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Perhaps in the future, some programs could be added, but first ensure that there is a rationale for all current programs.

"and how would you pay for it?" the same way the government pays for all its services, through tax revenue. Literally that is how government services work.

Public childcare programme.

Increase in the corporate tax rate.

refine existing processes and programs to create more available cashflow fro the frontline staff and services.

Every effort should be made to run a balanced budget. A surplus over time can snowball with interest and eventually account for inflation and stop future tax hikes. It should be illegal for any gov. from any party to run a deficit.

Full day kindergarten and 12,000 day care spaces.

Urgent Care Centres to offset the traffic in Emergency departments.

what about trimming the fat in your own house? Letting people go is not easy, and not always the best answer, but you have to seriously work to get spending under control. The easy answer is to raise revenue. STOP SPENDING on everything "non core" until this mess is fixed. Get your hands out of my pocket. Double income family with modest mortgage, one car payment and two kids in school are paying the way for the bottom 20%. Start by making them earn the free ride.

More day care so the parents can go and work and contribute to the economy

Public daycare. My budget is in surplus

Community economic development and more investment in community programs.

There are false assumptions here. Government spending is out of control, and spending for each department can be reduced by 10%. At fiscal year end, **many departments spend money for things they don't need so they can maintain future funding.** That is wasteful.

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Work readiness training and work skills training for young people who want to join the workforce instead of going to university. People who want to work should be supported and encouraged. K-12 education doesn't prepare people to work. It only prepares them to take more schooling (i.e. university).

I wouldn't add anymore services, I would cut as many as possible.

Add pharmacare and dental care to the provincial health plan. Increase taxes on the wealthy as they already disproportionately benefit from current government services. It is only fair that they should pay more. They still will get quite a deal for the amount of taxes they pay.

I can't think of any additional services to add. But if the government was run like a business it would not be reasonable for it to run a deficit like it has been. Making every resident pay taxes at the same rate, eliminating bureaucracy at every level, and reducing spending when there is no money to spend are small changes that would eliminate costs and increase revenue.

How can we, there is no money. Until we start paying down the \$20B debt there are no extras. Primary resources should go to health, education, social services and infrastructure (read bad roads, bridges, sewer and water. Not sports event centers so millionaires can make more money) The problem is we've been focused on the wrong priorities. Government has been focused on special interest groups instead of the general public.

what we need is less government and more individual responsibility. just because someone has bad experience doesn't mean we need to create a dozen new laws to regulate something and hire a 1000 civil servants to monitor and do paperwork.

I would focus more health services on addictions. Addictions are one of the worst de-motivators there is. The fewer addicts you have in society, the more productive a society you have.

Have a look at the list of all the over paid employees with crazy benefit. It insane! If this government run it like a real world business it would be broke or so deeply in-debt that you'll never get out off.

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mincom instead of social assistance. The research is clear, the savings come from health and likely justice too.

Carbon tax and farm fuel tax and farm school tax. Also add luxury tax on companies who use corporate jets and luxury vehicles.

Increased supports for those things that cost more money when not dealt with. For example, mental health and homelessness. There will always be a segment of the population that suffers from mental health, sometimes severe. These people seek to self-medicate and become addicted, homeless, etc. Costs more money in health spending to treat the symptom than providing stable housing and support programs. Smart investments pay dividends.

Home school funding. Each family should have

figure out how to help the working poor. I personally worked one full time job, a 2 day a week part time job and an occasional job, just to keep a roof over my head and my son. food was scarce, I didn't smoke, drink, play any games.. bingo etc. my son did not participate in any sports. We paid all bills on time, but there was zero left over. I feel that everyone should pay the same % of taxes. enough with giving high paid people huge tax deductions. I also feel, pay rates to MP should be REDUCED. Pensions, set up just like Canada Pension Plan. Enough with the Cash Cow for people who work a few hours in the year and end up with huge pay out for the rest of their lives. Not one mention of what can be done for the Aboriginal people. Get off the fence and DO EVERYTHING THAT IS and has been promised. Enough of letting people live in poverty and in horredous living conditions. YOU HAVE THE POWER to change lives and be the CHANGE to make live worth living for Canada's first people. PLEASE>>>> PLEASE.

I think there is more room for drug addiction and alcohol reduction programs. It is anecdotal, but I have heard of more than one case where addicts who want to quit have to wait for spaces to open. Addicts can't wait. Apart from the cruelty of such a denial, I can't help think that there are longer criminal justice costs.

Increase cigarette taxes, increase liquor taxes, introduce a tax of soft drinks

Workfare not welfare is the better way to go. start a program to put inmates to work rather than give them all the freebies that they do get.

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Governments have to understand that more services is not necessarily good. When governments have excess revenue, they should be managing that money in a way similar to Norway's oil revenues so that there is some for times that are tight. Governments should be good stewards of tax payer dollars and only when there is a legitimate need where private industry cannot be sustained and there is benefit for the majority then possibly consider additional government services. More government services should be a last resort.

Also, where are the other sources of revenue for government shown? (ex. Hydro water fees, land transfer tax, property taxes, etc, etc). This provincial budget exercise is a good start and I would encourage the government to continue doing this... but it does not have enough detail to make it useful the way its currently reflected.

sell off crown corporations and regulate them . Pay off debt.

UBER. pay for itself

not at this time...Public needs to be convinced that deficit of \$860M is real and a 'structural' deficit and not a figure that suits politics of the day.

enhanced resources for front line services in urban and rural areas specifically in reconciliation and urban indigenous communities. investments in labour market and economic participation of indigenous people will increase source revenues to govt in long term, and ensure a skilled manitoba workforce comprised of all peoples

Take education off property taxes and have it fully funded provincially. Cut number of school boards in cities to just one, have slightly larger class sizes.

You also do NOT have an open area for comments in the PST & income tax sections. The PST should definitely NOT be reduced. We are a high income family and this costs us less than \$750/year with the additional point. We have NO PROBLEM paying our fair share of taxes!! And not high income earner or business should!! Income tax should INCREASE particularly on high incomes and corporations to assist in costs of infrastructure and health.

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As long as there is a direct and real return on any such spend or investment. We can't have "hope it will bear fruit" spending. There needs to be credible ROI initiatives. And there needs to be a better and more full understanding of TCO before initiatives are undertaken. Does not good initiating something that will cost "X" only to find out the total cost of ownership should have made "X" a non-starter.

Look at the disability community, safety and protection of vulnerable individual (not just residential). Look at their day programs and respite. Make the agency funding fair (not who has the best negotiating skills or claim they do specialized care), see that funds go out of Winnipeg (perimeteritis) and investigate for profit opposed to non profit. There have been no increases to funding in a number of years (0.5% was the last). Look at Saskatchewan's model of their disability stream. Study after study has been done. Look at the work that was done and see that over ten years ago the start wage for the sector was indexed at \$15.00. We are still only funded for \$12.06 and wages are \$11.00. You can be an EA, Health Care Aide with less medical/behavioral responsibility and get paid close to \$20 or more.

Recognize the clientele and vulnerable individuals being cared for, would you do it or suggest the job/career option to your children/grandchild when they could go work in a mall clothing shop or pump gas for the same wage?!

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I would create an office designed bring the homeless into homes and back into the workforce, I would double down on youth employment and create a program encouraging more full-time jobs for youth and penalizing employers who have more than 10 FTE split among part-time employees that do so to prevent providing benefits to said employees - if we don't protect workers - then the unions will gain strength to continue their agenda which doesn't do much more than strip money from workers for their own organizations and cut into business' ability manage itself. To pay for the first part - the long term economic benefits of taxpaying worker instead of social resource drain won't immediately be realized but the long term savings will allow cuts to social service budgets. It' needs its own department because social services offices are bogged down by the minutae of managing bus tickets and details of lives. There needs to be a real mandated solution fro the issues rather than managing the symptoms - to that end Manitoba needs proper detox and treatment centres. This program's costs could be assisted with partnerships with organizations and be fairly low governmental requirement with governmental paid organizers and coordinators while allowing organizations front line workers to have knowledge of programs etc that would allow long term social services reductions to easily pay for it. No need to fund but work within the existing systems of various organizations to tie them together and maximize their effectiveness.

Composting. Sell the soil, charge households for additional garbage, Use the soil to grow food in the north.

Make everyone pay taxes including the wealthy and the reserve residents.

not until debt is reduced

Incentives for energy efficiency

Move people out of jails into community supervision in a cost neutral way

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In general, I think you could tax a bit higher. I know taxing large companies is always given as a solution, and it may drive business away, but I think it's necessary to tax people who have more higher than people who have less.

At the same time, I'm a single male with a very low income, and I could probably afford to pay a bit more in taxes. So, give tax breaks to low-income families and newcomers, and tax people who are more established and can handle it, and maybe be very very transparent about where the money is going and get people on board with taxation, so they know why it's necessary. Realistically, I don't think you're going to balance the deficit.

Universal childcare

The basic exemption on personal income tax, both federal and provincial should be based on the poverty line, if you are below you pay no tax. Bikes and buses should not share a lane, highway traffic act should make the city fix that.

a MB BDC

and harmonize the consumption taxes. A 12% rate to start would not role back the whole NDP PST increase but has a wider base to not reduce revenue as drastically. Then have a phase program to role it up o 15% (embedded) while income taxes are reduced. Taxing outputs more efficient that inputs

I would review CFS and perhaps create an organization that oversees CFS. CFS could likely be streamlined, their IT systems modernized, and their accountability improved.

After 5 years, look at where we are at then start building new public infrastructure without creating any new Crowns or Public Monopolies. Be the low cost destination. If citizens are not happy or won't wait then they can move else where. News flash, this is going to be coming everywhere in Canada, get used to it.

We need smaller and more efficient government. We need to clean up the problems we currently have. If Quebec can do it so can we. The choices may not be popular and it will probably get worse before it gets better We just cannot keep taking from the taxpayers, they have a finite amount of cash.

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More long term services supporting those who are experiencing poverty addressing causes and not just symptoms. Better rehabilitation programming in our prisons so that people aren't stuck in revolving door syndrome. Both of these could be funded by reallocating the money already in those sectors from band-aid work to more capacity-building and preventative work.

I don't know where to put this, but I just want to point out that a modest increase in taxes can pay for a substantial increase in funding for services. I know that the PC Party is not interested in "Tax-and-Spend" policies, but I would urge them to consider our quality of life. Manitoba is still simply not keeping up with other provinces in service provision, and cuts to the existing services would not help. As someone who is very firmly stuck in the middle class (and I will always be so), I will happily pay higher taxes to maintain or increase services. Happily.

We need to do a proper cost benefit analysis instead of throwing money at each problem. Our governments worked efficiently decade ago at a fraction of the workforce we have today.

expansion of those current services which have the most longterm payoff (preventing social problems and health problems has the greatest longterm payoff in future money saved and even taxation gained from future taxpayers)

Employee Manitobans with lived experience and training in mental health to provide peer support in hospitals and community centres, giving comfort to those in crises and providing information about existing services to families and stakeholders. It would be cost effective by releasing career union-fed "professional" poverty profiteers to explore other opportunities outside of the public service, while allowing actual front line workers to concentrate on other priorities, like reducing wait times for health treatment. Peer support providers could serve as "cadets" in providing real support in hospitals and community centres, saving money and lives.

When the 1% sales tax increase is no longer needed to reduce the deficit, return it to Manitobans as a rebate.

Free installation of solar roof and after it pays for itself it pays half of profit from USA against the bill

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I think post-secondary education should be completely covered for those with a low-income background to really boost our competitiveness.

I would start providing a progressive income tax system with personal amounts of \$25 000 and taxation starting at 1% on \$25 001 and rising gradually to 42.6% for the very wealthy. I would raise corporate tax too from the current level of 12% to 20%. I would also encourage farmers to go organic and make an effort to clean up Lake Winnipeg. This can be paid for in part by the \$116 million dollar surplus I have. I would also start to pay down government debt and build up a Manitoba Wealth Fund similar to Norway's Sovereign Wealth Fund.

I would start by making all services related to infertility insured. Doctors could pick it up as part of their practises. This would be mitigated by the decrease in NICU costs for multiple births.

I would heavily invest in decentralizing public utilities to allow for municipal not-for-profits and consumer co-ops supported by Manitoba hydro.

Increase low income housing stock. We shouldn't have homeless persons. I think paying for services is about how gover bevy prioritizes spending. I think priority on spending should be on social services, education and health. Stop wasting money on things on things the free market should take care of like football stadiums.

Until a sustainable debt/GDP ratio can be attained, no services should be added without a equal or greater reduction in other services can be removed.

Demand every department cuts budget by a percentage. When I was a govnrnemnt employee they used to say use it or lose it every year with the budget! Dont accept that. Cut budgets and the department heads will have to find a way which can be done just not the old way anymore.

Stronger environmental programs such as recycling services and programs to reduce burning carbon based fuels. I would increase taxes on carbon based fuels to pay for it.

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Not necessarily add but enhance programs by providing better support and properly staffing departments. Modernize all programs to have chat services vs leaving message. But even then still have informed staff on shift so they can answer all questions vs waiting until getting very frustrated. I think this would save money in long run just by picking up productivity of Manitobans using service vs taking time off work etc

Invest more in the City of Winnipeg

Regulation 5 to the employment act discriminates against professionals who are employees. If an electrician gets paid \$31.00 per hour and is entitled to overtime why isn't a CPA? this should be amended to reflect the Industrial wage classification that governs the payment of overtime and affects every other type of employee in Manitoba. Not only will professionals get paid for all those hours there employers bill for, the government will get their share of income tax. We are in an income tax bracket where we pay more taxes than I make. So much for the B,Comm.(Hons) and CGA designation (now CPA, CGA).

Provide more doctoring by Skype. They want their money, I don't want to take a half day off work just to renew a prescription.

Pour l'instant, non. Par contre, il faut se rappeler que des investissements au court terme peut permettre des réductions de coûts majeur au long terme. Le problème est que typiquement, les gouvernements n'ont pas le courage de regarder le long terme. Une réduction significative du déficit n'est pas une mauvaise chose en soit, mais boucler le budget ou réduire les taxes pour les plus riches pour des raisons de dogme est un non-sens. Il est TRÈS important pour le gouvernement d'être pragmatique et de servir la population, toute la population, pas juste les riches des banlieues.

Dentaire et optique inclus dans les remboursements de santé, financé par hausse impots sur les hauts revenus

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Add life guards and get rid of the beach patrols and half of the the park patrols. Increase camping fees or park entrance fees to pay for it, and also fix up the parks with this money. Charge more for the fishing licenses - they are a bargain compared to elsewhere. Use this money to improve the park infrastructure. Seek more private investment in our parks. More hotels, lodges, etc. Also, increase tax breaks for sports, and music enrolment for kids. We need to keep our gets off the street. We can pay for this through reduced crime and jail costs. In the same fashion, increase drug awareness in schools. Keep our kids informed.

Increase pensions decrease infrastructure spending

I would have programs that give people a helping hand up, not a 'hand-out'. People don't particularly need government charity; rather they need the opportunity to get where they want to go in life. For example: low or no cost secondary education, interest free mortgages or down payments. These things will allow people to progress and move forward in life, not get stuck in a rut. Better educated people will have better paying jobs, well taken care of people will continue in reciprocity. I'm willing to venture that people, society as a whole would support a tax raise if they can see positive results, see that it has helped them and their community. Simply taxing people for a non-tangible idea does not help, i.e., carbon tax. People don't see that, they don't get it, and it further oppresses them. It is a negative punishment, and anyone that knows even a little psychology know that it is positive reinforcement that produces results, not punishment.

We need more government programs that help support the French/métis communities. Fund this by limiting the individuals who take advantage of EI. Don't reduce the PST to 8%... A 1% reduction is insignificant to us civilians but helps push for your conservative agenda, we don't need it.

Increase the minimum wage

Work placement or training programs to allow individuals to develop skills will still making an income. These programs should be open to ALL individuals regardless of age or background

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Start providing more traffic police with the aim of reducing accidents. This could be done with targeted funding to existing police departments such as the RCMP and the Winnipeg Police. Of course we would need more judges and traffic courts to process the increased number of tickets being issued. Funding would come from fines, from savings to MPIC and reduced medical costs. We should add to this a revamped drivers' demerit system to focus on getting bad drivers off of the road faster.

More programs to assist with the addiction issues. The money saved from the burden to the health care system would pay for it.

Programs and services that support innovation in the government and public sector need to be supported. I would cut programs with low S/ROI.

I would invest more heavily in prevention based programs and I would sacrifice some of the intensive services.

Pay for healthcare increases with an increase in employer health tax. Additional addiction and mental health programs.

we need to provide more/better supports for the homeless and battered women.

Diabetes supplies and medications covered for all no matter income. Increase the rental tax credit rent is getting out of control

Government is big enough as is

government is much too big now

Over time there is always pressure to begin providing new services and enhance existing ones. On a case by case basis these must be assessed. Our tax structure in Mb is at a ceiling I suspect when viewed nationwide so new money is difficult and must be realized from eliminating/reducing less needed services/programs. Federal assistance may be sourced, growth may provide incremental rises in revenue.

No services added

I would produce tax relief, I would minimize government control over Manitoban's lives. Healthcare and education should be privatized, crown corporations should be sold off.

The gov't is too big as it is.

Daycare. With the money wasted now on subsidized private daycares.

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Like everyone. Time to start living within your means. Quit spending money you don't have. There is too much government in everything we do.

I would create a Manitoba Govt cost of living program for seniors and disabled - by issuing each qualified applicant a \$500/month benefit - The Revenue to pay for this could be applied by creating a 5 % "Luxury Tax" on all New Automobiles, Boats,etc which are valued at \$60,000 & Over and all New Real Estate Property transfers of 1 Million or more in assessed Property value . This assures that our aging seniors and disabled can adequately afford decent housing , rising rental,food and costs of daily necessities of life and ensure a dignified standard of living throughout their final golden years of life without fear and the mental anguish of wondering how they will deal with ever-increasing costs of goods and services in society - This will place MANITOBA as one of the very best places to live in Canada and will create a Boom in economic growth both in business and in population growth -thus also generating more revenues in annual GST revenue for the Province and a whole subset of trade,construction revenues as more housing will be in great demand .

The government's role and budget needs to get in order first before new initiatives are entertained.

more incentives to people wanting start a business and more help to small business owners ,,the more business's we have going in Manitoba the more people who will be working ,, a win win situation for both Manitoba and the economy .As a life long Manitoban ,, I see that we are being taxed to death ,,this needs to stop and bring taxation back into a state that can be maintained ,, if taxes keep going up people will be forced to move to other jurisdictions with less taxation just to be able to live ,, drop the taxes and get the economy moving again ,,industry ,, jobs ,, both large employers and small make positive steps towards building the economy and reducing our debt ,, by getting people back to work and off the social safety net,, jobs jobs jobs ,, no welfare or other handouts work for your living as we had to do while raising our families ,,if there is a legitamit cause then and only then should anyone ever be on social assistance ,, if they can work put them to work ,, I am a retired person who never asked for anything I did not earn myself

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I would institute a flat tax for individuals with no deductions so the tax rate would be lower than current income tax. I would tax corporations at a higher rate than individuals but again, doing away with deductions other than direct costs and wages. No conventions, fancy lunches, golfing etc would be deductible. Government would be able to use lower rate and it would be fairer to all

A program that would reward MB citizens for reporting any kind of wrong doings, or wasteful spending.

When I run my business if I have a bad year and funds are tight I quit spending on some of the luxury items and only spend on the items necessary to keep my business going. In the good years I put money aside to carry me through the bad years. The government should run more like a business and quit spending money they don't have like any responsible business would. Tax payers are also struggling with the high taxes imposed on them. There is only so much money to go around.

Publicly funded and administered research.

Same answer as above although given specifics I may find myself in favor or programs that would enhance quality of life in Manitoba.

Enough government.

I have worked for government and have seen good people with not enough to do and others over worked. Somehow you need to get those under used people motivated and productive jobs.

The deficit has to come down, try to maintain what we have but some cuts are necessary and increased taxes. If you cut spending many of us will give you a break on the promise.

Provide an independent, non-political group such as the Canadian Taxpayers Federation to conduct a complete audit of all Government areas, make recommendations where taxpayer funds can be saved and efficiencies gained and them actually, ACT on them.

Any services that increase education or well being of the masses and not the few. Taxes would pay for it.

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Nothing new for services - until Manitoba catches up to the deficit!

The only New Government service I would add at this point in time - would be that if Manitoba people get forced into a Carbon Tax remittance - that Brian Pallister comes' up with a Rebate Program that would pay back all Manitoba citizens' for their loss of income and Savings' due to the Trudeau Carbon Tax or a Manitoba Carbon Tax or both! I and my wife are semi-retired and are thinking of moving out of Manitoba and even Canada - as we believed we are too highly taxed for the lifestyle, services and standard of living we are receiving in Winnipeg and Canada! Basically, at one time we loved Canada - but the way it is developing now with Prime Minister Trudeau and his Ecological Extremists' along with his fondness for Islamic culture, my wife and I are very disappointed in Canada and at the retirement age in our lives' we need to find a country we like to live in! What an absolute disappointment!

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I would start up a small program that would be dedicated to downsizing government on a continuous basis, and require by law to balance the budget and pay off debt. I would also recommend that the MB gov't take advantage of the 1984 Bank of Canada Act that makes borrowing from the BoC interest free, as legally mandated and stop paying interest on any debt. Trudeau's idiotic father screwed Canada in 1974 when he violated this Act and put Canada into massive interest bearing private debt, needlessly. The BoC is a Public Central Bank, not Private. There is a high level lawsuit going on right now corner.org that seeks to force gov't back on to this standard, that would really be a breath of fresh air and options for proper debt load and funding. It's the single thing that is holding Canada back from being truly amazing. The current system by all calculations will implode in the next 4 years to the point the Canadian dollar could be wiped out entirely and a new monetary system will need to be created. You can choose to roll your eyes at this and laugh, or you can do some deep level research and analysis and realize this event is coming and it's not just Canada that will experience this. The Euro will not exist in four years as the EU unravels from idiot Merkel and Islamic invasion that has made Europe a dangerous and broke continent. Watch for more countries to exit the EU now that Brexit has succeeded. This fat slashing program would create a culture of efficiency within Gov't and allow for a competitive environment for commerce to flourish and the citizens to have amazing lives. Underpaid gov't workers could quit and go work for better paying private jobs. Canadians are taxed to death, they can't flourish and grow. It's suppressing the economy in a major way. Gov't needs to do what they can't do and that is radically drop taxes, which will restore confidence in gov't and spark massive spending and investment by foreign investors, citizens and local businesses in the province. This will produce massive tax surpluses. Also, put in a foreign real estate investment law, like BC that charges foreigners wishing to purchase real estate a 15-20% tax to keep real estate prices down so people can own their homes faster, get out of debt, and have tremendous amounts of discretionary income to spend into the economy. Personal debt is too damn high and the gov't should be freaking out over this. Interest rates are way too low and need to be brought up substantially to correct pension and retirement investments. It's a complicated situation, with the current currency war of the race to the bottom. If rates go up, people with a lot of debt will be impacted negatively. Dropping taxes so people can right their financial situations is a win-win for everyone and provides financial integrity. One last thing, I'd make a law that it's mandatory that every government worker is required to read Martin Armstrong's blog, one of the most unrecognized and brilliant economists/investor/programmer/physicists of our time, that created a sophisticated artificial intelligence computer system able to call market trends and turns, down to the day. This will help for future planning budgets around the ignored business cycle that catches gov't with their pants down all the time. This would save a lot of agony and provide a lot of political capital to the party in charge that follows [Martin.http://www.armstrongeconomics.com/blog](http://www.armstrongeconomics.com/blog)

Also, in closing, the deficit of my suggestions is not accurate, as the calculator does not account for human behaviour when the confidence in government changes. I'm highly confident, based on other regions historical results of my suggestions, you'd have a tremendous surplus and model that other provinces will be eager to copy.

I would certainly improve services to our most vulnerable. Give them a guaranteed income so they did not have to live a life of poverty. I believe in people paying taxes and paying their fair share but that includes everyone. If I am going to have to pay higher taxes I want it to benefit the people who need our support. Taking care of our most vulnerable citizens in a respectful manner. I would gladly increase taxes if today's government would show at least a slight interest in improving the quality of life for people with disabilities. I see nothing in your many announcements that talks about fair and respectful treatment of people with disabilities/addictions/homeless. As a society lately we make a lot of income from addictions but put little investment into treating them.

maybe not new - but different delivery - see above

A health regulator review agency.

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Nothing until we straighten up this mess the ndp got us in.

Tax incentives and start up grants for new businesses. Would be recovered from future business taxes and income taxes.

Again, I would need to see a list of what we have, and there will be additions we could make.

I think the government offers enough programs and services.

It would be nice to maintain the training grant for small businesses as it has been an incentive for our business to invest in Lean Manufacturing training - the hope is that this pays back in the long run. We could reduce the amount though - instead of covering 2/3 it could cover 1/2 to allow more companies to take advantage.

Also the tax incentive for hiring students is a good one and should be maintained.

Encourage job growth, health innovation

Increase subsidies for green energy and energy conservation.

Increase the minimum wage. The current adult minimum wage is not a living wage.

Please do not slash the budget for Manitoba Conservation (and Manitoba Parks in particular) -- our "quality of life" is more important than our "standard of living".

Support home business start ups paid for by reducing welfare. Increase criteria to remain on welfare, defined benefit period, mandatory workplace skills training, job search and substance testing to remain on assistance

I would gladly give more to church-based social organizations if I had less tax to pay to unaccountable government.

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i think the justice system and jails need more attention and creative solutions to incarceration for crimes that should see jail time. We dont have an alternative beyond jail. We also need housing options for people that are 'hard to house'. these folks face evictions and are homeless. they will most likely end up in hospitals or jail. these options are not a housing solution. I'd think long term and weigh the costs of a hospital bed or jail against the costs of a supportive housing program. It might not balance a budget in the next few years but look long term and it will!

Cut wages for government employees.

Pharmacy professional services funding as all the other provinces have done. Why do we have to be the only province that support three tier health care?

Increased community mental health services. Increased access to affordable housing (addressing the core housing need in Manitoba). Increased budget to Manitoba Conservation for enforcement and wildlife and environment studies. Increase corporate tax rate by 1.5%.

Detox centres half houses more long term 90 day treatment facilities Northern Manitoba. It will provide jobs and it will reduce the dependence and costs associated on our health care system as well as welfare family serviceshomelessness

Linking addictions to health care and provide more funding to health care

Drug testing welfare and EI recipients program

Long term the people in Our province will become

Stronger and healthier

bi weekly tax returns

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Responses

Physio costs less than surgery. Access to mental health services cost less than investigations into suicides and murders. The cost savings won't be immediate but, again, please consider thinking generationally.

Hire more inspectors, including some with Workplace Safety & Health, but most of them to monitor costs and activities of infrastructure projects and "blow the whistle" when things are not going according to Hoyle. Regrettably, some of that did happen, for example, with crown corporation MB Hydro, with no change resulting, so there has to be the political will. It would be paid for from an increase in the Infrastructure budget.

pay down the deficit first.

I would reduce PST to 5%, and reduce deductions on Income tax. Even poor people should pay income tax they use the services of the govt too, but the expense should raise their dignity and not be overly burdensome. (If I said above reduce PST it wouldn't let me submit this form!)

More effective recruitment and retention of rural based doctors.

Reduce Assets and size of staff at Manitoba Housing

Transfer / allocate out assets and management to current Not For Profit Housing entities

Negative income tax. In simplest terms, households with low incomes would receive a refund that maintains an income at or above LICO. This would be paid for by the elimination of EIA and other income assistance programs. Social workers would then focus on social welfare issues. This would ultimately strengthen the tax base through increases in purchase power, supports for those with disabilities, decreases in Healthcare costs, and other indirect benefits.

Mental health services for youth.

Anti-poverty measures to ensure all Manitobans live with dignity.

What would you start providing and how would you pay for it?

Responses

As per Make Poverty History Manitoba, we need 1) a comprehensive poverty reduction plan to end poverty in our province. This needs to be done through meaningful consultation with people with lived experience and those who work directly with low income people. It needs to be comprehensive and poverty is complex. It should be based on the View from Here 2015: Manitobans Call for a Renewed Poverty Reduction Plan
<https://www.policyalternatives.ca/sites/default/files/uploads/publications/Manitoba%20Office/2015/01/View%20from%20here%20v8%20low-res.pdf> 2) Increase Employment and Income Assistance (EIA) basic needs budget to bring people to 75% of the poverty line (market basket measure). This should be a portable benefit similar to Rent Assist. It is 2016 and poverty in Manitoba persists, it is not going away. Single individuals and people with disabilities are the most below the poverty line (47% and 38% below). This is unacceptable and needs an investment to change. This portable benefit would be a step towards a Basic Income. EIA needs to be delivered in a way to ensure those receiving government transfers are treated with dignity and respect. Supports should be in place to end the "welfare wall" and eliminate any disincentives for those on assistance to find work, if they can work. But also the jobs need to be there too. Training needs to be available as well. This is all an investment and the morally correct thing to do. www.makepovertyhistorymb.com.

Increased operating grants for home daycares.

more focus on poverty reduction. getting more people into the productive economy in decent paid jobs or profitable businesses and co-ops reduces direct government costs and has many other side benefits.

Increase in palliative care and retirement homes. I would pay for these in other savings and make them so seniors ca. Still make a living while living there. For example combining them day cares.

Residential Tenancies office for southern Manitoba as population has been increasing steadily through immigration in the last decade or more. This means that rental units have been added and both tenants and landlords need to have easier access to their rights and responsibilities. Pay for it from savings in another area.

What would you start providing and how would you pay for it?

Responses

I would add a non-refundable fitness tax credit that would help to pay for sports leagues and/or gym memberships for all Manitobans (not just children, as the federal one was). In the short term, I would pay for it with a small increase to tobacco taxes, and a portion of the made-in-Manitoba carbon tax. In the long term, it would be paid for by lowered health care costs by increasing overall health of citizens. I think that programs that are introduced should have that general theme of, spending money now, so that you don't have to spend more later.

I would also try to push negotiations with our neighbouring provinces to sell them our hydro electricity, so that they can start to phase out their coal power plants.

We should also increase the royalties for the minerals drawn from our soils in the mines.

I would also be willing to accept an increase in the higher level tax bracket, despite being in that tax bracket.

i would start providing family consoling to those who need it rather than spend money into CFS and foster farms. the end result would save money and keep families strong.

What would you start providing and how would you pay for it?

Responses

Not necessarily providing any new services, but the new government should be oriented towards making Manitoba the most business-friendly province in the country, competing nationally and across the border in making us the ideal business destination. I believe the private sector is the source of all wealth, and government cannot function and fund its programs without business. Instead of increasing or decreasing government programs, we should aid the public by lowering the amount of government interference where it is not needed. The previous administration has failed the province by stifling the private sector and private options to services in an attempt to control, or "conquer", all operations in public service. The result is failed outcomes, lower growth and no improvements or innovations. Working hand-in-hand with the private sector, Manitoba can catch up to national standards when it comes to how services are provided and how business can prosper to help make our province greater. This all starts with the government making the right environment for such a situation.

more mental health staff up north, need studies done on drainage and more regulations and enforcement for draining agricultural land

Dental, child care, subsidized university tuition.

Raise taxes.

To pay for some kind of basic income (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Basic_income) I would use the increased PST, personal income tax and reduce physician salaries.

Mandatory minimum income, provincial childcare and turning taxis into a civil service

mincome, tax the wealthy

None.

What would you start providing and how would you pay for it?

Responses

A complete reworking of the civil service because there is no incentive to save money, no incentive to be efficient, when innovation is found there is no incentive to implement. At the end of the year if a department budget is not spend the director is told to spend it now so there is no surplus - the staff are told to spend more than they need to. & any unspent money is lost to the department and then they have difficulty justifying future programs because they were shown to be more frugal in the past - this penalizes efficiency and validates the public perception of wasteful beurocracy.

& Review Elections Manitoba legislation and change our electoral system for Proportional Representation. Find more ways to implement direct democracy for citizens, and this is in the best interest of the Conservative government because it will equalize the voting system and stop the NDP from dominating Manitoba politics for another 15 years.

Childcare, pharmacare. Pay for with sales and income tax increases, including removing loopholes for high earners.

I would like to see expanded flood protection in Manitoba

Universal child care.

I would provide career counselling services and programs in which people could volunteer for work experience. I would pay for it , by seeking advertising funds . It could be the MTS counselling and career development program.

Take gas tax at the pump away completely... Instead a surcharge on every vehicle that is registered to use public roads.. That way everyone pays who uses the roads... A surcharge is not a tax...A lawnmower should not be paying gas taxes for roads.

What Would Tommy Douglas Do

I wouldn't necessarily add services, but I think we need to focus on areas that clearly need attention. We need to improve access to early childhood education. We need to keep the cost of post-secondary education down and continue to improve accessibility to those least fortunate. We need to build more affordable housing and improve transit across the province, but particularly in Winnipeg. We need to spend more money on job training for those who are struggling. We need to fund better integration programs for those who have entered the criminal justice system. Last but not least, we need to begin the generational transitioning to a post-carbon society.

What would you start providing and how would you pay for it?

Responses

broader health and childcare coverage and i would provide free university education. i would pay for it with taxes, because that is what taxes are for.

Increases to income taxes for the upper tax brackets and progressive taxation on business.

A service to get the people with the signs and squeegees off of our streets and into jobs. Have the federal government pay.

Nous ne parlons pas assez de notre deficit, combien ca nous coutent en "interet" a chaque annee. Ces donnees ne sont pas assez vehicule dans les media ? Exemple de cout le tunnel WAVERLY. Oui les gens attendent a la voie ferree mais je n'aurais jamais depenser pour ce projet. Vivons selon nos moyens,

Il n'y avais pas de case commentaire avec augmentation des impots. Nous devons taxer les plus nantis pour avoir plus de revenus.(plus de \$125,000 par annee). Avons nous regarder les depenses du gouvernement. Manitoba Hydro... est ce que nous savons ce qui arrive dans cette societe.

Take gas tax at the pump away completely... Instead a surcharge on every vehicle that is registered to use public roads.. That way everyone pays who uses the roads... A surcharge is not a tax...A lawnmower should not be paying gas taxes for roads.

Poverty reduction.

This exercise has been framed as deficit based without enough resources. But we need to invest in our people and communities now to ensure long term growth and social progress.

Not so much new programs or services, but more expansion. I would invest in areas that are best or only done by government and that have been shown to produce benefits, such as education and research.

More money needs to be put into mineral resources. A small increase in the budget to the Mineral Resources Division (\$500k) would go a long way in helping Manitoba's economy in the long term, that would include positively affecting northern and remote communities.

What would you start providing and how would you pay for it?

Responses

Increase corporate tax rates. They are not paying their fair share but the middle income are. You would find yourself with no deficit.

Reduce the numbers of employees in these offices (bureaucracies) that leech funds before reaching the targets. They can do real work and not just [pass the buck and cause such delay in service provision, nor are they performing for optimum delivery throughout the service regions....

Until the deficit is reduced government programming should not be expanded.

I respond to many federal and provincial level surveys such as this. Often the corporate tax rate is not addressed. It is time to address the low CCPC rate in MB. In Manitoba we have one of the highest personal - corporate CCPC gaps in Canada. The CCPC Corporations are small 'mom and pop' operations, not big business. The business owners are basically experiencing a tax haven in MB, electing to take the lowest amount possible personal earnings (one of the highest rates in Canada) while paying one of the lowest corporate rates in Canada on the remaining corporate earnings. I understand the theory is to allow these corporations to have more after-tax earnings to re-invest in MB. But are they re-investing? Many of these CCPC companies have extremely small staffing compliments, some only employ the family members. Many of the CCPC companies are not re-investing in the local economies. They are putting as much as they are able (keeping CCPC status) into investments.

I understand we want to keep our tax system free of complication, but Manitoba is suffering. We have a very high Aboriginal population that because of Treaty exemption status does not pay into the tax burden. This leaves a large portion (larger than many other provinces) of the remaining taxpayers to make up the tax burden. Individual taxpayers cannot bear any more of the load. Our corporations need to step up. Bring up the MB tax rate. In turn, provide tax rebates for green-alternatives, economic incentives for new start up companies that employ a minimal number of workers, northern growth incentives, etc. An increased corp rate will allow room to provide incentives and cover increased spending in areas such as infrastructure, that is used by our corporations.

We also need to move the MB personal exemption upward bringing it line with the Canadian average. This will leave more money in the pocket of every family.

Protecting water. Savings from other areas

What would you start providing and how would you pay for it?

Responses

I would like to see a list of all the proposed programs and services that have been requested along with their costs, benefits and risks if we don't invest in them.

Education in all fields of study, because it sparks innovation, research implementation, and addressing climate change in a holistic level by creating opportunities for young people to create jobs tailored to their interest and not set on fossil fuel industry and unsustainable market demands that never last.

The Port in Churchill and the railway need government leadership. Its a strategic priority for the province and the country. Fix it!

Subsidized fresh fruits/vegetables, support for Manitoba farmers producing and selling at farmers markets, and/or incentives for all Manitobans to grow their own (seed/soil rebate program etc) - payback would come on the health side; Also, better incentives/partnerships for the re-growth/health/redevelopment of our cultural core city (the infrastructure that already exists!)

Implementing emission testing for vehicles in conjunction with MPI, providing advertisement to reduce emissions and footprints of vehicles on manitoba's roads. Work with MPI to incentivize, and also creates a new business opportunity within Manitoba. Could provide tax incentives for current businesses or new ones wanting to conduct the vehicle emission testing. There could even be taxation phased in to penalize for not conducting testing and keeping the cars clean.

Maintain pst at current rate

Programming for rural communities. This would be paid back by increased revenue and usage of existing infrastructure

Single-phase dental and vision care. By further tax increases on the wealthy - introducing a tax bracket above \$250,000 at 60+%

What would you start providing and how would you pay for it?

Responses

I would have a much more aggressive recycling program. Every drink container purchased should be charged a refundable deposit fee. Green garbage should be collected and more stringent rules should be enforced in what is allowed in the recycle and garbage bins.

At the same time part of the innovation funding could be targeted towards encouraging enterprises that recycle specific products. Many communities find that recycling actually raises government income. Also, centres where products - such as paint and building materials can be dropped off and picked up by someone who can use them would keep many items out of the land fill.

Provide services to assist citizens in navigating bureaucracy. Pay for it with my budget surplus.

Force government employees to find savings from within. Eliminate wasteful practices and red tape. Think of the people of Manitoba as your bank. You have bad credit and want to ask for more money. We won't give it to you willingly. You are forced to take a long, hard look in the mirror and required to find what departments got fat and sluggish and make your people realize that they will be out of a job if you can't find the money. This is what Manitoba businesses face EVERY DAY. You want to show leadership and spur economic growth? Then take charge, bootstrap if necessary, and show us Manitobans that our provincial government is not just talk.....

Even though I said I would start cutting education funding, I would be encouraging our young people in the STEMI fields. Cut it out with all of this "All degrees are the same" we need innovators. Definitely keep encouraging people to visit the provincial parks and spend tourist dollars locally.

Additional healthcare spending

Provide cellphone service to ALL of rural Manitoba. This requires political pressure on MTS not tax dollars.

but maintain the ones that are working well and support them properly so they can make a difference. it is of no value to spread money around just to keep everyone struggling for dollars, we can only have so many fundraisers; if it is a government service you want to have then fund it so it can survive.

What would you start providing and how would you pay for it?

Responses

Examine other jurisdictions for govt programs that proved effective and look at enacting them locally.

The provincial government needs to contribute to official language training for adult newcomers who are temporary foreign workers or already Canadian citizens but still have official language needs.

A subsidy type of fund where people can get secondary education for free or a greatly reduced amount. A program to match graduates with positions. For 5 years after graduation a small percentage of income goes back into the fund.

Subsidized childcare; increases to EIA rates; labour market intermediary. I would have no problem maintaining our debt levels to pay for these investments. As per Quebec's experience, when parents had access to affordable childcare, they were able to work more and tax revenues went up in tandem. If we invest in Manitobans, our economy will grow and our debt/GDP ratio - which is very reasonable - will remain so. There's more than one way to deal with the deficit: increase revenues through reasonable tax increases (on the wealthy and profitable business - all of which use infrastructure and services paid for by tax payers in order to be successful).

Increase income taxes for the wealthiest and businesses

University education, childcare, and dental through increased taxation.

This does not fit this box. But I would break down the silos. There are ways to save money by having different departments work together. An example would be putting in a program that costs money in one area, but saves at a greater rate in another. This rarely happens, because, it does not save money in the department that is spending the money, but would save over all. An example of this is medical treatment (medication) for alcoholism. It would cost at the health end, less revenue at the liquor store, but overall work place, justice, violence and family costs would drop.

What would you start providing and how would you pay for it?

Responses

1) Bring back "workfare" . If people on assistance can't find work, I'm sure there are many opportunities for community service. This program would pay for itself and then some, encouraging people to pursue other opportunities such as furthering their education or looking for more satisfying work. 2) make changes to the employment standards code, legislating a significantly higher ratio of fulltime employees to parttime, such as 2/3 fulltime and 1/3 parttime. Make the ratio variable based on the size of the company/corporation. This would cost nothing and provide a more stable, consistent workforce and income tax base. Legislate more paid family leave.

luxury taxes, increased property taxes on luxury homes, net worth taxes on wealthy manitobans, payroll tax on visiting nhl teams

More grants and incentives for investors, businesses and innovators. We need to reduce red tapes and increase empowerment to these corporations and investors that will in turn create the change that we need in our province.

It should be paid for by effectively managing funding for other sectors that are not showing a good return and not providing growth, such as mentioned above regarding social assistance for example. There must also be others that can be more efficiently managed as well, and therefore freeing up more budget to put towards innovative sectors that will actually PROVIDE growth in this province. By creating more growth, we can in turn create more tax revenue for the government and finally get out of this stalemate we have been in caused by the backwards NDP government.

Look at where you can trim from the top and put that money into support workers Manitoba needs. I live outside Winnipeg and all I read is we don't have any doctors in in our area. There once were doctors but now we have to go to Winnipeg for our health providers.

Basic minimum income, 'poor' people spend all their money so it's instantly added back to their local economy, even if they spend it all on cigarettes and alcohol, it's money back into taxes and a local store.

Return many government offices (hydro, agriculture, infrastructure, conservation) to rural manitoba so we don't have to always drive an hour for any services

What would you start providing and how would you pay for it?

Responses

A program to increase the number of licenced daycares in rural areas. How would I pay for it? The same way every other government service is paid for. I think that if you were to do a cost-benefit analysis, you'd see that increasing access to safe, affordable, local, licenced daycare would be a boon to the economy. Also, in terms of the budget I'm creating, just FYI that although it has a surplus of 26 million, I would place that into paying for infrastructure; your website doesn't allow for that move but that's what I'd do in real life.

A real additions long term care facility paid for with the profits of the current liquor, lotteries, marijuana grow ops, and gambling profits. There was a recent increase in all the beer prices across the board - use that.

Guaranteed minimum income. Paid for by increased income taxes and phasing out most welfare benefits and some tax credits that become redundant.

Create a "where your tax dollar goes" for Manitoba

<http://www.fin.gc.ca/taxdollar/index-eng.asp>

People need to see where there money is going!

Create a special task force to quantify budget dollars. Make sure every dollar creates value. Govt programs for "good feelings" need to be cut. They either create a productive/positive outcome that can be measured or they are a waste of money.

I can't think of anything currently although I am sure there are worthwhile services that could be implemented.

Provincial food council and food strategy funded by increases in non-regressive taxes (i.e. income, luxury consumption, corporate / institutional food waste)

I would put all the money used for grants, bursaries, and scholarships and use that money instead to fund free post secondary education for students that pass their courses.

You need more family supports especially in the North and rural areas. If you teach families how to support themselves you will no longer need to support them. CFS needs to take a long term approach that heals families instead of just taking kids and destroying future generations.

What would you start providing and how would you pay for it?

Responses

Spend where it attracts tourists to Manitoba-- AND MAKE IT ATTRACTIVE and RELEVANT. Increased tourism would offset costs if done properly.

Increase Outfitter tags for bear and whitetail deer.

1) More community mental health services (eg. PACT services) not just in Winnipeg but rurally to decrease the risk and frequency of mental health patrons decompensating hospital admissions are costly. As well as more of a focus for mental health skills teaching and implementation rather than costly medications which have side-effects. I'd like to see more psychology and allied health involvement in mental health services rather than doctor/nurse/medication focus.
2) More funding for home care case coordinators and personnel to keep seniors at home longer as this saves money. 3) More healthy living initiatives, supporting the normalization of eating healthy (science clearly indicates the benefits of eating more plant-based foods and less animal based foods) and being active.
4) Shifting agriculture to more grains and vegetables is better for the environment (less greenhouse gases, uses less water, and produces more food/acre than meat and dairy), helps support eating local, and supports healthier eating.

Sale and taxation of cannabis. It would pay for itself and then some. Not to mention the fringe benefits of decreased crime.

maybe, what would be some options?

Nurse Practitioner Clinics. You would save money by stopping the overuse of Emergency. You will save on the cost of physicians. You will save on the middle management as you will have less people accessing the hospitals.

We desperately need more preventative health programs and services, rather than allowing people to weigh on our health care system once they are older. This includes leisure education programs, adding - or at very least - sustaining recreation money, better support for applied health services like athletic therapy, and recognizing recreation therapists as health practitioners. This would pay for itself with they the money saved by on acute care in the long term.

small user fees for Manitobans in the higher pay bracket. there are seniors who refuse to divert savings for self care for several reasons. there are some great assisted living sites that could be better used and free up appropriate resources to low income seniors.

First get the current spending under control, then consider adding additional services that have value to the citizens of the province.

What would you start providing and how would you pay for it?

Responses

The only adding would be in the form of redesign and reduction of government departments that would launch more effective programs. The current model isn't working. More people homeless, poor economy, etc etc yet we are committed to the highly politicized business of running a province. Time for change

The cost of delivering mandated family enhancement and parenting programs would be off-set by a decrease in delivering child protection programs and also have immeasurable benefits to other programs and society in general.

PST rebate for lower income earners. Phased out between \$30k and \$45k of income.

Reduce the deficit .

Employ low cost peer support providers with lived experience in mental health to relieve front line workers, support Manitobans and families in crises, and lift themselves out of poverty.

we need free childcare and free education. by allowing more women to enter the workforce we would require less financial aid and would contribute more in the form of taxes, the same goes for free, quality education.

Child Care will pay for itself.

Return on investment is \$1.28 to higher for every \$1 invested - See Susan Prentice University of Manitoba study.

See Quebec Child Care returns.

See James Heckman studies
(<http://heckmanequation.org/content/resource/invest-early-childhood-development-reduce-deficits-strengthen-economy>),

See TD Canada economist Craig Alexander
(https://www.td.com/document/PDF/economics/special/di1112_EarlyChildhoodEducation_pr.pdf),

See Margaret McCain FDN (<http://mwmccain.ca/reports/2014/11/12/early-childhood-education-2014/>)

What would you start providing and how would you pay for it?

Responses

I would make significant moves to massively empower the agricultural sector. A full-on agricultural revolution would put Manitoba into a major position of power that would increase revenue and employ citizens with meaningful jobs. I don't know how I would pay for it, but probably an opt-In tax system that businesses or citizens can contribute to in return for some sort of benefit or service.

I would strengthen funding for affordable housing. This investment would save money in health care costs and incarceration costs if people didn't live in poverty and have to make difficult decisions in order to survive.

Not sure

Workfare. This pays for itself as companies involved in the program share the costs. Also give people intrinsic value. Legalization of cannabis for recreational use would create a surplus from taxation as well.

Expand regional partnership programs eg PMCR. Facilitate % of savings funding grant programs and admin costs. Short term investment for long term gains - otherwise don't do it.

Consider a basic income model.

What would you start providing and how would you pay for it?

Responses

Voluntary boarding schools with good programs for any child living outside of Winnipeg with strong vocational programs.

Increase vocational training at schools in Winnipeg. Less focus on non-applicable academic subjects and more focus on getting kids exposed to technology and trained for the jobs that exist or will exist. We need to get kids ready to work, not ready to get yet another useless liberal arts degree.

As for paying for it, the Manitoba tax brackets are from the 70s. We need broader tax brackets that tax the high income earners more. The top tax bracket should be somewhere like \$500,000 and up, followed by a bracket for \$250,000-\$499,999 and so on down the line instead of everything being squished into \$125k and under.

get our province to join all the other provinces in contributing more to our fed pensions as a resident we are the highest taxed ...and now we will be the poorest when we retire...if things don't change i am leaving this province

Introduce E-Fuel as a requirement for use in all Gasoline and Diesel fuel users within the province. It would need to be added at the source and the cost would be transferred to the end user with a moderate % going towards the provincial government as a fee for injecting it into the system.

Legalize marijuana

24 hours clinic beside the emergency room for minor illness that seem to be bogging down our emergency system. Triage out if minor and a nurse practitioner could provide antibodies. Within same health budget.

Start encouraging/ tax incentives corporations to fund and subsidize (low cost) renovated / new builds child care facilities. Parents accessing early learning program close to work are happy parents. Keeping building cost down allows for programs to pay staff more.

What would you start providing and how would you pay for it?

Responses

By structuring the government and services properly by priority.

A direct tip line for taxpayers and civil servants to report waste and theft...

Website to help citizens live a more healthful, environmentally friendly way. Use city parks to grow food. Encourage and subsidize solar and ev. Offset tax increases by educating about how to live a more economical and healthier way.

Basic Income for all - Raise taxes, targeting the wealthy and large businesses.

The money you save from Airflights, hotels etc would fund equipment for telehealth in nursing stations .. the staff are there. Maybe getting aboriginal people in the communities the opportunity to be educated as medical personnel nurses and doctors and they are to give back to their own community ie as RCMP are mandated to be stationed in Northern Communities.. in the long run lots of savings in transferring nurses to nursing stations

I would open another government ran casino, and attach a world class water park to it and build it on Kenaston.

Workfair.. like welfare but for those that actually could work.. if they have to get up and leave the house everyday there is more incentive to look for a job.. some people are unable to work.. but many people on welfare prefer not to

Start implementation of a min come program will cut down on administration and roll all social assistance programs into one streamline the process

What would you start providing and how would you pay for it?

Responses

Healthy local food options (ie. made in manitoba) available to a) northern residents b) schools and c) hospitals

Not much to pay for other than to help create a local food policy priority. Via rail could be slightly subsidized to get the minimal infrastructure put in place (eg refrigeration unit on one of their cars and lowering of fees for per parcel shipping). Getting local food into local institutions is more a matter of getting rid of red tape and incentivizing entrepreneurship. I think there are a lot of jobs that could be created by focusing on the local food economy as well as potential decrease in health care over time due to healthier food intake.

I would do a better job of providing the services we already provide, and I would identify bureautic and administrative inefficiencies, rather than programmatic ones. I would increase preventative services and care. I would also increase taxes for those making over \$200 000. It is unnecessary to increase taxes for those making under \$50 000.

Research and development funding for university researchers- increase funding programs/stop cutting them. Also maintain (at least) and create more idea to business opportunities for research outcomes from university researchers.

Build on Sustainable Living/Development. Reducing racism and intolerance among Manitoba's population, especially within rural populations. The amount of racism and intolerance I have heard is very disconcerting and reduces the possibilities for communities working together. I would use carbon tax income and also any reduction in subsidies given to oil and gas.

Higher taxes on the Wealthy people. No human needs to spend that much money or make that much money. If you are making over \$250,000 a year family income then higher taxes. As well no loop holes to get around of paying taxes when making that much.

Not sure this is a service, but something that provides more information for charities on the provincial side of things, particularly since technically, provinces are to provide oversight to charities. They tend to shirk responsibility and leave it in the hands of CRA. This would not be a large expense - just more streamlined resources online, and perhaps one phone number or even an email for questions.

What would you start providing and how would you pay for it?

Responses

I would also fight the unions at gov't (MGEU) and mandate they open their book to be audited. Also take a hard line and when looking for raises for their membership say we'll give u a raise but you are cutting 10% of your membership. Also need to reduce the reliance on gov't for jobs. Greece had 60% of its workforce in gov't getting paid too much...we don't want to be Greece.

I have ranted a lot in this survey and maybe not in the right spots but needed to express my opinion. On the other hand we have a great country and a awesome province to live in. The gov't is in a tight spot with the deficit you inherited from the previous party, but you need to run the province like a business and not as a gov't, think outside the box, start appointing people in gov't with life skills and experience and not just book knowledge or based on how many degrees they have. I don't envy you in your task for this.

Home retrofits to build solar passive, net zero and net positive green homes, commercial and institutional buildings.

Solar investment plan like in Germany. Tax electricity to pay for it and create many jobs with installations and maintenance of these systems.

Oil and gas compliance commision. Leaking pipe lines and bugged up fracturing operations are about the worst thing going now a days. Pay for it through oil and gas production royalties like the other provinces. There in a huge reserve running across southern Manitoba. Cha-ching \$\$\$.

Dental care from adding 1% to sales tax. Too many people never see a dentist because of the cost when you're uninsured.

More money spent on mental health, have more supports in place. Have more support for addictions programs, clinics especially in youths. Little kids, little problems...now adults, bigger problems.

There should be a program out there that helps support service animals for persons with disability to help those individuals pay for things they need for the animal. Eg: food, treats, Veterinarian visits, After all the person needs these animals because of a medical condition.

What would you start providing and how would you pay for it?

Responses

No, we need a time of consolidation and sustaining. Look at that once you've stabilized the fiscal. Re-capitalize hydro and stop the fear-mongering in the public - do not bail them out.

I would teach all government employees how to be efficient and fire all those who are not performing. Limit large pensions.

I don't think the province is in a place to add services. There is so much room for improvement in existing services.

Base income for all

Help Manitobans feel comfortable withdrawing medical treatments from their loved ones through DEPRESCRIBING initiatives, and by better communicating advance care plan prior to life threatening/chronic debilitating illness.

More investment in primary care health team members paid for by stemming the increase in fee for service tariffs. RNs LPNs and NPs can provide many services physicians provide at lower cost. Physicians will argue it is unsafe. Stand up to the fear mongering. I loved what the Premier said in relation to the Churchill port: we do not respond to threats. Be prepared to say the same to physicians when tariffs are next negotiated. Defund or reduce tariffs for physician services no longer supported by evidence. Expect evidence to support all tariffs currently funded, not just increases.

Force companies and restaurants that sell disposable drink and food containers to implement a return policy using deposits so the containers are returned to the establishment for reuse or recycling. Users would pay for this program.

Why are we using reusable shopping bags but drink and food containers go into the landfill? Users are not paying for the lifecycle costs of their consumption. This is not fair to the rest of society.

Ensure that newcomers have adequate supports to integrate in Manitoba.

Would cut from Arts to help the mentally, physically challenged. Let's get our priorities straight.

What would you start providing and how would you pay for it?

Responses

Increase direct financial supports for Manitobans with disabilities on EIA. Also, create a tip line for government employees to report theft, ethical violations and favouritism at taxpayer expense.

Improve court processes in the Family Court to reduce costs and delays to the families

Guaranteed basic income. Eliminate current welfare benefits and replace it with a negative income tax that would top up any household income that fell below a certain cut-off. This mincome should be tied to inflation as not to render recipients as poor as before as time passes. The savings in eliminating the bureaucracy of the current welfare system would be substantial. It would also transform the current punitive system into one that would give people their dignity back and encourage personal growth. Incentives to work can be built into the delivery program. I understand as Conservatives there is often a knee jerk rejection of mincome, but in a rapidly changing global economy serious changes to our approaches are needed. Some prominent conservative economists, like Milton Friedman, favour a negative income tax as a way of caring for our citizens while restructuring a costly and outdated social welfare system. I strongly encourage the Conservative Party to seriously consider this option, perhaps by beginning with a trial project in a low income area.

Float a 5% stake of MPI, Hydro, invest in infrastructure. Enable further development of mineral, O&G extraction in western region

I am someone who wants less govt spending and I realize the public wants it both ways - more services, less taxes, but this survey gives me less confidence in Pallister govt than i had initially. I was not part of the NDP spending spree and blatant pandering to the unions and others, this survey is very misleading and we, the taxpayers, should not be expected to solve the Province's debt issues, not like this, with a clearly one sided attempt to tilt the scales in your direction- which appear to be to spend. And they say the public has spoken.

more services for those in poverty, such as a government run food bank

What would you start providing and how would you pay for it?

Responses

I'm not sure but I would leave the PST at 8% and use 100% of the proceeds to help pay down the provincial debt. I want my kids to stay in Winnipeg but if the debt and associated costs are out of control I wouldn't be surprised if they left.

Implement fees on businesses (inspection fees, permit fees). Increase set fines (common offences) to deter bad behaviour AND recoup the actual cost of the justice system. There needs to be a shift in the expectation of the public and businesses to maintain public order. The cost of services goes up when anyone fails to conduct themselves in a civil manner. We've shifted too far to the left that we don't reward those doing good, and we don't hold the others accountable or have any expectations or supports to encourage people to work for things. Add more help for aging in place, mental health supports. Increase wellness/empowerment programs starting at a young age. Get back to encouraging and rewarding "community" supports rather than government handouts. It will help people feel a sense of belonging and perhaps give back. Many great agencies out there doing fabulous work. Show people who currently are high users of the government services that if you work toward something, you will be recognized/rewarded.

provide more help for the disabled...

E G and S payments to all farmers ASAP

Decentralize Winnipeg based civil servants that are working on rural programs

Anything that assists with coordinating and simplifying programs internally, but only if it can be shown to create savings in the long run (I.e. Pay for itself + a bit). Not all government staff are stupid. I'm sure they've got ideas.

What would you start providing and how would you pay for it?

Responses

Life experience classes or workshops. Anyone receiving assistance should have to be actively trying to improve their living situation or giving back to the community. I understand that there are some people that can't even look after themselves, those aren't the people I'm talking about. I'm talking about people like me, that can't hold a job because their bodies don't adhere to a schedule, but can physically work for at least a part of most days. For those people, 2 or 3 hours a couple times a week they should be helping in soup kitchens, or if they're educated they should help with a youth drop in center, or teach informal seminars, or be an advisor to a youth development program, or whatever. If they like to cook, maybe make an arrangement to buy cookies or perogies or something off of a disabled person working from home and use the product to feed the needy instead of buying kraft dinner and sodium rich canned goods that lead to health conditions and cost just as much.

cut civil service salaries to save rest of budget

Nous ne parlons pas assez de notre deficit, combien ca nous coutent en "interet" a chaque annee. Ces donnees ne sont pas assez vehicule dans les media ? Exemple de cout le tunnel WAVERLY. Oui les gens attendent a la voie ferree mais je n'aurais jamais depenser pour ce projet. Vivons selon nos moyens,

Il n'y avait pas de case commentaire avec augmentation des impots. Nous devons taxer les plus nantis pour avoir plus de revenus.(plus de \$125,000 par annee). Avons nous regarder les depenses du gouvernement. Manitoba Hydro... est ce que nous savons ce qui arrive dans cette societe.

Free tuition for universities for those under age 25. Paid for by business as a deduction from taxes as a direct program investment. Low cost housing subsidies that are monitored and accountable for those in school or other training programs. Apprenticeship training support for trades, funded by the apprenticeship graduates who pay back into a fund a specific amount for a specific time period.

What would you start providing and how would you pay for it?

Responses

We are losing thousands of acres of our nature landscape each year in Manitoba to Invasive plants. At present the Province is not paying attention to this situation. If something is not done soon we will lose all of our native landscapes in the Province. Invasive plants will also make the Livestock industry in Manitoba unsustainable in the very near future. These lands are being lost for ever at an alarming rate.

Guaranteed annual income. This will be cheaper in the long run than the myriad of employment support and family support programs available in the current system.

Addictions support, raise taxes, or legalize marijuana and tax it.

I would give the disabled a bigger tax break so they do not always need to look for services.

I want the government to provide much more investment in protecting and restoring our environment. I want the government to invest in public transit and creating a publicly owned inter-city transportation system, I want Manitoba to provide free university and college to all citizens, I want better social programs overall and more money spent on mental health services. Revenue can come from raising taxes on corporations, cutting out corporate tax breaks, introducing carbon taxes and raising taxes on the wealthy, possibly some very modest income tax increases on middle class. Manitoba needs to create a liveable minimum wage that people can actually live on and provide a guaranteed minimum income to all Manitobans. Such investment actually saves money by improving social standards and living conditions thereby reducing a wide range of expensive problems that arise from socio-economic suffering and poverty in terms of physical and mental health, addiction, crime, etc. Invest in our environment, invest in our working class and those living in poverty and make the rich and corporations pay their fair share!

I would increase coordination between government departments which would cost nothing but could increase efficiencies and effectiveness. Justice, Families and health need to work together on larger issues.

I would start a provincial venture capital firm, funded by deductible donations

Put money ('teeth') behind the principles of the Caregiver Recognition Act which currently is only an ineffective policy tool because there is no funding. And honestly, I'm not an economist, so don't ask me how to pay for it - that is your

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Responses

job.

More licensed and funded daycare centres. Use funding gained from payroll taxes, income taxes, and retail sales taxes that putting these parents to work generates.

Start enforcing persons that receive unemployment are actually pursuing any work.

Senior compensation for hearing impaired. It should be a right for a satisfactory way of living. Other provinces have it...shame on Manitoba for not having any subsidies. I always thought Manitoba was THE PROVINCE of human rights and acceptable standard of living. I was wrong.

the poor need to be assisted in a way that they can live decently and safely and provide for their children, This includes both people on assistance, the under employed and people who are working at minimum wage jobs that do not allow them to have decent housing and food, Ignoring these problems results in children living in poverty, ending up in gangs, or dropping out of school etc - not becoming adults who contribute to the economy but instead are a cost to the economy. Invest in families and children, Money invested in families returns immediately to the economy, Improve your record at forcing men to support their children. To many women and children on assistance or who are struggling are there because fathers continue to get away with not supporting their children, therefore the rest of us do so. Tax the people at the top of the system, your tax system assumes a person making well under a 100,000 is living the high life Start doing something to capture more taxes from the truly wealthy and big business. Lower taxes for the middle class.

Provide direct capital funding to small businesses to grow the economy

I would make make government the most efficient business we have. You are using tax payers dollars and the amount of waste in government programs/services is astronomical. Other industries have had to become more efficient to compete - why shouldn't government have to do the same thing. Yes it will mean job cuts but technology can improve processes and allow for more efficiency and higher productivity.

What would you start providing and how would you pay for it?

Responses

Provide universal basic income, Tax free \$1500 per month for every adult over 18 and \$750 for children. Then eliminate all welfare programs, food stamp programs and other like services. Save money there and give everyone regardless of their income level the amount I said. This will allow everyone to spend more and do better. Everyone can afford to put a roof over their head.

A complete diversionary framework to ensure the mentally ill would get treatment vs jail. Increase funding for problem solving courts in the Criminal Justice System and the Child Welfare system

Increase new immigrant work training to use their school credentials from where they are originally from.

Credits to support environmental innovation. Remove subsidies from industries that are inherently non environmentally friendly

Providing more tax breaks and provide more income for all seniors regardless of income. MB has one of the highest taxes. Seniors will start moving out of the province if nothing is done to protect them. Taking programs off the backs of the seniors increases health issues, housing ability and the list goes on.

Vehicle Air Quality testing (similar to BC), would be paid for by dividends from Autopac + Annual/biannual testing requirement included into insurance payment (e.g 35\$/every two years for a vehicle newer than 5 years, 25\$/year for vehicles older than 6 years) plus permits required for vehicles that fail inspection under a temporary exception pass to provide x number of months to repair vehicle to emissions standards

More subsidies for 55 plus! The same benefits as welfare recipients if he 55 lush are working without benefits ! Pay for it by making companies who hire only part time with no benefits pay into a fund! Or pass legislation making companies pay benefits to part time employees

A provincial recycling program similar to SARCAN in Saskatchewan. The bottle deposit system largely pays for itself. Gives the disabled jobs. Saves the environment.

What would you start providing and how would you pay for it?

Responses

I think we have enough on our plate right now, we need to review all these programs and really see where we are getting value. Too much money is being handed out with no accountability or follow up to see how it is being spent. We need to start being more accountablePLEASE!!!

I would not add services until assessing existing services, consideration should be given to the delivery model of services and updating the province's approach to service delivery. For example, the province collects fees for various things like licenses, applications or other things ... many departments still only accept a cheque and do not have the ability to accept or process electronic payments. Departments often individually have to arrive at their own processes for and procedures for such things which would include developing their own internet portal for payment processing and or having a front line presence to receive payment. I would suggest the public would be better served and it would be more cost effective if there was a single portal for the public to access any service or pay any fee, license or registration.

More on the job training for a middle class population. More flexible work arrangements to accommodate parents and handicapped workers.

I would leave the PST as it is, I didn't like the NDP increasing it but most people don't really care anymore. Increase our personal exemption limits so people have more money in their pockets to spend. Do something radical with child welfare spending - all this money and the problem continues to worsen. Do not institute a carbon tax - this is nothing more than an additional GST and Trudeau is going to crush us with that.

Flood market with doctors. Their organization like to keep numbers low, so in demand. Assist people with the marks to go on to become doctors. Costly on the start, but as there are more. The law of supply and demand. Their wages and costs would go down and people would receive better and faster treatment. Also have all areas in health care work 24/7. People get sick in night and weekends. Referring to mri etc. They should have to work 24/7. If they don't like those type of hours they could flip hamburgers at macdonalds or greet people at Walmart. People get sick day and night and on weekends. Those services are needed and would cut down the wait times. It is a case of the inmates running the asylum right now. Oh they want Monday - Friday 8-4. Sickness does not work that way.

What would you start providing and how would you pay for it?

Responses

Address indigenous issues with a goal of finally doing something, Manitoba has ignored our indigenous population and shamed them, provide resources to them to rebuild families and get real careers, not jobs, careers

Does the Province have any/partial jurisdiction over waterways like The Red. & the lakes? I would think they could use help. Did you know that Lake Manitoba only allows fishing in "winter" months. That seems strange.

Depends if you are going to govern from the right?

I would show & promote leadership for the private sector. After 16 years of NDP rule, it's about time.

BTW - I think you're in a no-win sitn on taxes

I would look at repatriating any provincial debt back into Cdn dollars. I think our \$ is weak

-Raising the PST & Income Tax could be political suicide.

Open a center that was regulated by the province however the parents of the children in the center would be responsible for working the center. like a user fee. In a 2 week period you as a parent would be responsible for working 1 full day at the center with no pay. The savings from daycare fees would out weight the loss of one days pay. no need for subsidy. More centers could be open as there would be less overhead costs.

Increase programs to support Indigenous communities and families.

FIND EFFICIENCIES, STREAMLINE, BUNDLE, REPLACE COSTLY PROGRAMMING WITH MORE EFFICIENT PROGRAMMING. DETERMINE WHAT WORKS AND WHAT DOESN'T.

What would you start providing and how would you pay for it?

Responses

Reduce the literally millions spent on air travel for Northern patients by providing mobile services such as MRI, and increase cancer treatment options for non Winnipeg residents. as someone who has had to travel fro treatments, the cost to the province for travel was ridiculous, it has to be easier to fly specialist to Northern hospitals twice a month for appointments. Winnipeg based health care is costing the province millions on travel for non residents, this should be looked at as priority, the saving would be incredible.

Basically, reduce the leave the income tax as is, increase sales tax slightly on certain luxury items, (cars, boats, so called toys), increase or institute a tax on higher end homes, (over 1 million), concentrate on trades training, remember the North exists.

I WOULD SUGGEST RAISING CHILD CARE FEES BY 1.00 A DAY FOR FULL TIME CARE, AND THEN THE OTHER RATES, 6.30 FOR 1 PERIOD, 8.90 FOR 2 PERIODS

Need to subsidize rural internet with lower taxes or something. The rural people (kids) are becoming at a disadvantage, almost forcing people to move into urban areas.

Daycare spaces to help young families. Basic minimum income program rather than current welfare system. Basic income level would mean more money actually in the economy circulating rather than a few people keeping and taking money out of the system.

Free ambulance service program.

We have too many unhealthy Manitobans and too many children in care. We should support projects that demonstrate the ability to promote healthy living.