

## **Back**grounder

"Our government welcomes Manitoba's critical investment in this important initiative. It is a great first step and we look forward to collaborating with the Manitoba government and other key stakeholders in the coming months. Downtown Winnipeg plays a crucial role in the fabric of our community and through reconciliation and collaboration, I am confident that together we will build a strong economy that leaves no one behind. This is especially important as we increase the use of innovative technologies and embark on a plan to accelerate home construction." – Minister of Northern Affairs Dan Vandal, minister responsible for PrairiesCan and CanNor

"The redevelopment of Portage Place is a bold step toward building the new downtown. This project reflects our shared vision for a downtown that is not only the economic heart of our city, but also a thriving residential community. By integrating essential health care services with a diverse array of housing options, we're making downtown more livable and welcoming for everyone." – Mayor Scott Gillingham, City of Winnipeg

"This new facility will bring much-needed health services to Winnipeg's downtown core and will ensure Manitobans have access to a wide variety of health care options in a centrally located space. Patients and clients that use services at the Pan Am Clinic will also benefit from the additional capacity created by the new space. We look forward to collaborating with different levels of government, and other partners to help us improve the health-care services we provide." – Mike Nader, president and CEO, Winnipeg Regional Health Authority