepreneurs

Make our natural products process in Manitoba. Provide tax credits.

stop spending on research which has no immediate commercial applicability.  
Reduce programs that provide duplicate services

Create a capital fund to provide financing for cost reduction measures in healthcare and education that would improve outcomes.

Invest in projects that can pay for themselves over the long term. Think long term

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**Responses**

Roll out of LEAN across government, to look for efficiencies, similar to what's been done in Saskatchewan.

Look at government workers. We spend so much time waiting that we are wasting exponential amounts of money. I can't work fast enough because my computer is too slow. Our section can't move forward because we are waiting on other departments. A HUGE portion of our budget is wages, and we need to fix the root causes so that our employees can work to their full potential and use our money wisely.

Electrify more services - move us off diesel fueled buses. Raise electricity rates to incent energy efficiency. Do not establish stand alone demand side energy management agency.

lower taxes for all seniors. Provincial tax and education tax paid over and over for more than fifty years is ridiculous and putting pensioners in the poor house without any dignity. The govt increases the pension and then takes it away in taxes and higher hydro payments. Doesn't cover the cost of living anymore and yet the govt gives more approval for increases.

Provincially mandated tax credits for first time home owners, reduce land transfer tax or offer credit for it on first time home owners. Provide tax credit to those who purchase electric & Hybrid vehicles (Promotion of carbon footprint reduction)

Increase education for all ages not just young people

Continue innovation programs but be more choosy with them - choose sectors where Manitoba already has an advantage and build on these. We'll never be Seattle North. Remove the myriad of tax credits that look good but few entrepreneurs use.

Business creates innovation not government

I think we should focus on re-aligning our priorities and focus some effort on making sure we're spending our current dollars wisely before we look at putting more dollars out. We need to do a stop check to really look at where our money is going overall.

Reduce or eliminate payroll tax for start ups.

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**Responses**

Programs that support innovation and the development of value added product for export should continue. What needs to change is that these programs need to be assessed against their expected results to determine whether they are effective or not. If it cannot be proven the a program is achieving results based on performance targets then the funding needs to be called into question. In addition, the province needs to ensure a friendly environment exists for investment, both foreign and local. If the government provides the proper environment and ensures Manitoba is a competitive place for investment the market will respond providing new job opportunities and growth to the tax base.

Place a value on volunteer organizations and support them. Cut red-tape for small grants. Institute more career-oriented apprenticeships. Plan for the needs of seniors in the helping professions. They can pay for them - they just are not there.

reduce red tape for business people so that they can do the innovating on their own

Encourage private companies to invest in the future of Manitobans and Manitoban businesses

I think Manitoba could benefit from P3's (Public, Private, Partnerships). Honestly, if someone builds a better mouse-app, chances are they won't stay in Manitoba and Manitoba won't benefit from their work UNLESS unless there is an obligation to repay or share the increased value of the enterprise.

Machine learning and the Enterprise Machine Intelligence and Learning Initiative.

We have cheap and plentiful electricity and water. Instead of exporting them we should be leveraging to grow industry here.

I would invest more in home care and assistive Living/supportive housing....but not in the private sector. These are too expensive for most people.

always look to other jurisdictions who are successful and learn from it. How could those successes work in Manitoba?

Based in the North we could open up for military bases both Canadian and others. Jails, who would escape a jail (and survive) in say Flin Flon or Sherridon? A northern based center for study, either at the university level or college level, based on traditional or native studies. A Northern health center, travelling to Winnipeg for treatments weekly kills you if the disease does not.

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**Responses**

Lets fix what we have going on before wasting more money on a program that clearly isn't working too well.

SELLING HYDRO TO OTHER PROVINCE ETC

Increase green energy subsidies, geothermal, solar. In both residential and industrial, the payback in efficiencies has to make sense. Be a leader in this rather than follower

Open the port in Churchill. Create a shipping route through the north, that will assist with bringing low cost goods to the north, and give people jobs.

Increase corporate taxes where those at the top make lots more than employees, provide breaks for the opposite since the employees are more likely then to put money back in the economy. Increase income taxes for those making more than \$150000.00

Giving young people an opportunity to use skills in a variety of growing needs such as encouraging math and science. Learning computer security and programming at earlier levels to keep up with global trends.

I have not heard of innovations the public sector has come up with which we benefit from. Most technology is usually sold to company's for profit and go else where for development.

Let's capitalize on our strengths such as MB Hydro. Saskatchewan and Alberta will be reducing their dependence on coal-fired electricity and we have abundant hydro-electricity. Let's build more west and east hydro lines!

Contract out more services like highway maintenance, airport operations, regulatory enforcement (ie privatization of those gov services with revenue potential).

Embark on massive red tape reduction to create better business incentives. Lead the nation in regulatory simplification and modernization that will see Manitoba as the capital for ease of doing business. Government-run business incentives are evidence of a bloated government that intrudes into the private sector. The same results can be achieved through attracting business via massive red tape regulatory reductions that can save millions and eliminating government as much as possible within the private sector, with these cost saving measures off-set with a business tax reduction.