



Premier of Manitoba
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Dear Minister Wiebe,

I am honoured that you have agreed to serve Manitobans as the Minister of Justice and Attorney General and Minister responsible for the Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation.

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 Justice and Attorney General, your top priority is to ensure that all Manitobans are safe and have access to fair and just treatment before the law. This work includes acknowledging the disproportionate representation of Indigenous Manitobans in the justice system and finding ways to respond that are correspondent to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, the Aboriginal Justice Inquiry and the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.

In your role you will work closely with your colleagues in other ministries to make our communities safer, address the root causes of crime and protect vulnerable Manitobans. You will also work closely with communities, elders and law enforcement to provide culturally appropriate supports and pathways to restorative justice to help Manitobans turn their lives around.

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

- Bring in stronger measures on bail reform to keep families and communities safe and implement the National Police Federation's recommendations on bail measures.
- Develop a comprehensive public safety strategy that brings together law enforcement, community safety patrols, families and educators with a focus on reducing youth crime.
- Build a new centre for justice in Dauphin.

- Establish stronger oversight over Manitoba Public Insurance, including bringing a quick and fair resolution to the strike and addressing the mismanagement of Project Nova, while delivering better services to Manitobans.

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

- Implement an 'Unexplained Wealth Act' to crack down on drug traffickers who bring toxic drugs into our communities.
- Develop a security rebate program for families and small businesses.
- Work with the department of Housing, Addiction and Homelessness to hire 100 mental health workers to work alongside law enforcement.
- Provide supports to keep Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirited Peoples safe and help MMIWG2S+ families navigate the justice system.
- Ensure municipalities have adequate funding for law enforcement.

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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