



PREMIER of MANITOBA
Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs and International Relations
Minister responsible for Indigenous Reconciliation

Legislative Building, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 0V8 CANADA

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Dear Minister Simard,

I am honoured that you have agreed to serve Manitobans as the Minister for Municipal and Northern Relations and the Minister responsible for Francophone Affairs and the Minister responsible for the Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries 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 Municipal and Northern Relations you will advance our goal in government to recognize municipalities as serious partners and to work with them to deliver results for the people of the province.

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

- Implement new legislation to give municipalities more freedom and increase collaboration and cooperation between municipalities and the province.
- Treat municipal and northern governments with the respect they deserve and partner with them to make life better for families across the province.
- Ensure northern and municipal leaders know you are their point person with our government.
- Recognize the founding role of the Francophone community in our province, protect their rights and improve access to French language education, health care and services so that we are truly a bilingual province.
- Work with the city of Winnipeg and the Federal government to invest in the North End Pollution Control Centre with good, union jobs to build more affordable housing and protect Lake Winnipeg.

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

- Continue our multi-year funding model for municipalities so they can count on reliable funding for programs, infrastructure and maintenance.
- Work with municipalities across the province on improving waste-water management to keep up with population growth and growing economies.

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 frontline 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.

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