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**INFORMATION ABOUT THE NEEPAWA HEALTH CENTRE AND
MANITOBA'S CLINICAL AND PREVENTIVE SERVICES PLAN**

The Neepawa Health Centre opened in 1952, serving Manitobans in the Neepawa area as well as the broader Prairie Mountain Health region. The nearly 39,000 square-foot facility has 35 acute care beds and offers a number of health-care services, including an emergency department, surgery, obstetrics, chemotherapy and diagnostic services.

Manitoba's Clinical and Preventive Services Plan will guide improvements to access, quality and patient outcomes for all Manitobans. Developed with the extensive input of health-care professionals, communities and members of the public, the plan represents the first time that clinical providers have contributed to a provincial plan that will meet the unique needs of all Manitoba communities. An important component of this work is collaborative and meaningful engagement with Indigenous leaders, communities and health experts across Manitoba to ensure the province builds an equitable and culturally safe health system that is accessible and responds to the needs and priorities of all Manitobans.

The plan uses resources in a more cohesive, coordinated way, using a network of hubs that are staffed and equipped to meet the needs of Manitoba patients. As a result of these investments, Manitobans will:

- wait less, with improved access to specialized services, mental health supports and care for chronic illnesses;
- travel less, with virtual appointments to many health care providers;
- know where to go for care, with reliable access to high-quality care closer to home; and
- have quick and reliable access to life-saving care in an emergency.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, several initiatives included in the plan were accelerated in order to support better care for Manitobans through expanded virtual care, secure online portals for test results and immunization information, and a provincial approach to increasing surgical and critical-care capacity.

Other initiatives already announced as part of this commitment, the largest capital health investment in the province's history, include:

- the expansion and renovation of the Brandon Regional Health Centre and Western Manitoba Cancer Centre, which is expected to cost nearly \$70 million;
- the construction of a new hospital in Portage la Prairie, which represents a commitment of approximately \$283 million;

- a \$32-million expansion of Bethesda Regional Health Centre in Steinbach that will include additional acute care inpatient beds and expanded medical capacity including a new renal dialysis unit;
- a \$64.4-million expansion of Boundary Trails Health Centre in the Morden and Winkler area that adds new acute care inpatient beds and provides larger, more modern spaces for patient care programs;
- \$31.6 million expansion of the Selkirk Regional Health Centre that adds 30 acute care inpatient beds and positions the facility to play an increased role in the provincial surgery program; and
- renovations totaling \$5 million at Dauphin Regional Health Centre that will create additional inpatient capacity and allow for more endoscopies and surgeries to be performed at the site.