

**BUDGET 2020 HIGHLIGHTS****Better Services for Manitobans**

- Investing more than \$250 million over four years for the provincial clinical and preventative services plan, which will enable patients to access the health care they need closer to home and shorten wait times at Winnipeg hospitals.
- Providing an additional \$10 million for cataract and joint replacement surgeries to further shorten surgical wait times for thousands of Manitobans.
- Funding a \$2-million increase for mental health and addiction treatment.
- Providing operating grants totalling up to \$1.3 billion to public school divisions.
- Investing \$160 million for kindergarten to Grade 12 education capital projects including construction of seven new schools and several major additions and renovation projects. By the end of the coming fiscal year, 4,425 new classroom spaces will be open or under construction.
- Investing more than \$2 million to add more than 1,000 licensed early learning and child-care spaces.

**Protecting Our Environment**

- Implementing a Green Levy of a flat \$25 per tonne, effective July 1, that is more effective than the proposed federal carbon tax and better for Manitoba's economy.
- Providing \$101 million for the Lake Manitoba and Lake St. Martin Outlet Channels project and \$45 million for climate resiliency projects across the province.
- Providing an additional \$21.8 million to be held in reserve for the City of Winnipeg's North End Water Pollution Control Centre, bringing the total provincial contribution to more than \$56 million so far.
- Funding up to \$15.8 million to help municipalities outside Winnipeg develop safe and sustainable water and sewage facilities.

**Safer, Stronger Communities**

- Providing an additional \$6 million for provincial police service agreements including funding for 27 additional police officers.
- Investing \$5 million to fight crime and gang activity.
- Providing more than \$1 million to help police to detect and deter drug-impaired driving.

- Providing \$561,000 for grants to support community projects that deliver services to victims of crime in Manitoba.
- Replenishing the rainy day fund.
- Increasing the emergency expenditures contingency to \$100 million.
- Providing a \$125-million increase to highways capital budget to a total of \$362.5 million.

### **Making Life More Affordable for Manitobans**

- Lowering the retail sales tax rate to six per cent, effective July 1, saving Manitoba families an average of \$476 annually.
- Continuing to index the Basic Personal Amount, saving Manitobans \$16.2 million in taxes in the 2020 tax year.
- Eliminating all probate fees as of July 1.
- Increasing the payroll tax threshold, which will benefit 1,000 employers.

### **A Brighter Future for All Manitobans**

- Providing a \$4.8-million increase to the Manitoba Scholarship and Bursary Program including \$1.8 million for the Manitoba Bursary Program and \$3 million for the Manitoba Scholarship and Bursary Initiative.
- Making more than \$41 million in interest-free loans available for post-secondary students.
- Investing \$500,000 toward implementation of the Mineral Development Protocol that will support project-based funding of up to \$50,000 each to First Nation communities to support activities related to mineral exploration and development within their territories.