

What services would you stop providing?

Responses

take a long hard look at arts funding. the province cannot be all things to all people. a slight reduction there is something to look at.

Entrepreneurship MB - this would be better served by the private sector (Ie North Forge).

Sector Council support - if industry finds this valuable, they will pay.

Higher Personal Income Tax for people with an income over \$100 000. Even higher for over \$150 000 and \$200 000.

privatize MPIC, Privatize Lotteries. Or at the very least stop advertising MPIC, Hydro, crown corporations are to provide services, not to fund hockey teams, museums, police, traffic enforcement.

Not sure without an in depth knowledge of the services those programs offer. I would ask departments to self identify the lowest performing or lowest ROI programs and then work from there.

Reductive budget websites that do not foster an understanding of macroeconomics.

Manitoba Housing. These neighborhoods are the highest in crime and cause safety issues. Manitoba housing should only come into play when absolutely necessary...

Its hard to say without a list provided of current services. after so much time with the NDP i can be pretty sure that there are a lot of needless programs burning money right now.

Set strict requirements for the current welfare program. Include mandatory drug testing and proof of continuing Education/ Training for those on welfare (a credits system such as highschool) Where those on welfare earn credits by attending Job Fairs, Seminars and conferences. Seminars and services such as building a resume, basic typing skills etc. could then be offered and

Please do not stop government services. Everybody benefits from services at some point in their lives, including politicians.

Weather, mining taxation, employees using government vehicles, freezing general hiring and all executive positions be reclassified.

welfare, stop aiding immigration in any way until we balance the budget and pay down our debt . We live in a capitalist society, you either sink or swim.

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the justice budget is over blown and significant cuts could be found there. We do not need to house non-violent criminals, many who remain in custody due to combination of substance abuse, mental health and the effects of poverty.

I would focus on the core responsibility of a provincial government and cut all extra services. If people want these non core services they should be willing to pay out of pocket rather than asking the rest of us to subsidize them.

There was a time when I would staunchly favour slashing of certain Government services but while that saves us in the short term, I believe it eventually does more harm than good. Unfortunately I've seen it in other Provinces.

Reduce head count of high level administration of all government agencies, redundancy and nepotism needs to be eliminated.

Trim the fat. Management.

there are services

Incentives to private sector. Public funds should not be used to support the private sector not business.

none that i can think of

1. Stop funding to all organizations that do not make expenditures public, especially not-for-profit organizations

2, Stop all discretionary civil servant spending until out debt burden is under control

I would look at what is being funded and pool the monies and make a leader/expert in a certain service. Take away funding from other places that have that as a mini-service (usually these places are not doing it as well anyways) and fund a centralized service where people could visit the experts in that field.

Stop allowing government officials and employees from having high end cars and trucks and instead have lower end transportation.

Cut off special interest groups. clawback child benefit for people on govt. assistance..

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All and any grants to private business. A 90% reduction in all government advertising, there is no need for it. A person would need to know all the services offered to know what to cut. And I do mean cut. Government will say it's not their role but a stop to all hydro expenditures. Hydro users are already paying the price for these foolish decisions. Stop to MPI advertising and support for any corporate entity like the Jets. It's my premium I pay for insurance not advertising. No government monies to multimillionaire sports entities under any guise. This is not an investment it's an under handed subsidy.

Welfare to people that are capable of working. The job bank is full of jobs for people to work. If a citizen loses their job and is collecting EI insurance, they are expected to take courses and apply for jobs so they can continue to receive EI for a period of time. But we will hand out money to people that have no intention of ever working. I'm fine with those that cannot work for a health or specific reason, but there are plenty of individuals collecting social assistance that can be working for the same amount that they are collecting from tax payers

quite advertising what your party is doing in government. I get you want to be reelected but quite tooting your horn at taxpayers expense.

Any services non profits could easily handle (soft programs) like 4 H, community development seminars, women's rights education. Support with small grants.

I need a detailed list to make these choices but at minimum cancel all hiring and start reducing staffing. Manitoba has far too many civil servants for a small population base. reduce the overly generous benefits gov't employees have. if it needs a prolonged strike that may be necessary to get it done.

lots of minor initiatives that tie up human resource capital and fiscal capital but doesn't achieve any real outcomes - eg Women's Institute, Wildlife Mismanagement Areas, horse racing commission, etc

ELIMINATE TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR ALL RELIGIOUS BUILDINGS. THEY SHOULD ALL BE SELF SUSTAINING. ONLY SPEND WHAT YOU COLLECT IN REVENUES.

Just get smart and stop wasting money. for example, combine social programs and reduce bureaucracy, red tape and the size of gov't. Give people a safety net they administer (make it reasonable and effective) but incentivize them to work. Use the savings to invest in peoples potential.

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Start. Does fire dept. and paramedic and police all need to show up at the scene. There is no need for 2 police per car. Cut over paid hydro worker. I wish I have 2 day.

Bipole 3. Rate payers cannot afford it.

Charge market rates for cabin lots in provincial parks, both purchase price and annual leases

i'd eliminate any tax breaks given to high income earners. I would NOT touch any social programming for community renewal.

High politician salaries. Reduce salaries by 50%.

Manitoba Public Insurance - Private industry can do this. Liquor Sales - Private industry can do this. Medical Services - Private clinics can cover some medical needs. Hydro - Sell it. If our rates are going to keep rising, at least be able to tax the revenue and prevent future governments from using the organization as a job creation tool. Reduce all services by an equal % that would bring the budget to a 5% surplus. Use the surplus to pay down existing debt. Use the sale of government organizations listed above to pay off existing debt. Use debt servicing savings to pay down the existing debt. Grow industry to create growth and increase your tax base. Manufacturing and tech services could be lured here with low power and tax rates compared to other provinces. Cut MP and senior government official salaries by double the cut required to reach the 5% surplus. A token gesture with little savings but would set the tone and example with dollar values that the average citizen can relate to. Your scales above do not allow for a reflection of an across the board reduction in funding for all departments. My budget would reduce taxes, eliminate the PST increase, create growth, reduce our debt, prevent future government from using crown corporations as political tools while attracting competition and industry and improving service, competition, rates and improving citizen choice while still allowing for government to collect tax revenue. Private clinics would reduce funding pressure on health care and might actually reduce wait times by taking those who could afford to pay out of the line.

I don't believe it should be the role of government to try to solve every problem whether real or perceived. I can't name specifics, but there are many current positions that add no value to the citizens of Manitoba

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I support the value for money audit, but the method of evaluation should be based on a systemic view. Programs that support training and development are critical as the economy evolves (to ensure Manitoba workforce is prepared to succeed) and save money down the road in welfare costs. Be strategic, not ideological.

Definitely would institute a change to the Provincial employees pension plan by introducing a defined CONTRIBUTION pension plan to all new employees and stop the defined benefit plan while grandfathering in the present employees.Place a freeze on new hires for two years while we review the roles of departments and how we can be more efficient and save tax dollars.

Look at reducing service days possibly and reducing payroll costs if possible?

I do not have enough knowledge to offer any comment on this.

I can't help noticing that criminal justice isn't included on the survey. If we could somehow think of ways of reducing rates of imprisonment, that would be good. Perhaps look to the Netherlands, which has been closing prisons and crime rates simultaneously for a while now. Prisons are a terrible--necessary, of course--but terrible way to spend money.

For the time being while the Province is running such high deficits, programs/services must be cut back to primary CORE services. Citizens must learn that they will have to stand more on their own two feet. Rent subsidies, Child Care subsidies, School Tax Assistance for 55+ are some of the subsidies and services that should be reduced. This will allow the province the time and funding to recover from the "deep hole" of debt that previous governments have dug for the us.

Film Classification Board, Sport Secretariat, Shrink Municipal Relations, Shrink Civil Service Commission through attrition, cut provincial contribution to Winnipeg Police

Too much money going towards social services, welfare, etc. This is the area to take a hard look at. Significant amount of tax payer dollars that benefit relatively few. There needs to be incentive to work rather than collect government assistance. Government cannot be responsible for every facet of people's life and that attitude/culture needs to change.

most social services.

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An in depth review of all government agencies and services including committees, commissions and regulatory boards

Numerous grant programs to special interest groups. privatize the liquor commission

Government should be involved in public goods. Gambling is not a public good. Liquor is not a public good. Marijuana is not a public good. IGF Stadium is not a public good. Automobile insurance is not a public good. Bridges, roads, educated residents, healthy citizens are public goods

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

public transportation

Do cost-benefit analysis. Cutting programs is the only way to permanently cut cost.

streamlining and efficiency. devolution of services to service providing agencies.

Not until value for money is determined

No other place to put this. Government should stop aiding companies that lay off staff. Companies are reducing staff and paying themselves bonuses this needs to stop. Really if your most important asset is your staff, most companies state this, then why do you cut your assets.

This whole survey is based on the idea that we must not run deficits. That is in fact NOT true and is only one ideology. Therefore the options available in your survey are skewed, misleading, and not telling the whole story. Keep steady on course, assist in economic development of green initiatives including Manitoba Hydro. Do NOT sell out Hydro, as this is basically Manitoba's oil of the future. In time as society depends more and more on green energy Manitoba's budget and deficit positions will balance out.

The following Government organization seriously need a make over, looking into size, productivity, efficiency, EFFECTIVENESS, and pay scales .Welfare, housing, Residential Tenancies Act, branch & Commission, Education & Health (to name a few).

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We're in over our heads financially. That means painful decisions. And not necessarily programs/services removal, but reductions may be needed even if only temporarily. We need to get on better footing. In our personal budgets we should not overspend and we should wait if we cannot afford some desired goods. The government budget is no different. We need to really prioritize based on what we have the financial ability to do. We need to be responsible...and that attitude of responsibility needs to be more than just within the legislative walls...the citizens must adopt a great sense of financial responsibility. At the end of the day, its our money that being spent. Perhaps there needs to be some effort put into greater education of the citizens. Help Manitoban's understand the fiscal responsibility we all have in these matters. I think this sort of website is a good start. It gets you thinking. Hopefully many people will come onto this site and work through this.

There are a lot of civil servants. You can limit some as well as their guaranteed cushy wages (above average) and extra perks (great pension) that the majority do not get access it. Investigate their sick day usage, no cash out benefit.

Cease funding of major transportation infrastructure projects that directly support suburban and exurban sprawl in the capital region. For example, the Waverley underpass, the Marion overpass, and Kenaston expansion, and the interchanges identified in the Manitoba Capital Region Transportation plan.. Conversely, continue to support and potentially redirect a portion of savings to infrastructure support for renewals, other improvements, and for alternative transport such as active transportation and rapid transit.

grants to arts until the budget is balanced,

BC and the maritime provinces are good role models. They've been smart with resources (BC) or forced to let go of certain functions.

There are many instances of duplication of programming that should be eliminated. Lots of indecision in health because no one wants to be held accountable for decisions

MLCC retail, PST processing

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I would reduce the benefit packages and inflated salaries of government worker. For a have-not province we should not be giving our money away so freely. Unions were created to improve poor and dangerous working conditions. Public sector unions are taking advantage and manipulating politicians. Government jobs should not be the most appealing jobs in the market. Yet private companies cannot afford to pay those wages or benefits. How can a province like Manitoba afford it. We cannot. The one inequality that ppl do not talk about is the difference in salary of ppl in the public vs. private industry. Also thank you for reversing the school tax being paid by seniors, that was insanely stupid.

Funding for special interest groups eg Cultural.

The Welfare system should be completely revised to eliminate able body people from collecting as a passed on from generation to generation way of life. All able bodies should be forced to do some real work for there money. (no work no pay, no more freeloaders)

Pretty much all of them that cost more than they make.

Too many freebees. Everyone has to start pulling their own weight. Government tends to create entitlement. I would also privatize MPI, Liquor and encourage more walk in clinics.

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Responses

Though I would not stop Child and Family Services entirely, I would take a very hard look at the outcomes and re-design it from scratch. I don't think you will find anywhere a program that spends so much for such meager and heart-breaking results. If the only goal is merely to keep children alive, then it is mostly a success. But if the goal is to offer each child an opportunity to realize his/her potential, it is an unmitigated failure.

When foster care proves to be as abusive and dangerous as the home of origin (and such cases happen too frequently), when the group homes become recruitment targets for gangs (as any child and family services worker can attest), and when "treatment" centres do not have a clearly articulated and formally dispensed treatment modality, complete with ongoing training for all its staff, you should realize that the investment that government is making is in employment for the lower-middle class of workers, not for the alleged "clients" of the program.

If any other program in government had such a dreadful history and such poor outcomes, it would have ceased to exist fifty or more years ago; however, the political investment in this outdated and inadequate fixture of our society is so gigantic that no one wants to touch it.

In a world of sound bites, no one seems to have the attention span or the patience required to sift through the complexity of such issues as child protection to investigate the methods and costs of alternatives, such as addressing causes. We will doubtless have the problem of child abuse and neglect well into the future, but strategies to address causes would have an ameliorating effect on the numbers.

arts funding , or any funding for special interest groups until the debt is reduced

Sell government run liquor stores. Sell MPIC and open up to other insurance companies. Sell MB Hydro. Sell any remaining interest in MTS, if they still have it. Pay down the debt!

What services would you stop providing?

Responses

Any programs or services that do not directly benefit citizens. Any that are deemed wasteful & those that do not encourage citizens to innovate, work and to contribute to society. I would also increase the PST, as this is a consumption tax, and I can control what I consume & how I spend my money.

we need to grow business to increase revenue....

Stop holding people in correctional facilities for minor crimes and encourage more community based rehabilitation, such as the Aboriginal Justice Strategy, which I think is primarily used in BC, but I could be wrong.

(<http://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/fund-fina/acf-fca/ajs-sja/index.html>). This might require a change in funding, or maybe more funding, so I'm not sure about the numbers, but I think it's a very important idea to pursue in Manitoba.

Elections Manitoba should NOT be enumerating all residents. They should use the Federal List which would save considerable funds.

Any services where there is duplication between the different levels of government. Education is a provincial responsibility, fund it and get it off my property tax bill.

whatever can be done more efficiently by others, Government role is regulation and finance of public benefits. It has no need and is always inefficient in delivery of services

I'd leave that to you. Would start streamlining processes and reducing large salaries where possible. Potentially look at providing pensions based on something other than best years. Maybe something in line to a pension based on what you earned as you paid in.

Close down the Government monopolies on gaming, alcohol and auto insurance and license/tax the private providers. This whole plan would be really horrible for 5 years but would be getting better in-time for the next electoral cycle. Better yet change the legislation to have the next election after the economic emergency is over in about 10 years. By then we would be the place everyone in Canada would want to move to instead of away from. Allow big money foreign investors to buy their citizenship like they do in Quebec. Use the money to pay down the debt. Who cares if they live here or move else where. We can't continue with a work force of 500K and a population of 1.5M, the math doesn't work.

I have no idea. I'm sure there are some we can get rid of.

services that only benefit the private sector.

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If persons are on welfare, they must do something to help improve the city or community. Unless those persons are physically incapable of doing that....

Go back to basics for Child and Family Services costing \$500 million annually with no end in sight to address issues. There is no reason why we need dozens of indigenous agencies that have not shown any progress.

Get out of retailing alcohol

Privatize Manitoba Housing and/or reassess rent to actual market value, ending jobs for career middle and upper management poverty profiteers, and spend the money saved on Manitobans with Disabilities surviving on EIA, still providing rent benefits of 75%, with Rent Assist and the Portable Housing Benefit supporting others in need, giving people in genuine need a choice where they live, without the hundreds of union-fed middle men getting rich on the backs of those poor renter. Private the Housing Security Branch and end it's expensive taxpayer hobby toys that take resources away from renter in need (specifically multi-million dollar camera and alarm systems that don't work, expensive tenant locks that can only be changed by union employees, huge training and workshop/naul gazing kaizen budgets that favour only a few in upper management and their intimate partners/employees, who enjoy expensed lunches and suppers for weeks debating their hobby ideas). It's theft from the Manitobans who need the resources the most.

All expensive multicultural/diversity force-fed parades and projects. Celebrate, but don't subsidize failed cultures and their hobbies that don't support themselves. Essential services that benefit all Manitobans...

None.

I would stop providing business with a tax exemption of \$475 000. If a business makes a profit they should pay taxes. The NDP shifted the tax burden from the wealthy to the poor and middle class. Welfare could then be reduced (see point below) and savings found in the health budget from a healthier population.

Stop the cradle to death service expectations. Learn to,do for yourself again.

It is time that the general public stop paying for the enormous pensions, bonuses and benefits for the government, hydro and education sectors.

We are very concerned over the mismanagement of Manitoba Hydro and the increases in our Hydro bills- especially in rural Manitoba. We are on the path to become like Ontario and this will be devastating to all rate payers.

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All subsidies to businesses, instead I would apply tariffs to foreign competitors because it would increase revenue rather than spend public money.

Liquor and lotteries.

I don't see a need for the MLCC. I wonder if competition from free market car insurance would be more cost effective than MPI.

Services to EIA has ballooned over the tenure of the previous administration. Those need to be reduced to encourage independence with those mentally and physically capable of being productive members of society.

Workplace safety and health is over stocked with safety and health officers....reduce staff by 12-15 people! Save lots

I do not know all the services that government provides so I am unable to pinpoint the services that I would suspend.

Anything that's not self supporting

Advertising by crown corporations until budget is more manageable. Use this money to get the crown corp under better control financially or until investments improve. Review investments at crown corps.

I would stop providing MLA's with big bonuses and make them work for minimum wage since the PC government seems to feel it's not necessary to increase to help low income earners survive. Perhaps when they make 11\$ an hour they'll realise a living wage which would allow Manitobans to live above the poverty line is better for everyone. Happy employees make happy businesses. Happy people who aren't choosing between rent and food spend more, mean more taxes and more money. That many MLA's making that much less will also balance the budget in no time. You can all afford to suck it up for a year since you feel it's OK for all of us to suffer.

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La raison d'être de tout gouvernement est d'être au service de la population. Nous mettons notre avoir en commun pour qu'il puisse servir la population (toute la population), pas seulement les riches.

Il y a par contre des moyens de consolider certains services. Ou de repenser d'autres services. Par exemple, en réduisant les temps de prison pour des crimes non-violents et augmentants les peines qui doivent être servi dans la communauté. Mieux accompagner les aînés et les malades chroniques afin qu'ils puissent rester dans la communauté, de préférence dans leur propre foyer.

Be smart in little things - even actual Legislature costs i.e. stationery

Civil Servants / MLA's / Staffers: do the vehicles have to be traded in at 100000 km, why not drive them twice as long. Would it really matter? IS there a need for a 'car service'? Can't the government use 'National Leasing' (an example) to lease their cars through like any other big business? Even a \$20,000 / year makes a difference.

Many of the social assistance programs are abused, I would like to see these departments looked at very carefully.

Stop funding events that call themselves "Art and Culture" but just promote LGBT or other lifestyles. Take a hard look at where this money is going. Privatisé Manitoba Hydro - they clearly can't manage themselves. Get out of the lottery business. If you sell lottery tickets charge tax on them, lots of tax to discourage it. I don't like my tax money going to casinos. Stop advertising for liquor, lotteries, and Manitoba Hydro. What is the point, there is no competition. There should be. Sell these entities.

Could you limit some hours of provincial businesses for example liquor mart hours could be 11 am-10 pm ? Cutting out 2 hours a day could save? How about Fridays off in summer for some non healthcare provincial services? (Like the Filmon Fridays) As a temporary way to help with deficit reduction?

No

Manitoba Liquor Commission and distribution. Government Air Services. Allow opportunities/tax incentives to establish private public schools and privately owned personal care homes.

I would stop offering family programs to working parents. That is simply a poor excuse for employers to under pay hard working individuals.

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We need to look into and crack down on the EI exploit some seasonal employees and employers...are taking advantage of....For example, I personally know of three employees who...will work four summer months and declare EI for the rest of the year by claiming they got laid off.

If any, it would be services that aren't being utilized or aren't required by Manitobans.

Air Services

Stop unnecessary refurbishment of casinos. It had been mentioned by the previous government that they needed to refurbish and update some casinos in order to attract more young people. It would be better if we did not draw a new generation of people in to casinos.

Eliminate tri-level government funded projects. These kind of arrangements only mislead the public as to how much of their money is being used on the project. It's better if one level of government will fund some projects and the other levels fund other projects.

Immigration and manitoba start

Firewood in the provincial parks, docking spots in provincial parks.

Many programs and services could be reinvented to have a more significant reach if innovative approaches to the existing services are developed using a cross-sectoral and provincial lens. E.g. workforce training could be enhanced in the province by cutting many positions and combining a hub of content experts with high tech professionals to create cross-sectoral/province-wide training and coaching (reduces redundancy, creates a more sustainable eco-system, and modernizes workforce development).

stop allowing crop residue burning = period. none. no more. then you don't need MB conservation to monitor the wind etc.

Any services currently not being utilized by many. Eliminate no-cost home care services for people in high income brackets (actually do this for all services) and meal prep and laundry services for those who don't require this service.

many of the small programs supporting special interest groups

Employment and Income Assistance. If no money comes in, people will have to find employment. If anyone older than 65 isn't working, it frees jobs for the younger generations.

Anything that costs me tax dollars

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Funding for arts and sports that are professional and whose players make more than the average Joe on the streets should be cut or eliminated. Government should be in the business of making sure that average Manitobans can afford housing and the ability to heat that housing, clothing, food and medical care.

reduce the size of government, fewer public employees, tougher contracts with the unions, less regulation, less interference, cancel Hydro's rash spending plans, scale back MPI to core insurance services, get out of the liquor business

Privatize mlcc.

The amount of hand outs in student loans (bursaries, lack of interest, etc) and training and employment funds

get out of child care, have a fee for doctors apointments

All govt services need to be assessed for ongoing need (enhance, maintain, eliminate). Analyze what services could be better provided privately/ on contract. What services can be partly or fully user pay. I used to work for govt for 30+ yrs and watched as administration got heavier, mid management expanded needlessly and when cuts occured it was at the service level, not the protected blubber of management. This must stop

I think Parents need to take ownership of their children and not look for handouts, perhaps live in a less expensive house etc.

I think that Education needs to be totally looked at for the true production of these children and that parents need to actively work together on building the opportunities needed. Why is the seniors paying for the current children that is totally not right.

I think that any company today needs to suck it up and run their business without looking for government handouts. I think the Government should discuss options with banks on solutions for borrowing, and I think that letting anyone have monopoly's is ridiculous and even banks should not have the power to link together and not be encouraged to open the lending doors more generously.

Health Care needs to be fixed and that is the bottom line, Allot of sick people who should not be sick tells me that the Health Care is not working right, it is a slave to the drug companies and that monopoly has to stop, time to fix that seriously and help to get people healthy. Stop letting food companies and drug companies make millions to billions for making the population sick. At least educate the

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population on what is killing them.

Eliminate

all grants and monies to small and larger business, including trade missions. all grants and monies to sports and cultural organizations. they should fund themselves.

get rid of most of our politicians jobs as soon as possible.

Get the hell out of the booze business for one. Government has no business in business...!

I would start with the A's and go through the alphabet, I imagine that I could cut and or reduce spending in many many areas.

None. I would just get rid of 2 or 3 layers from the multiple layers of upper management that the Government of Manitoba has. Salaries are always the biggest expense of any corporation. Would also put bipole III where it belongs - in selinger's butt. Also, stop subsidizing power-smart initiatives and other costly programs. Stop worrying about getting re-elected and make the cuts that are needed.

some services & programs are necessary, but many are not. There should be a list to tick off.

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convert all Government Employee Pension to match private sector (Cheaper)

I think its imperative to maintain the same services being provided thus far today to Manitoba Residents

A modern re-think of government responsibilities and deliverables is required first. This should be guided by a delivery by private enterprise objective. Only then can appropriate government services be identified.

Anything that is non essential. Also cut government involvement in Safe Work programs that are an absolute waste. Dismantle all green, climate change, save the earth programs. Cut the red tape. We have a planning dept.(government fund that could be cut by half. This alone would save us \$120,000 per year. If every municipality cut accordingly we would be in the black. Get serious!!

Although I can't be specific I believe all programs should be reviewed. I am living in a place where we plow our own roads, take our own garbage to the dump, contract our own road maintenance, manage our own road allowance. This is also reflected in what I pay for property taxes. We have to get off our duffs and start volunteering again like our parents instead of sitting in front of the TV or computer and expecting all services

Harmonize the RST with GST.

not sure at this time.

NOt sure, but make sure any money spent on services is being used the most efficient way possible and make the recipients accountable. Don't just throw money around like it is unlimited.

Not sure.

Start marketing Manitoba Hydro energy services to citizens at the same rate your selling it out of province. This would promote spending in the private sector, thereby increasing sales and tax revenues.

I only answered no because I have not had time to think about it. Given specifics, there are probably lots of services that are duplicated or outdated and unnecessary.

Child care funding.

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Day care. It is grossly overrated and fosters too many negatives (pandered children; children alienated from parents; care givers replacing parents (en loco parentis) and thereby impose their own morals; a false economy; demanding workers - salaries for doing what parents should be doing, inflated benefits); they are hotbeds of spreading lice, bed bugs, minor ailments like colds; children are much less well behaved.... The list goes on.

make rules for welfare recipients...like drug & alcohol testing before receiving their cheques

Anything that is duplicated elsewhere or is barely being used by Manitobans.

Our welfare and social services needs to be revamped to encourage people to work and no live completely off of social services.

Stop providing no-obligation income assistance. Able-bodied recipients should be forced to work, even part-time, in order to receive benefits.

Firstly, reduce the overall size and scope of the Government, right across the board, by attrition or what ever is necessary. Privatize Liquor stores. End all taxpayer funded subsidies to Political parties. Address the huge gap between Govt. workers Pensions and everyone else. New hires should be put on a less costly and risky plan. Stop wasteful reckless spending and when abuses are uncovered they need to be dealt with harshly.

Family Conciliation Services (or charge); revamp the Employment and Income Assistance Program to reduce dependency and hire investigators to mitigate abuse; reduce grants provided by MB Sport, Culture and Heritage (i.e. Arts council, Canadian Soccer Association); abolish rent controls over a phased period.

None, programs exist for purpose, of they fail to achieve said purpose then stop providing them. If programs are being exploited close those exploitations, such as putting a maximum time social assistance can be offered with a plan to slowly assist individuals off assistance. Programs such as MarketAbilities is a good example of something that could help people off assistance.

It's time that government stops running businesses and starts governing the province. Why is any government in business or have their hands in any business. Working in a government run place, I have never seen such laziness and over spending and nobody caring. MLCC, Hydro, Autopac, etc should all be privatized like MTS is. Let professionals run them, not governments.

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Responses

I would not stop Government services for people that honestly need them however, I'll be honest I suspect there are abuses' of Government services occurring in regards to the fact that Greg Selinger's NDP were in power for so long and I know at heart they are Bleeding Heart Liberals' who have a crony tendency to look after their friends and people that do favors' for them who they like! So I would be on the watch for welfare and waste and abuses of Government services! I am not close enough to the action to get a look inside however, I have been a bit shocked at having witnessed how some welfare recipients can charge travel expenses to the Government even to come and see a doctor!? I had never heard of that before until I was in a Government office and witnessed it! I am not saying it isn't needed, however I can see how things like that could be abused!

Cut every program that a regular educated person is capable of being self responsible for. It's time to privatize education, do away with stupid pensions for government workers that will eventually eat up a huge portion of the budget. I would also end property tax entirely on single family dwelling homes. That extra money would be re-invested in the economy and the sales tax revenues will be significant. Don't know why you can't look at how other countries, states, etc. do this and reap the rewards. Lastly, it's time to stop the practice of medicating people through the use of Fluoride in the water system. Not only scientifically has this been proven to be ineffective, new research has shown that fluoride is a carcinogen that cause cancer, and retards IQ in people. Maybe once people can have their full cognitive abilities back, health will improve, reducing the strain on the medical system, and even produce more great ideas!

It's not about stopping services - it's about finding out where the money is going and evaluate the return on investment. Are programs effective, efficient? Are there multiple agencies accessing the same dollars (incurring overhead costs) where services can be combined? Can services be bundled within the same agency making for a stronger delivery model for families.

I'm not sure what services I would discontinue but I'm sure there are a few that can be at least put on hold until we're back in the black.

Not stop, reduce or suspend

What services would you stop providing?

Responses

Leave minimum wage alone at \$11. These jobs aren't meant to be permanent, only a stepping stone. This encourages ambition and to move onto a higher paying job. And put the sales tax back to 7% because it was illegally raised to 8%, you did not have our permission to do this.

pensions

All funding to arts and niche social engineering intended only to buy votes. Good roads, good schools, good health care. Your work is done.

bus rapid transit. Also stop providing WRHA unlimited funds so they can hire more employees who are not qualified. I personally know some of these people and they think they won the lottery. They can't wait for retirement so they can return to their job or as a consultant and double dip.

I would start be cutting the bloated healthcare system and I would revamp social services. Money can be saved and frontline services need to be improved. To much money is spent on people who's jobs are pointless, they just make up stuff to remain relevant so they can keep their cushy govt job.

I don't think the Province has a choice, something has to be cut, and no beneficiary is going to stand up and volunteer.

There are too many groups out there asking for government assistance. If a company is viable then they should be going to a financial institution. The taxpayers of Manitoba are not a financial institution and we should not be lending any money or guaranteeing projects. There are too many taxpayers living from paycheque to paycheque

Stop internal purchasing of vehicles, office supplies, furniture, etc. Go to competitive bidding.

I would need to see a list, but there is undoubtedly fat to be cut.

All programs should be looked at and re-worked and / or eliminated. Also Federal wages should also be looked at as well as the continuation of the pension program. Employees need to not rely on government pension programs but on their own savings programs. Not many private sector employees are making the types of wages that government employees are and most private sector employees do not have pension plans which I consider a huge cost to government.

Cut down on Liquor and Gaming inspedtors

What services would you stop providing?

Responses

Stop providing the Stay in Manitoba work tax credit, but keep a tax credit that can be applied while still in school. The tax credit is only really helpful while students don't have much time to work. Once they start full time, it's not needed in the same way.

In regards to the name of the program - Residents are not choosing to stay in Manitoba because of the credit, they're staying for their families. It makes us sound desperate to need a tax credit to keep residents here. We should be proud to be Manitobans with our friendly accepting people, and small business-driven economy.

Excessive pensions

Decrease subsidies to resource extraction in general and fossil fuels in particular.

There are several areas with In the government departments that need to be fixed. Poor hiring practices the province is paying to train part time staff very few of the staff receive a full time status. Many of the staff remain on the partime list and continue to look for work else were as there is little job stability and when that person finds a new job because they don't want to wait for full time the province has invested that money and they have lost the employee. Several of the employees work full time hours but are part time for years this drives a rift in employees and creates a toxic work environment which leads to people taking time off work. Hundreds of thousands of dollars are being payed out for t several jobs thats could be streamlined or eliminated to save money. So many of the departments are management heavy and a savings could be found with a streamline work process.

there are so many government services that the province is responsible for. it would be helpful to have a list or at least a summary that we could select from.

What services would you stop providing?

Responses

I don't have any answers and suggestions for changing services and see how challenging it would be to complete the budget as I still have a deficit. I wanted to express the need for opportunity for people with intellectual disabilities to be a part of our community and have the opportunity to have their own home or rental home. The need to close institutions in Manitoba is an important need for human rights. Living in an institution is no way to live life, have choice or rights taken away. This is no way we would choose to live so why are people with disabilities still living in institutions and not in the community where we all belong.

Many departments have too many managers, supervisors, etc that do the same job. This wastes money that could be used elsewhere.

Redirect health care access and funding to better models; away from hospital, nursing, access centre, and community physician high price tag infrastructures (salaries, overhead, benefits, pay premiums, duplicate billings, high cost billings) as all the other provinces have done. Why is this the only province that seems so resistant to valuing pharmacists and respecting their potential role in improving services, access to services, and at lower costs?

Most government programs for farmers and small business don't go to the people that need them, and have high administration costs.

How about stopping all these and improving infrastructure that will benefit all of us.

Any services that do not promote working for a living. Would set up work programs and tell people that they have a choice as to what they want to do for their cheque be it anything from picking up garbage to helping in daycares or schools or fixing roads. Make people work for a living and maybe they will want to do better eventually and get better jobs and pay taxes like the rest of us.

Cut EIA benefits for people who have sufficient liquid assets and resources. We've gone from being a program for those in need to a program where everyone can be found eligible. Disabled qualify with \$200,000 in liquid assets, and families can apply with up to \$16,000 cash in the bank which many working people including staff don't have on hand. MarketAbilities should be means tested for tuition funding.

Government needs to be involved in health care, infrastructure, and education at the provincial level all other services can either be cut back or eliminated.

What services would you stop providing?

Responses

GST - it is mainly collected by the people who use it for their paychecks - and Not for Health care

I'm tempted to say stop the legislature but that is silly...Please stop duplicating services. Even if that's how it's always been done, it doesn't make sense.

I would likely both add and stop programs depending on results of an efficiency vs benefit audit. I would require that people on welfare, if capable, take educational training to improve their lot in life. Offer a smaller amount if they refuse. Leverage incentives with industry, other governments to pay for additional costs. Eventually dividends will return. Why rent when you can buy?

Stop paying out civil servants who choose to leave with huge amounts of money. No other normal person gets that when they leave their employment unless it's for unjust dismissal. Ridiculous.

A good chunk of the monies from Neighbourhoods Alive! that fund service organizations, such as the half dozen Renewal Corporations in the province, although probably something like that should be kept in place for Northern Manitoba, from The Pas to Churchill and some First Nations communities and their woes.

Small insignificant grants like Mainstreet Mb, grants to ag societies, add these dollars to the larger pot and give substantial grants, or fully grant what a municipality asks, not just a portion of the request

Welfare, housing.

Emergency grants. If there is a forestfire, tornado, flood then help the people, but don't pay for them to rebuild. Not even a portion. Let the insurance industry deal with those risks not tax payers.

stop funding new programs until existing ones are stable, do annual/bi-annual review and eliminate programs/services that aren't fully utilized.

Subsidies or Funding to the museum of human rights!

The government is not there to take care of people who don't take care of themselves.

EIA - by way of negative income tax.

Child welfare payments and family welfare payments

What services would you stop providing?

Responses

Basic Personal Exemption: if this is to be indexed to inflation and brought to the Canadian average as the new provincial government has committed politically to do, then this will result in lost revenue. In order to make up for this lost revenue, new upper income tax brackets should be created at say \$90,000/ year and \$125,000/ year. Currently the top tax bracket in Manitoba is \$67,000/ year....If people can afford to go south for a holiday or to a Jets game they can afford to pay a bit more tax to make targeted investments, as per Make Poverty History Manitoba, so that we do not have poverty! The increase to the BPE will result in a loss of revenue. This revenue should be made up through the creation of top tax brackets so there is no loss in revenue, which complies with the balanced budget legislation. If not, the loss of this revenue will mean cuts to services people rely on, which is something the government is not explaining. If people knew this then they would not be as supportive of just a simple increase to the BPE....Also it is acceptable for governments to run a deficit as public spending levers economic growth. Even the IMF agrees with the Keynesian approach.

<http://www.businessinsider.com/imf-admitted-their-economists-were-wrong-2013-1> Currently private capital is sitting on money not spending to stimulate the economy so governments have a role in stimulating the economy.

<http://business.financialpost.com/news/economy/canadian-corporate-cash-hoard-rises-to-630-billion-in-first-quarter> Manitoba has been doing this the infrastructure money, which is good. But it concerns me that this government is going to cut revenue when we need that revenue for important, essential initiatives like ending poverty.

I would hange several. There are a lot not well implemented, like Entrepreneurship Manitoba, or parts of the Entry Program

Mpi

Increase jobs by reducing vacancy management.

Sidewalk plowing.

What services would you stop providing?

Responses

If we are funding any special interest groups those are the first to go. They can seek private money and if they are truly needed than they should have no problem finding private funding.

Stop with the old fridge program from Hydro and all the free insulation programs. its only costing money which drives up taxes and makes us dependant on this type of service. bring hydro back to being an energy supplier and offer reduced rates, after all our tax dollars have been paying for all capital projects and its unfair to turn around and charge the rates they are charging. at least it should be tax free.

Supply Manitoba first and focus less on exporting our energy to the US.

Consult with New Zealand government on how they fixed their books. I know they went to user pay for a lot of services.

government should stay out of the business sector

I wouldn't stop any, but I would decrease spending to some areas as previously discussed.

Anything that can be done in the private sector should not be done by governments

none

There are too many to mention . Welfare , child care need to be pared way back . There are far too many people taking from the system and too few contributing . Every able bodied person should be earning their own living . We are creating a socialist state where there is less incentive for people that are working to get ahead because the more they earn the more they are taxed to support those who feel they deserve to sit home and be looked after by the government .

Crown corps like MLCC and MPI should have private competiton. This would encourage leaner, more efficient businesses.

Low priority programs TBD

Cut off any programs specifically targeted at race, gender, or ethnicity. If the government is offering a program it should be open to all.

You should also get rid of the Property Registry. It's ridicules the amount of land transfer tax you have to pay and it's literally FOR NOTHING. It makes no sense paying all that money just because the government wants more money. It provides so service.

What services would you stop providing?

Responses

Stop providing subsidy for private schools, the private schools are not accountable for the funds they receive and its dollars that are spent on rich families who don't want to be part of the public funded system.

Welfare,

Day care.

Eliminate corporate welfare.

Stop offering financial incentives like free infrastructure or tax relief to successful large corporations... It's like paying a ransom for jobs.

Assurance publique du Manitoba. laisser ca a l'entreprise prive.

Welfare,

Day care.

Eliminate corporate welfare.

Stop offering financial incentives like free infrastructure or tax relief to successful large corporations... It's like paying a ransom for jobs.

Austerity bugets do noy work

I would stop the Basic Personal Exemption because if this is to be indexed to inflation and brought to the Canadian average it will result in lost revenue.

Subsidizing millionaires and billionaires (i.e., MTS Centre). Transferring money to businesses without hard evidence that it is helping the economy and Manitobans. And if you count "insulating developers from the full cost of their profit-making enterprises" as a service, then I would definitely do away with that.

I would stop Employment and Income Assistance program and change it to a guaranteed annual income that funds people to the poverty line rate. We would need a lot less workers involved in overseeing such a program. It would also reduce other government expenditures such as in justice, child welfare, health so it would be cost neutral to eventually cost recovery.

Stop putting so much money and resources into creating parks and protected areas.

What services would you stop providing?

Responses

Sell MB housing stock and develop programs with the private sector to increase housing stock for low income families. Sell off some government owned buildings and transition from the business of acting as a landlord and engage with the private sector to stimulate the economy. The Justice system, particular corrections and courts should be reviewed to avoid the significant numbers of remand prisoners and address Manitoba's disproportionate number of aboriginal people who are incarcerated yearly.

Perhaps this is a red tape issue: The "senior" rebate and assistance program are extremely confusing. They need to be combined into one grand application. Over the years the programs have been renamed, some eliminated, some added. The seniors don't know if they are coming or going anymore and many are missing out on funds they are entitled to (and let's be honest: some of our elderly are experiencing senior related illnesses, and literally do not know if they are coming or going) Example: the property tax school assistance rebate, the low income rent assist, etc (not even sure of the correct names anymore) Nothing is less dignified than a low income senior, trying to make ends meet who comes in for assistance and breaks down crying because they are so confused about all the applications. There is no reason to ask our seniors to experience this, when everything can be handled via the T1 Manitoba 428/479

T&R Payments

I am sure others have a better understanding of programs to stop.

Immigration services, limit the number of Dr appointments one can have per year

Would need to see a list of programs and services along with a description of what they provide, budget and outcome measures to prove they are worthwhile, along with the risks in eliminating them.

Criminal support services. Special interest group funding.

Take a hard look at some of the education programs within schools. Are they all needed? Plus, reduce subsidies to private schools. If people want to send their kid their should we all help pay? same goes for bussing kids to these schools when the neighbourhood school is down the street.

Also, take a look at some of the Health Care programs. Too much protectionism and costly programs. Can't be everything to everyone.

What services would you stop providing?

Responses

i'm less concerned about stopping services and more concerned about wasteful spending. we need "better spending". But, there are, in some cases, the wrong people making the decisions that they are fully qualified to make and they are doing the best they can but there is still some "waste" regarding spending. That needs to be shored up. This goes for every part of government.

stop supporting urban sprawl !! (South West Winnipeg - ugh. seriously!) focus on repairing/maintaining aging core infrastructure - the stuff that counts - the gorgeous buildings and structures which give our city character/culture/history

1. Manitoba has excellent MPNP for skilled immigrants. Manitoba can take a reasonable "processing fee" from the MPNP applicants in the same way as a federal government take.

Canada is so attractive for immigrants that it will not have impact on number of the applicants.

2. Free special services for new immigrants (language and professional courses, orientations and etc.) have not to be completely free. Participants has to copay reasonable part of these services. It will encourage new immigrant to better prepared to immigration in they own countries.

3. It is much more efficiently to give "grants for services" for new immigrants than to fund immigration organizations as Manitoba START and etc. It will be personal decision how to spend grants for adaptation in Manitoba. Let's move from socialism to capitalism, which is more efficient.

4. Above improvement, partially, will resolve the problem with new immigrants which decide, for some reasons, to leave Manitoba. They will cost Manitoba less than now. Additionally Manitoba government can ask to repay grants , they got, if they leave Manitoba in less than 3 years , for example.

What services would you stop providing?

Responses

Let's move from socialism (NDP) to progressive conservatism (PC), which is more efficient.

Health care facilities in all rural communities - need to make the tough decisions so that we can have health care services when needed. Keeping all is not cost effective and hurts ability to offer quality health care to resident of Manitoba.

political advisers for ministers on the tax payer dime. Political staff ought to be paid for out of party funds

Ones which do not provide any kind of return on investment.

What services would you stop providing?

Responses

I would create a link between welfare/child credit cheques and specific efforts. For example, if the children in the house have 95% attendance in school then the recipient would be guaranteed 25% of the cheque. Yard maintenance and upkeep including having a garden or community garden would result in another 25% of the cheque. Obtaining education and training in any area (but especially budgeting and nutrition) would result in another 25%. Finally, actively seeking employment would give the recipient the remaining 25%. This way the money is tied to effort and appropriate supports related to health and financial planning are made available. Every person has the right to feel proud earning money. Handouts do not instill pride.

I would have massive reform of the Crown Land...I would also be very wary of using government-sponsored money to develop things just because "they have them in X" province. Also, STARS needs a Helipad that has direct access to the hospital if it should be continued. Basically in healthcare, kill the bloat.

Cfs

Child care/provincial advertisements/promotional gimmicks/signs

Services that don't account for their \$, services that are in-efficient and aren't making use of grant \$'s wisely, Services that cost the same whether they see 10 or 1000 people. Stop the political misuse and involvement in who gets grants and what for.

There is a common saying that the government employees does very little work, and are well paid for it. There is obviously some truth to this. I constantly have friends who work for the government brag how little work they do, and how they could easily do the work of 3 staff members by themselves. They have to bring their cell phone charges in because it runs out of battery by lunch time from them playing on it all morning.

Manitoba Public Autopac Insurance.

Subsidies/tax considerations to professional sport.

Grants to businesses, professional sports, professional arts groups, Museum for Human Rights

Stop putting children in care and work with families. Stop putting so many in prison and use community service models. Contract out some health services especially day surgeries- such as cataract operations which are simple and can be done by clinics.

What services would you stop providing?

Responses

Giving money to reserves directly

MB Hydro rebates, example fridge and insulation. Items that get rebated should only be replaced when needed, and people should be willing to pay that cost to do so at that time. New is not always better

We need to re-evaluate the social assistance programs. Too much budget is being spent on it and it is not being used properly. There needs to be more and better regulations to ensure that this budget is used EFFECTIVELY and EFFICIENTLY. By doing so, the government can have more budget to use towards growing other sectors.

All prison rehabilitation programs, baby bonus add-ons (part of childcare/welfare), small business programs, and external economic bailouts

Welfare!! Artsy type programs

Eliminate all government advertising - hydro has no competition so no need to advertise, same as lottery, liquor, highway improvement signage, health authority, etc.

Tax breaks for the wealthy 1%.

STOP SPENDING MONEY ON PROJECTS LIKE INVESTORS FIELD.
Seriously the people that approach the province must see them as the biggest idiots. Create laws that keep the province out of "entertainment infrastructure". We are failing in so many other areas to incentivize more bread and circus for the masses. If the project can't fund itself without government help obviously it wasn't meant to be.

Any service that provides no net benefit to the province must be seriously examined. Both the city of Winnipeg and the province have had their credit ratings drop and unless people that run our government aren't grounded in reality we need to correct our government culture of mindless spending without seeing any benefits.

STOP THE POLITICIZATION OF HYDRO. Hydro is probably the one good thing we had going for the province but now with the new Bi-Pole project...Create laws that forbid the government from interfering with any hydro developments.....Hydro is for manitobans, it isn't for anyone else. Until we revolutionize electrical transmission we shouldn't be obsessed with exporting electricity.

What services would you stop providing?

Responses

All services need to be modelled in a way that includes an end to the need for assistance. If we do not work towards helping people find ways to be self-sufficient we will continually increase the number of people receiving the funding.

Housing credits.

None, the need in Manitoba is crippling, if you start cutting entire communities may collapse.

Decrease public advertising on TV. No TV Tourism Manitoba ads within Manitoba.

Discontinues self serving political party type ads on TV.

Corporate welfare.

Tax breaks and incentives to top earners

Increased taxes on high earners

Higher basic deduction and fewer business deductions

Sport culture and heritage

Cultural development is last on list. At a time when we had to buckle down it can be brought back when extra dollars available

what are they?

Subsidized housing and daycare.

I would keep the services but decrease the staff required to do the job. There are far too many jobs in Government that do the same thing and it usually causes more confusion and less communication.

I would cut some small rural hospitals. It is ridiculous to try to operate so many small facilities when there is another one 20 miles down the highway. These facilities are difficult to staff, difficult to recruit to, and are costing us too much money.

The low-income housing program as it currently operates allows for people to live off of government subsidization for too long. I believe that regardless of one's situation, individuals and families should NOT be allowed to live in subsidized/low-income housing for any more than 3 years.

I can't think of any right now but there are many duplications and I don't believe we use all the ones available- INFOsantÃ© isn't well used outside of Winnipeg,

What services would you stop providing?

Responses

Welfare

Stop paying out hundreds of millions of dollars to every crybaby that puts there hand out . If they don't work they don't eat . Plain and simple . At least drug test welfare recipients. Have them report to offices on a semi daily bases to make sure they are not drinking . If they are abusing the system cut them off . This alone will save a ridiculous amout of money and it can be moved to different sectors .

There has to be some kind of incentive for welfare recipients to go back to work .

All departments need to conduct a cost/benefit analysis of all their programs. For example, the birthing centre in St. Vital is extremely underutilized. Has the department of health conducted a comparison of the cost of delivering a baby at the birthing centre vs. hospitals. This needs to take into account all costs, including capital costs and opportunity costs. Can the facility be serve citizens if used to provide some alternative health function such as an urgent care centre to take pressure off emergency rooms. The same would apply to the quick care clinics. Are the cost effective or are they just taking business from other doctors' office and walk-in clinics?

Anything that doesn't generate revenue for the citizens of the province. Unfortunately we are in such a bad state of affairs we need to focus solely on tangible growth initiatives. Make sure you generate 2 dollars in revenue for every dollar spent. Back to basics and fundamentals. There seems to be too many special interests funding that doesn't enhance the economy or at least the ROI is so far down the path it's no longer an ROI

Time to remove entitlement from the vocabulary of certain regions. A more " I can do" attitude. The hand outs must stop and drive accountability back into the system

welfare to able bodied citizens unwilling to work

What services would you stop providing?

Responses

There are funding programs for small businesses, culture programs that need to be looked at. Are we getting value for the dollar the government gives them? I think sometimes the government gives money away, but doesn't follow up to see if they are meeting the criteria or contract obligations.

Any programs / services that can be provided through private means and where the risks involved would not effect private investment or be compromised by poor competitiveness (insurance, liquor, lotteries, etc.) Strong regulation and effective governance would still be required.

sorry not sure - but there must be a few that are used very little than can be deleted

I don't think any services need to be cut. There is currently a ridiculous amount of money being wasted with unnecessary staffing levels, needless computer/equipment replacement etc. An incredible amount of money could be saved if all government departments would take a serious look at it's internal expenditures.

Bring the arts and sports to schools and treat equally.. Less for one or more for the other. Prison reforms. Growing their own food. If they are healthy they have to work or lose tokens or something. Some kind of meaningful hard work. Educate themselves in the evenings. Movie nights and no tv. I can't afford tv or the internet barely. Have to choose one or the other. Board games and books is enough. If a garden isn't feasible then a service of some kind like building playhouses for schools or parks improving their communities giving back. Designing them creating from the bottom up. Maybe building tiny homes for the homeless.

Unnecessary grants.

I would stop using the civil service as a convenient and popular scapegoat on a sacrificial alter. If you REALLY want to ACTUALLY do the right thing, don't cut them...cut stupid things like lots of grants, and stupid ways government gets hosed by the greedy contractors. How freaking hilarious you are pretending like anything normal people say that doesn't go with your narrative would matter at all.

All of them

Government is still needed. We just need to streamline the red tape and get rid of old

What services would you stop providing?

Responses

Welfare needs more control and strict regulations should be followed: drug testing, proof of how funds are being spent, taking training to improve skill sets. There is too much abuse of social programs.

none, unless they are truly not needed, but not just to save money. this is a government, not a business. it is here to serve and better the people. stop providing funding to private schools and put it into public education

review all programs and eliminate the ones that have little or no return to the province and its people we have too much money just given away for nothing

The current CFS system with the focus on Apprehension of Aboriginal Children is NOT working. We are destroying children. WE are losing lots of HUMAN CAPITAL. HALF of the homeless in Winnipeg were once children who were in care of CFS. Children in CFS do not graduate, get involved in crime, become homeless, etc. etc.. Any business with such POOR outcomes would NEVER be allowed to continue. Nelson House First Nation has a great process- removing the adult with the problem from the home, keeping the children in their homes ...etc. They get GREAT results.

Preschooler in child care \$10,000/ year

Child in elementary school \$10,500/year...River East Transcona

Child in elementary school needing remediation avg. 20,000/year

MacDonald youth services... \$109,500 /year... using annual budget 2013

Youth in emergency shelter\$350/day equals \$128,000/year

Foster care for youth with FASD....as high as \$172,000 for 1 child/year

Incarceration male...110,000/year

Incarceration female... 140,000/year

HSC adolescent Psych unit... 1 teen as high as 476,325/year

What services would you stop providing?

Responses

Separate mpi from driver licensing. Shut down walk in clinics and open clinics that offer lab and xrayed facilities for primary treatment, easing the load on ER wards. Review school districts to reduce administration costs. Implement user fees on a sliding scale in Healthcare. Review pension and benefit plans of all public sector jobs.

Welfare, tax free incomes.

Government should stop paying for child care.

Stop running SOA programs and stick to basics. Let private sector get involved in partnerships or help determine if there's a better way.

It is not about ending services, but making them more efficient and what they are supposed to do. Services such as health care, education, EIA, CFS are all essential, but they could be better administered. EIA particularly has perverse incentives that keep people attached to their programs, even those that want to leave social assistance experience barriers that keep them there. Evaluate these programs on the basis of fact and evidence (NOT individual moral judgments).

Reduce size of the civil service

What services would you stop providing?

Responses

Government funding for day cares.

Get out of car insurance MPI, do plate registration and personal injury let private insurance in. Like Quebec.

Air Services. The private sector can do a much better job.

school trustees, department of sports, culture and heritage.

Transporting and paying for hotels for healthcare. Some social programs are not required. I've heard of university students who maintain a certain GPA don't have to pay to go school. Plus they are given money to attend. Ridiculous!

Not sure

not so much stop but fix. Another of concern is our justice system. Takes so long to get through the system - to what outcome- except a burden on tax payers. I know someone that has been going through the system for more than two years, current on house arrest. However the last three court times dates he show up and a new date set. All in the end of time served I am sure. Boggles my mind how much time it takes and in the end it doesn't seem to fit the crime.

reduce mileage paid and encourage more shared travel and accommodations to unionized employees

I wouldn't say I would stop them. I would change them to make them more efficient and cost saving.

Privatise Big Manitoba Housing and replace with direct supports, the private sector will buy and repair existing Housing stock.

Reduce funding to countless Registered "Charities" that are effectively jobs funded with public funds. This is easily identified by looking through the CRA website of listed entities, Winnipeg is ridiculous.

so much welfare for able bodied people

Welfare to drug abusers and to those who refuse to get jobs. Re-evaluate how much money is given for welfare. Drug testing for those on welfare...

Anything that has little to no positive economic effect. If it a drain it doesn't work. Remember, the government contributes nothing to the economy. It is private investment that makes a difference.

What services would you stop providing?

Responses

We simply can't afford to continue to provide all of the services that we currently do. Government needs to consider providing modern tools and programs via the internet, apps etc. Also, existing, in person, services need to be made more efficient.

Where are the costs that the Manitoba Hydro boondoggle represents? Surely that is part of this huge deficit. Also, MLA salaries and pensions need to be revisited.

Fleet Management and Radio Services

Cuts to everything

Transferring patients from up north for follow ups where telehealth can be used in nursing stations.. preoperative teaching appointments Airflights, hotel, boarding rooms, escorts will be the saving also.. iE orthopaedic follow ups that can be done by telehealth. Get stethoscope to telehealth assessments in northern facilities to assess all patients in need without the need to transfer to largest institutions.

I would sit down and deeply analyze what services are producing positive results that are getting the bang for the buck, otherwise I would sell them to people who could do a better job or cut them all together.

I would for sure look at things like welfare program. It is beneficial for some but abused greatly by others. There are plenty of jobs out there. Some just chose not to work because it's too easy. When working they dont use provincial money to live and support the province by payinv tax. I also think that as hard as it may be it could be time to completely restructure how we support our aboriginal population...I also strongly believe that efficiency starts at federal level. There is massive waste there and the costs funnel down to provinces. Citizens get hit on both sides.

School bus service

Programs that could be better performed by the private sector or non-profit sector...

Welfare, old age pension,disability

would have to look at it....

What services would you stop providing?

Responses

Aid to any Church services for example tax reductions. Churches are not a necessity in daily living. Communities can come together to worship in Community clubs, Schools, Legions etc. The religious housing has grown beyond their necessity.

Welfare, unless you passed a drug and alcohol test. If you pass a physical, you do menial jobs for the government.

Arts are not a necessity of life. They should be like any other business and support themselves.

I would not stop providing services, and it is a mistake to promise no tax increases when there are basic needs that government should be addressing.

Focus less on incarceration instead working on restorative justice. Any sports team subsidies. Oil and gas subsidies.

No more Well fare or reduce it, or remove the policy where they can choose to work less and still get the same. Not sure if that still applies but I've heard the stories straight from people on welfare/ assistance. They said if they work more than so many hours that they get less money. So they stop showing up for work to reduce their hours. This is horrible and the workplace can't fire them either for reasons. Hand outs are not good. Required work for pay as long as fit to work. Mental, medical, health reasons are understandable, but there is a lot of simple work that people can do out there.

Most of what Human Rights Commissions do - I rarely hear anything positive that comes out of those. And anything that promotes specific values just to be politically correct (e.g. gay values, transgender rights - let them be what they want but no need for the government to promote sexual behaviour or subjective personal identity issues that conflict with science). Transgender rights which Trudeau is advancing treats what is completely subjective as something we need to treat as objective, which is completely contradictory to the idea of basing laws, etc. on scientific evidence. Let's not have Manitoba adopt such futile thinking.

Maybe a few smaller ones that are not priorities. (HEALTH, EDUCATION and CHILD CARE are ALWAYS priorities)

I have no clue here, but we are losing millions maybe billions of dollars to online sales. The new generation do not understand that saving a buck will destroy their services in the future. We have to find ways of supporting our local businesses (see above tax)

What services would you stop providing?

Responses

Any that after honest outcomes-based review are under or non-performing or are accomplishing goals primarily not within their original or intended mandate.

Rebates for fitness programs on taxes. Manitoba Housing should be sold off and privatized. Get rid of the consultants who are hired to do work that government employees should be doing....

Need to let the public re-evaluate the programs not the govt, some programs i am sure are great but some I am sure could be deleted. Also re think the whole welfare system, it is broken and needs to be fixed, I am all for helping people out but that program is getting abused very badly.

Subsidies to businesses who are not innovating to save the planet.

Many of our provincial government departments are top-heavy, meaning that there are too many fat cats with large salaries/pensions at the top, and not enough employees actually delivering services at the 'people' level. Agencies need staff to monitor performance regularly, in order to ensure effective and efficient delivery of services. Too many bosses at the middle and top are an unnecessary cost that cannot continue. We cannot afford it to continue.

MPI/autopac, MLCC - government has no business in these industries and can actually improve revenue through privatization. MPI in particular is a huge waste of money, and a source of bureaucratic frustration to everyone forced to use them.

In recent years, considerable government funding has gone into building sportsplexes such as MTS Centre and the new stadium. These buildings represent enormous costs, and the revenue/economic stimulus provided by them is unclear.

reduce welfare, create a workfare system.

Manitoba Housing aND assistance living

Stop funding Film Training Manitoba. This useless program has been in place too long. Most graduates of any "Film-Training" end up taking their knowledge to different areas in Canada ,as there are NO POSITIONS OPEN in the local film community.

N/a

What services would you stop providing?

Responses

I think if anything the government needs to be leaned off, we don't need so many people running areas of our city and having huge incomes, people who are vulnerable and need help from the system like person's with disability need more funding.

Less policy control and political interference for regional governance structures like school divisions and health authorities. The bodies lack any meaningful authority to drive the change that they know needs to happen (i.e. school and hospital closures).

i would stop funding abortions.

I don't know enough specifically about provincial government services to give an educated answer

why do and MLAS need more raises than the regular people? maybe they should look at trimming their expense counts and being more accountable with our tax payers money.

Home cancer drug program needs a company for wealthy Manitobans.

I trust that government has better inside knowledge than I do. Please don't cut services that are important to families. I'm sure there are some functions and programs within government that aren't truly necessary. Eg why does government have fleet vehicles instead of negotiating good prices with existing car rental companies? (Assuming government still has a fleet).

Dismantle MPIC or severely downsize it and allow private insurers to compete with it.

Loans to private companies, reduce labour board, reduce spending by Manitoba Hydro, privatization of liquor sales, privatization of vehicle insurance, reduce amount of money given to post secondary institutions, they are very inefficient in providing training to our future workforce.

Cut support to large organization that can't make it on their own i.e Human Right building, Sports, etc. they are a business act like one. I do not see government helping mom and pop stores so why very unfair. If the think they are that good - then make money as you wish. Simple.

What services would you stop providing?

Responses

End all overtime for non-essential government employees. Investigate employees and departments whose overtime payouts exceeded 5% of their salaries and budgets over the last 2-5 years and have them return those taxpayer funds by either returning funds or unpaid time off work. When overtime is necessary, have it banked to take the time off later, not paid out. Enforce a hiring freeze for 4 years across the civil service. End unlimited paid training and personal development, investigate excessive training spent on individual employees, have them return the funds or charge them with theft.

Grants that do not require matching funding for non essential projects

Lotteries (where DOES the rest of that money go??)MLCC, any business venture that the private sector could do, privatize health care- check out Germany and other countries that have universal healthcare,

School tax credits. Living in a society where children are well-educated benefits everyone, not just people with children. (Savings: \$335M)

any subsidizing of large businesses/corporations, churches would not be tax exempt, no public funds to religious schools

Liquor stores, car insurance. I also believe there is a place for private health care also.

Stop Naloxone antidotes, people make their own choices. Stop access to EIA without accountability/expectations/giving back, stop serving inmates food that goes over the basic necessities (no "prime" cuts of meat, desserts, and other treats). Reduce general dependence on "government". The working poor feel they are not getting ahead. Receiving any type of government funding should include the expectation of repayment in some form, such as volunteer hours or community service.

Watershed management planning should be done a local level and shut down provincial water programs by transferr to municipal.

Also close many small empty old hospitals in rha's that are money pits..

Not sure what services but government needs to get less involved. Seems Manitoba relies to much on government and not enough on private sector. To many government workers...Let private sector look after some sections presently being controlled by government. NOT Hydro or MLL

What services would you stop providing?

Responses

Why is a core government department doing heavy truck registration and enforcement stuff when you have MPI for everyone else? Check out whether you can drop all or part of the fleet vehicle program (surely a rental company somewhere could lease vehicles to government?). Stop renovating government offices unless it's absolutely necessary. Reduce political staff & figureheads...everyone else pays enough already. Ditch any non-heritage owned government buildings.

Lower tax credits to families, lower senior management positions, rework pensions for new provincial employees

Not sure...but I'm quite certain there is room for improvement

The vast majority of the money spent on the social safety net goes to paying the outrageous salaries of the bureaucrats who administer these social programs (this includes CPP, social assistance, and Employment Insurance). A large saving of taxpayer dollars could be realized by eliminating the social safety net and replacing it with a negative income tax (also known as a guaranteed annual income), which is an idea promoted by conservatives such as Hugh Seagal. This plan would also boost consumer spending and the economy.

Assurance publique du Manitoba. laisser ca a l'entreprise prive.

Programs that eliminate motivation to advance the province at the expense of those that are doing just that. There are plenty of them.

None, just manage what there is now and stop the waste

We have too many programs that gov't cannot afford we need to slowly turn around the 17 years of socialism and convince people to become sel reliant once again. I know we have people that could identify a number of small programs that are not necessary.

Any services being provided to criminals in our penitentiaries. It's a growing concern how criminals are being provided better living conditions than most low-income families and homeless veterans living in the province.

any pensions for anyone before age 65

Every employee and program needs to be looked at. Privatisation is not the correct solution in a lot of cases but could be looked at in some.

Equal tax charges for everyone

What services would you stop providing?

Responses

Cut out corporate tax cuts and public subsidies to corporations and big business like oil companies. Reduce salaries of MLA's and the civil service executive, cut out wasteful spending on trips and conferences for government departments,

The Manitoba Liquor Commission should only serve as the "warehouse" buyer for products which can be sold by the private sector.

Reduce government pensions

Likely not at this time. I would focus energies on creating efficiencies first and then reassess

Put money back in pockets of people to decide for themselves what to spend it on.

Privatization of Manitoba Hydro and Manitoba Public Insurance

free for flights for northern reserves

Welfare for able bodied people. Workfare, if you can work you must clean streets etc etc. Drug tests to qualify for welfare. Decrease any "Arts" spending.

More info require

Conservation/natural resources/parks/ whatever it is called these days has too many supervisors and managers and not enough people in the field doing the actual work. Also is extremely inefficient in staff management and supervision.

Stop providing any and all tax cuts to businesses making over 1 million per year

Absolutely none.

Look to jurisdictions that have moved to privatization of some services and mirror those that are working well.

Welfare recipients need drug and alcohol testing to receive it. I have to be clean to earn their benefits. So should they

Stop listening to the Chambers of Commerce so intently. They do not represent the average citizen. Business is constantly complaining about taxes when they enjoy some of the lowest rates. There are far more citizens in this province than the C of C represents, Focus instead on programs that lift individuals out of poverty so that they can contribute to the economy. In my life I see people who have grown up in poverty or abuse who can not function in the economy. Investing early in children's lives is less expensive than assistance, mental health services and prison down the road.

Those wasteful small business "programs" and "centers"

What services would you stop providing?

Responses

Special interest and mpi

Modification projects, city beautification, funding for various unnecessary activities.

I think many of the services provided need to be streamlined and made more efficient - less managers, more people who actually do the work and give them more responsibility to make decisions. No government worker wants to make a decision - give them the power & the accountability to do that.

tech futures, entrepreneurship Manitoba, privatize companies office

Review third party supports. Eliminate a number of Tax Credits (Tuition Fee Income Tax Rebate, Primary Caregiver, Film, Digital Media, Family Tax Credit, etc.) and deliver programs like the Education Property Tax Credit through the income tax return for everybody.

Welfare or any free money has to stop just giving out money and not getting anything back. People on welfare or any free money have to start providing some kind of return service to the people of this province. Just sitting on their butt, waiting for easy money and not being accountable just make them continue for years and years without working or volunteer for anything back to provide for the communities in which they live in.

Funding to any/all religious services provided by provincial government

The Literacy Act is...motherhood and apple pie, no reason to legislate and would reduce program and staff dollars. Hive off apprenticeship programming back to the community colleges - government staff can't deliver all services and should be limited to legislative/regulatory and program design, period.

NONE! Short term savings in social programs hurt vulnerable Manitobians and will lead to larger costs later on.

Government programs are NEEDED to protect all Manitobans. Do NOT cut. Short term savings just cost way more later.

Liquor sales and casinos, we are only taking advantage of those who can least afford to gamble.

Advertising by hydro and liquor. How is it possible that 1 out of 5 employed people work for the provincial government.

What services would you stop providing?

Responses

All programs and services needs to be based on performance measures and targets to determine whether program objectives are being met. In addition discretionary spending associated with programming needs to be reduced, more innovative and cost effective ways of program delivery need to be examined. There are....also a large number of boards and commissions may of which could be consolidated. Also, should the government be in the liquor business or just a collector of tax from liquor sales?

Some of the age-friendly, wellness, resource centre soft services and change them to more medical transportation services, home supports and recreation centres.

Reduce the size and management hierarchy in every Department. Paying for degrees does not provide better performance.

All these newly opened healthcare places and that birth centre in St. vital. Waste of money. And serve no purpose

privatize liquor stores.

there are all kinds of WRHA funded charities that are run in a terribly inefficient manor. They ought to find ways to fund themselves instead of relying on tax dollars

Privatize liquor commission, continue to tax liquor but allow private owners to cut costs by letting the free market decide

Welfare to people who drink, do drugs and smoke cigarettes. If they feel they can spend money on those things then they're too comfortable on welfare and it needs to go. You want to have vices like that - get a job.

Welfare receiptents if able body should be drug tested and made to work if employers hire someone on welfare give them some incentive. Subside but do not give free money to them. Start running government like a business if we are getting nothing from the program get rid of it.

Show me a list of what the Province provides now

Stop the growth of the MLCC. I frequently see more staff in their store that I do customers. It looks like it's one more govt entreprise squeezing out the private sector.

Stop the irresponsible growth of the school divisions.

What services would you stop providing?

Responses

Check how the City funds its bus fleet.

social programming for the poor. higher criteria for welfare applications.

There are a lot of grants that need to be stopped. Government hiring also needs to be curtailed.

Services that are redundant and overlap between departments or other levels of government.

Manitoba housing

I don't think it is one program or service that is contributing to this

finding efficiencies is the better option - better monitoring of spending, replicating projects/programs that work and that benefit Manitobans and eliminating those that don't have positive outcomes. Replicate successes, - for example, if community gardens net good results, provide food for those it is intended for and can become sustainable over time, they should be funded. These ideas should not be reinvented with every applicant but should be replicated for success. Do what works - don't "fund anything" because money needs to be spent before fiscal year end. That would be a fundamental shift in government spending all unspent funds could and should be earmarked for debt.

Do something with health care management, I have seen our own NRHA grow and grow with CEO's, managers, assistant to managers, executive assistants, more and more levels of management and less and less front line workers. Hire a non partisan health care consultant who is used to efficient health care, to identify spending and wastage.

Drug test welfare recipients. I get tested at work for drugs why don't they?

Get these people who are able and capable working with the province road crews or Manitoba hydro to get some experience.

Not everyone on welfare is "lost" some just want or need a chance to get into something without all kinds of drama and paperwork and this and that because all the chiefs in the office need to justify their jobs. Just get these people out

What services would you stop providing?

Responses

there who want to be out there working getting experience.

Entrepreneurship mb... combine with another department

No tax cuts to wealthiest population.

Let's stop having to elect school trustees.

Accommodation services. Permits. Daycare subsidies. Social assistance benefits system. Property tax rebates for seniors. Get rid of school boards. All programs that should be federally funded (ie Roads to FN communities).