
GENDER EQUITY MANITOBA SECRETARIAT EXPANSION

- The new name for the expanded secretariat is Gender Equity Manitoba (GEM). Along with this shift, the Manitoba Women’s Advisory Council is changed to the Gender Equity Council, and the Family Violence Prevention Program is changed to the Gender-Based Violence Program.
- The expansion of the GEM Secretariat will include the creation of two new full-time equivalent (FTE) positions that will provide needed expertise on issues facing 2SLGBTQQIA+ people and to allow for building of relationships between the Manitoba government and community organizations serving that population.
- The expanded mandate will allow GEM to serve as a regular point of contact with community groups serving Manitoba’s 2SLGBTQQIA+ population. The new mandate will be in keeping with an emerging trend in other federal, provincial and territorial jurisdictions (e.g., Canada, Yukon, Northwest Territories, British Columbia, and Newfoundland and Labrador), which have changed their mandates from a women’s equity/equality focus to a broader gender equity/equality focus.