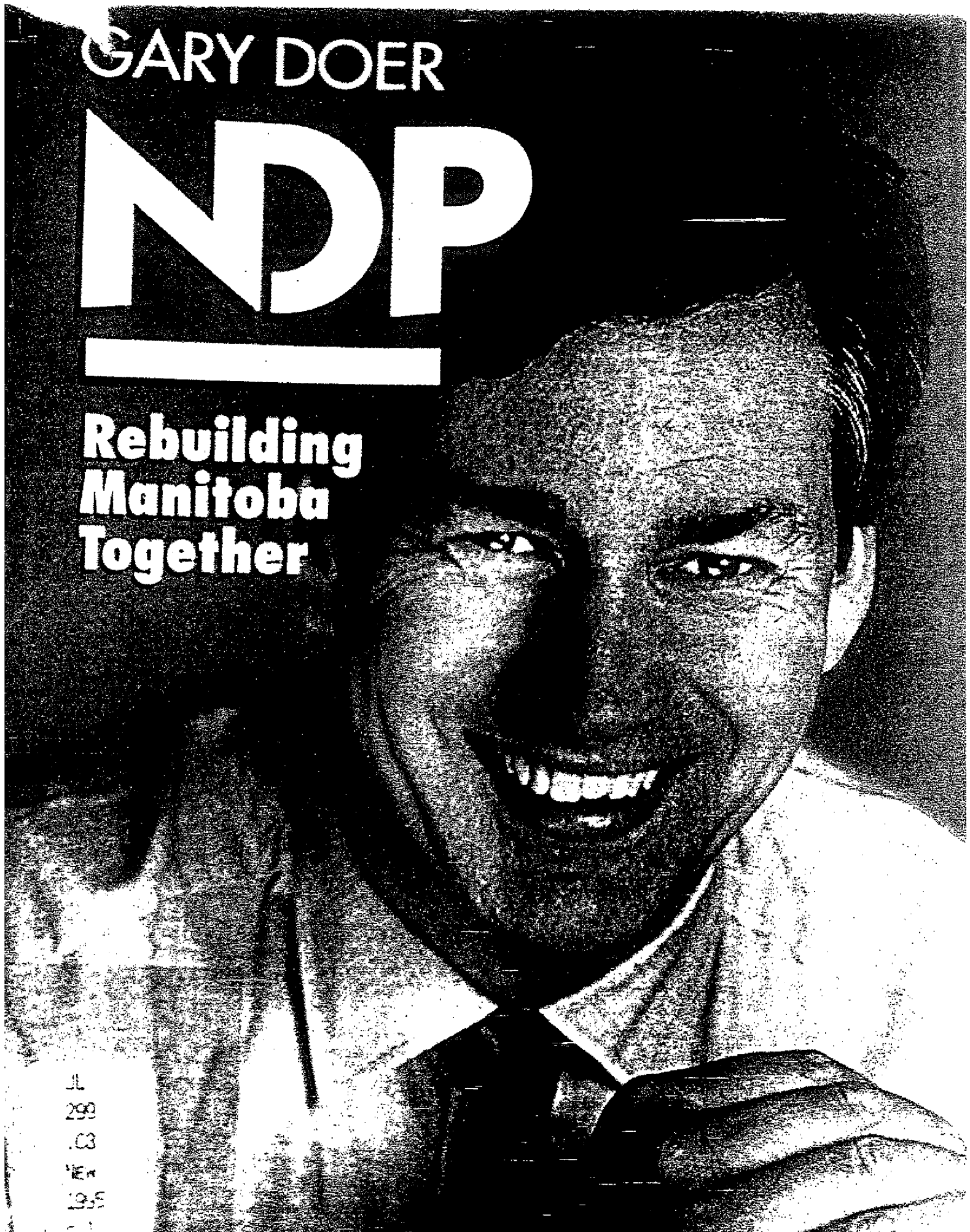


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## MANITOBA'S 125TH YEAR

In 1995 Manitoba celebrates its 125th year as a province of Canada.

Louis Riel, working together with the Metis people, established the terms on which Manitoba entered Confederation as a province. Working together Manitobans have accomplished a great deal in one hundred and twenty-five years. As we look to the future we take pride in our past.

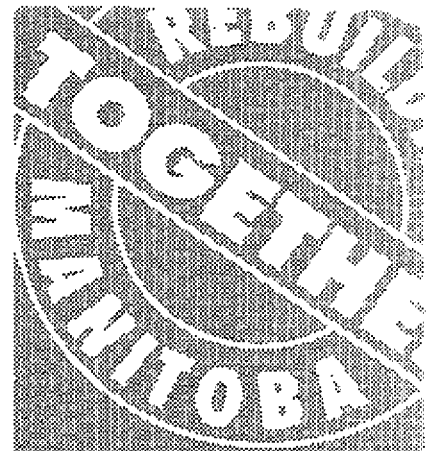
Manitoba is a province rich in its diversity. In addition to our First Nations we have come from all parts of the globe – Europe, Asia, South America, Africa – and have chosen Manitoba as our home. Manitoba is a province built on the hopes and dreams of our people. We are all proud of the pioneering spirit that turned our prairie into Canada's bread basket, our individual and collective achievements that built a province-wide telephone network and a vital hydro electric company that will meet our energy needs today and into the 21st century.

Our social fabric is built on that same spirit. We have come to see public, non-profit health care for all regardless of their circumstance as a right, not a privilege. We offer all the basic medical services to our citizens without premiums and in addition we have developed drug, nursing home and home care programs to serve Manitobans.

We have evolved world class universities and training colleges and a public education system that is open to all. We have been proud to put in place the kind of programs that will help those who by reason of economics or geography do not have easy access to the benefits of higher education. We have worked hard to make ours a fairer and more equal society.

When we have succeeded, as we have done so often in the past, we did so because we worked together. Business, working people, farmers and others worked for a common goal. Government too has played an active part.

Today some of that spirit of success is gone. For seven years we have seen a government that only fosters confrontation. This is not in keeping with our traditions of cooperation and working together. Instead of building together for the future we have seen a government that sets one group against another – trying to create winners and losers. A government that sees high numbers of unemployed and record levels of poverty as unfortunate by-products of the marketplace.



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In two of the last four years the Filmon government was content with among the worst economic performances in Canada. It has been content and satisfied with unemployment and social assistance levels of unprecedented magnitude. It has been unable to respond to the loss of more than 50,000 people in just 7 years - too many of whom are our well educated and trained young people.

Regrettably we have had a government guided not by a sense of compassion or care but by a blinding need to reduce expenditures at any cost. The results for Manitobans have been traumatic.

Our once proud health care system is being rocked to its foundations. American consultants are hired to 'streamline' our system. Preventative programs are cut. At a time when patients lie on gurneys in hospital hallways and there are lengthy waiting lists for needed surgery, the government is proud of the fact that for the first time in history, less was spent on health care than in the previous year. This is not an accomplishment of which to be proud.

Making matters worse are cuts in Federal Transfers for health, post-secondary education and social services introduced by the Federal Liberal government. In 1997/98 Manitoba will be short \$220 million annually. Government briefing notes have suggested that savings equivalent to closing all hospitals in rural Manitoba and one Winnipeg hospital would need to be contemplated.

In a province built on opportunity we see opportunities taken away. For most Manitobans the bridges to move from dependence to independence are being dismantled. It is time to turn all that around. It is time to bring back hope to Manitoba so that we can rebuild our province for the future.

Manitobans want their society to be built upon their best traditions of hard work - as a caring, competent, compassionate and fair province. By working together we have come a long distance. That spirit of cooperation will continue to carry our province forward into the next century, and will turn our challenges into opportunities for us and for our children.

For Manitobans our province is like a family. We work hard, share each others' joys and in tough times we come together to overcome our problems. Lending a helping hand to a family member who needs help is part of our traditions.

We believe that Manitobans' agenda for government should reflect the real needs and opportunities we face. We must begin by ensuring that the foundations of our hardworking and fair society are in place.

It's time for the experience and the common sense of Gary Doer and Manitoba's NDP.

New Democrats know that government can make a difference for our health care, education and getting Manitobans back to work. As New Democrats, we know that government, in partnership with the public, can find the solutions to rebuild this province.





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To restore hope in this province, New Democrats believe we have to bring back the kind of economic well-being – the quality education and health services that Manitobans have known and depended on for generations. That means building a province where every Manitoban can count on the kind of health care they need, when they need it, regardless of their economic status. There will not be, there cannot be one system for the rich and another for the rest of us. Instead, there will be a high quality health care system for all in this province once again, the kind of system accessible to every Manitoban no matter where they live.

New Democrats want to rebuild a province where there are good jobs for everyone. That means training the youth and the workers of this province for the jobs of the future and giving them the skills they'll need for the 21st Century.

New Democrats are concerned about safety, committed to building communities throughout Manitoba where families can live and work without fear. All across the province, Manitobans talk about safe communities and access to services and we'll address those issues, offering the kind of alternatives people are searching for. When robberies are up 20% and violent youth crime up 22% Manitobans demand answers.

New Democrats want to rebuild a Manitoba where people have the opportunity to make the decisions that affect their lives directly. We want to build a Manitoba where all people, regardless of their race, religion, heritage or economic status, are treated fairly.

Working together. That's what New Democrats are all about. About working together to turn this province around. We're optimistic. We'd like to share that optimism. But only through a common understanding will we rebuild our province. Together each of us has a significant role to play in rebuilding hope and fairness. Because it is only through a partnership built on trust, a partnership of all Manitobans constructed on a commitment to fairness and common sense goals, that we will get back on track toward a better Manitoba.

Won't you join us? We can rebuild Manitoba together!



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# Healthy Communities

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## **HEALTH CARE: OUR FUTURE DEPENDS ON IT**

Every day people ask us why are we unable to get the health care we need when the provincial government is making hundreds of millions of dollars in gaming & VLT profits.

They can't understand why we're laying off nurses when we're paying for the losses of the Winnipeg Jets. We agree those are good questions. We believe the most important job of any provincial government is to make sure that Manitobans have a health care system they can count on.

### **► Help Save Health Care**

In Manitoba New Democrats eliminated health care premiums, built personal care homes, introduced Pharmacare, initiated Children's Dental Care, established Home Care and built one of the finest and most innovative health care systems in North America. We do not want to follow the disastrous experience in health provision in the United States. In partnership with the public and front-line health care workers, we must follow the basic principles of Canadian health care in rebuilding our system. **We must not make our system more like that in the US.**

It makes no sense to cut Home Care by \$3 million and then hire an American consultant for \$4 million. When it comes to making change, the knowledge and expertise to guide the way exists right here in our own communities. **We do not need any American consultants when there is a wealth of talent right here in Manitoba.**

We know it's time to rebuild Manitoba's health care system. But the present government's approach to our health care system is all wrong. Supported by successive Liberal health critics they have cut services and put no alternatives in place. Cuts to Pharmacare, the Children's Dental Program, Home Care, the closure of hospital beds without the establishment of community services to replace them, and huge hikes in personal care home fees have left Manitobans fearing for their future.

The time has come for a common sense approach. An approach that ensures the services we need are there when we need them!



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## ► Opening up the Rebuilding process

Some of the worst damage to our social fabric has been seen in our health care system. But that can be changed. First and foremost we must involve every concerned Manitoban in the process of rebuilding a strong health care system in Manitoba. A Health Care Accountability Act will throw off the shroud of secrecy that surrounds decision-making and planning for change in health care. The Ombudsman's office should have more responsibility in this area.

Our health care institutions, hospitals, clinics and others must serve the communities they were designed to help. More community involvement on health care boards is a necessity. We will provide for community and employee representation on all health care boards in Manitoba. We will also introduce legislation to ensure that patients can have access to their health records as well as a Personal Care Home Bill of Rights.

The Filmon government has over 100 committees studying health care in this province. Over 94% of those serving on those committees are doctors and administrators, 6% nurses and the rest of the public. New Democrats would call on doctors, nurses, nutritionists and other professionals for their advice and direction in implementing our rebuilding strategy. But our commitment is to action not to endless study of our health care system by committee after committee.

## ► Stable and Predictable Health Care Funding

In the face of cuts in transfers of hundreds of millions of dollars each year by the Federal Liberal government New Democrats are committed to stable and predictable funding for health services. Manitobans must be sure that the health care they need will be there when they need it. We must stop the fear and distrust for the future that cutback after cutback has produced.

While lottery revenues are growing by leaps and bounds our health care system should be assured of adequate funding. However, over the last three years, 600 health care professionals have lost their jobs. The toll on the health care system and on individual lives is immense. Current plans call for as many as 1,000 more job losses. Already in Winnipeg & Northern Manitoba we are seeing more health care layoffs. We would cancel those plans and work together with the public and all health care professionals to design the plan to rebuild our health care system.

We must make significant investment in training and skill upgrading to allow those now employed in institutions to assume roles in the community-based system. We'll ensure that health professionals displaced by the move to community-based delivery will be retrained to take advantage of the opportunities in community care.



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## ► Improved Community Care

When it comes to rebuilding health care, New Democrats believe prevention programs and community care must be improved.

Every study has shown that care in the community is more effective and cost efficient than traditional institutional care. We must take steps to free our institutional resources so they can better handle the crisis intervention and care that is needed. We will ensure that the resources are available in the community.

To that end we have begun work on proposals to transform our Home Care program, begun almost 20 years ago, into an even broader Community Care program. But, we will not move patients into the community care setting until appropriate support systems are in place.

Home Care has expanded to more than just a program to keep the elderly in their homes. Unfortunately, cuts to home care for equipment services and for housekeeping services have left too many Manitobans without the service they depend upon. Those ill-conceived cuts must be reversed.

To promote the shift to community-based care, New Democrats will enhance support for the roles of all existing community health clinics.

We'll also establish **Neighbourhood Health Organizations** to gradually replace walk-in clinics. NHOs will offer multi-disciplinary health services ranging from doctors and nurses to nurse practitioners, midwives, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, nutritionists and social workers. Services will be provided on a regular basis with weekend and evening access. Doctors working in NHOs will be paid a salary, to be reviewed and established in conjunction with the Manitoba Medical Association.

We're convinced these community-based services will relieve the pressure on our hospitals so they can provide the acute care they were designed to give. To provide additional relief for emergency rooms in hospitals we'll establish, in conjunction with NHOs, a **Health Action Line**, staffed by nurses 24 hours a day, so the public can call for advice on the best avenue for treatment, before spending long hours waiting in an emergency room. We feel this is one of the best ways to deal with over-utilization of our health care system.

## ► Healthy Child Program

Children who are hungry will not learn in schools, will not be healthy and in the long-term will struggle to find work and contribute to the economy. All of us benefit from sound nutrition, good levels of immunization, early detection of speech and hearing problems, better coordination of services and safe environments for children and families.



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Our Healthy Child Program addresses the overall health of Manitoba's children. This program includes:

- nutrition for mother and child
- campaign to combat fetal alcohol syndrome
- nurses in schools
- physical education a mandatory high school course
- interdepartmental coordination of children's services
- children's safety programs,
- expanded speech and language programs
- a rural and northern healthy child strategy
- restoring the Children's Dental Program and
- a program aimed specifically at Aboriginal children.

We have 62,000 children who live in poverty. This preventative health care program must be an immediate priority to improve the social and economic prospects of all our children. Our action plan will improve children's health in the short-term and free up scarce resources to fight poverty and save money in the long-term.

## ► Keeping Drug Costs Affordable

In recent years, the government has increased Pharmacare deductibles many times faster than inflation, and delisted some needed medications. This places a particular hardship on seniors and low income families who can ill afford increased costs for medications.

Compounding this problem is the fact that recent governments in Ottawa, both Liberal and Conservative have been content to extend costly monopolies to pharmaceutical manufacturers. The results are already being felt in higher prescription drug costs because lower priced generic drugs are not available. We want the Federal government to honour its election commitment of just over a year ago to reverse this drug patent protection.

New Democrats pledge to hold the line on Pharmacare deductibles for four years and to relist some drugs delisted by the Filmon government.



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## ► Taking Profit out of Health Care

New Democrats believe **there is no place for profit making when it comes to treating the sick and the injured.** Health care isn't an assembly line. According to the government's own reports private labs are skimming off the cream of lab fees leaving more costly tests to the public sector. We'll take steps like those in other provinces to make lab tests a public, not profit, service.

New Democrats do not support the Filmon government's proposal to turn more than \$100 million and our health care records over to the Royal Bank to develop an experimental computerized health records system. We'll cancel the deal and proceed in a more modest fashion like other provinces in Canada are doing. We'll put the savings back into health care services here in Manitoba.

## ► A Provincial AIDS Strategy

Each year more people are diagnosed with the AIDS virus. For too long the government has remained silent and inactive while this terrible disease continues to spread. We will define the elements of a Provincial AIDS strategy to support efforts to meet this threat head on.

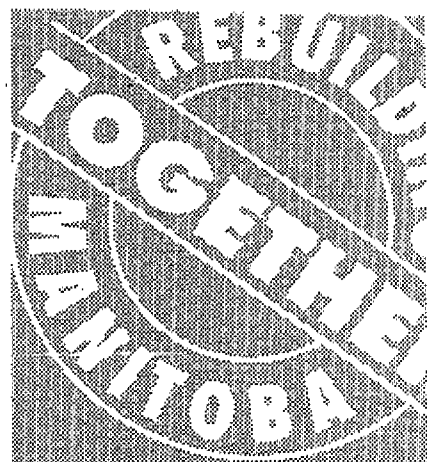
## ► A Healthy Workplace

Each year 43,000 Manitobans are injured in workplace related injuries. New Democrats will act to improve workplace safety and health. Most importantly we'll tighten up enforcement of safety standards in the mining industry. In the last 24 months four Manitobans lost their lives in mining accidents. Most if not all of those accidents could have been prevented. We'll work with the industry and the workers to improve our safety record.

## ► Better Trained Health Professionals = Better Health Care

Manitoba is blessed with some of North America's finest health care professionals but we have to work hard to ensure we keep them here. We will work with the Manitoba Medical Association to develop an action plan to make sure our specialists remain in Manitoba.

We also see an expanded role for Manitoba's nurses. **Nurse Practitioners** can provide comprehensive, cost-effective and improved access to needed services and help to reduce pressures elsewhere in our health care system. Together with Manitoba's universities, hospitals and health care professions we must move to establish **training programs for nurse practitioners** here in Manitoba.



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## SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS

Safety is of utmost concern to all Manitobans.

We believe the community must take responsibility to prevent crime in our neighbourhoods and individuals, once found guilty by our courts, must take responsibility for their actions.

New Democrats recognize that the solutions to crime won't be found simply in changes to the legal system. While offenders must be more accountable for their actions, we must also prevent crime in the first place.

### ► More Community Resources

We believe that community-based police officers, working in the community, will prevent more crimes from being committed. Officials with the RCMP tell us that more officers are needed in rural Manitoba. We want to see expanded resources devoted to placing more officers in both urban and rural communities. We intend to back this program with a solid financial commitment.

Violent crime is increasing in our communities. We believe that tough talk alone is not enough to deal with the problems. We will provide funds to operate the Crime Prevention Foundation which will work for more community volunteers, greater education and awareness of crime prevention. In addition, the Foundation will coordinate and fund **Community Justice Councils** which will pursue local crime prevention measures, set priorities with community police officers and deliver swift meaningful consequences to those who plead guilty for lesser offences.

### ► Youth and the Law

In the last five years, violent youth crime has almost doubled in this province, while the government stood back and failed to support overdue prevention programs or to ensure meaningful consequences for young offenders.

Manitobans are concerned about youth crime. When a youth breaks the law, there must be swift and meaningful consequences—to change behaviour—for real justice. The Young Offenders Act is a federal law and we must pursue changes at that level, but the province is still responsible for the administration of the court system.

Today there are intolerable delays in the charges dealt with in Youth Court. We will reallocate resources to make the justice system work better so there are timely consequences for youth. Under the Conservatives there have been many press releases but no determined effort to ensure a court system that meets our expectations.





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We also want to **expand the utilization of Youth Justice Committees**, already active and effective as a swift 'close to home' dispenser of consequences for lesser offenses in many communities as part of the mandate of Community Justice Councils. We want to make them work in all of this province's communities and neighbourhoods. We will introduce a **Face up - make-up rule** requiring young offenders to face consenting victims and make reparations as a minimum consequence.

New Democrats will spearhead the coordination of justice, health, education and family support services for an effective youth services network.

To give youth an opportunity to be involved in something else besides a gang we will call for the establishment of a program for **Youth Places grants** to allow communities to establish drop in centres and coordinated activities for our young people.

New Democrats know we must help families, schools and communities prevent youth violence. A **parenting skills component** to the mandatory health curriculum in schools and a comprehensive **community parent training program** will be established. We'll help establish and strengthen **Stay in School programs** because youth who drop out of school are more likely to become offenders.

### ► Safer Homes & Streets

There must be a safety component in future infrastructure. The present government home renovation program makes no provision for work required for improving home safety. Our **Community Safety** infrastructure program will reduce opportunities for crime. This program will provide a **Safer Streets Manitoba Capital Fund** for municipalities to improve street lighting, sight lines, building security and access to emergency help and **Home Security Loans for Seniors**.

### ► Improving the Administration of Justice

We also believe, as do most Manitobans, that the consequences of crime must be swift. Today there are intolerable delays in our court system for young and old offenders alike. We will support measures designed to reduce the backlog in our courts and ensure that justice is fair and swift.

We will also introduce a **Serious Habitual Offender Program for police detection** of the most serious repeat offenders and then use intensive interdisciplinary assistance to reduce the likelihood of future criminal activity.

Manitobans deserve to feel safe. Manitobans deserve to be secure. New Democrats will do everything possible to make sure that happens.



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## EDUCATING OUR CHILDREN FOR THE FUTURE

Our children are our future.

The kind of community we become will be dependent on the kind of schools and teachers we create now. And the schools we shape today require us to harness the collective energy and knowledge of parents, teachers, students and communities of Manitoba to pull in the same direction for the benefit of all.

### ► Fairness in Funding Public Education

New Democrats want to build a community based on equality and cooperation. We are fundamentally committed to the support of our institutions of public education. The erosion of public confidence in our education system and our teachers will weaken the sense of common purpose and will increase the already growing gap between rich and poor in our community.

New Democrats believe that public education is an investment. We will insure that current levels of funding, on a per pupil basis, will increase consistent with the growth in the real gross provincial product. Schools will have **stable and predictable finances** and the inequities in the current funding practices will be addressed.

As a result of the present government's neglect of education there are 380 fewer teachers than just 4 years ago. Students will receive reduced hours of instruction in such key courses as English and history. The choices available to students are more limited and extra-curricular programming just isn't the same.

New Democrats believe public education comes first. For seven years the present government has allowed our public school system to deteriorate while expanding grants to the private school system. New Democrats will immediately **freeze the funding for private schools** until a review of legal and historical obligations is completed.

Recently, the government proposed that teachers be given the right to strike in place of the present system of arbitration. We believe that arbitration has led to many years of uninterrupted teaching in Manitoba and has resulted in fair settlements. We believe that the present system should be maintained to ensure a pattern of uninterrupted learning for our children.



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## ► Teaching Today's Basics

Manitobans have high expectations of our young people. New Democrats believe that the job of our schools is to open doors for students, not to close off options through a narrowing of curriculum. Essential learning must include language arts, math, science and computer literacy. It must also develop an understanding of music, art and physical education. The world of work which our students will be facing will demand skills in multiple languages, in team work and in cooperation. As a province and as a nation we shall all need a new generation of Manitobans with a sense of citizenship and common purpose.

Effective curriculum must be clearly communicated to parents and students. Some schools offer subject workshops for parents. Some have telephone "hot-lines" or produce booklets. Some provide literacy programs for parents or computer workshops so that parents can work with their children in new technology areas. There are many "best practices" in the province.

New Democrats will revitalize the Curriculum Branch. We will publish a core curriculum, in plain language, for each level so that the goals and expectations are clear for parents, teachers and students. An improved reporting system will ensure that parents know how their child is learning in relation to the expectations we have for their age grouping.

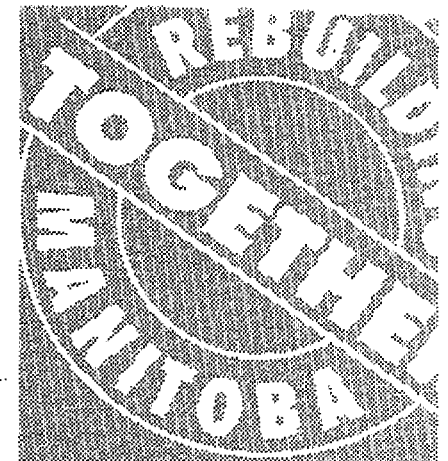
Because we believe that children must have certain skills and knowledge we endorse Canadian History as a core course in the senior curriculum. We believe that it is through a knowledge of our own history that we will come to have a better understanding and insight into the problems we face in the present and the future.

We also recognize the importance of physical fitness to the health and well-being of our children. Physical education programs will continue to be mandatory until the end of Grade 11 under an NDP government.

## ► Safe and Healthy Schools

Teachers must be free to teach. One of the ways we can give more aid to teachers and help to meet the needs of our students is to make our schools the focus of our services to youth. Our **Healthy Child Program** will make schools an integral part of a community based child health program. We will ensure that nurses play a lead role in services such as immunization, pregnancy education, administering medical services to special needs students, drug and alcohol and family life education.

No one disputes the importance of good health for a child's learning environment and yet, in recent years the government changed the way it funded clinicians' services for rural schools. The result is less service overall and we believe that is not in the best interest of the children. We propose to offer school divisions a better choice when it comes to these clinician services.



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Manitobans are concerned about increasing violence in our communities and parents are especially concerned about violence in our schools. This concern is shared by teachers in the classroom. We must curtail the violence in schools that makes it more difficult for our children to learn.

It is time to bring teachers, school officials, parents and the Department of Education together to work out a detailed policy and program to address the root causes of violence in the schools. We need province wide leadership to address these problems on a comprehensive basis. The safety of students and teachers in our schools must be a top priority to ensure quality education.

New Democrats believe the elements of any **Safe Schools policy** must include: the social and physical environment of the school and whether it fosters fear and violence; violence-prevention in the curriculum; early and ongoing identification for prevention; a code of behaviour for schools; defined procedures for dealing with violent incidents; policies for dealing with the aftermath of violence; staff development and the ongoing involvement of the parents, schools and community.

## ► Involving Parents in Education Priorities

Parents, teachers and students are the three most important partners in education. Parents need to know what the community standards and goals in education are and they need the opportunity to help set those goals. They want to know how best to help their child. They need to know that the school is always open to them and that their contribution, whether it be in expertise, advice, fund raising or as educational coach to their child, is always welcomed by staff and school board. They need a government which will not undermine the work of teachers and parents.

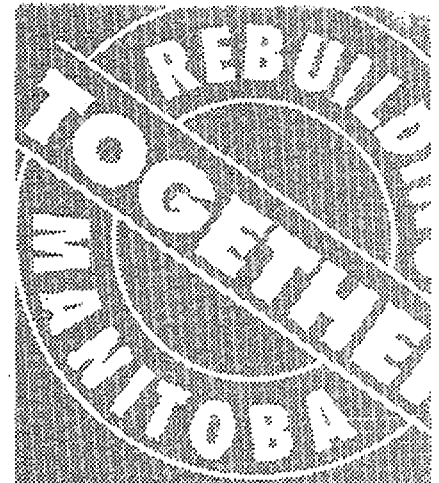
New Democrats will require a **Community School Council** for each school which does not already have a council. This will be composed of the principal and elected representatives of community, staff and students. Schools will provide an annual report and will have periodic external/internal evaluations.

Parents also need to have better avenues to review decisions made by our school system. We will extend the jurisdiction of the Ombudsman to cover schools. This will provide greater latitude to parents not satisfied with decisions affecting their children.





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## ► Better Coordinated Distance Education Programs

As our technological abilities expand we must ensure we offer the benefits of this knowledge to all Manitobans. Distance Education initiatives we begin today will be key to the kind of public education we can provide in the future.

The Norrie Report was very critical of the leadership the provincial government has given to distance education. We agree. We propose a more coordinated approach to distance education and the overall access and expansion of the information highway in Manitoba. We'll make better use of technology-based education to bring the expertise to the students rather than displacing students to bring them closer to the technology. The know-how exists. We intend to use it to make this province a more effective educator of its young people.

## ► School Boundaries Review

The Norrie Committee has proposed sweeping changes to Manitoba's school division boundaries – the first in more than 30 years. For New Democrats the issue is not whether school divisions have 20,000 students or 30,000 students, but whether the divisions are providing our children with the best possible education.

Today most Manitobans are unaware of the proposed restructuring. New Democrats will ensure that there is broad public consultation on the proposed changes to ensure a thorough community understanding of the effects of these changes. We also promise that changes will be done by legislation not by secret Cabinet order. We will take the time necessary to listen to Manitobans and to ensure that any changes are done fairly.

Regardless of the final outcome of the school boundaries debate New Democrats remain committed to keeping smaller schools open. **Any community with at least 15 elementary school students will keep its school** and small high schools will be maintained and enhanced through our **Distance Education** initiative.

## ► Moving Forward Together

Teachers need to be trained in the curriculum of the future. Without it our children will not have the skills they need for the future. Professional development days must be available for teachers, with scheduling to be arranged so it has the least possible impact on working parents and the largest possible benefit for Manitoba's teachers.

New Democrats will establish an **Educational Innovation Fund** for new curriculum, for professional development, for resource sharing and for the communication of innovative practices.



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Our goal for the education system is to develop in Manitobans the capacity to think critically and communicate clearly. The Filmon government thinks you can do this by dividing parents from teachers and by mandating from above a curriculum which narrows the options for some students.

We believe that education should be broadly based and should take into account individual ability and experience of children. It should prepare students for work but it must also recognize that their ability to be creative, to work cooperatively and to think critically will be key requirements for our labour force. We desire creativity for individual as well as economic reasons.

Equally we know the health of our society rests on the preparation of young people for citizenship. The toleration and moderation that has become the hallmark of our Manitoba multicultural society cannot be taken for granted.

We know the education system in this province is in need of rebuilding. However, we will not implement alternatives without the participation and cooperation of everyone who's part of the rebuilding.

We cannot go forward unless we work together. The present government's war with educators in this province must come to an end. Instead of imposing solutions we must seek consensus on major educational issues through a legitimate consultative process. We see teachers, trustees, parents, students and administrators as partners, not antagonists, in rebuilding public education in Manitoba.

We think you'll agree that the kind of partnerships we'll forge will make the difference in ensuring the competent, quality public education of all Manitobans in the years ahead.

Working together. It is the key to everything we will do. It is the key to restoring hope for a bright future in Manitoba.



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## REBUILDING THE CAPITAL REGION

It's time that all levels of government started to pull together.

### ► New Partnerships

In Manitoba the present government has tried to off-load many of its financial problems on municipal governments resulting in higher local property taxes and less services. New Democrats will establish a **new partnership with local governments** to ensure that there is adequate funding for important services like public transportation, including handi-transit where needed. We'll also devote a part of our infrastructure program to working jointly with local government to invest in **urban transportation initiatives, more upgraded sewer and water services and safer public streets.**

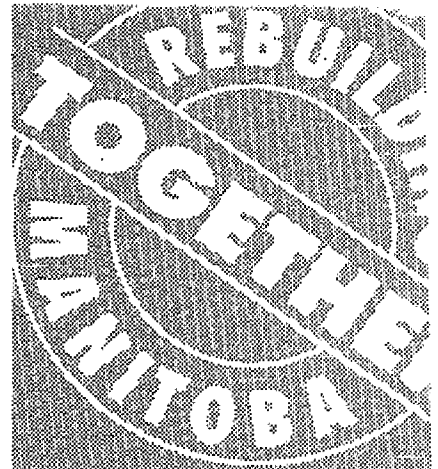
Our **Housing Initiative** will help rebuild and renew existing homes and help to build co-op and non-profit housing to meet local needs. Working together with local governments, we can combat rising social assistance costs and through our **Building Bridges Program** help those on social assistance to get the skills necessary to break the poverty cycle and dependence on provincial and municipal social assistance.

### ► Regional Planning

Winnipeg's airport is an economic asset not just for the City of Winnipeg but for the whole province. We believe that the province should have a bigger say in regional development decisions that affect the operations of the airport.

We want more coordinated planning for development in the Winnipeg Capital Area; only then will we be able to successfully plan for future development like the multi-modal hub at the airport.

We propose a 10 year **Capital Region Plan** to coordinate sustainable development in the best interests of the whole region. All local development plans would fit within the overall guidelines established by the Capital Region Plan. We want to contain urban sprawl and ensure that development in the Capital Region is economically and environmentally sound. We must ensure a balance between the costs of the lifestyle choices of Manitobans and the necessary resources to sustain our decisions.



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### ► Safe Water

We must ensure that all Manitobans have access to a safe secure supply of clean drinking water. Last summer's experience at Pukatawagan showed only too graphically that we cannot take our water supply for granted. Our largest city's water supply is potentially threatened by a gold mine development at Shoal Lake. We will take an active part as the Manitoba government in working with the Shoal Lake Band, the City of Winnipeg and the Province of Ontario to ensure that the future of Winnipeg's water supply is secure.

### ► The Jets and a New Arena

New Democrats have never understood why Premier Filmon and the last City Council saddled Winnipeggers and Manitobans with a bill for \$43 million in operating losses for the Winnipeg Jets. Our commitment is to cancel that deal and save the public millions of dollars that could be better spent on health and education services.

New Democrats are opposed to any public funding for a new arena at The Forks site. We do not believe a hockey arena is in keeping with the historic nature of the Forks or the quiet residential setting in old St. Boniface.





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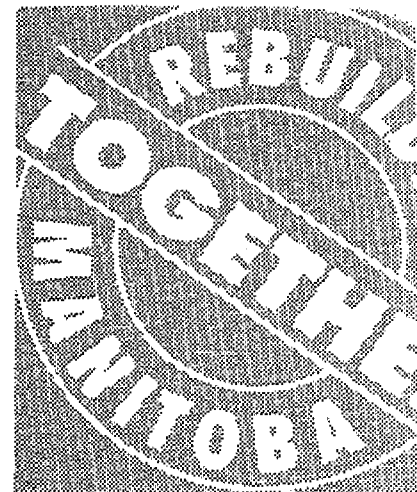
## **AN ACTION PLAN FOR THE FUTURE**

An important step in rebuilding hope for all Manitobans is to get people working again.

The last four years have seen unemployment soar to its highest levels in the history of our province. The result is economic growth below the Canadian average and tens of thousands leaving Manitoba for a brighter future for themselves and their children.

We have to plan together to build this province and create the job growth that is so vital to the restoration of hope among Manitoba's people. New Democrats believe the goal of any economic strategy must be full employment. That's vital. We believe the resources of the government need to be focused on working with the community to ensure as many people as possible are employed in meaningful work. We have to set our goals and design our programs in partnership with the community. And our jobs and training programs have to be delivered as efficiently and effectively as possible.

As Manitobans, our future depends on it.





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## WORKING TOGETHER FOR JOBS AND A HEALTHY ECONOMY

There are fewer people working today than there were when the last election was called in August of 1990. That is not an acceptable situation. Neither is two out of four years of last place or second last-place economic growth. It is time that government changed its approach to economic development and job creation. We cannot sit back and let the jobs come to Manitoba—that hasn't happened and it won't happen. A policy of standing aside while the marketplace takes its course is no policy at all. Government can work together with the major participants in the economy to ensure that we do put more people to work.

### ►Manitoba Works

We believe in a coordinated strategy to get our economy moving. **Our Manitoba Works** program is a series of initiatives designed to promote job creation, training and investment in our province.

#### COORDINATION & PLANNING

New Democrats will establish an all-party legislative committee on the economy. Just as we were able to work together to find a made-in-Manitoba response to the constitutional questions of the late 1980s so too we should address the difficult economic problems we face today.

To help plan for the future we'll create a permanent **Economic Council of Manitoba**, a vital partnership of labour, business and community leaders. Its first task will be to assess the strengths and weaknesses of Manitoba's economy, to reach a consensus on where we stand today and where we need to go tomorrow. It will convene an **economic summit** of business, workers and governments to plan a strategy for economic development, investment and job creation for our province.

Manitobans know that employers are making increasing use of overtime. The result is longer hours for many workers and a reduced work force and that's one issue we'll ask the economic summit to review. We believe that we must work together with employers and unions to develop approaches that minimize the use of overtime. Fewer overtime hours will mean more employment overall.

#### INVESTMENT MANITOBA

Strategic investment is crucial to the future of Manitoba.

There are more than \$5 billion invested in Manitoba's public sector pension funds alone. We think it's time more of that money was re-invested in Manitoba: creating jobs, starting small businesses, expanding co-ops and farm opportuni-



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Investment Manitoba program will work with the managers of the public and private sector pension funds and the employees that contribute to them to ensure we're investing more of our pension fund dollars here at home where they'll do the most good. We can do it and it will mean a better Manitoba for all of us.

New Democrats believe the Economic Summit to be convened by the new Economic Council of Manitoba will identify areas for strategic investment. We're prepared to support these priorities with a clearly defined **Strategic Investment Program** that encourages development in priority areas through both financing assistance and research and development. We'll also promote innovative investment vehicles like the Crocus Investment Fund and improved Grow Bonds programs that will invest in hope, opportunity and jobs for Manitobans.

#### A STRATEGY FOR YOUTH

In the big picture, it is young Manitobans who are the real future of this province.

Young people represent almost a third of our unemployed. We've got to address the lack of opportunities available to students, opportunities necessary if they're to continue their training and education. New Democrats will launch a **Seasonal Job Strategy** designed to coordinate the government's response to work and training for young people.

A **Co-op Work Education/Work Study Program** that helps match students with employers will give young Manitobans the kind of career-related experience they need and help them meet their tuition needs. And our **Youth Works** program will give unemployed young people the opportunity to develop working skills while assisting in community renewal.

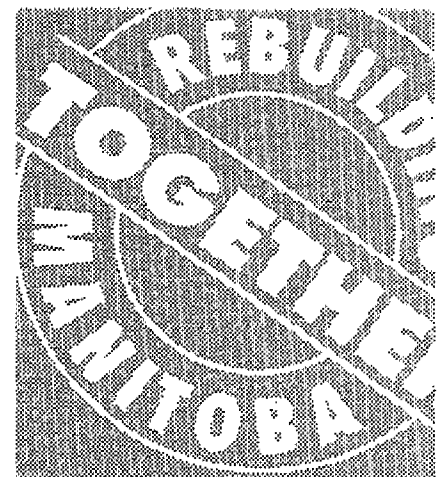
#### BUILDING BRIDGES TO THE FUTURE

An important part of a Manitoba Works strategy will be a **Building Bridges** program. Manitobans want to work. The training and job support must be there to give them a hand up to move off welfare. One component of our Building Bridges program will be **Small Business Career Start** to help small business train and employ social assistance recipients.

#### INFRASTRUCTURE FOR MANITOBA'S FUTURE

The public foundations of Manitoba's economy are deteriorating.

Our roads, water systems, bridges, educational facilities and health care institutions are all in need of modernization. For many years we called for an intensified program to rebuild this crumbling infrastructure. We were pleased that the new federal government initiated such a program. Now the federal government is slowing the program down, spreading the same money over five years. Regrettably there have been too many questionable investments in this new



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national program. Too often the allocation of projects seems to be determined by political rather than economic reasons.

The investment of over \$30 million in the Kenaston Underpass is a clear example from our province. When homes in Winnipeg have suffered unprecedented flooding over the last two years these funds could have been better spent upgrading our sewer and water facilities. We don't believe the present program is investing adequately in urban transportation, health, education or training infrastructure and we'll move to change by that working together with the federal and local governments.

Efforts designed to stimulate job growth through renewed infrastructure must also include a **Community Safety Program** which we'll create to provide the loan capital necessary to make homes and communities safer for all Manitobans. And a **Community Renewal Program** in combination with **Youth Works** will address the ever-growing importance of environmental cleanup.

It is always difficult for Manitobans to maintain their own homes. In an age of diminishing resources, we need to revitalize our existing housing stock or we'll all pay the price down the road. **Programs to renew, retrofit and build family, co-op and non-profit housing** will help protect our neighborhoods and assist with job growth, as well.

## COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Community development will be an important part of a Manitoba Works program. Communities play a vital role in determining local development priorities. We believe that the province should work in partnership with regional communities to plan for future programs. We will begin with a **Parklands Development Initiative** as a pilot project for this approach.

## SMALL BUSINESS

Small business creates most of the new jobs in our economy. Our **Investment Manitoba** program will make more funds available for investment in small business development and make a significant impact on job growth along with a new component to the CareerStart program

Our Building Bridges program and **Small Business CareerStart**, will help small business train unemployed workers now on social assistance. We know the paper burden on small business can be enormous, a load we intend to lighten through the **Small Business Regulation Relief Act**, cutting red tape and making it easier for Manitobans to do their part in getting this province moving again.



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## PROMOTING MANITOBA

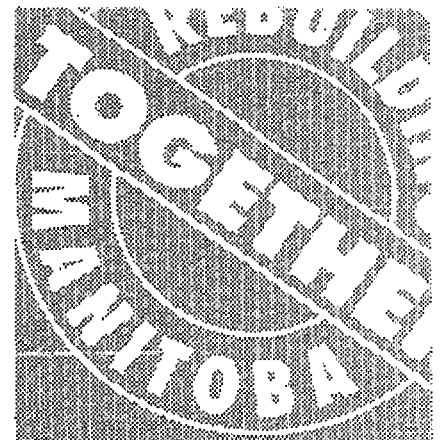
Manitoba has much to offer, both to those of us lucky enough to call this province home and to those who come here for business or pleasure. Yet despite this fantastic diversity, the current government has done little to promote Manitoba. We must support Manitoba's growth in international trade. New Democrats will utilize the natural constituent groups within our province to expand our trade opportunities - for example our links with Ukraine and the Philippines.

The present government spends more money telling Manitobans about the 'great' things the government has done than it does telling the world about our great attractions.

New Democrats will change that by embarking on a **coordinated effort designed to maximize Manitoba's appeal to tourists**, a program encompassing the expertise of the tourism, accommodations, food services and cultural industries that will restore Manitoba's position in the lucrative travel industry. We know there are significant opportunities to expand this area of economic activity in Manitoba.

For example, Manitoba's parks offer tremendous opportunities for snowmobiling yet unlike many other provinces we have not taken the necessary steps to capitalize on the demand for this pastime. We'll reorganize government departments to ensure an efficient and effective tourism promotion program to cash in on those opportunities.

New Democrats are committed to ending the present government's employment neglect. We believe our **Manitoba Works** program will get Manitobans working again. This diverse but targeted approach to job growth can produce 9,000 additional new jobs in two years but we know we can't do it alone. The approach has to include other governments, community organizations, workers and private business. It is the first step in convincing Manitobans that their opportunities for the future are right here at home.



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## DRIVING THE INFORMATION HIGHWAY

Everyone's talking about the information highway but too many people don't know how to use it. That's a problem.

Telecommunications and knowledge based industries are key to Manitoba's future of hope and prosperity. Throughout this document there are references to distance education, the electronic highway and telecommunications for users in health care, training, education and industry.

We believe Manitoba needs a strategy to take advantage of this fast emerging and changing field.

For Manitobans, the first principle of any strategy must be universal access to the electronic highway. Use must not be restricted to business alone, nor should we create a class of information elites. Because of the vital role the 'highway' can play in education, training and economic development in Manitoba the government must play a lead role:

After the election we will establish a Minister Responsible for the Information Highway in the first Cabinet. This Minister will coordinate the resources of government in Health, Rural Development, Industry, Trade and Technology, Education and Manitoba Telephone System together with activities at colleges, universities and the private sector to develop a made in Manitoba strategy. New Democrats will develop a strategy that:

- makes the government of Manitoba fully accessible by telecommunications links to the public, in order to serve Manitobans better.
- invests in a Telecommunication Centre of Excellence for Manitoba as well as electronic highway related industries in Manitoba.
- works together with educational institutions to implement a dynamic distance education program for colleges, universities and public schools.
- works with Manitoba Telephone System to provide assistance to small business to upgrade their access to the information highway.
- over time broadens the basic telephone service to include the growing menu of information services.
- develops an information policy on the social and economic value of information as well as balances access to information with the protection of personal privacy.
- supports the development of community access to electronic highway including an ongoing commitment to such organizations as the Winnipeg Free Net.



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## TRAINING FOR THE SKILLS OF TODAY AND TOMORROW

Training is key to our future. We must retrain workers displaced by changing technology and give our young people skills for the future. We believe that this is a vital area for government involvement. The public sector has an important role to play at community colleges and universities to train Manitobans.

New Democrats believe that just as we retool our business and industry we must "reskill" our workers. Our task is to create training programs that produce the skills required in Manitoba over the next ten years, enabling the thousands of Manitobans who are without jobs to become employed again.

New Democrats believe we have two choices when it comes to providing the know how for the future. We can train our young people here at home or we can import the skills we need. We believe we must do the training here at home.

### ► Expanding Community Colleges

We will pursue initiatives that will redirect resources away from expensive, profit-oriented private career trainers towards our community colleges. We want to end the present program of grants and tax breaks for business and redirect those funds to our community colleges. We believe this emphasis on our public institutions is in keeping with directions outlined in the Roblin Commission.

Cuts to federal Human Resource programs could mean more trouble for our community colleges, especially if the federal Liberal government follows through on its promise to reduce funding to Manitoba's post-secondary institutions by \$78 million in the next 2 years. We will work together with the community to persuade Ottawa that these cuts don't make any sense.

Our infrastructure renewal program will have a specific program designed to make significant capital investments to renew our post-secondary education facilities.

### ► Apprenticeship Programs for the 21st Century

Apprenticeship is a system of training used extensively in Europe. Here in Canada we have not aggressively pursued this approach. Apprenticeship is a highly efficient and cost-effective means of learning that combines classroom teaching and valuable workplace experience. Yet fewer and fewer of our young people are taking this route. The average age of apprentices is around 26. The average age of worker with journey papers is about 56. Those numbers are significant. We'll have to replace existing skilled positions with newly trained apprentices in the near future.



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There are currently just 34 apprenticeship programs in Manitoba. We'll **expand the number of apprenticeship programs** over the next five years to include the new professions of the 21st century. We believe students should be taken into apprenticeship programs as early as Grade 10. Programs would provide students with valuable workplace training while allowing to finish school at the same time.

Our apprenticeship programs will place particular emphasis on the computer-based skills and high-tech applications crucial to Manitoba's future success. New Democrats will ensure those skilled apprentices are in place and ready for the years ahead. We will work with industry, workers, schools and training institutions to develop a workable plan for expansion of apprenticeship options.

New Democrats will **immediately begin the task of linking high schools, the apprenticeships, Community Colleges and Universities** to ensure that students are given maximum credit for the work they do and to maximize the efficiency of training facilities and programs.

## ► Building Bridges – Moving from Welfare to Work

We cannot tolerate current circumstances where so many Manitobans are on welfare with no hope for the future. As part of our Building Bridges program we will seek to expand initiatives that train social assistance recipients in order to provide them with the skills to re-enter the work force. We will seek more flexibility from the federal government in order to finance these initiatives that ultimately result in more Manitobans working.

Retooling for the future is crucial. That's why New Democrats believe there must be more direct links between social assistance and training initiatives so that displaced workers can get the training they need for the years ahead. We must replace welfare with jobs. We will **target training programs**, jointly funded by the Federal Government, **designed to put employable social assistance recipients back in the work force where they belong**. We want to replace welfare with jobs.

In the last few years government has reduced its commitment to increased fairness in training. We would reverse cuts to programs like **ACCESS**, and **NewCareers** that helped those on welfare get training and a job. We do not believe that this is an appropriate economy measure. We can't allow able and talented Manitobans to remain idle. We believe social assistance funds could better be used to give these same workers the opportunity to upgrade their skills and re-enter the work force, a positive step for the future.



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## ► Distance Education – more accessible training

It's important that training programs be as broad and as flexible as possible. Training shouldn't narrow the skills of the worker. It needs to be accessible and available to everyone and should enhance work force mobility. We'll move quickly, together with other public and private organizations, **to open up the Information Highway for all Manitobans**. Better **distance education** will give students in rural and Northern Manitoba access to opportunities in education and training that don't exist today.

## ► Planning for Future Needs

To meet our priority goals of access and equity, we need better mechanisms to plan and deliver job training. We must understand our training needs better. We propose to reorganize existing staff resources to establish a **Labour Market Bureau** which will provide strategic analysis for jobs and training planning. We also believe joint boards of labour, business, education and equity groups, closely linked to local governments, can and will play a significant role in determining the training needs of each region in the province. We'll establish **Work Force Development Committees** at the regional level as part of our community economic development program.

Only with these initiatives and the cooperation of workers, government, business and community groups can we get Manitobans working again.

Without highly-skilled workers, trained in the intricacies of 21st Century technology, our future as Manitobans will be limited. Those are the realities of our times and training our youth and retraining our work force are the key to the future. Our goal has to be lifelong learning.

## ► Affordable and Accessible Opportunities

### UNIVERSITIES

Manitobans support their universities and are proud of them. Advanced teaching and research opportunities are essential if society is to adapt to the changes now confronting the world. In the last seven years universities have been asked to do more and more with fewer dollars. But, too often Manitobans don't know enough about our universities or know how to make their sense of community priorities known to university leaders.

New Democrats will review the University Acts, will examine the possibility of some elected Board members, and will establish the principle of staff, student and community representation on the Boards.

New Democrats recognize that, as with the public school system, the first need of our universities is stable and predictable funding. We believe that Manitobans want to hear more about university contributions to provincial well-





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being. To that end, public accountability sessions should be held, in which senior officers of the three universities explain developments in their institutions and respond to questions about them.

Changes promised by the federal Liberal government threaten to destroy post-secondary education in Canada, at least as it has been known for the past fifty years. We will want to ensure that the federal government does not abandon its responsibilities for financing post-secondary education and research. To that end we will work with our universities and colleges to reverse the drastic proposals of the Martin budget of 1995.

Changes proposed by the Liberals to student assistance programs, when combined with the changes in the Filmon government's student support programs, have resulted in less loan funding for Manitoba students.

We also support the recommendation of the Roblin Commission for the establishment of a Northern University Campus.

### ► Workplace Education And Lifelong Learning

New Democrats are concerned about the demise of adult education in Manitoba. It is important that all adults have access to life-long education. A New Democrat government will initiate a **pilot project in workplace adult education services** as part of its Distance Education initiatives, and to report to Manitobans on the viability of extending such a program into a full scale program of adult education in the workplace.



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## AGRICULTURE & RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Farming is crucial to Manitoba's economy.

Yet today, there are 1,500 fewer farms in this province than there were just five years ago and rural depopulation in some regions is startling. New Democrats believe we have to encourage rural families to continue to live and work in their communities for the good of all of us. To do that, we need sensible farm programs.

### ► Fair National Farm Programs

We are disturbed by a number of federal initiatives that impact directly on Manitoba farmers. First is the federal Liberal government decision to end the Crow Benefit for grain transportation. This change to grain transportation subsidies will cost Manitoba farmers and rural communities across this province \$85 million every year. The present government has no plan to deal with this drastic change. **New Democrats will work with other Prairie governments to address changes to grain transportation.**

New Democrats are committed to dramatically increasing the tonnage shipped through the Port of Churchill. Unfortunately pay-the-producer will mean higher transportation costs for farmers, abandoned elevators, the closing of some smaller Manitoba villages and the end of the Port of Churchill.

We are also concerned about the federal government's intentions regarding the Wheat Board. The Wheat Board plays an important part in Manitoba's economy employing over 500 people directly and providing strong support to our farmers in marketing our grain in the international market. We support that role and want to know that the federal government does too. New Democrats want the federal government to work with farmers to address their needs and **support the continuation of the Wheat Board and other orderly marketing programs.**

Our farmers need new national farm safety net programs. These programs should be designed to assist the average farmer first and the corporate farmer second. We believe any new program has to be geared toward **meeting the real costs of production, and farmers must be consulted in designing these programs from start to finish.**



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## ► Supporting Young Farmers

The future of farming in this province lies with Manitoba's young farmers. That's why New Democrats will work to develop sensible measures, like **Farm Start**, a comprehensive program which includes a long term lease back program and improved low interest loans made available from MACC, to ensure young farmers will continue working the land.

Crop insurance must fit the needs of Manitoba's farmers. New Democrats will **implement the recommendations of the Crop Insurance Review Committee**. And we'll standardize regulations across the province for hog and cattle operations.

We'll increase the annual commitment to **agricultural research and development** by \$2.5 million, targeting sustainable development, plant breeding, livestock production and organic farming. We'll also invest in an experimental centre to examine ways of making Manitoba agriculture more environmentally sustainable.

## ► Stay Option 2000 – For the 1990s and Beyond

In the 1970's the Manitoba government embarked on a program to encourage rural Manitobans to stay on their land. We believe we need that same kind of program today if we are to rebuild our rural communities.

We recognize the need for diversified value-added secondary industry. For example New Democrats will support the expanded use of ethanol as a fuel in Manitoba. Now that the Federal Liberal government has ended the Crow Benefit our **Investment Manitoba Program** will be needed to invest resources to bolster the rural economy—looking for opportunities to develop additional food processing industries for Manitoba. In rural Manitoba we want to see expanded gasification programs. Many more communities should be able to access natural gas services.

There are strong forces pulling young Manitobans off the farm and out of rural communities. If rural young people have no choice but to get their education in larger Manitoba centres, there is a higher likelihood they'll not return home to their communities and farms. We need to re-examine government policy to ensure it is encouraging young people to stay in rural Manitoba, not driving them away. We want our young people to have options and we'll explore emerging technology in **distance education to ensure rural and northern students receive the kind of education they need** without abandoning their homes and communities.

Community development requires an increased emphasis in Manitoba. As part of our **Community and Cooperative Economic Development** program, the Parklands Initiative, will provide for more community decision-making so people have an opportunity to advance the development of their region and



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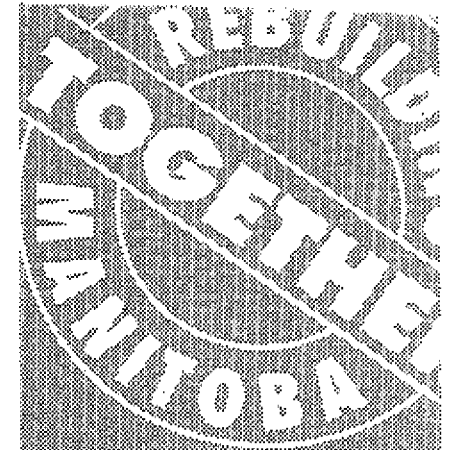
enhance community employment programs and development opportunities. The **Parklands Initiative** will involve all three levels of government in a development program in: agriculture, forestry, fishing, value-added processing, training, tourism and services.

It's not uncommon for local institutions in rural communities to purchase their supplies in Winnipeg or outside of Manitoba altogether. It needn't be that way. New Democrats believe many of those institutional needs can be purchased locally and **we'll initiate a pilot project to encourage institutions to consult with local business when it comes to supplying their needs.**

The future of rural Manitoba is of vital importance to all of us and we will devote a significant component of our jobs and training programs to focusing specifically on the needs of rural Manitoba. Grow Bonds are a good idea but the current government spends more time advertising its benefits than making decisions. We will continue to **support and enhance the Grow Bond program** to ensure quicker, more responsive turnaround on worthwhile projects, projects that can bring back hope and restore optimism in Manitoba's cities, towns and villages. In addition we'll establish a Rural Investment Bond program so retired farmers can invest in farm operations and help facilitate inter-generational land transfers.

Economic diversification, improved distance education, community development, improved investment opportunities through an enhanced Grow Bond program and Rural Development Bonds and a buy local program are all elements of a diversified **Stay Option 2000** program to help rebuild rural Manitoba and halt the exodus off the land.

We think you'll agree that's a worthwhile goal.



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## ENVIRONMENT

We've been given the responsibility to ensure our natural resources are preserved for our children, grandchildren and their children after them.

While job growth and economic development are of vital importance to our future, so is the environment we live in. Prudence and precaution have to be exercised in assessing the environmental impact of economic initiatives and in all aspects of development in Manitoba. It's our responsibility as New Democrats to ensure efforts to create hope through jobs and training do not lead to greater pollution and the unsustainable use of valuable resources. We think a more balanced, common sense approach to the environment will contribute to a healthier economy and enhance long term prospects for job creation.

### ► Operation Grandchild

There are few second chances when it comes to the environment. New Democrats want to make sure we do it right today so the hopes and dreams of tomorrow can be realized for all Manitobans.

Our **Operation Grandchild** program will be aimed at ensuring our natural heritage is preserved for our grandchildren to enjoy. First Manitoba **must develop a comprehensive, province wide approach to water use.** Across this province surface and ground water supplies are threatened by possible developments. We must ensure that we have secure water supplies for all of our communities including Winnipeg. We will work with the Province of Ontario, The City of Winnipeg and the Shoal Lake Band to ensure a safe and secure water supply.

Second we need a **comprehensive policy on land use.** Land use is an important issue throughout Manitoba. We must develop long term plans for the use of Manitoba land. Unplanned development can have negative unintended consequences. We will ensure that our agricultural, forestry, recreational, and fishing industries are all considered prior to major, long-term land use decisions being made in the best interests of today and tomorrow. We must have a **comprehensive province-wide waste reduction and management plan.**

Third, we are committed to meeting our province's commitment to **preserve 12 percent of the provincial landscape to wilderness standards with respect to the natural regions of the province** by the year 2000 and we'll consult with Aboriginal peoples within the context of treaty land entitlement when it comes to matters impacting their rights. In addition, we believe government must work with industry and the community to **reduce energy consumption by the provincial government and its agencies by 3.5 percent per year over a 20-year-period.**



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## ► Environmental Fairness

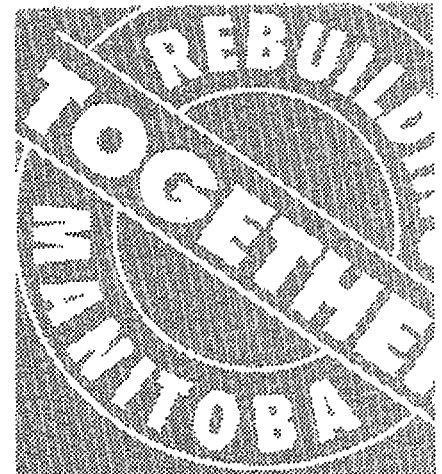
We are committed to replacing the Clean Environment Commission with an **Environmental Assessment Commission**. The environment is far too important to be left to the whim of political appointees and we propose, in order to take the politics out of the decision-making process, that all appointments to the EAC be made by the Legislative Assembly for a six-year term that cannot be revoked by Cabinet.

New Democrats believe Manitobans should have an **Environmental Bill of Rights** that will enable them to take legal action against those who fail to adequately protect the environment and to protect whistleblowers who report environmental accidents and damage.

Our present **Environment Act needs updating**. It requires an extensive overhaul, the kind of change that will strengthen environmental enforcement and compliance. Assessment must be improved by prescribing comprehensive guidelines and vigorous performance standards for project proponents. Any project should have to meet license requirements before work is begun and project proponents must make available funds to allow the community to assess the impact of any proposal. This will allow for stronger public participation in environmental reviews.

Now that Alberta has agreed to import hazardous wastes to their province we must assure that Manitobans are not put at risk by waste destined for that province via our own highway system. We will **review and strengthen our rules regarding the transportation of dangerous goods and hazardous wastes**.

New Democrats believe we must integrate economic and environmental decisions. Government can set an example by re-evaluating its budget process to ensure that all of our fiscal and economic measures work toward a sustainable environment in Manitoba. This would be one of the responsibilities of a **new Environmental Auditor**.







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## **BUILDING MANITOBA'S NORTH**

For too long, Manitoba's North has been neglected by the current government.

They have been quick to exploit its valuable resources – mining, forestry and tourism – without returning equal value to the communities and people of the region.

New Democrats have a ten point action plan for the North. First of all, to help create jobs and a stable economy, we propose a **Northern Manitoba Economic Development program** including a **Northern Vision Development Initiative**. This program will encourage community economic development through Community Development Corporations and small loans circles. Also part of this economic development initiative is a **Northern Link** strategy to market & promote consumption of Northern goods and, as part of our **Manitoba Works** program, **Northern Works**, a program for youth jobs and training.

One part of this strategy must be a new federal-provincial development agreement for the North. Working with northern economic development committees, we'll pressure the Federal government to enter into a **new five-year northern development agreement** for the good of all Manitobans.

New Democrats will fight federal cuts that will reduce services at northern airports. In a region where transportation plays a vital role in daily life and serves as a real life line to important health care services in the south, cuts that jeopardize air transport make no sense. We will also rebuild other Northern infrastructure by **restoring fair highways funding**. Allocations dropped from 15-20% for the North under the NDP to less than 5% of the capital budget under the Tories. We'll change that.

We will hold the federal government accountable for its promise of 1 million tonnes annually through **Port of Churchill**. We will continue to support the Hudson Bay Rail Line, calling for the use of aluminum hopper cars and improved marketing support.

Deaths and injuries that result from known hazards in the workplace must be prevented. New Democrats **will strengthen workplace safety and health protection in mining, forestry and other Northern workplaces**. This would include tougher enforcement and strengthened reporting procedures to prevent injuries & deaths in the mining industry as well as a comprehensive review of workplace and mining safety regulations.

To improve health care in the North we will implement a **Northern Health Care Strategy** that will include predictable Northern Hospital funding by establishing Northern funding guidelines and the reinstatement of parity by eliminating



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**the \$50 user fee for Northern Patient Transportation** and reinvesting in the Children's Dental Program.

New Democrats will **implement an Aboriginal Health Care Initiative** that will work with the Federal government's Health Start program and the Aboriginal community to deal with specific health needs. This would include the establishment of a solvent abuse centre and ensure the inclusion of traditional health care practices. In addition as part of our Healthy Child program we will establish an **Aboriginal Youth Health Care initiative**.

**A Northern Post Secondary Initiative** that will expand Northern post-secondary education by coordinating the service delivery of individual institutions and expanding community college and community based training as well as a long term commitment to ACCESS and New Careers training program funding. New Democrats also support a Bachelor of Nursing program in the North.

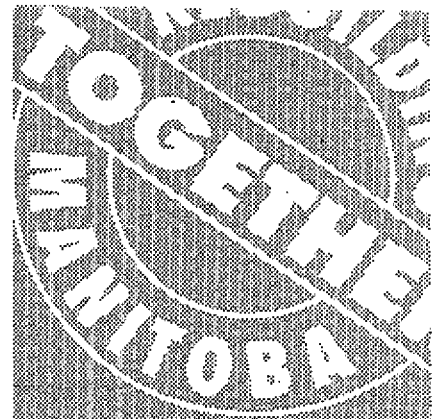
**Strong support for Public Secondary Education in the North through fair funding for public schools** including enhanced emphasis on adult literacy and enhanced emphasis on physical education and recreation in Northern schools.

**Revitalizing Northern social services through enhanced cooperation between governments, Aboriginal & Northern communities.** This would include reinstatement of funding for Friendship Centres and for the Flin Flon Crisis Centre and a comprehensive review of Northern child care needs.

**A Northern Justice Initiative** that will involve implementation of major recommendations of the Aboriginal Justice Inquiry, action to deal with court delays in Northern communities and a community based justice approach to deal with crime in Northern communities.

**Overall fairness for Northerners on all issues.** This would include the equalization of hydro rates so that Northerners don't pay more for hydro than other Manitobans and greater involvement of Northern and Aboriginal people in all decisions in the North including economic development, health, education, tourism & resource development.

We think these kind of policies will help make Northern Manitoba a better place to live.





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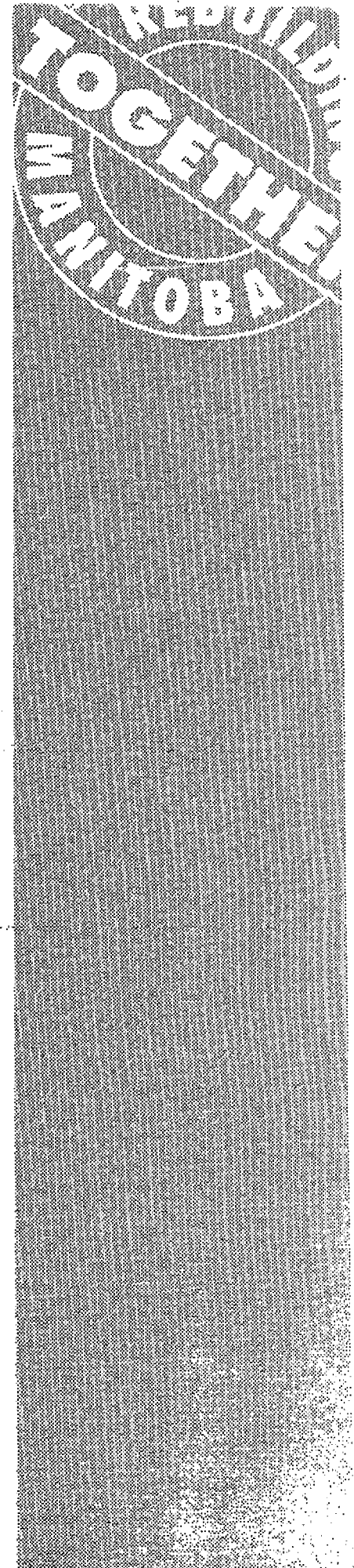


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## A RETURN TO FAIRNESS

Fairness and equity are the cornerstones of all democracies.

It's vital that all decisions made in government are fair and equitable. It's also important that long-standing injustices are addressed. Too often over the past few years, the government in this province has made decisions that simply were not fair, decisions made at the expense of all Manitobans. When it comes to Manitoba families and how we all conduct ourselves, New Democrats believe the time has come to restore fairness and equity to government in this province. New Democrats believe we've got a plan to do that.







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## FAIRNESS FOR MANITOBA FAMILIES

### ► Coping with Work & Family

It is a reality today that in many families, to make ends meet, all parents must work outside the home.

That presents some unique challenges that need to be addressed. For example, when a child is sick, a parent must take time off work, usually without pay. New Democrats will work with business and union groups to ensure that parents have **adequate leave provisions to balance the responsibilities of both work and family.**

Families need to spend more time together. That's why New Democrats will propose that the **starting provisions of the Vacations With Pay Act be extended from two weeks to three.** This will, we believe, help families to schedule their holiday time together.

### ► Fairness for Part-time Workers

In the last 20 years the number of Manitobans employed part-time has grown rapidly. Today part-time workers represent fully 20% of all working Manitobans. Too often those part-time workers do not get the same pro-rata benefits as their full time co-workers. We will work with business and unions to ensure part-time workers receive the same benefits on a pro-rata basis as full time workers in the same workplace.

Since 1989 our minimum wage has increased just 25¢ an hour. We believe that the present policy of infrequent abrupt increases in the minimum wage is not appropriate. We believe that the minimum wage should be tied to the average wage in Manitoba. We propose that the **minimum wage be raised immediately to \$5.75 an hour** and six months afterwards increased an additional 25¢ an hour. Working with business and labour unions we would work out a time table to raise the wage in an orderly fashion.

### ► Updating Manitoba's Labour Laws

We are also committed to **strengthening existing Plant Closure Legislation.** Profitable companies in Manitoba shouldn't be able to close plants without first seeking other viable alternatives to keep people employed and productive in the economy.



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It is also time that **all Labour and Employment Standards** were reviewed. We will use the expertise of the Labour Management Review Committee to review the advances in practices that have been made across this country in the last 7 years to ensure our laws are balanced and fair. We'll also act to implement changes to improve workplace safety and health and Workers Compensation. We'll review the effects of the electronic highway and home based businesses in the context of employment standards. And we'll continue to use the Labour Management Review Committee to ensure balance and fairness in the workplace.

There is a need for **community-based unemployed help centres** through out our province to help those who have or will be laid off and we'll address that need.

### ► **New Democrats are committed to equality**

In Manitoba today, despite the fact that women make up 52 percent of the work force, women's wages still lag far behind those of men. There are still many barriers within our society that prevent women from full participation in the work force and we believe the initiatives introduced in our **Fairness for Working Families** will make a big difference for Manitoba women. But we need to do more.

New Democrats introduced Pay Equity to this province to address the wage imbalance and we remain committed to Pay Equity for all Manitobans. **Pay Equity must be continued** to ensure women earn a fair wage in comparison to men doing work of equal value. **It's time for government to work together with the private sector to map out a timetable for implementing Pay Equity.** In recent years, many other governments have gained valuable experience in the implementation of Pay Equity. We believe that this experience should be reviewed by the Labour Management Review Committee so we can move forward on this important issue of fairness.

### ► **Family Financial Responsibility**

Domestic violence and maintenance enforcement continue to be two areas which adversely impact Manitoba women. There is almost \$28 million in unpaid maintenance in this province. Small wonder Manitoba has one of the worst child poverty rates in the country.

We propose a **Family Support Plan** to address the hardship and poverty that results from delinquent support payments. As a major step forward the plan will provide for the automatic deduction of maintenance payments from the non-custodial parent's pay cheque. In addition, we'll change the rules so women on income security programs will **get help from the Province to pursue the defaulting spouse.** As a further measure to help eliminate maintenance



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arrears New Democrats will give the province the **power to revoke driver's and other licensing privileges from those who won't fulfill their duty to pay support.** To complement our Family Support Plan New Democrats will aggressively spur the national co-ordination of child support payments.

## ► New Democrats have no use for abuse

An assault is an assault and the present zero tolerance of violence against women must be bolstered by ensuring the victim's safety and by holding offenders more accountable for their crimes.

New Democrats will **rid the Family Violence Court of its huge backlogs.** New Democrats will pass a **Victims of Domestic Violence Act** to provide comprehensive, safe help for victims including 24 hour emergency protection orders, available by phone, to get abusers, – not victims – out of the home and to provide information in writing to victims about their rights and available services.

Abusers must be dealt with severely. **Heavier penalties for repeat offenders will be pursued.** The courts will be asked to consider repeated assaults in violation of restraining orders **non-bailable offenses.** The shelter network must be improved by extending the allowable days of stay in shelters, increasing the number and distribution of shelter beds and by enhancing programming in shelter, transition and second-stage housing.

## ► Accessible Child Care Needed

Women still bear the primary responsibility for child care and those who want to enter the work force need affordable, reliable, accessible child care choices. Here in Manitoba, it was the New Democrats who built the child care system and it is the New Democrats who will rebuild it. The present government has made child care an unaffordable goal for too many average Manitoba families. **We're committed to restoring a fully-accessible, publicly-funded, non-profit system of comprehensive, high quality child care.** We will then hold a provincial conference on **"Child Care: Meeting the Needs of the 21st Century"** to address the full range of child care issues and propose solutions on how to best implement our goals. Such a conference will include parents, child care workers, employers and government. And we'll push the federal government to honour its election promise to introduce a national child care system.

These steps will go a long way, we believe, to rebuilding Manitoba's work force and producing meaningful, long-term opportunities for all Manitobans.



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## FAIRNESS FOR ABORIGINAL PEOPLE

There is a need in this country to transform the relationship between Aboriginal peoples and the rest of society.

### ► Self-Government

The First Nations and the federal government are moving forward on self-government. The provincial government must be supportive of this action and work in partnership with the First Nations of this province. We were pleased by the recent Framework Agreement to establish self-government for Aboriginal people in Manitoba but disappointed an agreement could not be reached on health services.

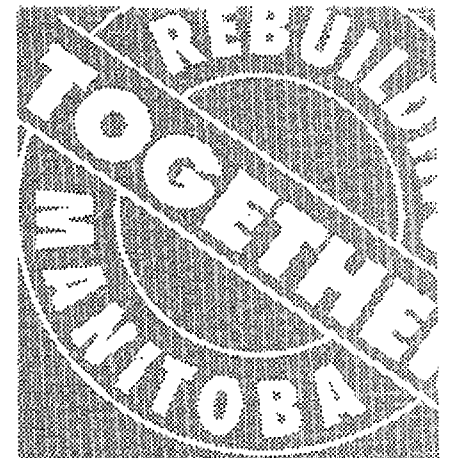
New Democrats were the first political party to recognize the inherent right to self-government of Aboriginal peoples. We feel it is important that the Province of Manitoba do all it can to make this Framework Agreement a success. The Manitoba government must work closely with Ottawa to ensure this is not simply a means of shifting costs and responsibilities elsewhere.

### ► Treaty Land Entitlement

We also believe we must be making better progress on issues of **Treaty Land Entitlement**. The 1993 protocol must be the basis for fair and just settlement of outstanding treaty land issues. This must be a top priority for government, not subservient to other land use issues. The provincial government's creation of four new parks without regard to Treaty Land Entitlement issues shows their lack of concern in this area.

### ► Aboriginal Justice

Manitoba's ground breaking Aboriginal Justice Inquiry Report has not been acted on. **New Democrats will use the AJI Report as a basis for our commitments in the areas of justice, family services and natural resources.** Upon election we will begin the implementation of the Aboriginal Justice Inquiry recommendations that are directly within the Province's jurisdiction. We believe that now is the time to make progress on this crucial issue.



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## ► Training Programs

The present government has dismantled many programs important to Aboriginal people. ACCESS, BUNTEP and New Careers programs, all highly successful, have been cut back. New Democrats will restore funding to **Friendship Centres**, the MKO & Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs as well as the **ACCESS** and **NewCareers** training programs. The cuts at Friendship Centres meant the cancellation of crime prevention programs that could have helped reduce Manitoba's ever increasing crime rate.

## ► Transportation

Northern roads and airports have lost funding and support from the federal government. These transportation services are critical for future economic development and job opportunities in Aboriginal communities. New Democrats will work to convince the federal government to reverse these ill-conceived policies. This must be a priority for action.

## ► Economic Development & Jobs

Together with the provincial and federal governments Aboriginal people must develop creative economic development projects in keeping with the principles of self-government. Negotiations on taxation & Aboriginal gaming issues are stalled. Progress must be made on these issues.

The fishing industry must be supported. The elimination of federal assistance and the cutting of provincial assistance for shipping of Northern fish harmed the fishing industry in Northern Manitoba. Changes in marketing may give Aboriginal fisherman a new economic opportunity to pursue.

We believe there is a pressing need in this province for an **Urban Aboriginal Strategy** to address the many needs facing Aboriginal peoples in our cities. The new Winnipeg Development Agreement has to include such a strategy as a key component.

## ► Health Care

Programs to improve health care in Aboriginal communities are vital. Cutbacks under the current government have reduced the level of care. Our Healthy Child Program directs significant resources to Aboriginal children's health. In addition, we will eliminate the Northern Patient Transportation charge of \$50. We are also pressing the federal government to establish a Solvent Abuse Treatment Centre in Northern Manitoba. The need is immediate and the time for action is now. The new Northern Bachelor of Nursing Program should receive provincial support.

Working together with all Manitobans is a core belief among New Democrats and an all-important quest as we rebuild Manitoba for a brighter future.



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## FAIRNESS FOR NEW MANITOBANS

Cultural diversity is one of the great historical strengths of this province.

For generations, people have come from all parts of the world to seek freedom and prosperity within our borders. We, as New Democrats, want to ensure that future generations of new Canadians have just as much of an opportunity to succeed.

### ► Fairer Immigration

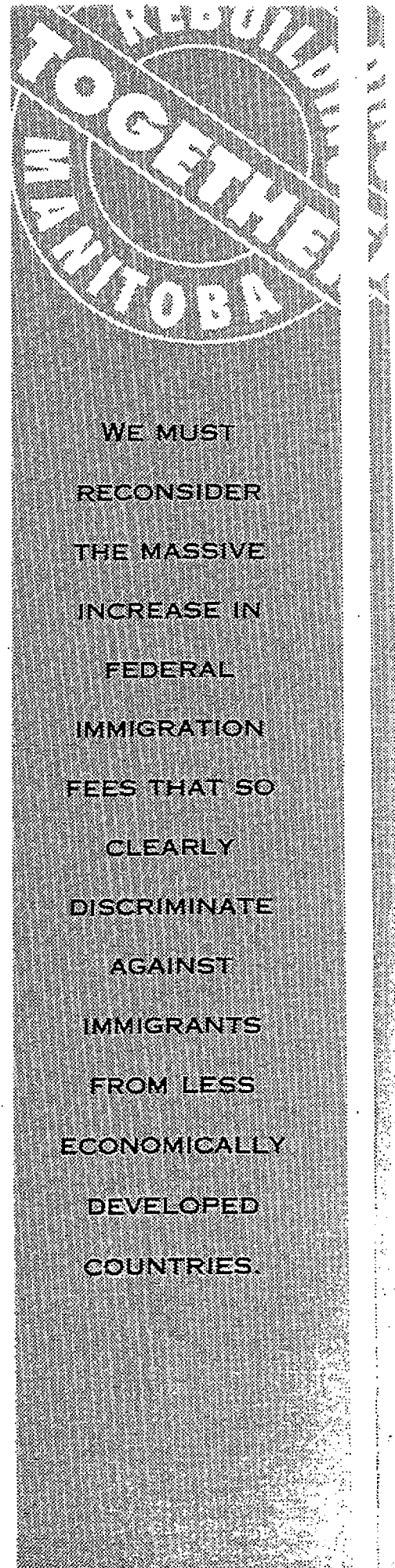
Our country has developed a reputation, over successive generations, for our humane internationalist approach to world events and yet, flying in the face of that well earned reputation, our federal government has reduced the number of immigrants coming to our country and in particular the number of family reunifications.

Here in Manitoba we are entering into negotiations with the federal government on immigration. Our government must ensure that Manitoba receives its fair share of immigration and where we can, ensure our own policies are fairer than those of the country as a whole. We must reconsider the massive increase in federal immigration fees that so clearly discriminate against immigrants from less economically developed countries.

### ► Education, Training & Employment

The key to success for Manitoba's multicultural communities begins with education. Many New Canadians need to learn English if they are to succeed in Manitoba and **New Democrats believe we must provide affordable, accessible English as a Second Language programs delivered through a range of systems, including public schools, community colleges, universities, agencies and cultural organizations.** We are committed to quality ESL instruction by fully-qualified instructors.

Many new Manitobans arrive here highly-educated, with years of training in their home countries. Unfortunately, their credentials are often worthless here, because their professional training is not accepted. We think this needs to be addressed, not only to ensure that new Manitobans gain every opportunity to practice their professions here but to ensure that standards are maintained as well. New Democrats propose the formation of the **Credentials Evaluation Office** to provide an effective means of evaluating foreign training.





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An NDP government is committed to removing barriers to employment in the public service for visible minorities, the disabled, Aboriginal persons and women. Our first step will see the **expansion of the province's Employment Equity Program to all crown corporations.**

## ► Racism

Racism remains a serious problem in society. It's the direct result of a lack of understanding of other people, other cultures, other lands. New Democrats propose that **cross-cultural training and anti-racism programs be provided in every school** in Manitoba. In addition, programs should be delivered as part of the curriculum for child care workers, people who work with seniors, in recreation, those who work in income security as well as health care workers, educators and those working in the justice system. Manitobans need to be educated on the causes and social dynamics of racism if we are all to make this a better place to raise our children.

## ► Intercultural Council

Unfortunately, during the last seven years this province's multicultural granting process has fallen victim to politics. The kind of politicization started by the present government has to end. New Democrats vow to **reinstate the Manitoba Intercultural Council Act** after consultation with the community. We need to restore the MIC, giving it the mandate to advise the government, advocate for issues of importance to the ethnocultural community and provide an arm's length body with adequate government funding.

If Manitoba is to move ahead, if we are to continue to prosper and grow and return to the cooperative spirit that has built this province, we need to do it together. That means all Manitobans. That means you.



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## FAIRNESS IN GOVERNMENT

### ► Government Fairness

#### GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

We believe that government should act in the interests of the people it serves, not in its own partisan interests. We have an agenda for fairness in government that starts with a **code-of-conduct for government advertising**. We want strict rules for government advertising to weed out the abuse of this practice for partisan purposes. The Provincial Auditor will be given authority to investigate any violations of this code. We will also **establish an Advertising Council** to supervise the selection of advertising and market research agencies to conduct government work. We will cut government advertising expenditures by \$3.5 million a year.

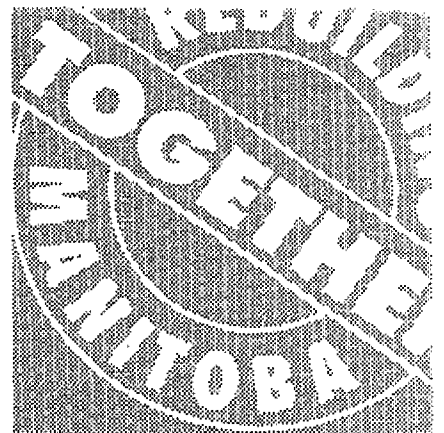
#### THE JETS

At a time when governments have cut expenditures on health care and education it just does not make sense to support the losses of the private owners of the Winnipeg Jets. Our **Winnipeg Jets Operating Losses Act** cancels the province's obligations to cover team losses. In today's world no one can justify spending millions to finance the owners of a private sports team when basic health needs go unmet.

#### GAMBLING

Rapid expansion of lotteries and gambling across our province has resulted in a windfall of revenues for the province. It has also increased many fold the number of addiction problems suffered by Manitobans. Unresolved are questions of further expansion, gaming in Aboriginal communities, the allocation of lottery surpluses and much more. In addition, the present rules surrounding accountability do not provide for timely and complete reporting of information to members of the Legislature or to the public.

In order to address these concerns we will pass a **Lotteries Accountability Act** which will improve reporting procedures and call for a Commission of Inquiry into the conduct of gambling in Manitoba. We will also be calling for more funds to be allocated towards the treatment of gambling addiction.



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## ► Fairer Public Input

New Democrats are committed to making the decision-making of government representative of all the people of Manitoba. We'll be sure that people from all backgrounds are fairly represented on boards & commissions and within senior levels of government.

We will also introduce **new procedures for the appointment of judges so that the public has greater input and improved awareness** throughout the procedure.

Crown Corporations are designed to serve all Manitobans but too often they are seen as distant and unapproachable. New Democrats propose that each of our major **crown corporations** be required to hold a series of **regional accountability sessions** annually to allow Manitobans, who, after all, are the shareholders of these corporations, to question how they are run in a public and accountable forum.

New Democrats will ensure **the Children's Advocate should report to the Legislature** directly and not to the Minister. This way the Advocate's recommendations can be heard and acted on by all Manitoba MLAs.

We believe the Public Utilities Board should take a hand in regulating gasoline prices to protect Manitobans from price gouging.

Surveys are everywhere today, including in government. But we think you need to know the results of those surveys when they're paid for by your tax dollars. New Democrats will make certain the **results of all public surveys are made public**. It's the right thing to do.

Recent decisions by the federal and provincial governments have forced seniors and other living in low-income housing to pay rent increases of 7% to 20%. These increases are too high for those forced to live on fixed income. We will reverse provincial changes and call on the federal government to re-think the implementation of this policy.

## ► Streamlining Government

Today there are too many senior managers in the civil service. New Democrats propose to **reduce the number of Cabinet members to 15** and to reduce the number of government departments as well. This streamlining will mean fewer ministerial aids and eliminate unnecessary senior management positions and save as much as \$8 million.

For example the Departments of Northern Affairs, Urban Affairs and the branches responsible for Federal Provincial Affairs and Municipal Affairs could all be consolidated under a Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs. Likewise we do not need three people under the umbrella of the Industry Department earning Deputy Minister level salaries when other departments have only one Deputy.



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The government also appoints many individuals to the civil service by Cabinet order. However, we believe **the number of people appointed by Cabinet order needs to be limited**. In addition, we will put the **reins on the government's use of untendered contracts**, saving as much as \$3 million every year.

### ► Fairer Election Laws

We want to ensure fairness in election laws. First, **the right to appoint returning officers in the local constituencies must be taken away from Cabinet and placed in the hands of the Chief Electoral Officer** to ensure greater fairness in the selection of competent individuals to administer elections.

Second, election financing laws should be revised to ensure that they remain balanced and fair. **New Democrats will ask the Chief Electoral Officer to work with all Manitoba political parties to review the state of election financing across Canada and recommend changes to improve our practices.**





# **Dollars and Sense**

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## COMMON SENSE ABOUT FINANCES

### Bring back hope.

That's what the program outlined here is designed to do, to bring back hope to all of the people of Manitoba. It is designed to rebuild Manitoba's health care system, ensuring Manitobans can get the care they need when they need it. We've outlined ways we believe our health care system can be improved.

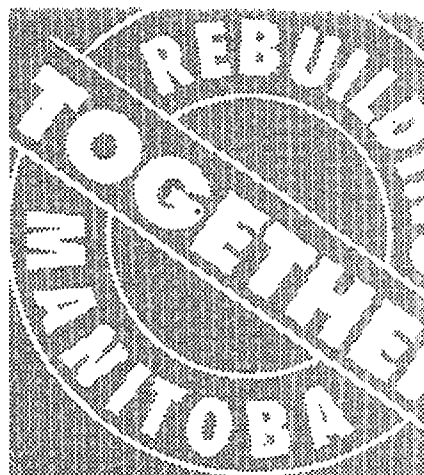
Our plan will help Manitobans get back to work and get the training they need to ensure a brighter future for all of us. We've spelled out how we're going to restore faith in public education in this province. And we believe this plan demonstrates the many ways we can treat Manitoba families with fairness while ensuring our Aboriginal people and new Canadians are also treated fairly and with respect.

But what about the bottom line? What about common sense?

We believe this program takes that fully and completely into account. The days of ever-increasing government revenues are gone. **Governments must reallocate resources to pay for new programs** and we need to take the utmost care in determining the positive and negative impact of any and all new government programs on government revenues.

For example, between 1990 and 1994, according to Public Accounts, government spending on social allowances increased by a whopping \$200 million. That cannot be ignored. At the same time, however, the government cut programs that helped people to get the education and training they need to stay off welfare.

We believe in looking at the bigger picture. We think you do, too.



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## **REALLOCATION OF PROGRAM DOLLARS**

We believe change is necessary. But where will the money come from?

For starters, it'll come from existing misplaced government priorities. Based on a preliminary review, New Democrats have already identified \$124 million of spending by the current government that could be reallocated to help finance the kind of programs that will get Manitobans working once again.

Given in-depth access to all aspects of government finance, New Democrats believe that further savings and reallocation of funds could be made toward initiatives that support jobs and training, healthier communities and greater fairness for all Manitobans.

## **JOB CREATION = MORE REVENUES**

The equation is a simple one.

The more people are working in Manitoba, the more people contribute to the rebuilding of this province. We believe that by putting 6,000 to 8,000 Manitobans back to work, over two years, we will generate an additional \$20 to \$25 million in tax revenue through income taxes, sales taxes and fuel taxes.

These additional revenues will help support the health, education and social programs that will ensure we can have a better future right here in Manitoba.

That's good news for all of us.



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## FAIRER TAX SYSTEM

The tax structure in this country is unfair.

That's the result of more than twenty years of tinkering by the federal government, a process that has left nothing but confusion and inequity. These inequities are reflected here in Manitoba, as well. New Democrats will insist that the federal government do more than rename the GST to create a tax system that is fair to all Canadians. We want to see corporations pay their fair share.

Working at the national level, we can make the tax system fairer for everyone and put more revenue to work. That will allow us to keep our deficit low and support the kind of health and education programs we all want.

Here in Manitoba New Democrats pledge not to raise any of the major personal tax rates. We also promise not to lower taxes for business. As a result of the cuts to federal funding of health and education Manitoba's finances do not allow for any major reductions in taxes.

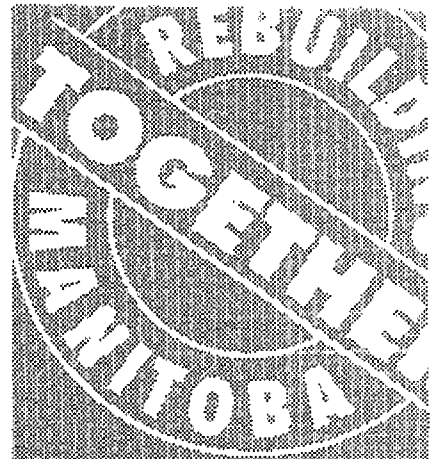
## HANDLING GAMBLING

The most rapidly growing source of revenue for government is gambling.

The proliferation of VLTs and gambling palaces resulted in an explosion of gambling revenue for the government. All of these changes were introduced without consultation with the public.

New Democrats have introduced a **Lotteries Accountability Act** to let Manitobans know where their gaming dollars are going. This act also calls for a public inquiry into gaming which would hold public hearings throughout the province to find out how Manitobans feel about gambling. After all, there are some important issues that must be addressed.

New Democrats believe this inquiry should review the issue of how much money from lottery profits should be spent on gambling addiction programs. Right now more dollars are spent on promoting gambling than on its social consequences. We must also address the question of Aboriginal gambling.



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## **BALANCING THE BUDGET**

The last NDP government left Manitoba with a surplus of \$58 million, in 1988/89, according to the Provincial Auditor.

That's right, a surplus. That surplus came as a result of increased equalization payments, increased mining revenues, and employment growth.

In seven years, the present government has allowed the deficit to soar to unprecedented highs. The 1992-93 deficit of \$744 million was the highest in the history of Manitoba. Only through a special one time transfer of \$145 million in lottery profits were they able to finally balance the budget for 1995/96.

We must take into account the effect of the \$87 million in cuts in 1996/97 and \$160 million in 1997/98, from the federal Liberal government. Our plan calls for the cancellation of some of the big ticket plans of the Filmon government so we can support programs for health, education, jobs and a balanced budget.

Present plans call for the government to begin paying for the \$118 million Royal Bank Smart Health program in 1996/97. In addition the Filmon government has told the Canadian Federation of Business that they will eliminate the \$200 million levy for health and post-secondary education, paid by large business by the year 2000. We estimate that by canceling the Smart Health deal we can save \$28 million a year for four years. By maintaining the levy for health and post-secondary education save \$50 million in 1996/97 and \$100 million in 1997/98. The \$78 million we save would offset all but \$9 million in the cuts to federal transfers in 1996/97. The remaining savings would come from additional budgetary savings already identified.

All of our spending adjustments are based on public information and will be revised once all information is available from a detailed review of the government's financial records.

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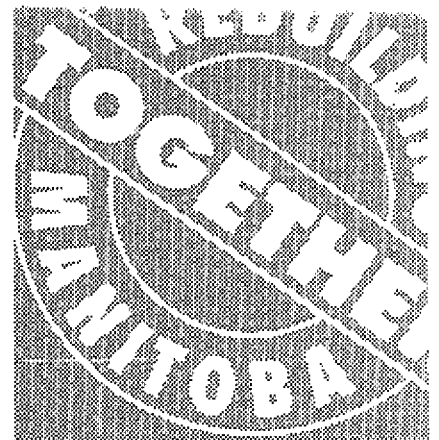
## FIGHTING FOR FAIR NATIONAL PROGRAMS

We'd like to tell you we can control all aspects of Manitoba's economy right here in Manitoba. But we can't.

Changing world economics can and do have an impact right here at home. And so do the actions of the federal government in Ottawa. Equalization payments, decreased national funding for health care and post-secondary education and regional development programs like the Winnipeg Development Agreement play a vital role in the economic health of all provinces, including Manitoba.

New Democrats will take a tough stand with Ottawa to make sure we get our fair share. New Democrats believe that we will need to work together with all parties in the legislature to ensure the federal government listens to the needs of Manitobans and acts accordingly.

Your future, our future, the future of all Manitobans and the future of our children depends on it.







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## APPENDIX A

### ► Manitoba Works

Tri-level Cost-sharing .....	\$ 13.5
Urban Transportation .....	\$ 4.5
Water & water treatment .....	\$ 4.5
Safe Streets .....	\$ 4.5
Bi-level Cost-sharing .....	\$ 18.0
Community Renewal Youth Corps ...	\$ 5.0
Hospital and Health Care .....	\$ 6.5
Colleges & Universities .....	\$ 6.5
Co-op Work Education/Work Study Program .....	\$ 5.0
(summer positions for youth)	
Small Business Career Start .....	\$ 2.5
(jobs for social allowance recipients)	
Community Economic Development .....	\$ 3.0
Investment Manitoba	
(Pension re-investment in Manitoba) .....	*
Housing Program	
(including: Energy Upgrade, Housing Renewal .....	**
Co-op Housing and Home Security)	
Total job program cost .....	\$ 42.0

### ► Estimate of additional Jobs Created 3,000 – 4,000

\* Private and Public pension funds and the employees whose funds are invested to be asked to re-invest more funds in Manitoba.

\*\* Energy upgrade to be undertaken by Hydro. Renewal, home security, family and co-op housing could be projects of Investment Manitoba.

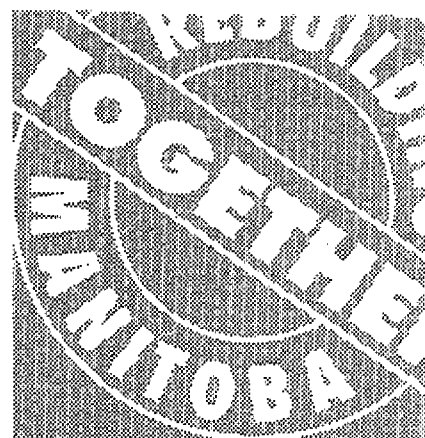


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## ►Redeployment of Public Resources

### BUDGETARY SAVINGS

Jets Losses (ITT) .....	\$10.00
Streamline Government (Reduction in Cabinet Offices) .....	\$ 2.00
Internal savings [cutback on advertising & ..... middle management & untendered contracts & internal reform]	\$15.00
Economic Development Board Secretariat [ITT] .....	\$ .90
Economic Innovations Technology Council [ITT] .....	\$ 3.80
Economic Innovations Technology Fund [ITT] .....	\$ 1.00
Faculty of Management [Education] .....	\$ 1.30
Office in Ottawa [ITT] .....	\$ .30
WorkForce 2000 [Education] .....	\$ 5.00
WorkForce 2000 [Finance] .....	\$ 8.50
Lotteries Advertising .....	\$ .50
Home Renovation Program & Sales Tax Break .....	\$ 5.50
Re-allocation from social assistance .....	\$42.00
Education Reform .....	\$ 3.50
Cuts to business grants .....	\$ 5.00
Private Labs .....	\$ 4.50
Kenaston Underpass .....	<u>\$10.00</u>
Total Savings .....	\$118.80





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## ► Summary of Major Commitments

### HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

Summary of Major Commitments  
Health Accountability Act  
Community Care Program  
Healthy Child Program\*  
Personal Care Home Bill of Rights  
Community and Employee Representation on Boards  
Neighbourhood Health Organizations/Community Clinics\*  
Health Action Line\*  
Home Care cut restored\*  
Training Programs  
AIDS Strategy  
Nurse Practitioner Program/Training & Northern Nursing\*

### BUILDING HOPE

[see Manitoba Works]\*  
Economic Summit  
All Party Committee  
Handi-Transit\*  
Community Colleges\*  
Apprenticeship\*  
ACCESS\*  
NewCareers\*  
Small Business Technology Upgrade  
(loans through MTS)  
Information Highway Initiative\*  
Labour Market Bureau  
Workforce Development Committees  
Farm Start\*  
(MACC loan Program)  
Crop Insurance  
Support Churchill Port  
Agricultural Research\*  
Buy Local  
Community Policing\*  
Face-up/Make-up  
Operation Grandchild

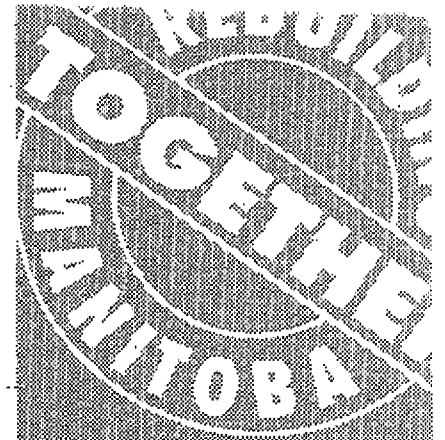
### FAIRNESS

Benefits for Part-time workers  
improved vacations  
update labour laws  
Plant Closure  
Unemployed Help Centres\*  
Pay Equity  
Family Support Plan\*  
Victims of Violence  
ESL Programs  
Credentials Evaluation Office  
Cross-cultural Training  
Manitoba Intercultural Council  
Northern Fair Share  
Equalize Hydro Rates  
Northern Campus  
remove Northern Patient transportation fees\*  
Health Professionals in the North  
Treaty Land Entitlement\*  
Self-government  
Friendship Centres\*  
Urban Aboriginal Strategy

\* all items marked have a program cost outlined on the next page. Other programs are implemented at no additional cost to the Manitoba Budget or through reorganization of existing resources.



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### ► New Programs from redeployment

Manitoba Works .....	\$ 42.0
FarmStart (\$20 million loan program) .....	\$ 1.5
Agricultural Research .....	\$ 2.5
Community Colleges .....	\$ 6.0
Apprenticeship .....	\$ 3.0
Healthy Child .....	\$18.5
Home Care Cuts .....	\$ 3.0
NHOs/Community Clinics .....	\$ 5.0
Health Care Retraining Initiative .....	\$ 3.0
Friendship Centres/MKO/AMC .....	\$ 3.5
Distance Education .....	\$ 4.0
CUHCs .....	\$ 0.3
New Careers .....	\$ 2.0
ACCESS .....	\$ 3.0
Health Action Line .....	\$ 1.0
Maintenance Enforcement .....	\$ .8
Community Policing .....	\$ 2.0
Northern Patient Transport .....	\$ 0.5
Handi-Transit .....	\$ 0.5
Crime Prevention .....	\$ 0.5
Youth Places .....	\$ 0.5
Curriculum Branch .....	\$ 0.5
Nurse Practitioners/Northern Nursing Bachelor's .....	\$ 1.5
Innovations Fund for Education .....	\$ 3.5
Total .....	\$108.6