



Premier of Manitoba
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CANADA

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Dear Minister Sala,

I am honored that you have agreed to serve Manitobans as Minister of Finance, the Minister responsible for Manitoba Hydro, the Minister responsible for the Public Utilities Board, and the Minister responsible for the Manitoba Public Service.

Our government is a listening government. As a Minister, I expect you to respect the excellence and expert advice of the public service and to work with them on our shared mission to serve the people of Manitoba.

Manitobans told us it was time for change. We have promised to deliver a government that builds a shared future for our province. Our platform offered an ambitious and responsible plan to make health care better, lower costs, and grow the economy with good jobs and a balanced budget.

Manitobans expect us to fulfill our commitments, and it is my expectation that you deliver on the commitments that pertain to your Ministry. Delivering on our core election commitments within a balanced budget is critical to fulfilling the mandate Manitobans have given us.

As the Minister of Finance and Minister responsible for Hydro, you must be fiscally responsible, help set the conditions for a strong provincial economy and be a good steward of our province's crown jewel. I ask that you guide our government with smart investments and practical advice on how we can lower costs for families to make life better for Manitobans.

Your goal is to deliver a balanced budget in four years while investing in health care, education and the services families need to thrive.

In particular, I ask that you work with your Cabinet colleagues and through legislative, regulatory and department processes to deliver on these immediate priorities:

- Repair the damage to our finances caused by the previous government.
- Strengthen Manitoba's credit worthiness.
- Balance the budget within the first term of government.
- Freeze hydro rates for one year to save families and small businesses money.
- Cut the gas tax while inflation remains high.

Additionally I ask that you work with your Cabinet colleagues and through legislative, regulatory and department processes to deliver on our other key commitments:

- Repeal bill 36, strengthen the Public Utilities Board and grant the PUB the power to regulate gas prices.
- Give renters a break by creating a new \$700 renter's tax credit.
- Maintain the 50% education property tax reduction and provincial income tax brackets.
- Apply the education property tax rebate to property tax bills.
- Stop sending cheques to out-of-province billionaires.
- Reduce inefficiencies and unnecessary expenditures in government to save future generations and our province money.
- Work with the department of Environment and Climate Change to introduce an EV rebate for new and used EVs and plug-in hybrid vehicles.

In addition to these priorities, I also expect that you uphold your role with integrity, professionalism and a commitment to accountability. That includes working closely with your Deputy Minister and your senior officials to ensure all decisions are made in the public interest. Just like any high-performing organization, our government will set metrics and measurable goals, listen to evidence and front line workers, regularly assess our work and report on our progress in order to deliver on the results Manitobans deserve.

The road ahead will have challenges. Change does not come easily. But we owe it to the people of this great province to deliver on our commitments. I know you are as committed as I am to working hard every day to deliver for the people of Manitoba. Our Cabinet will reflect the values all Manitobans share of honesty, hard work, pragmatism and kindness.

Manitobans can accomplish amazing things when we stand together as one province. I firmly believe there is no challenge that we cannot meet when we are united as one Manitoba.

I know I can count on you to fulfill these important responsibilities. As Premier I promise to support you as a Minister, consult with you as a Manitoban and lean on you as a friend. Together, we will work to honour the trust Manitobans have given us.

Miigwech, Merci, Thank you,

Premier of Manitoba

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