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Honourable Ron Schuler
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Dear Colleague:

The people of Manitoba have given us the honour of a second mandate to move Manitoba forward. Our commitments are clear and ambitious.

All Ministers will work as a team to achieve the Five Point Guarantee as set out in our 2019 platform. We will work hard to create 40,000 new jobs, reduce taxes and invest in a health care system that delivers better care sooner. We will complete the construction of 20 new schools to provide better environments for our children to learn. We will deliver our Made in Manitoba Climate and Green Plan to achieve our vision of the cleanest, greenest and most climate resilient province.

We will build a better, more efficient, responsive and open government that provides quality services to communities throughout Manitoba.

Manitobans deserve a government that reflects their values: honesty, integrity and a commitment to hard work. I expect all ministers to work as a team to achieve our platform commitments and to hold themselves to the highest ethical standards. Manitoba became the most improved province in Canada in our first term. That record of achievement and success will provide a strong foundation for an equally ambitious second mandate. We are a government that keeps its word. We have a record of public trust that cannot be compromised by conflicts of interest, complacency or entitlement.

As Minister of Infrastructure, you will lead the following actions:

- Working with Canada to complete the Lake St. Martin and Lake Manitoba outlet channels to enhance flood protection to communities throughout Manitoba;
- Developing a ten-year strategic capital plan for our provincial highways;
- Completing and implementing our program delivery review to get more return on our infrastructure investments;
- Growing the highways budget by 14% from \$350 million to \$400 million over the next four years, and ensuring this budget is either fully invested or rolled over into the following year;
- Working with your colleague, the Minister of Municipal Relations, to consult with the Association of Manitoba Municipalities and the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region on the investment of an additional \$45 million on provincial infrastructure in fiscal year 2020/21;
- Working with your colleague, the Minister of Municipal Relations, to strengthen Manitoba's existing network of flood mitigation infrastructure with a greater emphasis on pre-emptive environmental investments that achieve greater resiliency;
- Working with our partners in the heavy construction industry, transform the procurement and delivery of our infrastructure services to achieve better value for money;
- Achieving a sustainable solution for Amphibex services;
- Working with our Indigenous partners to transfer our northern airports and ferries to local governance;
- Working with the Minister of Municipal Relations, leading the modernization of our Disaster Financial Assistance and emergency measures programs to encourage proactive prevention measures, efficient use of taxpayers' dollars, and timeliness in both emergency response and delivering support for victims of disaster events;
- Improving our oversight of commercial vehicle safety;
- Supporting your colleague, the Minister of Economic Development and Training, in dedicating funds for infrastructure projects which stimulate private sector investment and create more jobs for Manitobans;
- Encouraging the development of CentrePort supported by private investment;
- Eliminating forced unionization from our tendering practices; and
- Reviewing the regulatory framework for photo radar to determine whether it is effective in achieving public safety outcomes.

You will work collaboratively with the public service, stakeholders and citizens to keep our promises. We are committed to ensuring all employees are treated with dignity and respect. There is no place for harassment of any kind in the civil service or any workplace, you must remain vigilant in ensuring there is no wrong door and not sit silent if you see others around you falling short of these standards.

We have established Ideas Funds across summary government to encourage front line service providers to come forward with innovative proposals to modernize and improve the way we deliver services Manitobans need. You will encourage your front line service providers to avail themselves of this opportunity.

Both with your department and the entities that receive our financial support, you will emphasize the need for continuous progress on spending within our budgets, reducing administrative costs and finding ways to ensure value for taxpayers' money.

As a member of Executive Council, you will continue to support our work to transform the public service, including the deployment of balanced scorecards to report on our progress and ensure Manitobans understand what we are doing and why we are doing it. As elected representatives of the people, we must always ensure that we remain transparent and accountable for our actions. Manitobans expect nothing less.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Brian Pallister