

# **Restoring the Trust**

# Our Commitment to Responsible Governance and Unity

### Introduction:

Greetings esteemed Representative,

We are delighted to present you with this document on behalf of Manitoba Stronger Together, an organization dedicated to fostering a united and empowered community in Manitoba. As a non-partisan Special Interest Group, our vision revolves around strengthening the bond between elected representatives like yourself and the citizens you serve.

This document outlines what you can expect from Manitoba Stronger Together and, in turn, what we expect from you as we collaborate to create positive change and responsible governance for our beloved province.

# What You Can Expect from Manitoba Stronger Together:

- **Respectful Engagement:** Manitoba Stronger Together approaches discussions with elected representatives in a spirit of respect, understanding, and cooperation. We believe that open dialogue is essential to fostering a harmonious relationship and building a stronger community.
- **Informed and Educated Advocacy:** Our organization is committed to providing you with grassroots information and valuable insights into the priorities and concerns of your constituents. We aim to equip you with the knowledge you need to make informed decisions that reflect the will of the people you represent.
- **Transparency and Accountability:** Manitoba Stronger Together upholds the principles of transparency and accountability. As we work together, you can count on us to maintain open communication, ensuring you are kept informed of our initiatives and actions.
- **Support and Collaboration:** We are here to support you in your role as an elected representative. Our collaboration seeks to enhance the effectiveness of your work and amplify

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the voice of your constituents, strengthening the impact of responsible governance in Manitoba.

## What Manitoba Stronger Together Expects from You:

- **Responsibility:** We expect our elected representatives to demonstrate a strong sense of responsibility towards the people they serve. Upholding the public interest and working diligently to address the needs of constituents is crucial to fostering a vibrant and engaged community.
- **Integrity:** Manitoba Stronger Together values integrity as a fundamental aspect of public life. We expect our representatives to act ethically, demonstrate honesty, and maintain the trust placed in them by the people they represent.
- **Transparency:** As elected representatives, we encourage you to be transparent in your actions and decision-making processes. Openly communicating your goals and plans to your constituents fosters trust and strengthens our democracy.
- Accountability: Manitoba Stronger Together adheres to the Nolan Principles of Public Life, which include accountability as a core value. We expect our representatives to be answerable for their decisions and actions, placing the best interests of the community above personal gain.

# The Nolan Principles of Public Life:

The Seven Principles of Public Life (also known as the Nolan Principles) apply to anyone who works as a public office-holder.

This includes all those who are elected or appointed to public office, nationally and locally, and all people appointed to work in the Civil Service, local government, the police, courts and probation services, non-departmental public bodies (NDPBs), and in the health, education, social and care services.

All public office-holders are both servants of the public and stewards! of public resources.

The principles also apply to all those in other sectors delivering! public services.

- Selflessness: Acting solely in the public interest and not using public office for personal gain.
- **Integrity:** Acting with honesty, upholding high ethical standards, and being open and truthful.
- **Objectivity:** Making decisions fairly, without bias or favouritism.
- Accountability: Taking responsibility for actions and decisions and being transparent about them.
- **Openness:** Being open and accessible to the public and willing to explain decisions.
- Honesty: Acting truthfully and with sincerity.
- Leadership: Showing leadership and promoting good behavior in public life.

#### Conclusion:

As Manitoba Stronger Together, we firmly believe that by working collaboratively, we can build a stronger and united community in Manitoba.

Our commitment to responsible governance, transparency, and unity aligns with the Nolan Principles of Public Life, and we look forward to a constructive and productive partnership with you. Together, let us champion the voice of the people and create positive change for the greater good of our province.

Thank you for considering the values and vision of Manitoba Stronger Together. We are eager to work alongside you to make Manitoba an even better place for all its citizens.