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Look at moving the seat of government and/or administration to the north. Move large parts of the university budgets to northern communities and subsidize the northern campuses tuition to make it attractive to students.

Need to create an all weather road to all the way to Churchill

Making the "playing field" a lot more user friendly and "level". Place the focus on everyone interested...

There has to be larger companies that could find it beneficial to do what they do up north. There is a sector of private companies that do not need a lot of shipping, so the costs of Northern location should not be bad. And perhaps if some incentives were given to the companies to establish and train and remain and perhaps a payback to the government for the incentive. Could it not be affordable if you used the same money you are paying through the government for the major population that are on welfare support??? So less welfare in the area could support the population by government money but rather giving them a job.

Do not raise the minimum wage. Raise the tax limits for low income workers. This will offer incentives for more businesses to open stores/gas stations and other other support services for other more skilled jobs in the north like logging, mining etc.

Allow for meaningful tax rebates & incentives for companies and factories who could operate in the north.

Should go to the Ontario system for funding prospectors and junior miners. Separate the big producing companies from everyone else in exploration, the big companies wield too much power and skew results.

initial tax incentives, unfortunately - permanent roads are necessary. If items can be trucked north year round and eliminate the reliance on the rail that the permafrost melt is hurting, the reduction of cost of goods will improve costs of operation. It's a big cost to gain and so tax incentives in the short term may be necessary. creating agreements to use and finding ways to use northern resources responsibly so those truckers have return loads will benefit the economy further. Sometime the government needs to pony up to start something with the intention of passing it off to the private sector or in partnership with a private sector entity that has rights to buyout the government is the best way to go. It may not be what this consultation wants to hear but a government that is truly wanting to do what is best for the people would delay a portion of the deficit killing to prolong a poor solution while enacting a long term solution is the better option than no solution and allowing what is there to die - knowing starting it up again is much harder.

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There is no hope for the future, and therefore no encouraging growth, if we don't drastically reverse our course now. Very soon, "degrowth" and "transition" will cease to be options open to *anyone*. Early climate adaptation leadership is what will encourage whatever hope we can hold on to.

Not by more mega projects, instead have programs to help northerners help themselves.

Put some factories and business up north so people there can earn their own living and not rely on government monies.

review environmental and labour legislation to ensure that it does not hinder economic development

Private enterprise is hesitant to invest in developing the north because of the various roadblocks they run into...You cannot expect business's to take on the added cost of employees that are not willing to work. This hiring practice has to be looked at closely and the government has to take a stand and encourage private sector business's to invest in the northern opportunities without having to subsidize workers that are not willing to work.

We can not continue to be the cash cow for all hydro projects in the north. At the present time we are providing all the money for the indigenous com. to be equal partners in all hydro dev. This is not sustainable.

1.No new taxes be levied against small businesses, including tobacco taxes; and
2.Keep the small business tax rates low...Manitoba is the most vigilant prairie province to investigate and seize contraband tobacco. You have an excellent team of seasoned investigators who work collaboratively with other jurisdictions. Given that Manitoba is the gateway to Western Canada for smugglers from Ontario and Quebec, the battle against illicit tobacco is extremely important in Manitoba. In recent years, the WCSA has commissioned contraband tobacco studies which examine discarded cigarette butts at 30 sites throughout Manitoba to determine if illegal (contraband) cigarettes were being purchased and smoked. Samples were gathered between September 20th and October 5th, 2015. Manitoba's provincial average for contraband tobacco was 12.7%. The rate of contraband tobacco in high schools was the most troubling part of our findings compared to British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan. The average for the 11 high schools sampled in Manitoba was 13.2%. A Manitoba high school had the highest rate of all high schools samples in western Canada in 2015 - Elmwood High School (Winnipeg) at 34%.

1.The...Manitoba government to be more proactive when it comes to illegal tobacco. Manitoba needs update its Tobacco Tax Act to reflect the new reality of

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illegal tobacco in the province.

Help with their cost of living. Who would want to be up North and have to pay the prices they do for the stuff they NEED. Not want they want but just to survive. Yes there are all sorts of packages available to help but really have you seen the prices. Gas food, education, would you live there.

Support nationalization of the Hudson Bay Line and commit to finishing the upgrades to Hwy 283. Let's get The Pas and the Port of Churchill as hubs of the north for delivery of goods and services.

Education and training to the population who live there. Ask these communities what they see would benefit their communities. Utilize resources that are already available.

For mining investments to grow in the North, the province needs to relax the environmental regulations. I understand that Ontario did this about 8 to 10 yrs ago which assisted Sudbury to keep their mines going. Manitoba needs to persuade the Federal gov't to change the Indian Act to allow individuals to own property on Reserve land. Pride of ownership goes a long way for the well being of individuals.

Stop charging so much money to industries and shops up north, so the people up there could live a reasonably afford life. Charging \$10 for a 4 litre jug of milk is ridiculous. No one would want to work or live up north if that keeps up.

More manufacturing in goods we already have here or a finished product to the rest of the world instead of shipping most things to the USA.

Make food and housing cheaper and more readily available for people so they might actually want to go up there and work. Provide subsidies for companies to build headquarters and such up north, and employ first nations people to help them improve themselves and their communities as well. Work with reserves to come up with viable businesses to improve their communities. Improve access to mental health workers, healthcare and other important things so again, people will be productive and happy.

Don't fund money losing businesses.

There needs to be champions within indigenous communities that can be responsible for and manage large innovation / business development initiatives that would result in new business opportunities being realized in northern communities. There needs to be a focus on establishing program managers with the necessary education, experience, capabilities and support from the leaders in these communities. Ideas need to be effectively analyzed and selected based on local capabilities, resources and interests.

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Again, within the disability sector such non profit organizations as Innovative LIFE Options Inc. can not only provide innovative approaches over and beyond the ICOF model, but can also facilitate ICOF anywhere, including the North, in our great province. Such models stimulate citizenship and thus boost the economy. Options such as ICOF allow people to remain productive and fully participate in their communities.

Assist with more apprenticeship programs rather than someone waiting 3 - 4 years to get into an apprenticeship program at colleges.

With the doomsday types running Canada it is going to be even more of a challenge as due to distance for everything needing to be shipped in or out their carbon tax is going to make even harder to develop in a sustainable way, I do believe it is important to involve indigenous communities in meaningful, accountable manner. I believe it is important to start with results oriented training, not \$1-2 million per midwife type, Hands on apprentice type training with employable skills, to start with building there own necessary local housing etc , to educate people of necessity of responsible employees for the betterment of all.

There is no growth to be had in the northern economy. It revolves around hydro dams and mining. Regulations, logistics, and taxes pretty much ended any new mining exploration, and how many more hydro dams do we need.

By implementing equal opportunity act

Increased education and collaboration with Indigenous communities.

Influence Federal Govt to change First Nations legislation allowing Chiefs to stay elected pointed for 4 years instead of 2. Provide more continuity and efficiencies with smaller groups.

Provide incentives for new businesses to reduce tax burden.

I don't know of any way that northern communities can encourage help or employment. The pay is generally fairly high, work is readily available, more advertisement and information maybe helpful.

If you want to keep producing Hydro. Our prov should have the greatest incentives for hydro electric vehicles in Canada. This also lowers our carbon output.. If the feds want lower carbon get them to match incentive funds.. Money where their mouth is.

Manitoba can negotiate with the federal gov't to establish a northern maritime military base in Churchill for Arctic exploration and security. Manitoba can also look at establishing businesses such as the building of air ships in the North (Barry Prentice is an expert in this field) as well as creating technology based enterprises where location is inconsequential to the success of the business.

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There must be a collaborative approach that ensures the voice of Manitoba's Indigenous population is recognized. Moreover, this issue goes beyond management of resources to the actual production of product. Manitoba's Indigenous persons can and should be valued partners in an opportunity to ensure that products are manufactured and developed locally, thus ensuring that investment dollars and outputs are retained within the borders of Manitoba.

No Carbon tax

We need a long term resource (including Agriculture), employment training, transportation and industry support plan. Unless we can show investors what our North has to offer in a clear-concise time-line, they will not invest. Coffee-talk with a life-long northern who 'knows' what is going on up here is just not enough to expect people to hand over millions of dollars. We need a proper transportation solution once and for all. One of our biggest hurdles that continues to get ignored is our western highway connections. West of The Pas this is SK-55/MB-283. The average person wants this road paved for travel reasons, but this road needs to be brought up to industry standards. We can bring industry here, but they need support for supplies, parts and for shipping product. We have no other Western connection. This is an inter-provincial problem that needs to be addressed. I do not know how we encourage SK to get on board, but we need to get this done, just as we need to encourage the Federal government to assist with the rail line issues. Incentives, (previous response) that do not reduce taxes previously being collected will also help. Time based incentives may encourage longevity. The incentive should only be available for the North. Northern MB (The Pas) is already in a 'emergency' EI area. There are already additional Federal training dollars available in our area. We should be looking at programs that utilize Federal resources in addition to Provincial resources.

Cut taxes.

By getting out of their way. If the North has economic value the free market will discover and use it. If not, then let the market decide. Stop meddling with markets.

For a number of years, there has been large, US tech companies looking for cheap space, hydro and available workforce; those companies looking to place 'server warehouses' in the 'Northern' states should be lobbied

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Invest in IT training. IT jobs are the way of the future. Supposed to be the biggest area of job growth in our country. Also, Manitoba needs to draw companies here that want data warehouses. (Data storage centres) Facebook was supposed to build a data storage centre in the headingly industrial area until it fell through. Our climate, electricity rates, and the growing demand for cloud storage and cloud services makes Manitoba a prime spot for companies wanting to build this kind of infrastructure. Attract these kinds of businesses.

Provide grants for businesses in the North, as well as bring more awareness to available services in Northern communities.

The north has many issues, among them waste management, particularly in hard to reach locations. There are 12 industry-led recycling organizations operating in Manitoba (see Greenmanitoba.ca) that are to provide accessible recycling to northern communities (including First Nations). These organizations operate with approximately \$50M in funding to collect, transport and properly recycle waste (from eco-fees on material such as electronics at the time of sale). Government could work with the Federal government (INAC) who has released 10M for waste reduction across Canada, industry recycling organizations and Green Manitoba (provides government oversight to the recycling organizations) to create opportunities for northern residents to collect and management waste and recycling initiatives. The industry-led recycling organizations are represented by the stewards (the private sector) that create the materials that are to be diverted from landfill and government can demonstrate leadership across Canada by encourage these organizations to create more opportunities for waste and recycling in the north, which would lead to more green jobs, more waste diversion, more access to programming, and more partnerships.

education and training are key; also pursue economic development opportunities that are sustainable (socially, economically and environmentally)

Health Care is huge. Investments are needed but they must be innovative. Investing in PCHs and health care in rural areas is a good way to stimulate the economy in those areas. Another idea is to place group homes in these areas. Housing is cheap and jobs would be created. Commercial fish processing plant would help rural areas. Perhaps things like call centres, technology centres and customer service centres should be given tax breaks to set up in rural and remote areas. The days of depending on mining and logging are over.

The province should be looking at some type of venture fund that is accessible with start ups who have potential. Manitoba has a wealth of talent in many areas, but it is not recognized, nurtured or promoted provincially.

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there is very little opportunity for northern development so it is a hard one to help in that area

Government need to creat a branch and cut contracts by developing a long term strategy and budget out programs to Assist our northern niebours.

By humbly changing the government's official position from one of domination to one of nation-to-nation listening.

Lower business tax and remove environmental taxes

I think that you need to do a better job communicating northern problems to Manitobans. Remember to claim sovereignty over sparsely occupied lands, there need to be permanent settlements.

First Nations require clean water and homes. Ensure the Band Council are transparent on funds received

Transportation has to become a more viable and affordable option. Example...only one roundabout route to Churchill. No wonder cost of goods are so expensive! Transporting goods eats up a good third of cost of goods. Manitoba needs more people to sustain any economy moving forward. We should have a strong immigration program mandate. Immigrants are known to be entrepreneurial in spirit. We need to promote the more northern communities to entice people to move there. Partner with the communities on travel adventure endorsements, on quality of life endorsements....and they need to have quality of life in northern communities. Get places like Habitat for Humanity to come and help with the housing crisis. If people help build their homes, would they not have a higher appreciation and respect for their homes and hopefully maintain them better, because they will have had the training as to how to maintain? Ownership and pride are great enticements.

Allow private enterprise to solve the initial problems of housing, and clean water issues.

Why is a 15 year old home in a northern community such in disarray? Why are there so many boil water advisories for these communities. Is it something the government did or is it total mismanagement by the northern communities? There are solutions to every problem if we want to find them. Government can appoint a forum of business people to solve the current problems and to grow our northern communities without government intervention. Hold the group accountable, it would be a lot cheaper than to do more of what we know hasn't work and never will if we continue with the same pattern. We need to break the mould and start over.

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The university of Manitoba has been developing research facilities in Churchill. This should be supported.

Leverage the local people's skills, especially indigenous residents. Whether that be hunting, fishing, tourism, encourage them to be involved in their community. Create Sustainable energy sources to reduce environmental degradation. Provide free training for people who need jobs and are from the local area.

Support First Nations in purchasing rail lines etc. This may mean giving short term support to the groups.

Improve access to these communities, better transportation and infrastructure.

Join the movement to separate Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia and the territories from the rest of Canada. This alone will resolve budget and taxation problems and develop new industry opportunities for growth. Legalize hemp production for the manufacturing industry and the marijuana by-product can be sold to Trudeau in the east.

I don't know enough about the North to answer this. What about greenhouses to also supply the north with low cost food.

The private sector needs to see that the government cares about the north. We need to increase tourism of the north. I don't ever see ads for exploring all the beautiful spots Manitobans north has to offer. We also need to assist the Canadian government to find a short and long term housing strategy on reserves. If the private sector doesn't see that we care about and invest in our northern population they will not want to invest in it either.

Once again, the wording in this question is terrible. It implies that work hasn't been done in the past. Could the relationships with the FNMI communities be better? Absolutely! However, by asking me - a white southerner - what I think should be done to develop the north is further encouragement of colonialism, even though you are attempting to 'include' the FNMI seat at your table.

By listening and believing in the people of the north. Stop thinking we have to "fix" the problem. Look across the country for the win-win stories and work from there. Also if we could work on jurisdiction as a word not a barrier perhaps that would go a long way to prosperity

Stay away from political motives when you make decision or craft a regulations

Allow first nations companies more access to funds for private investment and or a tax break for Manitoba first nation owned mining contractor to allow the money they make to stay in Manitoba.

Open up the industry to indigenous communities, consultations with Indigenous's communities!!

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Thompson has no place for new businesses to start up. The Rm should separate from the city and provide an industrial park.

It is more than a little partisan and ridiculous when every question on a government survey (not a PC party survey) begins with a criticism of the previous government. Your question is biased, though I think you know that. I do not think the government should further encourage private sector growth in the north. I do agree that the government should collaborate with Indigenous communities when making decisions regarding the province's natural resources. Your phrasing about the "responsible development of our natural resources" is curious. Natural resources aren't developed, they are harvested and used. I encourage our government to pursue sustainable, forward thinking industries that are not dependent on natural resource use.

Transportation needs to be more affordable to encourage growth. Cheaper airfare/ more airline options will bring more people, more growth.

Just say no to allowing the further exploitation of First Nations resources by profit focused outsiders. Partner with the people who care about the north and our resources. Use the New Zealand model.

Renewable green energy resources. Let the communities become self sustaining. Let them Be able to access clean water.

It should be encouraged for all Manitoban's, not just for the province of Winnipeg after all there is a lot more to Manitoba past the perimeter highway. All of our communities need economic development.

The north is not sustainable long term. Stop handing money to areas that cannot sustain themselves. Encourage northern communities to work together to build a stronger tax base of their own.

All Manitoba benefit from on going use of northern resources, and resource development. Therefore, it is necessary to build relationships with northern populations. This includes the development of northern communities, such as housing, access to healthy foods, health care, and infustucture ... this of course means jobs for all Manitobans.

We need to invest in innovation in northern climates. Possible manufacturing in the north for fabrication facilities that include design and engineering centers. These also could be partnered with northern universities and training facilities.

A reliable method of reaching the north would need to be established before that is possible.

Grow food in green houses in the north. It has been done.

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Create more refineries.. create an incentive for corporations to help fund our refineries.. so that our natural resources are not sold out of country just to be sold back to us at an inflated price.

Encourage people to move there! Have to be able to afford it. Give tax breaks to create businesses. People need all the above to succeed in the North.

Focus on alternative energy research

Stop letting, big companies lay-off workers then re-hire next season. Those workers go on welfare and those big companies get a tax break while the low class people like me pay taxes to help out the worker who only has to work like 660 hours per year but makes similar to me.

Oil pipeline to Churchill.

reduce taxes in the north. New infrastructure needs to be distributed evenly in the province

Tax incentives

I believe the entire province needs growth. Many communities are on a down swing partly because the past focus is to grow Winnipeg. Many services have been centralized and moved out of rural communities. As far as the north. We need to encourage communities to bring forth ideas of growth and work with them to flush out the possible opportunities.

Well, after 125 Billion in economic stimulus under the NDP in their final 4 years, I'd say just do what they did.

Engage northern leadership and challenge them to be more than just victims. Challenge them to work with you to see a better future for the north and their people. Collaboration and challenging them to come to you with a vision is important. I think we do need to get first nations affected by the 2011 floods back in their homes. It breaks my heart seeing them in hotels in 2016!

own and run the rail line and port in Churchill so that it can become a viable service center as a hub in the north. cruise ships are travelling the northern passage, so more shipping can too. save the freight on sending our products and tourists to other destinations

Northern economies need northern solutions. We can develop a provincial policy and local building codes to allow northern communities to build affordable, energy efficient housing using local materials to reduce shipping and handling costs. Current building codes are biased towards the southern, urban economy and are inappropriate for northern installations. Ask any northerner.

Build a solid road north.

Stop letting corporations make decisions for you.

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Build "earthship" communities. Local self sustaining infra structure is easier than building infrastructure across vast distance. Create tax incentives so we can sell more hydro to Americans.

Off the top, the carbon tax will be a big cost to any northern communities because of transportation and will choke growth in the northern communities.

stop paying public sector employees more money than the average private sector. don't charge a higher payroll surcharge when an employer reaches over \$2M a year in payroll, reward them for employing more people!

promote northern tourism. build the infrastructure, perhaps a high speed rail system from Winnipeg and a huge northern casino/hotel to help pay for it.

All the political parties have had a go at selling out Manitoba's north. The liberals sold the Hudson Bay Railway and the Port of Churchill and then the Federal Conservatives sold out the small and mid size farmer with the sale of the wheat board which left western grain going through ports owned by the large grain companies in Thunder Bay and Vancouver. If the center port concept includes "supply to the far north", arctic tourism, and support for Canada's arctic sovereignty are taken seriously then Manitoba has to work with the feds to solve the problem of the Hudson Bay Railway and the Port of Churchill.

Lower taxes, stop waste and corruption.

Shipping costs and price gouging need to be controlled and regulated.

I think for solutions to growth in the northern (especially indigenous) communities, they are the best people to talk to. They have a lot of great ideas!

Support tourism development both directly and by improving infrastructure (transportation, clean water etc.). This would also lead to improved conditions for our northern people.

Get rid of income tax and sales tax

The north of Manitoba is our next great economic engine. We should focus on the infrastructure required for the development and include the residents and caretakers of the land in both the process and the benefits

I'm not sure. Those issues definitely need attention. Maybe focusing on the recreational/tourism aspect could bring more interest to those northern areas, therefore increasing public/private interest.

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Identify areas where we are lacking economically and offer grant money for education opportunities as well as fund entrepreneurs who are willing to pursue such endeavors. For example, we know that the tech industry is going to grow steadily in the coming years. We need to make sure that northern communities have the opportunity to pursue these budding industries. Also, make sure freshwater ends their monopoly without bullying fishermen into signing new contracts!

Part of the problem is the sparse population density makes infrastructure very expensive. Start with tourism to bring people out and encourage settlement around sustainable projects (hydro electric, pulp and paper, fishing, mining) and then diversify. Keeping the money in Winnipeg does nothing for long term stability of the north.

Tax incentives.

Making sure the local communities get first dibs on jobs when entry level work at private sector companies becomes available.

Build a robust northern road network to allow fair and equal market access for Northern communities

A more straight forward environmental assessment and community engagement process.

This is tricky, there have been loans in place for years but the reality is they are not enough for the young people who are willing to invest their time. The young people don't have half a million to invest, the people who do don't have the interest. Come drive around some northern communities. There are many bare storefronts, many empty buildings and a lot of people wanting to support local, where is the disconnect?

Tolko and port of Churchill...

Yes - invest and support smart vertical-farming in the north so they can grow their own cheap healthy food - this is so positive on so many levels; it needs to happen immediately

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Not to well versed on this issue so can't say to much to that, but again I really do think Manitoba has a great opportunity to be out of the box thinkers and advance in many new economy initiatives, but we will first need to set up the infrastructure on our schools for people to be able to learn these skills and unless the government is footing huge credits to quit your day job to do so than a lot of people aren't going to think about it. Youth are great to focus on as well, but a 8 and 16 year old kid who decide they want to be a solar panel installation person and a master computer coder are still 6 - 15 years away from entering that workforce whereas a 29 year old marketing of banking specialist who decides they want to get some coding skills can do so in the evenings while still supporting their families by working their day job and are ready with their new skill in the work force in a couple of years.

Develop private investment in the railroad and road system to use the northern port of Churchill economically and privately. Transportation of goods from northern Manitoba could better meet markets locally and globally in a cost effective manner.

National Water Pipeline.
First leg, Winnipeg to the North

I doubt there is much that can be done provincially if the Feds don't settle land claims. There is nothing for the people that we have banished to reserves. If there are raw resources in the north, we should start to harvest them with the northern citizens (aboriginal) benefitting by way of employment and mineral rights.

I have no idea. I pay you for that. Just get it done.

Maybe you should speak to companies that have been closing try doing your job those closing were on your watch.

No one wants to do business there...

Step one will be to ensure all indigenous communities have access to clean drinking water and hydro power.

Let's see. We took about a hundred years to destroy our Indigenous people. Now it's a humanitarian crisis. The private sector is not going to help. How about giving them back their land and allowing them to move off the worst pieces of land in the province? I don't know if that's an answer, but maybe it's a start. How about providing them with affordable high quality food, and providing potable water? That's probably a better answer

Build the worlds largest nuclear power plant and sell...the energy you produce. (PPP program).

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I wish to see a clear practical plan for what the current provincial government describes as sustainable long-term development and responsible development of natural resources. What exactly is the government thinking of doing and in what way is it committing to adhering to the guidelines of truly sustainable and responsible. We need to develop sustainable sources of energy. Continuing full tilt with destructive resource extraction is a legacy we cannot bear to impose on our future generations. Give alternative energy technology a chance. Moving in an earth friendly direction is the only appropriate choice now and moving forward. You know this. Have the courage and vision to make a genuine step forward now. You will be hailed as a courageous pioneer and will inspire many to follow your lead. You will receive much virtue which is worth more than money which is worth nothing if an economy collapses. Love and best wishes

Provide stable and year round transportation infrastructure.

Yes

You aren't asking any question that I can answer with my answer: we can pay the deficit off by increasing taxes on the wealthy.

Focus on real opportunities that hold the bands/councils accountable and enter into P3 partnerships. We need to address basic needs within the aboriginal communities. I recently learned that the Feds want to build a fiber optic network in the north! This is absurd and they have no clue to the opex side of the equation nor how to operate a network. I believe broadband access is critical as an economic driver but at a realistic pace and should be prioritized after clean running water!

build better roads..finish what was started and are almost finished ..

Work with our First Nations people to set up & operate their own businesses as if anyone knows what is needed to promote sector growth & leadership in our province's northern economy it is our First Nations people who live there!!!

Set aside funds for innovative projects aimed at these communities.

1. Why is government selling liquor? The government's role should be regulatory, not commercial 2. Where can the private sector function within the huge and expensive health care system?

3. Expand the use of PPP partnerships on capital -intensive projects such as hospital or prison construction and maintenance, highway development and maintenance, office space, warehousing, etc.

4. Why is government involved in selling natural gas? Devolve this back to the private sector. Hydro has enough to worry about. Hive off Hydro segments not actually involved in electricity production. Let them contract out expertise on a

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per project basis.

Recognize First nations Sovereignty....

Make sure that our Northern communities have High speed internet as we can have virtual meetings and there are places who hire virtually. Open up the Northern Reserves so they have an All season road

Open up competition for construction of northern electrical dams to outside electrical providers/distributors rather than just Manitoba Hydro

Can we promote eco tourism?

Allowing for equivalent internet access in northern and rural areas would be a great first step! As for development of our natural resource exports, this would require a more active port in Churchill. IN addition, allowing student debt forgiveness for graduates who work in the northern regions would promote growth in population and therefore in market viability of businesses. This would be slow growth but it would be long-term and sustainable.

The government needs to first restore trust by providing resources and higher quality education to First Nations people.

Look at the whole system of regulation, taxation and policy regarding resource development. Review economic support systems such as the education and training system ... there needs to be serious work done to align education and training with economic development. Work with First Nations to develop collaborative service delivery models e.g. health services.

Better northern Internet for small northern businesses.

Improved telecommunication and physical infrastructure is critical to northern communities' development of a sustainable vision for healthy northern communities in the 21st century.

Northern resource extraction/development must sustainably contribute to the well-being of northern communities. Northern economic development opportunities are scarce, so they are critical, such as the recent Keeyask partnerships between Hydro and First Nations communities.

Work with indigenous communities to encourage and build more eco tourism.

Build more roads, physically, so they can get there easier. A lot of communities don't even have hotels for trades people to stay at if they were to be hired to build something or fix something . So it just doesn't get done

Let the First Nations people try their hand at free enterprise. The previous government was a disgrace in discouraging investment by Peguis in ASD. Give them a chance. Maybe let them into some of Ottawa's jurisdiction, like Wireless Telecom. 2- Use Carbon Tax to encourage resource and pipeline development

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Currently the Private Personal Care Home owners are not permitted to participate in the RFP process for new PCH beds. Allowing this participating would alleviate some of the tax payer burden and give MB the opportunities to grow the PCH bed base.

Nationalize or make public industries which are necessary but unprofitable or profit neutral (like the rail lines), but offer more lucrative incentives for industry to compete for to develop the north. Northern development, done in an environmentally conscious manner, could lift a huge number of people and communities out of poverty cause by a lack of jobs and stagnant local economies.

Urban reserves especially fort osborne barracks. Include native driven education programs and business development geared toward tourism supported in reserve communities

Provide cost saving incentives for industries that setup up North as jobs and other side taxable benefits will offset the incentives.

Take a look at co-ops if people are part owners of a company you get a much better employee

Listen to, and act on the needs of Northerners, and especially the needs of Indigenous communities.

Again how can you diversify if you allow the Port of Churchill to close. In the throne speech the North wasn't even considered! In surveys bringing up the North is just so this government can say they have spoke to Manitobans in the North, but other than tourism nothing has been transparent or conducive to diversity or economical growth. Put your money where your mouth is and do something!

By suppling wages to northern communities to ensure a livable wage.

Your choice of people for the new northern development group was wrong. You need more input from residents as to the future of the north not southern chamber of commerce people.

Boost spending for our parks and natural areas. This will increase the tourism and bring in more money. By cutting the budget for natural resources you are forcing the provincial parks in the north to reduce services, and not be able to keep up with other areas. Campgrounds in the north are over capacity and there is a need for more of them but once again the requests are denied. Why can't we have areas developed like Riding mountain, Wisconsin Dells, etc. Let's expand our tourism in the north and the money will roll in.

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... jobs and grocery stores

Grocery stores up north.increase EIA rates for manitoba. Increase disability pensions and federal pensions.

Perhaps, but there must be an incentive.

The Pas, Opaskwayak Cree Nation (OCN) and the RM of Kelsey is a hub of health care for our region. This is highlighted in the Province of Manitoba's Regional Economic Analysis Process (REAP) report where Healthcare is identified as a key economic drivers. In April of 2015, a Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued for the construction of a new clinic facility adjacent to the The Pas Hospital.

A comprehensive strategy combining mental health and addictions programs will be developed with this facility as a base. Funding for this portion could potentially come through the VLT revenue that is generated in our region (The Province of Manitoba nets and estimated \$3 million in Video Lotto Terminal (VLT) revenue from our region).

Doctor Training and Recruitment will also play a critical role in the facility. A sizable donation has already been made with the University of Manitoba to help facilitate this. Providing Doctor Training in the community will promote the growth of hometown doctors and lead to greater Retention.

Finally, this facility could provide diagnostics services to our region. Equipment like a magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) machine would cut waiting times and reduce costly travel to larger centres. Working with grass roots funding groups (i.e. The Pas Hospital Auxiliary) this equipment could become a reality.

We are fully aware that the previous funding model for providing services in untenable. In the points above there are a few examples of outside sources of funding, we know there are more. Our community would like to partner with the Province of Manitoba to make this clinic a reality.

The pas is the perfect location to link the north and the south. Increasing opportunities for health care, mental health and treatment for addictions would be of great value to the north and province as a whole. It would promote job growth in the north as well as reduce travel costs for the system and individuals if we had specialized health care and treatment Centres in the north. Ideally The Pas and OCN would be the location. The spin off of private enterprise could be felt, from services such as hotels, restaurants, shopping to education opportunities.

Advertise and invest in the North

Leadership for Civil Service

reduce business taxes

Question # 4: How can we improve private sector growth in the North

Responses

The development of innovative and integrative mobility technologies allows for the interconnection of northern communities in a low emissions climate-friendly manner. Local entrepreneurs and members of aboriginal communities could be connected with improved and more efficient transit, transportation and integrated mobility options if funding for demonstration and integration trials in northern communities were liberated to do so in partnership with industry members...

Expand ways to procure Private-Public Partnerships with measurable outcomes, i.e. Remote Monitoring Tools, Health Services, and Disability Management.

Solar Energy would be effective in the North. Sustainable production of food year round ie the use of modern technology greenhouses to produce cheaper food for consumption. Churchill port is under utilized.....Make it a federal responsibility and advertise where are the cruise ships, the tourists, OMITRAX should never been allowed to buy that rail line. CANDO Contracting and their rail operations were the better choice and they are a very successful Manitoba company. Red River Trade Corridor and Centra Port should be pursued. How about Medical Marijuana? Get someone growing it that knows how to grow, not a scientist. Agriculture is a huge industry and government should focus on research and innovation for northern climates, instead of building buses that freeze up in the winter. MotorCoach and New Flyer are corporations they got corporate tax cuts, why are we still funding them? No government subsidies they are private businesses and they don't want government regulation so they don't need taxpayers dollars.They should find from within. Invest in Health Care and Medical Care, Education (too many managers and not enough teachers) and Family Services (filled with too many managers and not enough social workers) our seniors citizens should have their dignity, our children need education and it starts at Day 1 If we take of these services, we will have a prosperous province. Economic drivers could include new senior personal care homes managed by the public not private companies for standard of care and equal services.

Urban reserves as an economic base for remote communities, Indigenous self government and control over northern resource development, incentives for social enterprise as an augmentation of, or bridge to market economy, facilitating the grown of a parallel Indigenous led economy that may differ in several key ways from the dominant western approach. Be a leader in green economy and built environment. Innovate around green eco tourism, as well as clean energy. Allow Indigenous ways of knowing and being infiltrate and lead some aspects of the economy which will create a different kind of economy which is inherently more sustainable and equitable.