BUDGET 2019

GETTING THE JOB DONE MAKING LIFE MORE AFFORDABLE

Budget 2019 keeps our promises by fixing the finances, repairing services and rebuilding our economy.

We're investing in results for Manitobans and continuing on the road to recovery by:

- keeping our promise to cut the PST to seven per cent, saving a family of four an average of \$500 for each full year;
- reducing the summary deficit to \$360 million for the 2019-20 fiscal year, \$161 million less than in the 2018-19 fiscal year;
- rebuilding the province's savings by transferring an additional \$50 million in 2019-20 to the 'rainy day fund', which is projected to have a balance of \$265 million as of March 31, 2020;
- keeping our promise to lower ambulance fees to a maximum of \$250;
- increasing funding for health care, education and families to the highest levels in Manitoba history;
- investing in addictions services with \$1 million in funding to expand withdrawal management beds in Winnipeg and Brandon;
- allocating \$45 million toward capital projects in recognition of Manitoba's 150th anniversary, including funding for additional highways infrastructure projects;
- spending more than \$1 billion on strategic infrastructure such as roads and bridges, water and waste-water infrastructure projects, flood protection, hospitals, schools, universities and colleges;
- providing \$350 million toward highways infrastructure and projects such as the Daly Bridge in Brandon, the replacement of the existing overpass near Portage la Prairie and improvements to PTH 21 near Shoal Lake;
- providing a total of \$313.5 million in basket funding for local governments;
 and
- investing an additional \$2.3 million to target drug-related criminal activity including meth and gang-related crime prevention initiatives.



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- increasing funding for Community Living and disABILITY Services by \$13.6 million to \$439.5 million;
- increasing Manitoba's RCMP staffing complement by 29 positions including an additional 27 RCMP officers;
- increasing funding for the Manitoba Film and Video Production Tax Credit to \$31.5 million from \$16 million;
- leading the nation in private capital investment over the past year and on pace to be among the leading provinces again this year;
- allocating an additional \$325,000 to provide direct services for victims of domestic violence and grants to such organizations as the Canadian Centre for Child Protection, Brandon Victim Services and Candace House;
- devoting \$3.8 million in funding to hire full-time primary care paramedics;
- increasing renal replacement therapy funding by \$2.4 million;
- increasing primary and secondary school funding by \$6.6 million, and increasing kindergarten to Grade 12 capital funding by more than \$56 million to support structural repairs, roof replacements, new mechanical systems and accessibility projects, investments in classrooms, facilities for special needs students and major additions at École Noël-Ritchot in Winnipeg and Mitchell Elementary in the Hanover School Division;
- increasing operating funding for existing and new community-based day care projects by \$759,000;
- funding major improvements to airports at St. Theresa Point, Norway House and Shamattawa; and
- increasing funding for the Young Farmer Rebate Enhancement program by 32 per cent to \$2 million.

