

Historic Help for Manitobans

Budget 2023 includes historic investments that will bring total tax and affordability measures to more than \$1.8 billion between 2022 and 2024, providing \$5,500 in total savings for the average two-income family by 2024:

- \$311 million in tax relief through increases to the Provincial Basic Personal Amount in 2023, saving the average two-income family more than \$1,000 in income taxes this year;
- \$160 million to increase income tax bracket thresholds to \$47,000 and \$100,000 in 2024;
- combined, the Provincial Basic Personal Amount and tax bracket enhancements will save the average two-income family more than \$1,250 in 2024;
- increasing the School Tax Rebate to 50 per cent on farm and residential properties, saving the average homeowner \$774 this year;
- \$190 million to reduce payments charged to Manitoba Hydro, saving Manitoba Hydro and ratepayers more than \$4 billion over the next 20 years;
- increases to the minimum wage in April and October, bringing it to more than \$15 per hour; and
- Family Affordability Package and the Carbon Tax Relief Fund payments provided the average family with \$825 since fall 2022 to combat rising costs.

Safer Streets

Budget 2023 includes an historic investment of more than \$100 million to address the challenges of violent crime and homelessness across Manitoba:

- \$51.8 million for Manitoba's Violent Crime Strategy over two years, with \$34.6 million allocated this year;
- more than \$51 million for Manitoba's Homelessness Strategy;
- \$3.6 million for the Downtown Community Safety Partnership to build a safer, more inviting downtown Winnipeg for businesses and residents;
- \$100,000 to support ongoing operations of the Winnipeg Bear Clan Patrol Inc.;
- \$9.4 million for 1,000 new treatment spaces for providers of substance-use and addictions treatment services across Manitoba;
- \$1 million to support expansion of crisis stabilization unit beds and tele-psychiatry services to expand access to Manitobans living in rural and remote communities;
- \$1.5 million in child and youth mental health services to improve access and reduce wait times; and
- \$600,000 for flexible-length community residential withdrawal management beds in Brandon.

Healing Health Care

Budget 2023 includes an historic investment of \$7.9 billion in the health-care system, providing \$668 million more to heal health care for Manitobans:

- \$130 million to reduce the diagnostic and surgical backlog;
- continuing to invest \$200 million into the Health Human Resource Action Plan;
- a \$120-million infusion to the Manitoba Pharmacare Program including extending coverage for insulin pumps for eligible adults with Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes;
- \$1.2 billion in multi-year capital investments in rural hospitals and other health infrastructure, in addition to renovations in Winnipeg to St. Boniface Hospital, Grace Hospital, CancerCare Manitoba and Health Sciences Centre;
- creating a new hearing aid program for seniors;
- an additional \$15.9 million to advance initiatives under the seniors strategy;
- \$55 million to implement recommendations from the Stevenson report on long-term care; and
- ongoing funding for RAAM clinics, including a new clinic in Winnipeg, which will be Indigenous-led through a partnership with the Aboriginal Health and Wellness Centre.

Stronger Communities

Budget 2023 includes an historic investment of \$217 million in total municipal operating funding – \$47 million more than last year and the largest increase in a decade:

- \$268.5 million in capital expenditures to build, renovate and expand more schools;
- \$100 million in new funding for school divisions;
- more than \$81 million to Community Living and Children’s disABILITY Services agencies for a funded average wage of \$19 per hour, bringing the total budget for disability services to an historic \$640 million this year;
- \$76.1 million to reduce regulated parent fees for child care to \$10 per day;
- \$8.7 million to support recycling, composting and waste diversion initiatives;
- \$50 million for the Arts, Culture and Sport in Community Fund; and
- \$10 million to support a new Parks Capital Plan.

Opportunities Ahead

Budget 2023 makes an historic investment in infrastructure and other initiatives will transform Manitoba into a global trade and transportation corridor:

- more than \$2.5 billion in trade-enabling highway infrastructure over the next five years;
- a total of up to \$160.4 million on an ongoing basis for cost-shared investments in municipal capital projects including water and wastewater projects;
- \$147.6 million over two years in the Hudson Bay rail line to the Port of Churchill;
- an additional \$50-million contribution to the venture capital fund to grow businesses in Manitoba;
- \$2.3 million to increase the payroll tax exemption and the reduced rate threshold;
- \$92.5 million in funding to support post-secondary education and the labour market;
- \$2 million for the expansion of the Newcomer Community Integration Support Program;
- \$103.1-million contribution to AgrilInsurance premiums to help protect producers against crop production shortfalls caused by adverse weather events; and
- increased investments in mining activities, expanding opportunities for northern and Indigenous communities.