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**Empowering Manitobans:
A Vision for Stronger Communities and a Prosperous Future.**

Policy Statements 2023

Manitoba Stronger Together presents its comprehensive policy statement report, a guiding compass for all citizens as we approach the provincial general election on October 3, 2023. With a focus on citizen-led initiatives, personal freedoms, and responsible development, this report charts a course towards building resilient communities, revitalizing our economy, and preserving our core values. Together, let's forge a path towards a stronger and more united Manitoba, where the people are at the heart of positive change. Join us as we embrace a brighter future, united as Manitobans, Stronger Together.™

Who We Are

We represent thousands of Manitoba Voters, and our voices will no longer be ignored.

At **Manitoba Stronger Together**, our mission is to restore political influence to the people by empowering them through the creation of a robust bloc of voters. We are dedicated to cultivating an engaged and informed citizenry, leveraging the strength of our collective numbers to influence political representatives and potential candidates at all levels of government.

Together, we advocate for policies and initiatives that reflect the needs and desires of the people in our communities, - - - not corporate special interests, not political parties or international globalist organizations.

We believe in the collective strength of our voices which we will use to influence positive change at the local, provincial, and national levels of governance.

How? By utilizing our collective voting power. In other words, we will remind the candidates and representatives that they work for us, the People. We will accomplish this by showing them that our bloc of thousands of Manitobans will either vote for them or against them, depending on how they represent the people.

We have all seen how, once elected, representatives tow the party line or they enact new policies that may be contrary to the wants and needs of their constituents, or are different than they presented while on the campaign trail. In other words, many people simply vote for the party, and the fact is that no matter what party you vote for, they really do not represent you; many will only see you every four years.

Who We Are Not

- We are not a Political Party.
- We are non-party aligned, we are only aligned with the people of our communities.
- We do not charge membership dues.
- We do not take donations.
- We do not have a tax exempt status.
- We are beholden to no one outside of you, our members.

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Preface

Dear Fellow Manitobans,

Do you remember the Manitoba of the past, a place of promise, prosperity, and boundless potential? A time when Manitobans proudly nourished the world with our agricultural bounty, manufactured goods that shone in global markets, and explored the depths of the earth for our abundant minerals. There was a time when Manitobans shot rockets into space, we maintained the nation's trains and we kept Air Canada jets in the air. In those days, we relied on each other, not on the government. Our priorities were clear – God, Family, and Community. The government did not dictate every aspect of our lives, and we willingly paid our fair share, supporting our neighbours without hesitation. At **Manitoba Stronger Together**, we remember those days and believe Manitobans like us yearn for that vibrant future once more.

Together, we can reclaim our roots and build a brighter, stronger, and united Manitoba.

With great pride and a shared vision for a brighter future, we hereby present **Manitoba Stronger Together's** Policy Statement Report. As concerned citizens, we have come together to chart a course for a stronger, more prosperous province that upholds the values we hold dear. This report represents the collective efforts of community members, experts, and passionate individuals, with a vision, who believe that true progress can only be achieved when the people are empowered and their voices heard.

Our journey has been guided by the belief that government should serve the people, not dictate their lives. We recognize the challenges facing our communities and understand that Manitobans deserve an accountable, transparent, and responsive government that prioritizes their needs. The policy proposals presented herein aim to foster a sense of belonging, cooperation, and self-reliance. Rooted in our rich heritage are the principles of neighbour helping neighbour and community-driven solutions.

As we approach the provincial general election on October 3, 2023, we invite all Manitobans to join us on this journey towards a stronger, more united province. Together, let us build a Manitoba where opportunity knows no bounds, where our natural resources are utilized sustainably, where education empowers generations, and where our healthcare system serves every citizen with dignity and compassion. We stand strong in our commitment to bring positive change to every corner of our province, and with your support, we believe we can create a future that truly embodies the spirit of **Manitoba Stronger Together**.

Finally, as we strengthen and empower our province through this process, our hope is to inspire other Canadian provinces through our example. Ultimately our goal is a stronger and united Canada: Canada Stronger Together.

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Policy Statements

Manitoba Stronger Together's Policy Statements for the 2023 Provincial Election

With the upcoming Manitoba Provincial Election on October 3, 2023, **Manitoba Stronger Together** is proud to present our comprehensive policy platform. As a grassroots organization of engaged citizens, we believe in the power of responsible governance, community empowerment, and transparent leadership. This platform represents our collective voice, an unyielding call for action, and a promise to hold elected representatives accountable for their commitments. Together we are forging a path to a stronger Manitoba where the values of our core beliefs drive policy decisions.

Statement of Intent

Enough is enough! For far too long we, the people of Manitoba, have been subjected to the same old promises from politicians during election season, only to be left disillusioned and unheard once they take office.

We are tired of being ignored, tired of feeling voiceless, and tired of the lack of access to our so-called "representatives."

The time has come for change, and change starts with us – the empowered citizens of **Manitoba Stronger Together**.

Our grassroots movement is a resounding call for real change, transparency, and accountability in our governance.

We believe that elected representatives should be true public servants, committed to putting the interests of their constituents first.

We will no longer accept empty promises and lip service. We demand action and we demand it now.

Manitoba Stronger Together stands united, fuelled by the core belief that responsible governance and community empowerment are not just words but guiding principles that must drive policy decisions and actions. Our comprehensive policy platform built on the values we hold dear reflects our unwavering commitment to a stronger and united Manitoba.



We represent thousands of Manitoba Voters, and our voices will no longer be ignored.

With this platform, we send a clear message to every candidate running for office in the 2023 Provincial Election: We are watching, and we will hold you accountable, and Our votes will not be handed out blindly; they will be earned through true dedication to the well-being of our communities. Candidates will have to earn our votes through true dedication toward the well being of our communities.

We pledge to be a driving force for positive change not just during election season but every day, as we actively engage in the democratic process. Our Tuesday regular meetings are not just gatherings; they are powerful forums for informed discussions, sharing ideas, and building a united front to reclaim our rightful role as active participants in shaping our province's future.

Together we will break down the barriers that have kept us at a distance from our elected representatives. We demand transparency, accessibility, and genuine dialogue, as we work hand in hand to build a stronger Manitoba.

The time has come and we are ready and committed to holding our representatives responsible to the people.

Forging Our Path to a Stronger Manitoba

Manitoba Stronger Together's Policy Platform for the 2023 Provincial Election

1. Rebuilding Manitoba's Education System Post-COVID-19

At **Manitoba Stronger Together** we recognize the immense challenges facing our education system due to the COVID-19 lockdowns and disruptions. As we move forward our policy is centred on rebuilding and repairing the damage caused by the governments actions.

It is clear that "business as usual" is not an option. Instead, we must take decisive actions to ensure the continuity of quality education for our students while addressing their emotional and academic needs.



Policy Objectives:

- A. **Academic Recovery and Support:** We are committed to implementing targeted academic recovery programs to address learning gaps caused by disruptions during the pandemic. Our policy prioritizes additional support for students who may have fallen behind, ensuring they have the resources and assistance needed to thrive academically.
- B. **Mental Health and Well-Being:** Recognizing the toll the pandemic measures have taken on the mental health of our students and educators we will prioritize mental health and well-being initiatives within our education system. Our policy emphasizes the implementation of comprehensive mental health support services to foster a supportive and nurturing learning environment.
- C. **Technology Integration and Accessibility:** As a result of the increased reliance on technology during the pandemic, we will focus on integrating digital tools and resources into our education system. Our policy advocates for equitable access to technology for all students, bridging the digital divide and ensuring no one is left behind.
- D. **Empowerment of Educators:** We believe in empowering our educators to adapt to the many evolving challenges. Our policy supports professional development opportunities for teachers enabling them to leverage innovative teaching methods and stay current with educational best practices.
- E. **Parent and Community Engagement:** We understand the vital role parents and communities play in supporting education. Our policy promotes increased engagement with parents, guardians, and community members thereby fostering partnerships that contribute to students' overall success. Parents have the right to be part of the decisions concerning the content and approach of teaching regarding sexuality and religion, including the option to provide this education at home. Schools, on the other hand, should focus primarily on

academic subjects thereby prioritizing academic topics over discussions of sexuality and religious beliefs.

- F. **Relevant Curriculum:** We advocate for curriculum that is relevant to all students includes those from a wide variety of cultural and ethnic backgrounds. In order to provide our students with a well-rounded and holistic education., our policy supports the integration of true historical perspectives and diverse voices.
- G. **Transparent Communication and Collaboration:** Effective communication and collaboration between stakeholders are paramount in rebuilding our education system. Our policy encourages transparent dialogue between schools, educators, parents, and the government. We want to ensure that decisions are made collectively, with the best interests of students at heart.
- H. **Compulsory Life Skills Training:** At **Manitoba Stronger Together** we believe in equipping our students with the practical life skills necessary for becoming well-rounded and confident citizens. Our policy advocates for mandatory practical education courses that cover essential topics such as home financial management, tax preparation, life skills, scheduling, cooking, and civics. By prioritizing these fundamentals over special interest agendas, we aim to empower our students to navigate real-life situations with confidence and competence. These courses are not just about academic achievements; they are about nurturing happy, productive individuals who can thrive in all aspects of life. Together, let's focus on fostering a generation of empowered citizens, prepared to make meaningful contributions to our communities and society as a whole.
- I. **Parental Rights in Education:** At **Manitoba Stronger Together** we firmly believe in letting kids be kids and upholding the rights of parents to make decisions about their child's upbringing. As educators, our responsibility is to provide a supportive and nurturing environment for students to learn and grow without imposing special interest group agendas. We recognize that each child is unique with individual needs and backgrounds and it is essential to respect their personal journeys.
- J. **Parents play a vital role** in shaping the values and beliefs of their children and we must honour their right to guide their child's education and development. It is not the government's role to dictate social norms in society. Rather it is the family and the community that should have the primary say in shaping cultural values and traditions.
- K. **By respecting the sanctity of family values** and allowing kids to experience the joys of childhood, we can foster a well-balanced and inclusive educational environment. Our focus should be on providing a well-rounded education that nurtures critical thinking, compassion, and respect for diverse perspectives. Together let us champion the rights of parents, celebrate the innocence of childhood, and cultivate a society that values family, community, and individual liberties.

In conclusion, **Manitoba Stronger Together's** policy on rebuilding education in Manitoba post-COVID-19 underscores our commitment to a responsive and resilient education system. Through innovative approaches, supportive measures, and collaborative efforts, we will repair the damage done and create a stronger foundation for the future of our students and our province. Together

we can overcome the challenges posed by the pandemic and cultivate an educational environment that empowers every student to reach their full potential.

2. Responsible Environment and a Vibrant Economy

At **Manitoba Stronger Together**, we uphold a distinctive perspective on responsible development. We believe it goes beyond the superficial endorsement of the latest "green technology" trends promoted by media or special interest groups.

Instead we see responsible development as a comprehensive approach to building industries that actively mitigate environmental impact while fostering self-sustaining growth within our province. Do you remember when Manitobans mined, we launched rockets into space, and made manufactured products which we sold to the World. We can do it again!



Our vision embraces the responsible usage of Manitoba's abundant natural resources, expertise, labor force, markets, and the strategic utilization of the Northern Port to promote global trade.

This encompasses our vast hydroelectric potential, petroleum reserves, mineral reserves, flourishing agricultural sector, and a dedicated, well-trained workforce. True responsible development empowers Manitoba to thrive, independently and resiliently, without blindly following external trends. We aim to embrace the authentic essence of our province's strengths.

Policy Objectives:

- A. **Balanced Resource Utilization:** We commit to responsibly leveraging Manitoba's diverse natural resources. Our policy encourages the development of industries that strike a harmonious balance between economic growth and environmental preservation. By promoting innovation and efficient resource management we aim to minimize environmental impact while driving economic prosperity.
- B. **Local Economic Empowerment:** Our policy prioritizes the empowerment of local communities through true responsible development. We will foster economic resilience and self sufficiency by supporting initiatives that harness local expertise, labor, and markets. We believe that by nurturing our province's inherent strengths we can achieve long-term economic stability and prosperity for all Manitobans.
- C. **Northern Port Advancement:** We advocate for strategic investments in the Manitoba Northern Port by unlocking its potential to facilitate seamless global trade. By enhancing infrastructure and connectivity we can efficiently export our goods to the world, expanding market access, and boost Manitoba's economic competitiveness.
- D. **Investment in Energy Production:** Recognizing Manitoba's almost unlimited hydro power potential, our policy encourages investments in energy projects. We aim to maximize

practical clean energy production while supporting and promoting traditional energy industries.

- E. **Supporting Local Industries:** We will actively support and nurture local industries that contribute to responsible development in Manitoba. By promoting value-added processing of raw materials, fostering innovation, and encouraging diversification, we can create a robust and resilient economic landscape.
- F. **Educational Focus on Real Sustainability:** Our policy emphasizes integrating real sustainability education into school curricula. By fostering a generation of environmentally conscious citizens, we can empower future leaders to make informed decisions for the long-term benefit of our province.
- G. **Collaboration and Partnerships:** We recognize that real responsible development requires collaboration between government, industry, and communities. Our policy encourages public-private partnerships and stakeholder engagement to drive effective and inclusive responsible development strategies.

In conclusion, **Manitoba Stronger Together's** policy on responsible development reflects our commitment to empowering Manitoba's resilient future. By embracing the true essence of responsible development, we can leverage our unique assets and strengths to build a prosperous and self-sustaining province. Through responsible resource utilization, local empowerment, decision making and strategic development, we envision a vibrant and thriving Manitoba. That is driven by innovation and environmental stewardship. Together we will build a legacy of responsible prosperity for generations to come.

3. Responsible Development of Manitoba's Natural Resources and Collaborative Northern Port Development

At **Manitoba Stronger Together** we believe in harnessing our province's abundant natural resources responsibly. Through fostering a collaboration with our neighbouring provinces, Alberta and Saskatchewan we can maximize the potential of Manitoba's Northern Port. Our policy aims to strike a balance between economic growth, environmental stewardship, and community well-being.



Due to the governments' unprecedented levels of spending during the pandemic, coupled with geopolitical global instabilities, Manitoba finds itself at a critical juncture.

A forward looking approach to investment, and sound fiscal management during these uncertain times can position our province as a beacon of economic opportunity. The current incredible demand for Manitoba's abundant natural resources is a once-in-a-generation opportunity for potential for growth.

However despite the growing global interest, we must also address the roadblocks and incursions by Ottawa into provincial matters which seek to impede our trade.

At **Manitoba Stronger Together** we advocate for responsible resource development while engaging in constructive, firm, and equal dialogue with the federal government to find common ground that ensures both economic prosperity and environmental stewardship.

If we have the will to do so, together, we can navigate these complexities and secure a brighter future for Manitoba.

Policy Objectives:

- A. **Responsible Resource Management:** We are committed to responsible resource management practices that prioritize environmental protection and conservation. Our policy advocates for conducting comprehensive environmental assessments for any resource development projects to minimize ecological impact and ensure long-term sustainability.
- B. **Community Engagement and Empowerment:** We recognize the importance of consulting and involving local communities in resource development decisions that may impact their livelihoods and environment. Our policy prioritizes transparent and inclusive dialogue with indigenous communities, stakeholders, and residents, allowing them to actively participate in the decision-making process.
- C. **Diversified Economic Growth:** We support the responsible exploration and development of Manitoba's natural resources to diversify our economy and create job opportunities for our

citizens. Our policy encourages investment into renewable energy projects and clean technologies in order to reduce dependency on non-renewable resources thereby fostering a greener and more responsible economy.

- D. **Collaboration on Northern Port Development:** We advocate for enhanced collaboration with Saskatchewan and Alberta to develop the potential of Manitoba's Northern port. Our policy encourages strategic partnerships that promote efficient transportation and trade routes, opening doors to new markets, and stimulating regional economic growth.
- E. **Environmental Protection:** Our policy pledges to address the pressing challenges posed by new development. We will work closely with stakeholders to implement innovative solutions and technologies to stabilize emissions and protect our environment for future generations.
- F. **Responsible Land Reclamation:** We are dedicated to ensuring that any land used for resource development undergoes thorough reclamation processes to restore its natural ecosystem. Our policy emphasizes the restoration of mined lands and rehabilitated areas to contribute to a responsible environment.
- G. **Advancing Indigenous Partnerships:** We are committed to strengthening partnerships with indigenous communities, respecting their rights, traditional knowledge, and cultural heritage in resource development projects. Our policy aims to allow indigenous communities to benefit responsibly from these initiatives, while cooperating for the great good of all Manitobans.

In conclusion, **Manitoba Stronger Together's** policy on developing natural resources and cooperating on the Manitoba Northern port reflects our unwavering commitment to responsible governance, community empowerment, and collaborative decision-making. Through transparent dialogue and responsible practices, we strive to build a stronger Manitoba while fostering harmonious relationships with our neighbouring provinces and honouring the diverse perspectives and interests of all Manitobans.

The time for talk and rhetoric is over. The time is now. We have a once in a generation opportunity to make Manitoba a "HAVE" province, and provide the kind of future prosperity our children and our children's children deserve.

Together let's stop the exodus of our young people moving away and be the catalyst for the influx of our families moving back home.

4. Rebuilding Manitoba's Healthcare System: Resilience and Patient-Centric Care

At **Manitoba Stronger Together** we recognize the urgent need to rebuild our healthcare system in the aftermath of our government's devastating pandemic policies.

The challenges faced by our healthcare system include; backlogs in treatments and diagnosis, mental health issues among healthcare workers, and a toxic work environment due to Covid-19 policies. These circumstances demand immediate and thoughtful action.



Our policy is centred on welcoming back trusted healthcare workers who were marginalized during the pandemic, overhauling the College of Physicians and Surgeons to ensure accountability, and investigating violations of patients' fundamental rights. In order to build a resilient and responsible healthcare system that caters to the wellbeing of all Manitobans we emphasize the importance of focusing on patient needs, rather than solely expanding physical infrastructure.

Policy Objectives:

- A. **Restoring Trust and Resilience:** We are committed to welcoming back dedicated healthcare workers who were unfairly impacted during the pandemic. Our policy aims to address mental health concerns among healthcare staff and foster a supportive work environment that prioritizes the wellbeing of frontline workers. We must first heal the healers before we can expect them to heal us.
- B. **Overhaul of the College of Physicians and Surgeons:** In order to ensure transparency, accountability, and adherence to ethical principles, we advocate for a citizen led comprehensive review of the College of Physicians and Surgeons to ensure transparency, accountability, and adherence to ethical principles. Strengthening and refocussing the regulatory body will safeguard patient rights, uphold informed consent, and promote patient medical confidentiality.
- C. **Patient-Centric Care:** Our policy centres on patient needs ensuring that healthcare decisions prioritize the best interests of Manitobans. We will actively involve patients and their families in care plans by respecting their choices and empowering them to be active participants in their healthcare journey.
- D. **Addressing Backlogs and Prioritization:** Through implementing measures to address backlogs in treatments and diagnosis, we will focus on prioritizing cases based on medical urgency. By streamlining processes and enhancing efficiency we will work to reduce waiting times and improve patient access to care.

- E. **Investing in Healthcare Workforce:** We recognize that a strong healthcare system requires a well-supported workforce. Our policy includes initiatives for re-education of healthcare workers across the province, providing continuous training and skill improving opportunities to enhance their capabilities.
- F. **Balancing Infrastructure Development:** While infrastructure development is essential, we plan to take a measured approach by pausing wholesale expansion and instead focusing on staffing and repairing existing facilities. This will ensure our resources are allocated efficiently and sustainably while taking into consideration our current debt load.
- G. **Promoting Local Healthcare Solutions:** We will explore innovative local healthcare solutions, encourage collaboration between healthcare providers, community organizations, and government entities. These initiatives will help address specific regional needs and enhance the accessibility and effectiveness of healthcare services.

Conclusion:

Manitoba Stronger Together's policy on rebuilding the healthcare system stands on a foundation of resilience, accountability, privacy and patient-centred care. By welcoming back valued healthcare workers, fostering a supportive environment, and prioritizing patient rights, we will rebuild a healthcare system that prioritizes the individual needs of Manitobans. Through thoughtful investment in our workforce and infrastructure, we will create a responsible healthcare system that serves as a pillar of strength for our province. Together we can overcome the challenges of the past, forge a brighter healthcare future, and ensure the wellbeing of all Manitobans for generations to come.

5. Strengthening Wellness of Manitobans

At **Manitoba Stronger Together** we recognize the importance of holistic healthcare that embraces alternative means to promote wellness and wellbeing for all Manitobans.

Our policy advocates for the integration of alternative and complementary therapies alongside conventional medicine, as we recognize the potential benefits they offer in supporting overall health. By providing access to a diverse range of wellness practices we aim to empower individuals to take charge of their health journey and foster a stronger, more resilient, population.



Policy Objectives:

- A. **Integrating Complementary Therapies:** We will work to integrate into the provincial health care system complementary therapies such as naturopathy, chiropractic care, acupuncture, and herbal medicine. This integration will ensure that Manitobans have access to a comprehensive range of treatment options that can complement conventional medical approaches.
- B. **Supporting Holistic Wellness Centres:** Our policy encourages the establishment and support of holistic wellness centres throughout Manitoba. These centres will serve as hubs for various alternative therapies, which can provide a supportive environment for individuals seeking diverse wellness solutions.
- C. **Educational Initiatives:** We will invest in educational initiatives to raise awareness about the benefits and safety of alternative therapies. By fostering an informed understanding of these practices we aim to empower Manitobans to make educated decisions about their personal healthcare choices.
- D. **Research and Evidence-Based Approaches:** Our policy emphasizes the importance of research and evidence-based approaches to alternative therapies. We will support studies and trials to evaluate the efficacy and safety of these practices thereby ensuring that Manitobans have access to evidence-based information.
- E. **Inclusion in Healthcare Coverage:** We will work to include select alternative therapies in healthcare coverage options, making them more accessible and affordable for Manitobans. This inclusion reflects our commitment to equitable access for holistic healthcare options.
- F. **Promoting Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing:** In addition to physical health, our policy focuses on promoting mental health and emotional wellbeing through mindfulness, meditation, and other holistic approaches. By prioritizing mental health support we aim to nurture a resilient and emotionally more balanced population.

Conclusion:

In recognizing the value of alternative means in promoting wellness and overall health, and the protection of patient privacy and confidentiality, **Manitoba Stronger Together's** healthcare policy embraces an integrative and holistic approach. By incorporating complementary therapies, supporting wellness centres, and investing in education and research, we aim to empower Manitobans to take charge of their own health journey. Through a comprehensive healthcare system that blends conventional and alternative approaches, we foster a healthier, happier, and more resilient population in Manitoba. Together we can build a healthcare model that prioritizes wellness and offers diverse solutions to address the unique needs of each individual in our province.

6. Justice and Policing: Upholding the Rule of Law and Ensuring Safety for Manitobans

At **Manitoba Stronger Together** we recognize the critical importance of a robust justice system that upholds the rule of law and ensures safety for all Manitobans.

Our policy advocates for a comprehensive review of trends within the province, including prosecutory and policing priorities, while reaffirming the role of the judiciary. We aim to hire back faithful public servants impacted by the government's Covid-19 policies and prioritize access to the legal system for all Manitobans. In emphasizing independence from political influence, we are committed to preserving citizens' confidence in a fair and impartial justice system.



Policy Objectives:

- A. **Judicial Review of Prosecutory and Policing Priorities:** We will conduct a judicial review of prosecutory trends and policing priorities to ensure alignment with the principles of justice and fairness. This review will identify areas for improvement and inform future policies thereby fostering a more effective and accountable justice system.
- B. **Training and Education for Justice Professionals:** Our policy prioritizes comprehensive training and ongoing education for all levels within the justice system. By investing in continuous professional development we ensure justice professionals are equipped with the necessary knowledge and skills to uphold the rule of law with excellence.
- C. **Mandatory Human Rights Training:** To ensure that all members of the system are fully aware of constitutionally and internationally guaranteed human rights, we will implement a mandatory training policy for all levels within the justice system.
- D. **Role of the Judiciary:** We will reaffirm the role of the judiciary as an independent and impartial branch of government, responsible only for interpreting and applying the law as written by the Legislature. This ensures that judicial decisions are free from political interference and guided solely by the principles of justice.
- E. **Access to the Legal System:** Our policy aims to enhance access to the legal system for all Manitobans regardless of socioeconomic status. By removing barriers to justice we empower citizens to seek legal remedies and assert their rights without discrimination.
- F. **Judicial Investigation into Government Actions during the Pandemic:** We commit to initiating a citizen-led judicial investigation into the government's actions during the pandemic. This investigation will provide answers to questions raised and promote transparency and accountability within the government.

- G. **Review of RCMP Involvement in Manitoba:** We will conduct a comprehensive review of the use of the RCMP in Manitoba and consider potential provincial replacements. This review aims to assess the effectiveness and suitability of current policing arrangements.
- H. **Public Inquiry into Community Safety and Security:** Our policy includes holding a citizen led public inquiry into community safety and security. The findings of this inquiry will inform a reorganization of policing in Manitoba, resulting in citizens reassurance that their communities are safe and that criminals are held accountable..
- I. **Stop Governance Through Regulations:** we will stop and reverse the trend of setting out broad statements within legislation and then permitting unelected and often secretive regulators to write the actual rules and regulations governing many aspects of life in Manitoba. Laws must be precise and comprehensive and they must be written by elected representatives, not career bureaucrats.

Conclusion:

Our **Manitoba Stronger Together** policy on justice and policing embodies our commitment to upholding the rule of law, ensuring access to justice, and fostering safety for all Manitobans. By conducting judicial reviews, reaffirming the role of the judiciary, and initiating investigations into government actions, we promote transparency and accountability within our justice system. We recognize that safety and security are essential for flourishing communities and we will engage citizens in shaping the future of policing in Manitoba. Through these measures we aim to create a justice system that earns public trust, upholds the rights of all Manitobans, and promotes a fair and just society for everyone in our province.

7. Empowering Local Municipal Government and Meaningful Public Inclusion

At **Manitoba Stronger Together** we believe in empowering local municipal governments and ensuring meaningful public inclusion in the governance process.

Our policy advocates for banning initiatives like the 15-minute or smart city concept and instead focuses on providing training and education for municipally elected representatives to enhance their capabilities. We will establish an Ombudsman Office to address citizen complaints and ensure transparency. Through hands-on town hall meetings, civic courses, and a manual for public participation, we aim to create an informed and engaged public thereby contributing to the betterment of their communities.



Policy Objectives:

- A. **Banning 15-Minute or Smart City Initiatives:** We will ban initiatives like the 15-minute or smart city concept. We will ensure that municipal governance remains focused on the needs and interests of local communities and not influenced by external agendas.
- B. **Training for Elected Representatives:** Municipally elected representatives will receive mandatory training in emergency response measures and human rights legislation in Manitoba. This will equip them with the knowledge and skills to address critical issues and uphold the rights of their constituents, and prepare them with the confidence to face unexpected crises.
- C. **Establishing an Ombudsman Office:** Our policy includes establishing an ombudsman office to receive and investigate complaints from citizens who feel wronged by municipal actions. This office will ensure transparency, accountability, and fairness in governance.
- D. **Promotion of Hands-On Town Hall Meetings:** We will mandate regular quarterly town hall meetings, where citizens can actively participate, voice their concerns, and engage in meaningful discussions with their elected representatives. This practice fosters a closer connection between officials and the public.
- E. **Offering Civic Education Courses:** We will make civic education courses available to the public once a year. These will be administered by municipal governments and will empower citizens with a deeper understanding of governance processes and their role in shaping their communities.
- F. **Manual for Public Participation:** Within 12 months of the legislators first sitting we will prepare and offer a manual of rules and requirements for public participation. This resource will guide citizens on how to effectively engage with municipal governance and ensure that their voices are heard.

G. Independent Citizen-Led Council on Land Development: Our policy includes a comprehensive review of land development practices by an independent citizen-led council. This review will assess effectiveness, responsibility, and community impact to ensure responsible and inclusive development practices.

Conclusion:

Manitoba Stronger Together's policy on empowering local municipal government and meaningful public inclusion places citizens at the heart of governance. By banning external agendas, providing training for elected representatives, establishing an Ombudsman Office, and promoting civic education, we empower citizens to actively participate in the decision-making processes. By establishing regular town hall meetings, a manual for public participation, and a citizen-led council on land development we will reinforce our commitment to transparency, accountability, and inclusive governance. Through these initiatives we aim to create stronger, more informed communities where citizens play an active role in shaping their local governance and shaping the future of Manitoba.

8. Bridging the Digital Rural-Urban Divide

At **Manitoba Stronger Together** we recognize the importance of bridging the digital divide in order to ensure equal access to digital connectivity for all residents regardless of their location.

Our policy advocates for comprehensive efforts to improve digital infrastructure and connectivity in underserved rural areas. By prioritizing digital inclusion, we aim to empower rural communities with equal opportunities for education, healthcare, business growth, and social connectivity.



Policy Objectives:

- A. **Investment in Digital Infrastructure:** To ensure internet access for underserved areas we will allocate resources to invest in digital infrastructure, including broadband networks and mobile connectivity. This investment will form the foundation for enhanced digital connectivity across the province.
- B. **5G Network.** In line with your concerns we share apprehensions about the rapid expansion of the 5G system in Manitoba. As part of our commitment to responsible governance we advocate for a temporary pause in this development to allow for a comprehensive risk and benefit analysis. It is imperative that this analysis thoroughly evaluates all aspects of the issue, accounting for health, convenience, and any potential controversies surrounding this technology. In our policy statement we assert that the decision on the proliferation of 5G should be driven by what Manitobans want, so that they can actively participate in shaping the adoption of new technologies that could impact their lives and well-being.
- C. **Public-Private Partnerships:** Our policy encourages the establishment of public-private partnerships to accelerate the expansion of digital infrastructure. By collaborating with private entities we can leverage expertise and resources to achieve greater connectivity reach.
- D. **Digital Inclusion Programs:** We will develop digital inclusion programs that provide access to affordable internet services and necessary digital devices for rural residents. These programs will address the affordability barrier that some communities face in adopting digital technologies.
- E. **Educational and Training Initiatives:** Our policy emphasizes educational and training initiatives to equip rural residents with the digital skills necessary to fully participate in the digital economy. These initiatives will promote digital literacy and empower individuals to make the most of digital opportunities.
- F. **Healthcare and Telemedicine Access:** We will prioritize digital connectivity in healthcare facilities to improve access to telemedicine and e-health services for rural residents. This

approach will enhance healthcare outcomes and reduce barriers to medical consultations and services.

- G. **Supporting Local Businesses:** Our policy aims to support local businesses in rural areas by providing digital tools and resources for e-commerce and online marketing. This support will enable businesses to reach broader markets and thrive in the digital age.
- H. **Community Wi-Fi and Digital Hubs:** To provide access to digital services for residents who may not have internet access at home we will establish community Wi-Fi hotspots and digital hubs. These hubs will serve as centres for digital activities, learning, and collaboration.

Conclusion:

Manitoba Stronger Together's policy on digital connectivity for all focuses on closing the digital divide between rural and urban areas. Through strategic investments in digital infrastructure, public-private partnerships, and digital inclusion programs, we aim to empower rural communities with equal access to digital opportunities. By promoting digital literacy, supporting telemedicine access, and fostering digital entrepreneurship, we seek to create a more connected and vibrant province. By embracing the potential of digital technologies, we can bridge the gap and ensure that every Manitoban, regardless of their location, can thrive in the digital age and contribute to the overall growth and prosperity of Manitoba.

9. Stronger Democracy, Accountability, and Transparency in Provincial Government

At **Manitoba Stronger Together** we firmly believe in enhancing democracy, accountability, and transparency in the provincial government.

Our policy advocates for comprehensive reforms that strengthen the democratic processes, promote greater accountability among elected representatives, and ensure transparency in governmental decision-making. By empowering citizens and creating a more open and responsive government we aim to foster public trust and engagement in the democratic process.



Policy Objectives:

- A. **Electoral Reforms:** We will implement electoral reforms that promote fairness and representation in the electoral system. We are committed to implementing a "Vote on Election Day" policy, alongside a province-wide prohibition of electronic voting systems. Citing data from Elections Manitoba's 2019 General Election, where a total of 478,926 votes were cast, it is evident that this volume can be efficiently processed through traditional paper ballots, manually counted by human hands. Additionally, a vital aspect of our policy emphasizes that candidates must reside within the riding they aspire to represent, ensuring a genuine and grounded connection between representatives and their communities.
- B. **Registered Political Party Reforms:** We will require that all officially registered political parties in Manitoba follow the provincial requirements for fairness and procedure when conducting party leadership elections.
- C. **Citizen-Initiated Referendums:** Our policy includes enabling citizen-initiated referendums on important issues, to facilitate Manitobans in having a direct say in matters that affect their lives and communities.
- D. **A Citizen-Initiated Recall:** is a democratic process that allows constituents to hold their elected representatives accountable. If a political representative fails to fulfill their duties or acts against the best interests of their constituents, citizens can initiate a recall petition to remove the representative from office before their term ends. This mechanism empowers the public to actively participate in the democratic process thereby ensuring that elected officials remain responsive and accountable to the will of the people that voted them into office. It serves as a crucial check and balance reinforcing the principle that political power lies with the citizens and that their voices matter in shaping the government's direction.
- E. **Whistleblower Protection:** We will establish robust whistleblower protection laws to safeguard individuals who expose wrongdoing, corruption, or inefficiencies within the

government. This protection is crucial to ensure accountability and prevent retaliation against those who speak out.

- F. **Open Data and Access to Information:** We will promote the use of open data and ensure easier access to government information for citizens. By making data and documents more accessible we encourage public scrutiny and facilitate informed decision-making.
- G. **Lobbying Transparency:** Our policy seeks to increase transparency around lobbying activities. We will require comprehensive disclosure of lobbying activities and interactions between lobbyists and government officials, in order to ensure public awareness of potential influences on policy decisions.
- H. **Ethical Conduct of Elected Officials:** We will strengthen ethical conduct regulations for elected officials by mandating transparency in financial disclosures and implementing strict conflict of interest rules to ensure accountability and public trust. When a violation of these rules occurs there must be legislated consequences.
- I. **Public Consultations and Engagement:** Our policy emphasizes the importance of genuine public consultations on policy matters. We will establish a systematic and inclusive process to solicit input from citizens and stakeholders thereby fostering a more responsive government.

Conclusion:

Manitoba Stronger Together's policy on stronger democracy, accountability, and transparency in the provincial government aims to create a more vibrant and inclusive democratic process. By implementing electoral reforms, enabling citizen-initiated referendums, and ensuring whistleblower protection, we empower citizens to actively participate in decision-making. With open data, lobbying transparency, and ethical conduct guidelines, we will strengthen government accountability and foster public trust. Through meaningful public consultations and engagement, we create a government that is responsive to the needs and aspirations of Manitobans. By embracing these reforms, we lay the foundation for a stronger and more transparent democratic system that truly represents the voices and interests of all citizens in Manitoba.

10. Emergency Planning and Public Health Emergencies in Manitoba

At **Manitoba Stronger Together** we prioritize the safety and well-being of Manitobans during emergencies and public health crises.

Our policy advocates for empowering the Emergency Measures Organization (EMO) with the primary responsibility to handle all types of emergencies in Manitoba, including public health emergencies. By emphasizing the importance of locally-led emergency response we aim to ensure effective coordination, training, and decision-making during times of crisis.



Policy Objectives:

- A. **Legislate Emergency Measures Organization To Lead:** We will legislate that the Emergency Measures Organization is the lead agency in handling all emergencies in Manitoba. We recognize EMO's expertise in analyzing and setting objectives for various emergencies, they will ensure a well-coordinated and efficient response.
- B. **Empower Emergency Measures Organization:** EMO will take the lead in emergency response while Public Health will act as advisors during public health crises. Decision-making authority will reside with EMO as they ensure a comprehensive and integrated approach to emergency planning and response.
- C. **Reinstate Targeted and Terminated Members:** We will reinstate any members of the Emergency Measures Organization who were targeted and terminated due to Covid-19 policies. This reinstatement will bolster the organization's capabilities and ensure continuity of expertise, and empower the integrity of the organization.
- D. **Strengthen Cooperation with Provinces and Federal Government:** Our policy advocates for partnership with other provinces and the federal government in emergency planning and response. Collaborative efforts will enhance resource sharing and response capacity during large-scale emergencies.
- E. **Training for Public Officials:** All public officials, upon taking office, will undergo mandatory training in the responsibilities and hierarchy of emergency measures. This training will foster a comprehensive understanding of emergency planning and response protocols.
- F. **Ground-Up Approach to Emergency Response:** We will prioritize a ground-up approach to emergency response thereby ensuring that decisions are made at the provincial level to best address the unique needs of Manitobans. This approach will foster resilience and adaptability in the face of emergencies.

- G. **Protecting Sovereignty and Citizen Safety:** Manitoba will assert its sovereignty and maintain the safety of its citizens by not permitting outside or international agencies to dictate emergency responses. We will safeguard our autonomy in handling emergencies to protect the well-being of our residents.
- H. **Objective Definition of an Emergency:** Collaborating closely with the leadership of the Emergency Planning Organization (EMO), we are steadfast in our commitment to establish a clear and objective definition of what constitutes an emergency within the context of Manitoba. Our Policy Statement underscores the necessity of moving beyond subjective interpretations that can be susceptible to manipulation by political agendas or external influences. The events surrounding the pandemic have highlighted the urgency for a comprehensive and well-defined understanding of emergencies that accurately reflects the concerns of Manitobans. By fostering a transparent and inclusive process, we seek to ensure that emergency responses are grounded in the genuine needs of our province, guarding against undue influence and fostering a more effective and accountable approach to managing critical situations.

Conclusion:

Our **Manitoba Stronger Together** policy on emergency planning focuses the responsibility for all emergency planning in the Emergency Planning Organization (EMO). It is therefore in their scope to prioritize local expertise, train and assist political leaders to make decisions. By empowering EMO and reinforcing training for public officials, we strengthen Manitoba's ability to respond effectively to all emergencies. Our commitment to a ground-up approach and assertive sovereignty ensures that our citizens' safety remains paramount. By legislating these measures, we build a resilient and empowered province prepared to face any future challenges with confidence and determination.

11. Responsible Taxation in Manitoba

At **Manitoba Stronger Together** we believe in responsible taxation that is fair, transparent, and reflective of the services received by residents.

Our policy aims to review and reform the provincial taxation system, including provincial sales tax, property taxes, and education taxes. We advocate for a taxation system that promotes equality, addresses regional disparities, and ensures that citizens pay for the services they receive based on their actual usage.



Policy Objectives:

- A. **Reform of Provincial Taxation System:** We will conduct a thorough review of the provincial taxation system to identify areas for improvement and ensure that the tax burden is distributed fairly among residents.
- B. **Equality in Taxation Levels:** Taxation levels will be based on the services offered and received by residents. We will ensure that individuals and businesses pay taxes proportionate to the benefits they derive from public services.
- C. **Separation of School Taxes:** School taxes will no longer be assessed and paid along with property taxes. This will address disparities in education funding and prevent rural and remote areas from being at a disadvantage. Additionally, citizens with vacation homes will no longer be subject to paying double their fair share.
- D. **Transparent Taxation System:** Our policy advocates for a transparent taxation system that is easy for citizens to understand and ensures accountability in tax collection and allocation.
- E. **Addressing Regional Disparities:** We will take measures to address regional disparities in taxation and ensure that communities with varying needs and resources are treated fairly.
- F. **Promoting Economic Growth:** Responsible taxation will promote economic growth and encourage businesses to invest in Manitoba. In this way we will foster job creation and prosperity in the province.
- G. **Engagement and Consultation:** We will engage in consultation with citizens, businesses, and stakeholders to gather feedback and input on taxation reforms thereby ensuring that policy reflects the needs and priorities of Manitobans.

Conclusion:

Our **Manitoba Stronger Together** policy on responsible taxation aims to create a fair, transparent, and equitable taxation system in the province. By conducting a thorough review,

separating school taxes and addressing regional disparities, we ensure that citizens are not burdened with excessive taxes. Our commitment to transparency, engagement, and promoting economic growth will foster a stronger and more prosperous Manitoba for all residents.

12. Roads, Highways and Infrastructure Renewal

In this comprehensive plan, we address the critical importance of safe, well-maintained roadways and infrastructure that withstand the challenges posed by Manitoba's harsh climate extremes.

Manitoba has a vast landscape which is often unpredictable with dramatic temperature fluctuations. Our climate presents a demand for strategic and responsible solutions to optimize the limited funds, while prioritizing the safety and well being of Manitobans.



With a focus on renewal, safety, and innovation, we seek to forge new paths to address age-old challenges and ensure a more connected, resilient, and prosperous Manitoba.

Safety is our utmost priority when it comes to our roads, highways, and infrastructure. As we recognize the importance of reliable transportation systems to daily life, commerce, and emergency services, we will work tirelessly to ensure our roadways are safe and well-maintained. Our policies will incorporate innovative engineering practices, traffic calming measures, and pedestrian-friendly designs to reduce accidents and protect the lives of all road users. With an emphasis on safety, we strive to create an environment where families, workers, and travellers feel secure on our roads no matter the weather conditions.

Manitoba's climate extremes pose unique challenges for our infrastructure this leads to wear and tear that necessitates frequent renewal. We acknowledge the financial constraints we face but will leverage available funds strategically to maximize the renewal and safety of our roads and infrastructure. By prioritizing essential projects, streamlining processes, and exploring innovative technologies, we aim to optimize the efficiency of our limited resources and enhance the longevity of our investments. Through effective planning and strategic spending, we will ensure that every dollar is dedicated to the improvement of our infrastructure thereby contributing to a more resilient Manitoba.

In the face of old problems we embrace new solutions. **Manitoba Stronger Together** is committed to seeking innovative approaches and technologies to address the challenges that have long plagued our infrastructure. We understand that forward-thinking strategies are crucial to tackling climate-related issues, optimizing maintenance efforts, and creating responsible infrastructure that can withstand the test of time.

With a collaborative and community-centred approach, we will engage stakeholders, experts, and local communities to find creative solutions that improve connectivity, support economic growth, and enhance the overall safety and quality of life for all Manitobans. Together we will forge a path towards a stronger and more prosperous Manitoba.

- A. **Comprehensive Infrastructure Assessment:** Conduct a thorough and comprehensive assessment of Manitoba's roads, highways, bike paths, and infrastructure to identify critical areas in need of repair and upgrades. Utilize data-driven approaches to prioritize projects based on their impact on safety, economic development, and community well-being. Develop a community hotline for people to call in and report problems so that they are properly documented and referred to the appropriate department for resolution.
- B. **Summer Construction:** Recognizing the significant inconveniences posed by summer road and infrastructure construction, we are committed to addressing the challenges of traffic congestion and delays. In our Policy Statement, we acknowledge the frustrations caused by the current standard daytime and weekday construction scheduling and its impact on daily commuting and overall efficiency. We pledge to explore innovative alternatives that strike a balance between necessary construction and minimizing disruption to Manitobans' daily lives. By investigating and implementing new strategies, we aim to alleviate traffic congestion, reduce delays, and create a more efficient and harmonious coexistence between vital infrastructure upgrades and our citizens' everyday activities.
- C. **Increased Funding and Investment:** Allocate substantial funding to address the maintenance and renewal of our roadways and infrastructure. Implement a long-term investment plan that ensures a responsible budget for ongoing repairs, upgrades, and expansion to meet the needs of our growing population and economy.
- D. **Enhanced Regional Collaboration:** Foster collaboration among regional municipalities, provincial government, and federal agencies to share resources, knowledge, and expertise for more effective infrastructure development and maintenance. Implement a transparent and cooperative approach to ensure that resources are allocated efficiently.
- E. **Incorporate Responsible Practices:** Emphasize environmentally responsible infrastructure development by incorporating responsible materials and construction practices wherever possible. Aim to reduce the environmental impact of our roadways and infrastructure while increasing their longevity.
- F. **Innovative Technologies and Engineering:** Embrace innovative technologies and engineering practices to create resilient and durable roadways and infrastructure. Explore the use of innovative infrastructure solutions to improve safety, traffic flow, and maintenance efficiency.
- G. **Focus on Safety:** Prioritize road safety improvements and initiatives, including the implementation of measures such as traffic calming measures, pedestrian-friendly infrastructure, and better signage to reduce accidents and enhance road user safety.
- H. **Engagement with Local Communities:** Engage with local communities and stakeholders to gather feedback and understand the unique needs and challenges of different regions. Encourage public participation in decision-making processes to ensure infrastructure projects align with the priorities and values of the people they serve.

- I. **Streamlined Permitting and Approval Process:** Streamline the permitting and approval process for infrastructure projects to expedite implementation while maintaining necessary environmental and safety standards.
- J. **Regular Maintenance and Monitoring:** Implement a proactive maintenance plan for all infrastructure assets to prevent deterioration and costly repairs. Regular monitoring and inspections will be carried out to address issues promptly.
- K. **Job Creation and Economic Growth:** Recognize the significant economic benefits of investing in infrastructure renewal. By creating jobs, improving connectivity, and boosting transportation efficiency, we can stimulate economic growth and enhance the overall prosperity of Manitoba.

Conclusion

Through this policy platform, **Manitoba Stronger Together** aims to assess and revitalize our roads, highways, and infrastructure thereby positioning our province for a responsible and prosperous future. Together we can build a more connected, safer, and thriving Manitoba for generations to come.

13. Regulatory Reform

Introducing our **Manitoba Stronger Together** Policy Platform on Regulatory Reform. We recognize the urgent need to address the burdensome and tangled web of red tape that has hindered Manitobans for far too long. Our province's regulatory processes have become overly punitive, causing a stifling development and hindering innovation. As a pioneering province since 1870 we are committed to taking decisive action to untangle this web and create a more streamlined, efficient, and business-friendly environment for all Manitobans.



Our first step is to undertake a comprehensive review and reform process aimed at identifying and eliminating unnecessary and counterproductive regulations. We will work closely with industry experts, stakeholders, and affected communities to identify areas of improvement and streamline approval processes. Our goal is to create a regulatory framework that encourages economic growth, fosters innovation, and promotes job creation while still upholding essential health, safety, and environmental standards.

By setting an example for other provinces to follow, we aim to lead the charge in modernizing regulatory processes across Canada. We recognize that clear, concise, and transparent regulations are vital to attract investment, support small businesses, and ensure a competitive and thriving economy. **Manitoba Stronger Together** is committed to facilitating a more agile and responsive regulatory system that encourages entrepreneurship, attracts investment, and empowers Manitobans to pursue their ventures with confidence.

Together we will break free from the shackles of red tape and unleash the full potential of Manitoba's innovative spirit. By reforming our regulatory processes we will pave the way for a brighter more prosperous future for all Manitobans. With a focus on efficiency, fairness, and opportunity, we will lay the foundation for a business-friendly province that leads the way in responsible development. Let's embark on this transformative journey together, by creating a more prosperous and dynamic Manitoba for generations to come.

- A. **Comprehensive Review and Streamlining:** **Manitoba Stronger Together** is committed to undertaking a comprehensive review of existing regulations to identify and eliminate burdensome and outdated red tape. We will work collaboratively with industry experts, stakeholders, and affected communities to ensure a transparent and efficient regulatory system that fosters economic growth while upholding essential health, safety, and environmental standards.
- B. **Business-Friendly Environment:** Our policy platform aims to create a business-friendly environment that encourages entrepreneurship and attracts investment. By removing unnecessary barriers and streamlining approval processes we will empower businesses to flourish and contribute to Manitoba's economic prosperity. We will establish clear and

concise regulations that facilitate innovation and job creation, causing Manitoba to emerge as an attractive destination for investors and entrepreneurs.

- C. **Agile and Responsive Governance: Manitoba Stronger Together** will promote agile and responsive governance by implementing mechanisms for regular review and updates of regulations. We understand the importance of adapting to changing economic landscapes and technological advancements. By fostering a regulatory environment that evolves with the needs of the community, we will encourage sustained growth and adaptability.
- D. **Supporting Small Businesses:** Recognizing the vital role small businesses play in Manitoba's economy, our policy platform will prioritize their success. We will provide tailored support, such as simplified compliance processes and accessible resources, to ensure small businesses can thrive and contribute to their local communities.
- E. **Leading by Example: Manitoba Stronger Together** will lead by example and set the standard for regulatory reform in Canada. We will work with other provinces to share best practices and coordinate efforts to create a consistent, modern, and streamlined regulatory landscape across the country.
- F. **Ensuring Responsible Development:** While we aim to cut unnecessary red tape, we will not compromise on health, safety, and environmental standards. Our regulatory reform policy prioritizes responsible development, ensuring that all projects adhere to responsible practices and protect Manitoba's natural beauty and resources for future generations.
- G. **Transparency and Public Input:** Transparency and public input are fundamental to a fair and accountable regulatory system. **Manitoba Stronger Together** will actively engage with citizens and stakeholders to seek their input in the reform process. By involving the public in decision-making we will ensure that regulations reflect the needs and aspirations of all Manitobans.

Conclusion

By adopting these policies, **Manitoba Stronger Together** will pave the way for a more competitive, vibrant, and forward-thinking Manitoba. We will create an environment that encourages growth, innovation, and prosperity while maintaining the highest standards of safety and sustainability. Together we will unleash Manitoba's potential and empower individuals and businesses to thrive and contribute to the bright future of our province.

14. Empowering Citizen-Led Communities - Reclaiming Personal Freedom & Responsibility

Manitoba Stronger Together believes that the heart of a strong and vibrant community lies in the empowerment of its citizens. We recognize the growing concerns about government overreach into personal lives, belief systems, and community affairs. Our policy aims to restore the power and responsibility to the people by creating citizen-led, citizen-funded, and citizen-operated communities, free from unnecessary government interference.



- A. **Strengthening Community Participation:** We will prioritize community involvement and participation by promoting the active engagement of citizens in decision-making processes. We will establish platforms for regular town hall meetings where citizens can voice their concerns, ideas, and aspirations. By fostering open dialogue we will ensure that the people are at the centre of community development.
- B. **Supporting Private and Community-Led Initiatives:** **Manitoba Stronger Together** recognizes the value of private community groups and their historical role in community life. We will provide support and incentives for these groups to thrive and take a lead role in addressing local challenges. Additionally, we will encourage the revival of long-standing traditions of neighbour helping neighbour, thereby creating a strong sense of camaraderie and unity within our communities.
- C. **Protecting Personal Liberties:** We believe that individual freedoms, including beliefs, religion, and family choices, must be respected and protected. Our policy will work to ensure that government intervention in personal matters is minimized, allowing citizens to make their own decisions without undue influence.
- D. **Defending Parental Rights:** **Manitoba Stronger Together** will advocate for the preservation of parental rights and the freedom to make informed decisions about their child's upbringing and education. We will oppose any attempts to infringe upon these fundamental rights and work to create a transparent and inclusive education system that respects the diverse values of our communities.
- E. **Citizen-Centred Funding:** Our policy platform advocates for increased citizen involvement in community funding decisions. We will explore innovative funding models that allow citizens to allocate resources based on their priorities and needs, giving them greater control over the allocation of community resources.
- F. **Minimizing Bureaucratic Interference:** We will undertake a comprehensive review of existing regulations and policies to identify and eliminate bureaucratic red tape that hinders citizen-led initiatives. Our goal is to create a more agile and responsive governance structure that supports community-driven projects and ideas.

G. **Promoting Independence:** **Manitoba Stronger Together** believes that communities should be self-reliant and not unduly dependent on government assistance. We will promote entrepreneurship, local businesses, and job opportunities to create economically vibrant and self-sustaining communities.

Conclusion

By implementing these policies, **Manitoba Stronger Together** will foster a culture of personal freedom, community empowerment, and citizen-driven initiatives. We aim to restore the power to the people, allowing them to shape their communities according to their values, aspirations, and needs, free from unnecessary government intrusion. Together we will build strong, independent, and resilient communities that celebrate diversity, promote personal liberties, and provide a nurturing environment for all Manitobans.

Summary Statement

This Policy Statement is more than empty promises; it is a mandate for action. **Manitoba Stronger Together** holds candidates accountable to their commitments urging them to align their actions with the values of responsible governance and community empowerment.

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In unity and determination,

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