



# Welcome Prospective Members!

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## Introduction:

Thank you for expressing interest in **Manitoba Stronger Together!**

As a vibrant and dynamic organization of volunteers, we are dedicated to fostering a united and empowered community in the beautiful province of Manitoba. Our mission is to bring individuals from all backgrounds together to create positive change, advocate for meaningful policies, and build a stronger, more citizen inclusive Manitoba. By joining our collective effort, you become an essential part of a movement that aims to shape a brighter future for all Manitobans.

- 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.

## Our Purpose:

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.

## How We Do It:

**Advocacy and Impact:** 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. Our plan to facilitate change is:

- We are non-party aligned, we are only aligned with the people of our communities.
- We want and get to know the candidates.
- We vote together for whoever pledges to represent us.
- What if they pledge to support us but once elected do not? We will vote them out on the next round!
- We will support whichever candidate supports us --- regardless of the party --- because we need voices heard in all of the parties!

They are your best friend when they want your vote, but once you go to the council meetings or school board meetings, they cut off your mic, or you do not even get a chance to state your position. **Imagine in the next voting cycle, that candidates who support you in the first place get elected into the majority of these bodies.**

Until now, our political landscape has been dominated by the "Party" system, leaving citizens feeling captive in their voting choices. Regardless of the party chosen, many politicians fail to truly represent the interests and concerns of the people.

At Manitoba Stronger Together, we are committed to breaking free from this system. Our aim is to empower citizens by holding elected representatives personally accountable for their actions.

By promoting individual responsibility and a commitment to serving their constituents, we seek to create a political environment where elected officials genuinely represent the voices and aspirations of the people they serve. Through this transformation, we can truly restore power to the people and foster a more responsive and inclusive democracy in Manitoba.

In actuality, they only want to talk to you once every four years.

We are on to them.

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- We critically evaluate and get to know the candidates.
- We vote together for whoever pledges to represent us.
- What if they pledge to support us but once elected do not? We vote them out the next round!
- We will support which ever candidate represents and supports us the peoples' concerns regardless of party.

**Non-Partisan Community:** We strive to build an inclusive community that embraces **diversity of thought and being**. We welcome everyone, regardless of their political background or beliefs.

We are not aligned with any existing or future political party.

Our only affiliation is to the people of Manitoba, the constituents, tax payers, the voters, in other words: **YOU**.

**Our aim is to hold elected representations accountable.** We will speak to anyone who wants to run for office, regardless of party, and we will provide a platform for our members to see and hear them all.

If we do not present them to the membership, they have refused to meet with our members. You, then, can refuse to vote for them.

If a candidate refuses to accept our invitation to speak with our membership, we will inform our membership of this. This should be a clear sign that the candidate does not care about the voter, and you should consider that fact on voting day.

**Empowerment and Education:** We are committed to empowering our members through education and awareness. By providing access to accurate information and resources, we equip our members with the knowledge to actively participate in shaping Manitoba's future.

We are bringing together educational materials, links, articles and blog posts which are sent right to your inbox.

We help you to understand what the issues are, who is promoting what causes, and we will provide the links and resources so that you can take action.

We will also provide you with the resources you need to familiarize yourself with the track record of an incumbent representative.

In addition, we will use our collective contacts to provide you with contact information concerning any of the dozens of advocacy groups that are already operating in Manitoba and Canada.

In this way, you will be able to be a part of Manitoba Stronger Together as well as any other hands on advocate group that might wish to participate in.

We want to build a network of people who are willing to stand up, get off the couch and participate! We will do what we can to facilitate the process with your support and help.

We hold weekly 60-Minute Zoom Meetings with the entire membership to provide information in a timely manner while respecting all of our time constraints. We will arrange for presentations/tutorials on relevant topics from a variety of interesting persons. These may include advocates, media types, political representatives, lawyers, doctors, candidates for office, etc. If you have a particular interest or concern that you want discussed or answered, please email and we will address it at an upcoming meeting.

We offer you tutorials as well on a range of topics that are relevant to our cause.

## **Why Join Manitoba Stronger Together:**

**Make a Difference:** By becoming a member, you play an active role in shaping the future of Manitoba. **Your voice matters**, and together, we can create positive change for our communities.

**Networking and Connection:** Join a vibrant community of like-minded individuals who are passionate about creating a stronger Manitoba. Our events and initiatives provide opportunities to connect with others and build lasting relationships.

**Personal Growth:** As a member, you will have access to various educational resources and workshops. Expand your knowledge, enhance your skills, and develop as a leader within our supportive environment.

**Impactful Advocacy:** Be part of a collective voice that advocates for policies and causes close to your heart. Together, we amplify our impact and influence decision-makers at all levels of government.

## **Expectations from Our Members**

At **Manitoba Stronger Together**, we value the diverse contributions of our members and believe that varying levels of participation enrich our organization. We understand that everyone has unique skills, commitments, and availability, and we welcome individuals at all levels of involvement.

Here are some of the ways you can participate and contribute:

- **Leadership Opportunities:** As a member, you have the chance to take a more active role within our organization. You can choose to be the lead in your riding, representing the interests and concerns of your local community. This leadership position allows you to shape our initiatives and be a direct advocate for change.
- **Attend Weekly Meetings:** We encourage all members to attend our weekly **60-minute** meetings. These gatherings serve as a platform to discuss ideas, share updates, and collaborate on various projects. Your presence and insights at these meetings are essential to understanding and shaping our collective efforts.
- **Non-Recording Policy:** To foster an environment of open dialogue and trust, we do not record our meetings. This ensures that members feel comfortable expressing their opinions and ideas freely without concern.
- **Contributing to Content Creation:** You can actively participate in our organization by helping create tutorials, position papers, or informative content. Your expertise and insights are valuable in shaping our advocacy and educational resources.
- **Supporting Membership:** If your schedule or other commitments limit your direct involvement, you can still be an integral part of our community. Simply joining our membership roster shows your support and commitment to our mission.
- **Identifying Potential Members:** One of the most impactful ways to contribute is by identifying other like-minded individuals who can benefit from our organization's vision. Spreading the word and encouraging others to join Manitoba Stronger Together helps us grow our network and influence.
- **Being an Active Member:** While we respect varying levels of involvement, we encourage all members to be active and engaged in our activities. The more you participate, the more you will gain from the experience of being part of our organization.

## **Your Choice, Your Experience:**

At **Manitoba Stronger Together**, we firmly believe that your journey with us should be tailored to your preferences and abilities. You have the freedom to choose your level of participation, based on what works best for you. Whether you want to take on leadership responsibilities, engage in content creation, attend meetings regularly, or simply support us by being a member. The decision is entirely yours.

We recognize that active involvement often leads to a deeper sense of fulfillment and connection within the community. However, we understand that personal circumstances may vary, and your support is valuable, regardless of the form it takes. What matters most is that you are part of this movement for positive change in Manitoba, where every voice matters and is heard.

At **Manitoba Stronger Together**, we are committed to building a welcoming and inclusive environment that celebrates diverse contributions. Whether you choose to take a leading role, actively participate in meetings, engage in content creation, or support us through your membership, we value your presence and support. We trust that you will find a sense of purpose and fulfillment by being part of our collective effort to make Manitoba stronger, but ultimately, the level of involvement is entirely up to you. Together, we will create a better future for our beloved province. Let's make a difference, together!

**A Strong Voice, and Individual Choice**, at **Manitoba Stronger Together**, we believe in the power of a united voice to drive positive change and influence our province's future. While our organization advocates for progressive policies and meaningful initiatives, we firmly respect every member's right to make their own choices at the ballot box. We are not here to dictate how you vote as an individual; rather, we are dedicated to providing you with comprehensive advocacy and education. Through this process, we aim to empower our membership to make truly informed decisions that align with their values and aspirations. This, we believe, is the very essence of democracy - fostering an engaged and informed citizenry that collectively shapes a brighter and stronger Manitoba for all.

## **Conclusion:**

At **Manitoba Stronger Together**, we believe in the power of unity, advocacy and informed decision making. By joining our organization, you contribute to a stronger, more representative Manitoba that believes that **government should serve the people**. Together, we can build a better future for ourselves and the generations to come. Join us today to become an integral part of a transformative movement that truly makes a difference!

Thank you for considering membership with **Manitoba Stronger Together**. We look forward to welcoming you to our community of change makers!

**More Questions:**

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**To Join Manitoba Stronger Together:**

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