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Payroll tax

Payroll tax should be removed. High PST and income tax limits disposable income and discourages job mobility. Also the land transfer tax decrease mobility - increases the cost for a person or business if they need to move to grow or prosper.

Both, alcohol and tobacco markets are on a per Province service. Allow competition between the Provinces for these services.

Growth comes from the grass roots of life, the workers who need to make a fair wage, but to help a company to grow so it can afford to pay a fair wage without going bankrupt... This Province should want small business to grow to medium businesses in order to hire people. We also need to educate the public on how to raise children to have work ethics. We do not even teach a child in school how to balance a bank account. Time to meet school with the working knowledge of life and working in life or starting businesses. Also STOP raising minimum wage all the time, find a better way. Companies cannot afford it and yet to afford it all the costs can go up, so the poorer population suffers more because that is where the most minimum wage employees are, THAT system just does not make sense. Plus why does the government support part-time labour to be better than Full-time. Those poor workers are finding it very hard to pay bills when companies are encouraged by less employee taxes & fees to hire only Part-time..... Change that please.

Inability to sell eggs, raw milk and home-made cheese at the farm gate and farmer's markets

Limits on acres for the sale of root vegetables to stores (aka Peak Of The Market's illegal (but court-approved) monopoly)

Lack of provincially-certified meat cutters/butchers/abattoirs (especially for fowl and waterfowl)

Taxes are too high.

Restrictions on Liquor and Lotteries.

Reduce price of retaining a company name to \$45 and reduce cost of registering a company.

UNION CONTRACTS for everything, limits on apprenticeship supervision means many cannot utilize the apprenticeship grants because they can't get someone to oversee them. Skilled trades are waning but needed and this bottleneck is killing the development of those trades in Manitoba and the development of those industries - meaning we have fewer made in Manitoba jobs from our own construction projects than we should have and less development of our own economy as a result.

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All regulations which encourage or simply permit the fossil fuel industry to continue operating are preventing all opportunities for society to continue to function in the near future.

Apply regulation to the output side, not in pre-approving every detail of the inputs in advance, especially when it is difficult to project accurately in new initiatives.

Environmental legislation

The government should evaluate many of its in house projects and determine if contracting out would yield tax saving results.

We should join the western trade group as a province.

Convenience stores in Manitoba are being swamped by new regulations from governments - provincial and federal. Last year we had to re-organize our stores and distribution networks to deal with the tobacco flavour ban (provincial). This year we will have to adjust to e-cigarette regulations (provincial) and tobacco plain packaging regulations (federal). Any new regulation has costs. These costs are particularly painful to small businesses. Convenience stores must re-train their staff on the product changes. Stores must adjust displays, reorganize racking systems and return products to distributors. We have to ensure that we are fully compliant with the new regulations - such as signage, training and safety - and prepare for inspections (which adds to the paperwork burden). Most importantly, we want to retain the customers we may lose because the regulation has banned the sale of their product (flavoured tobacco) or moved the sale of their product to another location (vape shops).

In Manitoba, regulations are actually driving our customers away from our stores. The proposed e-cigarette regulations will remove a growth opportunity for convenience stores and gas bars. Manitoba has created a new class of business called a vapour product shop. Only vapour product shops will be allowed to sample and display e-cigarettes. Our members strongly believe this new class of store is both unnecessary and prejudicial.

The draft regulations we have seen will create a second, licensed class of store to sell e-cigarettes. These stores will also only require that 85% of the shop's floor be devoted to the e-cigarette product. That leaves us to wonder if the rest of the floor space will sell other products that compete with convenience stores such as beverages and food. And while the regulations will ban convenience stores from selling e-cigarettes, vapour product shops will be allowed to apply for tobacco licenses. The federal government recently studied the impact of regulations on the cost of doing business (Evaluation of the Paperwork Burden Reduction Initiative - Final Report, September 26, 2013). Small business with 1-4 employees bear twice the cost of compliance with regulations as those with 5-

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19 employees, and almost seven times more than medium-sized firms with 100–499 employees.

A small business with 5-19 employees pays \$4,406.00 in compliance costs annually, which is about \$476.00 per employee. Obviously these costs go up as more regulations are introduced - which is what convenience stores in Manitoba have experienced in the past 12 months.

The Government of Manitoba needs to hit the pause button on regulations - particularly those that impact small businesses. Manitoba should have a moratorium on new regulations for a year. Other policy changes that could reduce the red tape burden for small businesses in Manitoba include:

1. Conducting a pre-audit of compliance and make the results public. A pre-audit would indicate if there were problems or whether existing compliance and control mechanisms were sufficient.

2. Posting all proposed regulations for comment on a public web site. While we have been invited to comment on the regulations for e-cigarettes, we have not been allowed to see a draft.

3. Quantification of burdens and evidence-based approaches to burden reduction are becoming increasingly common. The Government of Manitoba needs to collect data and publish how much existing and proposed regulations cost business.

4. Ensure all new regulations are neutral to businesses and to taxpayers. If you are going to add a regulation - make sure it is cost neutral (reduce a cost somewhere else like in terms of the business or personal tax rates) and burden neutral (remove a regulation that impacts the same industry).

to many laws restrictions for cattle, chicken crop farmers. To much red tape for assisted living, care homes etc. Manitoba needs to set the example instead of

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being kicked on for not doing or trying to help people

High taxes

Environmental regulations have virtually shut down mining in Northern Manitoba. Manitoba needs to permit the refining and smelting of ore in the North to have any possibility of sustainable development and job growth in the province

Taxes

The bill to make unions do a secret ballot instead of the signed membership card thing seems like a huge hindrance. It's a waste of time, if that many people are already signed up by card why make them vote again? Seems like a petty bill by a pettier Premier and something that isn't going to be appreciated by businesses or unions. Frankly, I think our government needs to stop all their union bashing and encourage the unions. The unions have been the leaders in helping private businesses improve their working conditions for all people and that should be a good thing, not something for Pallister to poo poo about constantly.

There should be totally open borders within our country. Are we not but one country?

Eliminate the power of Peak Of the Market marketing board to set acreage quotas for vegetable production. This will encourage more vegetable production in Manitoba.

Although difficult to change due to the province's reliance on the income is the Payroll Tax. As a not-for-profit organization receiving funding from the province, we need to remit ~\$60K of payroll tax that could have been used to run innovation projects with our industry partners.

Learning from other provinces and territories is key to growth and development. Diversification, choices, removal of barriers are key to development. We have recently seen that Saskatchewan has developed a individualized funding model for people with intellectual challenges to live independently and away from institutions and group homes, - all very innovative approaches to improving communities. One that Manitoba started under the Filmon regime, but has been very slow in growth over the past years. Hopefully we will see a more positive recognition of such models as ICOF for adults with intellectual challenges.

Tax on tax on tax is driving people and businesses to other provinces. The Manitoba government always increases spending on healthcare and corrections depth, without considering the actual labour force driving the economy. Manitoba is a great place to be as a senior citizen or on social assistance but those of us footing the bill off our pay check can't afford any more.

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poor secondary educational system

Fresh water fish for food should be able to be supplied from northern fishers sources.

Far too many labour and employment regulations are holding people from starting or growing a business.

Some of our industries in mb are being very poorly recognized and paid. Commercial tractor trailer driving for example. Is a profession where the driver must make multiple sacrifices, and yet, when the driver works many hours (over 100 hours in a two week period) all hours beyond that is overtime. The taxes on overtime hours truly hinders a pay check for someone that is sincerely putting in serious hours to make that money. The industry demands these hours from the drivers but yet, too many and it makes it worthless due to the taxes withdrawn. I believe that in jobs where long hours are demanded and so much sacrifice is made for the job, more tax breaks should be given thus providing a better work ethic and desire. The government could easily grow blue collar trades by providing better tax rebates and write offs.

Way to many permits required to do anything. They cost money and they take money to enforce.

Regulations with respect to economic development opportunities. Although financial support for certain small business is warranted, millions of dollars in grants, loans, and other incentives are not necessary for the wealthy corporations, developers, business owners, etc.

Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries requires a revamp. Take for example the charitable gaming industry. In spite of past government commitment to turn over more gaming control and funds retention to community, it has instead remained in the hands of privatized groups or government. The playnow.com could be much better represented in community-directed endeavors like texasholdemcharity.com, a platform that is community directed and controlled promotion of events and charitable gaming. Charitable organizations should be able to promote with greater independence and retain funds generated for use in communities.

CARBON TAX

I am unsure of the barriers. My limited understanding is they are placed at the mfg and importing level. The restrictions may be volume or dollars, but ultimately they drive the price to the consumer much like international trade. I know the Provinces have a new trade deal in place but I am unsure of what restrictions still exist, in terms of trade regulations.

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Too many civil servants are getting paid high wages and not performing the duties they are hired for.

Amalgamation of services will reduce debt.

Get rid of the ban on burning coal. Those of us in rural areas do not have access to natural gas. Burning coal to generate heat at the point of use is the most logical and economical energy source available.

Also get rid of the ridiculous ban on sewage ejection systems. Most of the rural home sites are miles away from surface water sources that could be contaminated.

All regulations prevent economic growth. So eliminate all regulations. Simple.

Evening construction?

Im not sre about this. If its a government reg or not. But lots of other cities I've been to have construction going 24/7. Or even at night and not during the day. You dont see thst here. Seems obvious. To get construction completed sooner in our short season, make the work days longer.

Our exchange rate for our currency effects obtaining goods at a fair price.

What Manitoba's New Government is doing now related to the legislative review will identify those regulations that are preventing growth opportunities. This is a commendable exercise that should be done at least every 10 years to ensure that Acts, Regulations and Guidelines do what they are intended to do and meet the needs of government and its stakeholders.

Liquor Laws

Certain archaic hunting laws and regulations are hurting tourism.

Building code is getting out of hand.

Overall structure and mandated policies / ownership

there are to many regulations and government departments to go through to open up businesses

Employment Regulations and qualification process.

Business taxes

Increased minimum wage affects hiring a

Increase basic tax exemption for lowest wage earners

Food processing and meat processing requiring federal inspections are barriers that may warrant analysis as to their potential growth-inhibiting effects.

Regulations that prevent new entrants into smaller-scale egg, poultry and milk production should also be investigated.

Businesses tendered by government charge government far too much for services. Such as road construction etc.

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Joining the western accord is a step in the right direction.

A major barrier is the gradual draining of the limited financial resources of the lower and middle class so they have less money to spend to drive the economy. The largest of such barriers are the out-of-control rent increases that the Residential Tendencies Branch has been complicit in approving for the most part. Right now, the larger and more clever landlords are exploiting loopholes, and putting a great deal of effort into gaming the system so that they can continually raise the rent on their tenants above the maximum amount set by the guidelines. They are able to do this because they know there is very little the tenant can do to stop them and the RTB only looks at the paperwork for the given year and does not assess long-term patterns of frivolous and unnecessary 'upgrades' to justify getting the rent increases that they ask for. And it is an expensive problem for everyone, not just the poor, because the provincial government is ultimately on the hook to support the increasing number of people who are just scraping by. As it becomes more and more difficult for these people to afford housing, the pressure on the government to support

What is missing is a central agency to assist businesses navigate what is required to: 1) establish a business, and 2) to hire employees. Government is operating in silos.

To name a few barriers to agriculture and fuel regulations, jurisdictional accreditation's, and energy regulations.

Carbon Tax will prevent growth opportunities in Manitoba economy

Anything that allows one province to have a monopoly on a good or service is not beneficial to the country of Canada, ie wine distribution barriers. The best case scenario would be a federal education and healthcare initiative that would be all encompassing with synergies across the country. More centralization of purchasing for better cost of goods and more free movement between provinces. Presently, having moved back to Manitoba a little over two years ago, I may as well have moved to a different country with all the red tape....it's just inefficient and redundant. Either you have a drivers licence, or you don't. Either you have a healthcare card or you don't. All this would open up a more competitive market. Because of our low population base as a country, we need this.

Minimum wage is one of them. This is a burden put on private enterprise. Private enterprises have to pay for substandard personnel who have come out of the education system who think they simply need to show up and they get paid. It is unfair to put the burden on small enterprise who have to spend money to train people that otherwise wouldn't get a job. How many people start with the Government at minimum wage and no benefits?

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The new Winnipeg development tax needs to be re worked. However this may be a city of Winnipeg issue. Taxing development just outside of Winnipeg makes sense if infrastructure needs to be expanded there, however taxing downtown will reduce or prevent growth.

Help First Nation schools that are federally funded but are also moving children in and out of the private (First Nation schools) into the provincial schools.

I believe the province hinders growth in the technology and clean energy sectors due to big interests in non-renewable resources and unsustainable growth in new development areas. I think our lower pay and ...public transportation leads to our smart young people leaving to go work in other provinces. I believe we should diversify our economy so it does not have to so heavily rely on just 2-3 industries.

High taxation - property tax hikes are ridiculous. I've seen a 700% hike in my property tax in 13 years living in a rural community. I can't afford my own home!!

Business hour restrictions, I.e. Sunday shopping hours. Businesses should be able to set their own hours based on their clients needs, not based on outdated restrictions. Also what kind of fits in here is connecting more northern reserve communities with permanent road access to the south.

Reduce taxes on commodities and increase taxes on gambling, tobacco, alcohol & travel for most visited luxury places in the world.

...A better question would be where are regulations needed to protect or create opportunities.

regulatory bodies. They are over protected. We bring people under the nominee program on the merit of occupation but most or I would say all of them are not working under their occupation

Not allowing more manitobans to work in Manitoba

Make all the laws as close as possible to the same. I.e coal burning is banned from Manitoba. Make spirit taxes equivalent to Saskatchewan and Alberta. PST is a real business killer. Some people get so frustrated dealing with them that they move or shut down their businesses. We need clear rules and sympathetic people there.

I think our economy is fine, and have no concerns about existing regulations. On the other hand, I'm extremely concerned about the underfunding of government agencies that serve and protect children--in particular social services and education.

Unions.

Use investment in education to stimulate long term growth in MB. Giving money to corporations through tax breaks and incentives is last century thinking.

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Way too many regulations for starting business'. Makes it harder for people trying to start up business' & also people begin to rely on the regulations instead of relying on common sense.

Too many rules & regulations hold back the creative minds who have incredible ideas but get held back because of a regulation.

We need a find a way for people to actually use their own brains and think.

Giving society more freedom would surprise you with what great things could happen.

Why are their regulations between provinces and territories? Are we not all Canadians?

too many small Municipalities setting business regulations.moving from one town to another means completely different levels of service and different rules and bylaws. Too confusing!

Dare I say it, some of the politically correct movement is oppressing the market. (There needs to be balance, not oppression, to function in the market).

High fees for inspections for electrical systems and more importantly the high fees that home owners and electrical installers need to pay to install renewable energy sources such as solar and wind.

...Check out the labels, have our local people make our food!

Regulations against private insurance companies, for instance.. Manitoba Public Insurance, if we had more insurance companies able to produce and provide different plans for people.. this would create more job opportunities, more corporate demand and in turn create more revenue for the government.

Keep the PST but take it off the things it should not be on. Small businesses are struggling!! We need industries that are strong to produce strong jobs

Not enough alternative energies

Less government regulations would be a good start. Especially on small businesses and small farms.

To many government aides and assistances to the mayor and every other MLA. Growth to our economy will start when money is not mismanaged and those that mismanage money in Gov't should serve jail time or penilized some how and pay every red cent they spend.

High land transfer tax when looking at new developments And the union entitlements and legacy provincial employment standards when buisness look to MB to setup new locations.

Support for forestry and mining has decreased over the past years. Manitoba hydro has put road block up for development .

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I like to know my kids won't die on the job, or that the creek behind our home won't be full of hog manure. I think the regulations we have are fine, and could go further

the support of a carbon tax will just add another layer of burden to all

The lack of a provincial carbon tax represents a loss of revenue for the province that could earmark money for the development of electric charging stations, solar energy, wind and hydro energy.

Agricultural regulations need to be slashed. The use of chemicals destroys biodiversity and strips soil...

The carbon tax by Trudeau will definitely prevent growth opportunities in Manitoba's economy.

Interprovincial restrictions.

Business start up regulations should be reduced substantially (the red tape). Building codes need to be relaxed in areas where it should be a consumers choice, areas that have no impact on building safety standards (i.e. insulation values) to help reduce cost of homes, etc.

i'm not really sure what trade issues there are between the province, i have no issues buying or selling to other provinces. I would say that we should be promoting Hydro more as a cleaner energy source and selling it east, west, and south more.

alcohol regulations. allow private companies ie grocery stores and convenience stores to sell alcohol.

United States has the highest costs for health care in the world with no improvements in population health outcomes. Stop hiring Americans to audit our health care. Hiring an auditor to reduce health care spending makes the assumption that because its expensive it must be full of waste. Speaking with some Europeans just last night our health care is famous for wait lists. People on long wait lists who are unable to work or die prematurely negatively effect provincial GDP. There aren't enough health professionals to build a two tier system, and as already mentioned the U of M seems to be in a shamble which is where we get the majority of health professionals from. Clearly there isn't an easy option for building a larger pool of professionals to reduce wait times and cutting back on overtime costs.

Taxes to high.

There should be no trade barriers at all. We are one country.

Blaming pig farmers for the nitrogen problems is a concern of mine Three simple rules Is it safe is it sustainable is it environmentally sound

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Some labour restrictions raise the cost of doing business at times. Also, raising the minimum vacation allotment to 3 weeks per year could allow Manitobans to feel better about living/working here and could lead to increased usage of recreational services/providers.

Restrictions on marijuana use are preventing major economic growth. Not only are we missing out on the recreational marijuana use industry, but the medicinal and hemp industry as well. The stigma attached to marijuana use negatively impacts the growth of this industry. The incredibly diverse plant could create thousands of jobs.

Some of the environmental legalities are getting out of hand, particularly water stewardship.

Parts of the continued substances act. If the feds and the province legalised marijuana. The tax revenue would be out of this world.

Taxes are too high.

Selling Hydro outside of the province cheaper than what the taxpayers pay is unacceptable. Decreasing the PST will increase spending. The extra 2% that businesses pay on PST prevents them from being able to hire more employees and decreases their sales.

Fire Alarm regulations are out of control and preventing necessary upgrades. Low voltage electrical work is being done exclusively by union electricians and causing huge cost increases and needless complications as they are not trained in that specialization.

Mostly the alcohol laws. Loosen up!

The high cost of transport to the North.

Brutally high taxes

Having any trade boundaries between provinces in 2016 is embarrassing. Friends in other countries laugh & refuse to believe it exists when I tell them. MB should take the lead on this - we need to show Canadians we are leaders.

Don't know too much about our regulations so can't comment, but don't deregulate too much as that has its own set of problems. In some instances I think we could use more regulations. Ex. I see garbage on the highway all the time and meanwhile we have some of the highest welfare users of any province, why don't we take a page out of many European countries handbook and place those people in jobs such as cleaning up the province. This encourages a work ethic and desire to do better for yourself rather than a complacent attitude of not working and getting free money. I'm not against these systems to help less fortunate but I do think a lot of people abuse them when they could be placed in

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a job and working for their money and just being subsidized instead.

I am not sure but I believe the government only accepts union bids on gov jobs. Open the bids to anyone. Allow the right to work for EVERYONE so we do not have to line the pockets of government and union leaders

Narrow Minded policies are preventing Manitoba from capturing market share in the Marijuana market.

Doctors, College of Physicians and Surgeons, Police all have negative impact on moving the industry forward in Manitoba. Meanwhile other Provinces have the foresight to capture the revenue from the Medical Marijuana market that will position themselves ahead of the pack one legalized for recreational purposes. This appears to be another lost source or revenue for Manitoba as all it will see as a benefit from this will be the initial tax income rather than a robust industry. The Green Rush is on.

Purchasing promotional and marketing items are often tendered and won by suppliers outside the province at nominal margins. In fact a simple cost analysis will show that buying locally and supporting local business has a far more greater impact benefiting Manitoba overall once all is considered. I am constantly seeing your departments buying from 4IMPRINT or other Promotional suppliers for a few pennies difference on an item. I have many examples and have called the previous NDP Premier on this very issue to voice my dismay, concern and recommendation.

Anything and everything the NDP did and does.
Inter-provincial trade barriers should be removed.

Cut them all if you have to. Trade between provinces should be open. Its a no brainer Movement of Canadians fro province to province should be more open. There should be no three month waiting period to become a citizen of another province. I am Canadian and I should be able to move from province to province without penalty. Change that. If business is going to be allowed to trade freely then people should be able to move from province to province without rules
Again a no brainer

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If Manitoba is leading the way this means the previous government did do great things. All governments do and I'm tired of bashing from all sides. Start investing in creative industries and attracting the new economies of renewable energy . Create regulations that expand these areas.

Governing bodies such as college of physicians and nursing should work with immigrant professionals - stop making impossible for them to work in their career field.

I feel that this statement is overall false. Manitoba's New Government has done nearly nothing concerning trade to this point. The renegotiation of NAFTA is certainly going to be a challenging process.

Our debt and MB Hydro

Unions.

High PST. High user fees for small businesses.

Give opportunities for newcomers programs like esl programs and their foreign credentials

The restrictions that are put in immigrants to achieve high paying jobs in their occupations. Dr.s, Nurses, Fire Personal, accountants ect. Many people see them as users and not participants in the economy. Training, of course, needs to be upgraded but the regulations should be used in a better way. For example nurses can work as health care aides to help pay for updating their degrees. Consideration for their training must be part of this process as a nurse in Syria may not have the same training as in England. Dr's can be qualified for nurse practitioner jobs more quickly while they retake their written qualifications to be doctors. They can be hired to educate in use of epi pins, correct cpr, choking procedures and first aide that schools, Janitors, restaurants MTS event centers, casinos ect that we need. Although not full time necessarily it gives them the opportunity to make money for their to upgrade those medical qualifications. Medical research jobs, pharmaceutical sales for Doctors. H&R Block for private accounts in income tax. There are so many substitutions that can be made in their fields and give them grounding in their communities self respect and money for education. Teachers into teacher aides. It goes on and on instead of Welfare

Growth is not important. Economists are confused and think that we can continue to grow industry infinitely, but the Earth doesn't support that.

The Inter-Provincial tax regime is absurd. I am not an expert but know there are significant opportunities.

Merx...I feel it gives too much to out of province companies..we need growth from within

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STOP CATERING TO BIG CORPORATIONS LIKE MANITOBA HYDRO AND THEIR PROJECT SUCH AS THE BI-POLE III IN WHICH WE, THE HARD WORKING, TAX PAYING CITIZENS ARE PAYING FOR WITH THE NEVER ENDING RATE INCREASES OF WHICH WE DO NOT RECEIVE ANY ACTUAL BENEFIT FROM SUCH A PROJECT AS THE ELECTRICITY GENERATED FROM THIS PARTICULAR PROJECT IS TO BE SOLD THE AMERICANS!!! Instead, provide more support and funding to the local small businesses to help them continue to operate & grow as their products & services actually assists the local residents all around!!!

1. Join Sask, Alta and BC in the western trade group.
2. Enable regulations to allow for the development of prison industries in Manitoba and for the right of the government departments to purchase preferentially from these industries. This will encourage productive activity among inmates, better prepare them for a trade or employment upon release and produce useful products that are needed by government or Crown agencies.

high sales/personal taxes in manitoba are the biggest problem, why not buy elsewhere if the taxes are lower.

The retail hours of operation. There should be no restrictions on retail hours imposed by government. Daycares should be open later.

relaxing liqueur laws to allow private sale of alcohol in stores

The policies the government has around daycare make it difficult for young families to move to Manitoba and for parents to both work. When I was returning to work after my first child was born I contacted the government wondering why none of the 50 daycares I was on a list for over the past 1.5 years had an opening. The woman told me that I should be staying home with my child until they are 2 or have a family member care for them. The rules around daycares limit the number of infant spots available thus mom's can't easily go back to work and end up working part time or go back to work stressing out about finding care or worrying about the questionable basement daycare they found in desperation on kijiji. Our children deserve a good start in life and those that care for children deserve a fair wage and opportunities to learn and grow as care providers. Thus the government should get out of the way and let the market provide as many spots as it wants, competition will ensure there is good quality care.

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A weakened Canadian Wheat Board does not allow Canadian farmers the same bargaining power as it once did. It also requires farmers to be their own marketing and sales departments.

The Provincial Government's ban on any increase in public service funding is hurting the growth of the University of Manitoba. As other contracts come up for renewal, I can only imagine that other sectors will end up freezing in their development along with their freeze in funding. Although I understand that we are paying too much in certain areas, a 1% increase would still not match inflation and would therefore have a very similar effect without freezing development. Please consider low increases as opposed to freezes.

WINNIPEG CHARTER. IN PARTICULAR ZONING & PERMITS. THE ADVERSARIAL ATTITUDE OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED DEPARTMENT. HIGH TAXES. MILES AND MILES OF RED TAPE. GROWTH TAXES. ENVIRONMENTAL FEES, MPIC....

If anything there should be more regulation. I think we need to protect our resources and regulate companies that use them like Manitoba hydro.

Regulations around resource development are prohibitive to development. Prospectors (who find the mines that create jobs and wealth) are being constrained.

Taxes

Too much red tape and useless permit requirements at provincial and especially civic level. Building permits are a joke in Winnipeg- ask anyone who has had to wait 8 weeks and pay hundreds of dollars so someone could poke their head in the door and ok a paint job on an existing office. This is a complete waste of time and money on all accounts.

There are thousands of examples of this at the provincial and city level. Fix it!

The current Indian Act is a barrier to the respectful relationships between government and First Nations which is critical to moving forward. Please support the federal government in charting a new course.

free healthcare . Too many people abuse it. And telling people to go to the access centres, only to arrive and be told you need an appointment is ridiculous. Instead of giving more handouts for living up north, subsidized the grocery stores on healthy items and regulate the pricing with subsidization so people shop in their home community because they can afford it, and maybe use the cash they save to get ahead or buy better quality items for their family such as better winter jackets (subsidized that too)

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- MB PST. Switch to a proper HST model.
- 2- Restrictive labour laws. MB is France-like in our union mentality.
- 3- Ideally, go back to an income tax that is simply a percentage of the federal tax. Maybe next term.
- I think it is time to remove red tape around food and agricultural production. This will allow manitoba to produce vast quantities of pork and dairy specifically that can be sold
- High taxes especially for low income individuals and families
- Currently there are some trade challenges between provinces. We should work to find a "win-win" between and amongst our provinces.
- Winnipeg needs more population density to justify expenditures on infrastructure. We also spend a staggering amount on the North, with little ROI, while the average rural Northerner continues to struggle.
- Tax on everything.
- HIGH TAXATION. Fed and Provincial. Inefficient spending on government jobs. the good ole boys who might lose within their own business are the problem. Fix it. Their government friends are responsible make it impossible for private business to influence decisions
- Regulations are generally there for a reason. Review the *reasons* for regulations before assuming they are simply "red tape" or that they "prevent growth".
Usually regulations that "prevent growth" are there to protect people, or the environment, or to ensure private interests do not supersede public interests. Keep the P3 Transparency legislation. It is an important tool to ensure private public partnerships are open and accountable to Manitobans.
We all know the impact of unaccountable private projects in Winnipeg (think fire halls, Police HQ) so this legislation should be kept to protect the public interest.
- Not truly listening to Manitobans. The province does not start at 49th parallel! By letting the port of Churchill close all you have done is prove that yes you are working with other provinces.....but by making them rich! and letting the smaller farms and grain growers become more of the unemployed.
- Buy out sourcing from outside manitoba doesn't keep jobs at home. No different then people that travel across borders to shop doesn't build our economy
- Small business taxes are preventing growth. Limited maternity leave are preventing growth by making moms unable to return to the workforce when they cant find childcare.

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We should be opening our border more with North Dakota and the states to encourage more trade between the two. Hydro power is a great resource for us and it should be developed and sold to the US so they can become less reliant on other forms of energy.

Not hiring aboriginals

They need to increase the pensions and increase disability pension rates too. Double the pensions.

I believe the prosthetics and orthotics budget should be investigated and compared nationally. I believe there is room for improvement provincially to bring Mb to the national standard.

There are many examples of regulations for large agriculture producers that prevent smaller, more traditional farm operations from entering into the market. Many in the public are frustrated that they are often prevented from buying locally by onerous regulations that were obviously not written with small producers in mind.

Communities need to be allowed to have a minimum property tax charge. In The Pas for example I pay \$5600 in property tax for my home after the rebate. I know someone who pays \$500. Taxes are crushing growth in this town and a minimum charge could take the pressure off the high end taxpayer and distribute it more evenly to the low end. We get the same services i should not be paying \$5000 more (others are higher). We need help regulating taxes in this community; no one can afford to live here anymore! We should pay a base amount of perhaps \$1500 or so and go from there.

having a separate PST is a deterrent to interprovincial trade

More money to the North to support where our resources are here in MB would be beneficial instead of pulling all the minerals, and Hydro from the land without 'giving back'. Votes are not high in the scarcely populated North, but it has given the whole province the raw materials to export and make \$\$\$.

too many

Question #2: Are there any regulations that are preventing growth?

Responses

...the government's efforts to overcome challenges and lead the way towards more open trade within Canada. Across Manitoba itself, however,... there are positive opportunities to support innovative, job-driving growth, as well. For example, Manitoba is home to New Flyer Industries, which dominates the heavy duty transit sector. But as a manufacturer of world class advanced zero emissions technology, New Flyer faces several competitors globally who are seeking to enter the Canadian marketplace. In battery electric and hydrogen fuel cell propulsion, companies like New Flyer would benefit from provincial measures that utilize public transit fleet procurements as mechanisms for demonstrating advanced zero-emissions propulsion technologies – which Winnipeg Transit and Manitoba Hydro have already started to do with the electric bus consortium in play today. This consortium effort constitutes a world-class example of how Manitoba can support its local industry members in growing their advanced technology footprint domestically. Similarly, the Government of Manitoba can utilize its other vehicle and technology fleet procurements as testbeds for new and innovative products and services delivered by local companies.

None I want more regulation not less. We need to protect workers and their families; the environment so there is a future for our children. The bipole project is a great idea. If the Filmon government had completed the Conawapa project when they were in power, look at the savings we could point to today. The bipole is at the Saskatchewan border, so sell our "Clean Power" to the Western provinces and the Midwest United States and not at lower cost than Manitobans pay, but at the same rate and see the money follow in. We should also be making the crown corporations or anyone receiving provincial funding undergo the energy consumption measurement exercise through Green Buildings so we are saving taxpayers' dollars in energy costs. But you have to give the staff the power to enforce this initiative. Solar energy is the way to go. Why aren't the government owned buildings using solar energy to run air conditioning? What aren't we using or retro fitting buildings to use solar energy. This is clean energy. The government should be looking at increasing corporate taxes by 2% over the next two years to generate more income. The former government gave corporate tax breaks but the corporations have not "stepped up to the plate" so to speak and created more good paying permanent jobs. The government is still the largest employer in Manitoba and this is sad. Ask the businesses in Manitoba why they haven't taken their tax breaks and created more jobs? They can stand a small tax increase and this is how we can maintain public services.

Indian Act. Lack of sufficient regulation and incentives to support more social enterprises such as BUILD and Diversity Foods to bridge into the job market.

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