

SUPPORT FOR THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH ACTION PLAN

The *Opportunities for Economic Growth Action Plan* is the result of extensive engagement with over 65 economic development partners and stakeholders including the business and industry community, sector councils, post-secondary educational institutions, Indigenous-led organizations, and training and employment organizations.

Their advice, experiences and insights shaped the plan and emphasized the need for action to create the conditions for economic prosperity.

Here's what stakeholders are saying:

“A focus on growing the Manitoba economy is critical to creating greater prosperity for businesses and communities in Manitoba. This plan outlines the path and, more importantly actions, to achieve that in collaboration with key stakeholders.” — Chuck Davidson, president and CEO, Manitoba Chambers of Commerce

“Business owners consistently identify labour shortages as one of the main factors limiting their ability to grow and expand. We are pleased to see the Manitoba government enhance efforts to address this issue. Additionally, we appreciate the government’s recognition of the negative impacts caused by extensive regulatory requirements. CFIB looks forward to continuing to work with the province to reduce internal trade barriers and the regulatory burden for Manitoba businesses.” — Brianna Solberg, provincial affairs director, Canadian Federation of Independent Business

“Provincial-wide economic development happens through co-ordinated effort and shared objectives between development organizations in every region, stakeholders and all government departments. The Opportunities for Economic Growth Action Plan is comprehensive in articulating these objectives and identifies strategic next steps, which is crucial to develop the regional competitiveness necessary to capitalize on the many opportunities in front of us.” — Chris Thevenot, CEO, Communities Economic Development Fund

“Rural Manitoba is more than just agriculture, it includes growing and emerging sectors such as chemical manufacturing, biosciences and sustainable agriculture. RMED is pleased to see the contribution of rural communities reflected in this strategy. The actions taken and underway are addressing critical issues ranging from investment capital to facilitating access to the workforce through expanded daycare spaces.” — Margot Carthcart, president and CEO, Rural Manitoba Economic Development (RMED)

“Indigenous voices and perspectives are critical when it comes to Manitoba’s competitiveness. Economic reconciliation must be at the forefront as we advance growth in Indigenous businesses and their positive impact on the Manitoba economy. This is the time to support the implementation of critical mineral and green energy strategies that include Indigenous leadership and investment in northern infrastructure including trade corridors while strengthening relationships with northern Indigenous leaders and Nunavut, our natural trading partners to the north.” — Jamie Dumont, past-chair on behalf of the Indigenous Chamber of Commerce and member of the premier’s Economic Advisory Committee on Competitiveness