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Today's NDP will provide Manitoba families even better health care, a growing economy that keeps people working, a smart, strategic infrastructure plan and more opportunities for young people.

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We have a vision for the future of our province as a great place to live, work and visit with world-class tourist attractions, more recreation opportunities, and a revitalized downtown Winnipeg for our capital city.

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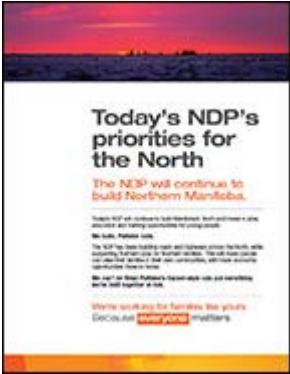
Together, we've added more doctors and nurses and created smaller classes, and we now have the lowest unemployment rate in Canada.

Together, we can do even more. Let's not let put it all at risk with Brian Pallister's cuts.

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# Health Care



Today's NDP will continue to invest in doctors, nurses and QuickCare clinics because nothing's more important than your family's health.

Together, we've added a record number of doctors, nurses and nurse practitioners to Manitoba.

They're helping Manitoba families in new hospitals and clinics, including a new cardiac centre of excellence, a birth centre, more personal care homes, a Mental Health Crisis Response Centre and new and expanded emergency rooms.

The NDP government also covers 100% of the cost of cancer drugs, so patients and families can focus on battling cancer without worrying about the cost.

And we will keep building by doubling the number of QuickCare clinics, training and hiring more health professionals, and building more personal care homes to give families and seniors even better care.

## PALLISTER'S CUTS: EVERYTHING IS ON THE TABLE

When Pallister was a Filmon cabinet minister, the Conservatives fired more than 1,000 nurses and drove over 100 doctors out of Manitoba.

Now Brian Pallister has said there are "no sacred cows" when it comes to his over half a billion dollars in budget cuts.

Pallister has said that two-tier, American-style health care is "a better way to do things" and "what Manitobans want to see."

He wants to turn back the clock and go back to the days of high-priced



corporate reviews, privatization and cuts – just like when they paid private American consultant Connie Curran \$4 million to recommend cuts to health care in the 1990s. He’s done it before and he’ll do it again.

**BOKHARI’S LIBERALS: POLICIES THAT DON’T MAKE SENSE**

Rana Bokhari’s Liberals are making confusing, mixed-up promises while committing to hundreds of millions in corporate tax cuts. It just doesn’t add up.

Their candidates have also said they’ll close at least two hospitals, and then claimed it was for “publicity.”

Either way, they’re not taking health care seriously. Families can’t afford to joke about their loved ones’ health.

Bokhari’s policies don’t make sense and don’t add up.



**OUR NDP PRIORITIES – Health Care**



**More QuickCare clinics**

Doubling the number of QuickCare clinics to 16 and keeping them open longer hours, including evenings and weekends



**Reducing ambulance fees**

Lowering hospital parking costs and reducing ambulance fees by more than half



**Investments, not cuts**

Protecting health care from privatization and making sure hospitals and clinics can hire



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# NDP prioritizes health care for Manitoba families

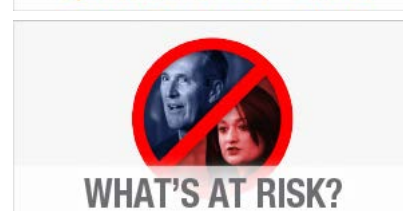
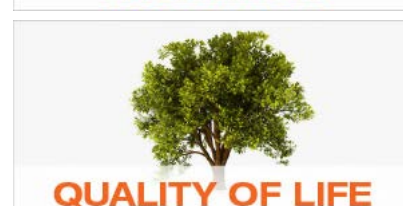


A re-elected NDP government will double the number of QuickCare clinics in Manitoba, from eight to 16, and extend operating hours at every QuickCare clinic in the province, Premier and NDP leader Greg Selinger announced today.

“We are focused on getting families the health care they need, when they need it most - day or night,” said Selinger. “Instead of Conservative-style cuts, we’re making smart, strategic investments that strengthen health care for families and communities.”

Manitoba’s innovative QuickCare clinics are staffed by nurse practitioners and registered nurses. The NDP will extend clinic hours and open more throughout Winnipeg, including in Transcona and North Kildonan, to better serve Manitoba families.

“These innovative clinics give families faster, more convenient health care options, while taking pressure off our emergency departments,” said Selinger. “We’ve made building more QuickCare clinics one of our key commitments because our NDP team puts patients and their families first.”



Brian Pallister has said he will cut over half a billion dollars from the budget by “finding efficiencies.” When he was a cabinet minister in the Filmon Conservative government, their review of services led to cutting 1,000 nurses, closing the Misericordia ER permanently and closing four community hospitals overnight.

“Pallister recommitted to cut front-line services yesterday when he admitted there are 'no sacred cows' when it comes to cuts – he's done it before and he'll do it again,” said Selinger. “The fundamental difference between the NDP and the Conservatives is that we are willing to strategically invest for the future and their only solution is to cut.”

Rana Bokhari’s Liberals are promising deep cuts that just don’t make sense. Their huge corporate giveaways would take hundreds of millions from health care and education every year.

“Our NDP government is working hard to protect and improve health care,” said Selinger. “We will continue to give families faster, more efficient treatment, because everyone matters.”

## Backgrounder

QuickCare clinics are staffed by registered nurses and nurse practitioners who can diagnose, treat and prescribe medication for minor ailments like colds, flus, sprains and infections, as well as help with birth control or breast feeding issues and provide immunizations.

Since we opened the first QuickCare clinic on McGregor Street in Winnipeg in 2012, more than 170,000 patients have received primary health care services.

The NDP has built eight QuickCare clinics to serve Manitobans.



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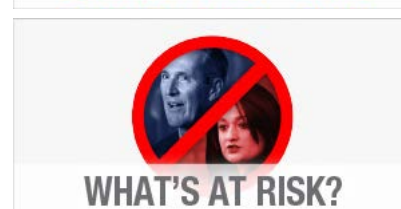
# NDP will reduce hospital parking rates and ambulance fees for patients



The NDP will invest \$20 million to reduce hospital parking rates, cut ambulance fees in half and remove the per kilometer ambulance fees for rural and northern families, and provide more supports for frequent ambulance patients to reduce the burden on hospital emergency departments, NDP Leader Greg Selinger said today.

“Nothing is more important than your family’s health and the NDP will invest to make health care more accessible for working and middle-class families,” Selinger said. “That’s why the NDP rejects the idea that the quality of your health care should be based on how much money you have - unlike Brian Pallister, who has said that two-tier, U.S. style health care is a system that Manitobans want to see.”

Today’s NDP will work with hospital foundations to



make parking at hospitals in Winnipeg more affordable. This will include expanding subsidized parking and supporting transportation programs in partnership with organizations and people who frequently need to go to the hospital to manage chronic diseases, based on the successful Canadian Cancer Society model, supported by the NDP government in 2014. Support for the successful Canadian Cancer Society program will be doubled.

"As a cancer physician I have championed the provincial efforts to improve the cancer patient journey," said Dr. Dhali Dhaliwal, former President and CEO of CancerCare Manitoba. "I also know that frequent hospital visits place enormous financial and emotional burdens on patients fighting chronic disease, so I welcome the NDP plan to reduce these fees. This will help patients and families cope with these stresses and improve their quality of life."

Today's NDP will cut existing fees in half and cover ambulance fees under Pharmacare to help low-income patients with chronic illnesses who may make multiple trips to the hospital per year. To make health care access more affordable and more equitable for all Manitobans, the NDP will also eliminate the per kilometre fee charged for rural and northern patients.

"Brian Pallister has not said how he would meet your family's health care needs while also cutting half a billion dollars from the budget," Selinger said. "He has said 'there are no sacred cows' when it comes to where he would cut. He should be honest with Manitobans about what services he will cut. The Liberal plan to give huge tax breaks to banks and corporations will severely impact health care services."

The NDP will also double funding for the Emergency Paramedic in the Community (EPIC) program. Run by the Winnipeg Fire and Paramedic Service, this



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unique program reaches out to frequent ambulance patients to give them the support they need in their own communities.

This prevents unnecessary trips to the emergency room, taking pressure off our hospitals. This new funding could double the number of people that EPIC paramedics can reach, Selinger said.

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# NDP will protect health care and continue to invest in front-line staff for hospitals, clinics



Today's NDP will protect Manitoba health care from privatization and make sure hospitals and clinics can hire the doctors, nurses and health professionals they need to give families even better care, NDP Leader Greg Selinger said today.

"Once again, Manitoba's health care system is at risk," Selinger said. "Brian Pallister's Conservatives want to turn back the clock 20 years and revert to high-priced, Connie Curran-style corporate reviews, privatization and cuts."

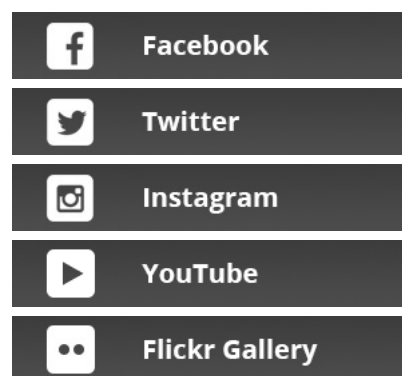
The NDP record is clear, said Selinger. Since 2011, Manitoba has added hundreds of nurses and doctors, more midwives and physician assistants, and brought in innovative initiatives like QuickCare clinics to make health care more accessible for families.

Selinger said a re-elected NDP government will:





- Maintain training spaces for doctors, nurses, midwives and other health professionals – not cut them, like the Conservatives did the last time;
- Keep moving forward with new capital projects – not freeze health care capital spending;
- Work with communities and regional health authorities (RHAs) to keep recruiting professionals – not cutting successful recruitment and retention programs;
- On top of recruiting more doctors and nurses, hire at least 50 more nurse practitioners, 50 new physician assistants and 25 new midwives; and
- Work with RHAs and professional unions to recruit more allied health care professionals.



This is in addition to developing 1,000 more personal care home beds, doubling the number of QuickCare clinics, and reducing parking and ambulance fees.

The Conservative record is also clear: cuts, freezes, strikes, firing more than 1,000 nurses and driving away over 100 doctors the last time Pallister was in cabinet, Selinger said.

“These cuts were a direct result of corporate consultants reviewing the health care system,” Selinger said. “Now Brian Pallister is calling for the same kind of reviews, which will hurt the services Manitobans rely on.”

“The Bokhari Liberals have promised huge giveaways to wealthy banks and large corporations, but haven't costed it in the fiscal plan they just released,” Selinger said. “Their promises just don't make sense and don't add up.”

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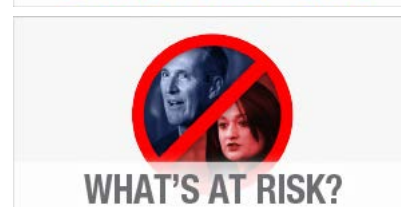
# NDP will keep home care public, create more than 1,000 new personal care home beds for seniors



Today's NDP will create more than 1,000 new personal care home (PCH) beds, protect home care from privatization and user fees, and provide more supports for palliative care for seniors and families caring for their loved ones, NDP Leader Greg Selinger announced today.

"We want to make sure the health care families need is there for them when they need it, to help seniors and help the sandwich generation of Manitobans with aging parents," said Selinger. "Brian Pallister's approach to health care is all about cuts: returning to the days of highly-paid corporate consultants recommending privatization and layoffs to the services working and middle-class families count on."

The NDP will support seniors' health care in three major areas—building more PCH beds, protecting

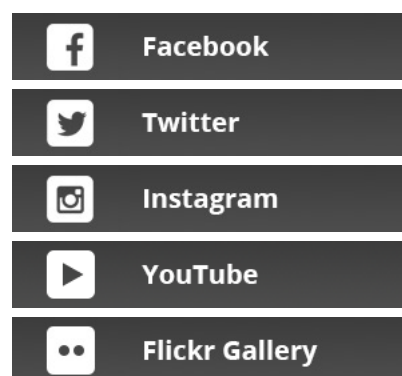


home care patients from privatization and user fees, and creating new hospice beds. New personal care homes and more QuickCare clinics are part of the NDP plan to take pressure off of hospitals.

The NDP's plan includes:

- Creating 1,000 new personal care home beds, including over 100 PCH beds in St. James that will specialize in helping patients with dementia, over 100 PCH beds at the Convalescent Home of Winnipeg, over 75 PCH beds with Riverside Lions in St. Vital, and more beds for rural communities;
- Issuing a new call for proposals for additional community built and owned, non-profit PCH facilities, including one in the North;
- Protecting seniors who use home care from user fees and other moves towards privatization;
- Improving home care with extended respite hours, expanded pilot programs offering longer after-hours services, and more support for intensive home care services; and
- Creating new hospice beds by working with community groups like Jocelyn House and funding a new research chair in palliative care with the University of Manitoba.

“The NDP brought in Canada’s first universal home care program 40 years ago, and we need to continue to improve it for families and their loved ones,” said Selinger. “As a member of the Filmon government, Brian Pallister brought in user fees and took steps to privatize the entire system, making it harder for Manitobans to afford the care they need. Now, Pallister is saying there are ‘no sacred cows’—everything is on the table when it comes to services he would cut. He’s done it before and he’ll do it again.”



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## MORE GOOD JOBS FOR MANITOBBANS



Today's NDP will keep growing the economy and supporting good jobs for Manitobans.

Our plan will strengthen our communities, our economy and create jobs.

Manitoba has one of the fastest growing economies and the lowest unemployment rate in Canada—and we plan to keep it that way.

“Also fueling growth will be the construction sector as the provincial government continues to roll out its large infrastructure plan.” – Conference Board of Canada, March 8, 2016

The NDP will continue making record strategic investments in our roads, highways, and flood protection, strengthening our economy and creating 100,000 good jobs.

By investing in Winnipeg roads, rail relocation and rapid transit, we'll make Winnipeg a more connected city.

And we'll support innovation in the private sector with more skills training, diversification and high-tech, made-in-Manitoba industries.

Our province is growing, with more people working than ever before.

### **PALLISTER'S CUTS: EVERYTHING IS ON THE TABLE**

Brian Pallister will cut the NDP infrastructure plan by 25%--\$300 million a year, eliminating nearly 20,000 good jobs.

Their plan is to cancel Hydro projects that allows us to sell power to our neighbours and create good jobs for Manitobans, especially in the North. They will cut Manitoba Hydro into pieces – the classic first step towards privatization.

And their over half a billion dollars in cuts will impact job creation and eliminate programs that are training workers and getting them the job experience they need to succeed.

He's done it before and he'll do it again.



## BOKHARI'S LIBERALS: POLICIES THAT DON'T MAKE SENSE

Bokhari's Liberals want to delay critical flood protection and cancel major infrastructure projects that would boost trade and make roads safer for families. And whatever they're promising in funding for municipalities can't be accounted for in their confusing plans, which even the Free Press called "gibberish."

They want to give hundreds of millions of dollars in tax breaks to banks and large corporations, which would take money away from education that gives kids the skills they need for a job later in life.

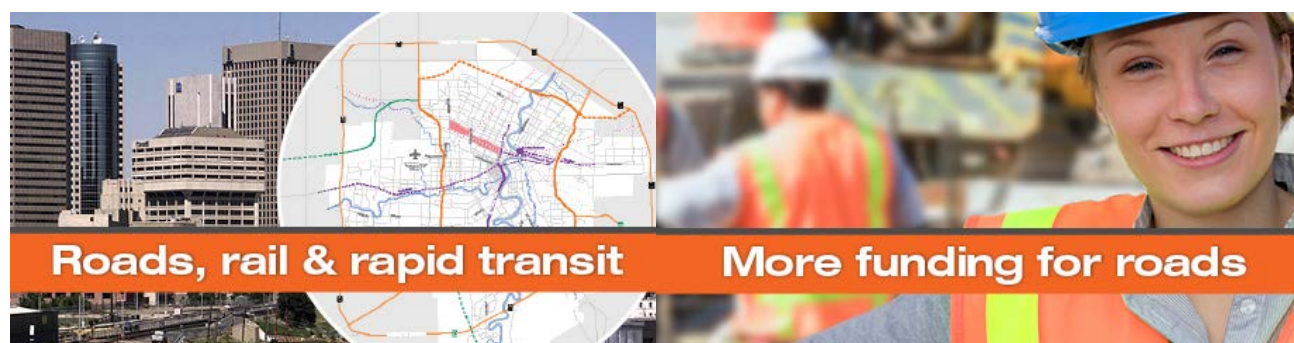
As part of their privatization plan, they've said they'll scrap the new downtown Liquor & Lotteries headquarters, which would bring 400 workers into the heart of Winnipeg and boost downtown business.

Bokhari's policies don't make sense and don't add up.



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# Roads, Rail Relocation and Rapid Transit: NDP's vision for a connected Winnipeg



Today's NDP will transform Winnipeg by partnering to complete an inner ring road, moving rail lines out of our communities and building rapid transit to solidify the city's future as a thriving and forward-looking capital, announced NDP Leader Greg Selinger.

"We believe in Winnipeg's future, and we know these strategic investments will continue to move the city forward," said Selinger. "This work has already begun, but we can't stop now. Brian Pallister has no vision and no plan for Winnipeg—except to let our economy and our growth sputter out and leave federal stimulus money on the table."

For 50 years the City of Winnipeg has had a master transportation plan to complete an inner ring road in Winnipeg, which is currently set for completion in





2031.

The NDP will fast track the completion of the inner ring road, starting with Chief Peguis Trail, and share costs 50/50 with the federal government.

It will be built to provincial highway standards, and the NDP work with all levels of government to integrate it with Lagimodiere, Bishop Grandin and a widened Kenaston/Route 90 to form a complete inner ring road.

“The NDP has the strategic infrastructure plan and political will to bring our vision of a connected city to life,” said Selinger. “We will help build Winnipeg into a city we can be proud of for years to come.”

A fully connected, inner ring highway/road will shorten the amount of time families spend driving to and from work, take trucks and heavy traffic off local streets and out of downtown, and secure Winnipeg’s place as Western Canada’s transportation hub and Manitoba’s economic engine, Selinger added.

“Brian Pallister has failed to present a real plan for Winnipeg, stating he doesn’t think the City needs any more supports,” Selinger said. “Pallister is promising less to Winnipeggers: less infrastructure investment, less federal investment, fewer opportunities and fewer jobs. That’s not vision. That’s not a plan. Winnipeggers deserve more than mediocrity. Mr. Pallister wants to be Manitoba’s premier, but has shown no interest in our capital city and even less in our downtown.”

Funding will come from the NDP’s \$10-billion core infrastructure plan—above and beyond all existing funding to the City of Winnipeg.

“This will give the City of Winnipeg the flexibility to focus its infrastructure dollars on fixing local roads and potholes,” said Selinger. “And the Province will still pay for 50% or more of local road renewal.

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Rana Bokhari is offering, and far more than Brian Pallister’s plan, plain and simple.”

This vision for Winnipeg complements the NDP’s vision to relocate urban rail lines, which will get them out of residential neighbourhoods and create huge new opportunities for development in Winnipeg’s core. There are many possibilities, from housing to business to rapid transit links that make it easier for people to live and work in our downtown.

Currently the Province and the City of Winnipeg are undertaking a feasibility study, and have launched a task force on relocating rail lines out of Winnipeg.

“Pallister’s reckless cuts won’t grow our economy for the future,” Selinger continued. “Pallister will leave federal dollars on the table and send us back to the no-growth ’90s. We can’t afford to let that happen again.”

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## Today's NDP will boost funding for local roads in Winnipeg



Today's NDP will boost the province's share for fixing Winnipeg's road investments to \$65 million a year to help fix potholes and renew local streets, Fort Garry-Riverview NDP candidate James Allum announced today.

"Part of our NDP's vision for a connected Winnipeg means freeing up City resources to fix local roads and potholes," Allum said. "Smoother roads mean safer drives for families and less wear and tear on your car. These investments will help us grow Winnipeg for the future."

The NDP's current five-year commitment to \$250 million for local roads over five years will go up to \$325 million, investing in hundreds more local road projects.

"Brian Pallister went to City Hall and told Winnipeggers he wouldn't put any more money into



our roads,” said Seine River NDP candidate Lise Pinkos. “Brian Pallister is wrong. Families know our streets need fixing, and the NDP is going to invest in our city and better roads.”

This year’s funding will support upgrades to least 150 local and regional streets, bridges, overpasses and back lanes in Winnipeg, on top of fixing sidewalks in every neighbourhood. Funding will be dedicated to projects identified by the City of Winnipeg in its capital plan, including:

- Pembina Highway;
- Henderson Highway;
- St. Mary’s Road;
- St. James Street;
- Corydon Avenue;
- Logan Avenue;
- Sargent Avenue;
- Archibald/Watt Street;
- Keewatin Street.

“This stable, predictable funding will make sure the city can fix our roads and that everyone can benefit from the economic growth and good jobs that come with these projects,” Allum said. “Brian Pallister would starve the city and our roads of the investments they need.”



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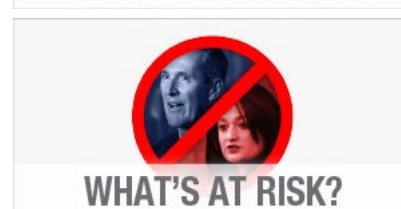
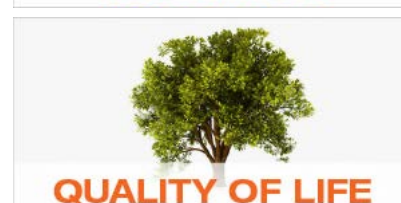
# NDP will support 1,500 more apprenticeship students a year, helping more Manitobans get good jobs



Today's NDP will invest to help up to 1,500 more apprentices get apprenticeship training and good jobs, announced NDP Leader Greg Selinger.

"These investments will help young Manitobans get the skills they need to get a head start on a good job after they graduate," said Selinger. "Businesses tell us they need more skilled workers to meet the demands of our growing economy, and these strategic investments mean a brighter future for Manitoba's young people. Brian Pallister's cuts to infrastructure alone will mean 20,000 fewer jobs compared to our strategic infrastructure plan."

This funding will cover course fees and living expenses for 1,500 new apprenticeship students per year, as part of Manitoba's successful





apprenticeship training model. Rural, resource and Northern communities and their workers and industries will benefit from this expansion, which will include training centres in the North and the Parklands.

Manitoba's NDP government recently brought in innovative legislation to certify new occupations and model their training and credentials based on the trades. This means people wanting to enter these industries, like Information and Communications Technology (ICT) or truck driving, will be able to access the same financial and co-op supports that Manitoba offers in other apprenticeship programs, Selinger added.

Today's NDP will also help more women and Indigenous Manitobans get the skills they need to go into highly-paid, in-demand jobs.

Working with Red River College and Assiniboine Community College, new supports will be put in place to see more women journeypersons become instructors, with a target of 20 new instructors each year. By bringing more women into positions of leadership, more young women will have an opportunity to see themselves reflected in the trades.

"We will also keep building Hydro through the East Side Road Authority, including community benefit agreements, and build more strategic roads in the rural and Northern Manitoba to create local job opportunities," said Selinger. "Brian Pallister's Conservatives have a very different agenda, and have already said they will cancel community benefit agreements and Hydro projects, cutting thousands of jobs for Indigenous people in the trades."

Rana Bokhari's Liberals refuse to commit to keeping the East Side Road Authority (ESRA), but have repeatedly made vague promises to pay for other commitments by taking money from infrastructure.



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# NDP will make new investments to support good jobs in Manitoba's thriving film industry



Today's NDP will give new supports to our film industry by introducing new incentives to attract a direct flight to Los Angeles, make the Manitoba Film and Video Production Tax Credit permanent, and upgrade the Manitoba Production Centre, NDP Leader Greg Selinger said today.

"Investing in the film production is good business," Selinger said. "We're committed to creating good, local jobs in the film industry and growing opportunities here at home."

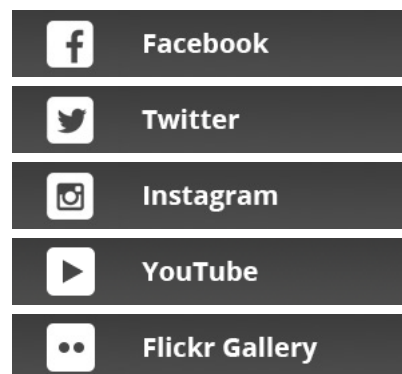
According to On Screen Manitoba, the Manitoba film industry supports 1,300 jobs a year and contributes \$71.4 million to the provincial economy. For every dollar the province invests in film incentives, this generates \$3.48 for local businesses from outside the province.

The NDP will support good jobs and steady growth in



the film industry by:

- Extending the Manitoba fuel tax rebate to jet fuel purchased in Manitoba, to encourage carriers to create a direct flight between Winnipeg and Los Angeles, as well as New York;
- Working with film industry partners to do more marketing in California to generate interest in filming and tourism in Manitoba;
- Making Manitoba's Film and Video Production Tax Credit permanent, so local and international production companies can count on our affordability when planning projects;
- Investing \$5 million in upgrades and renovations to the Manitoba Production Centre to expand the square footage of usable space, so local and visiting film production companies will have even better facilities to film in; and
- Funding a sound stage feasibility study to allow multiple productions to operate in Manitoba at the same time.



“Brian Pallister’s Conservatives are committed to more than half a billion dollars in cuts,” Selinger said. “He’s hiding his agenda until after the election is over, but Manitobans know that huge cuts will hurt our film industry—which will put a lot of people’s jobs at risk.”

“Rana Bokhari’s Liberals have not made any commitments to Manitoba’s film and tourism industries, and they can’t explain how their policies add up,” Selinger continued. “The NDP is the only party that can be trusted to stop Pallister’s agenda of cuts and privatization.”

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# Affordability

## AFFORDABILITY FOR FAMILIES



Today's NDP will help you keep more money in your pocket

Today's NDP is asking the top-earning 2% to pay a little more to make life more affordable for working and middle-class families.

Our new income tax break will give more than 300,000 Manitoba households more money to support their families.

And only the NDP has committed to eliminating school taxes for all but the wealthiest seniors in Manitoba this year.

We've been making steady progress on affordability for families.

Tax reductions we've introduced over the years will save an average family with two kids \$4,600 from what they would have paid the last time Brian Pallister was in government.

We can't put all of that at risk.

### **PALLISTER'S CUTS: EVERYTHING IS ON THE TABLE**

Brian Pallister's Conservatives oppose our plan to cut income taxes for working and middle-class families, and won't commit to keeping the Seniors' School Tax Rebate.

They're fighting to protect the top 2% and their wealthy friends instead of regular families.

Pallister's idea of affordability is to cut public services and then make Manitobans pay more for these public services through user fees, just

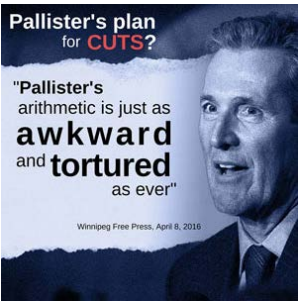
like they did with the health care system when Pallister was in the Filmon Conservative government.

He'll privatize our Crown corporations. He's already said he will cut Manitoba Hydro into pieces – the classic first step towards privatization. This will cause Hydro rates to soar, just like in Ontario.

Pallister is attacking workers' rights and risking Manitoba's stable labour relations—wrong for working families and for our economy.

His policy is to raise university and college tuition fees to Saskatchewan levels – a move that would hike tuition fees for students by up to \$3,000 every year.

He's done it before and he'll do it again.

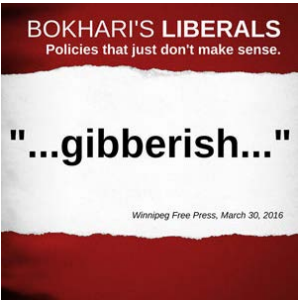


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The Liberals are taking a page out of the Conservatives' privatization playbook.

They want to privatize Manitoba liquor – taking hundreds of millions of dollars away from social services that Manitobans count on to keep life affordable, with no plan for how to pay for it all.

Bokhari's policies don't make sense and don't add up.



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# NDP will make life more affordable for low and middle income families, seniors



Today’s NDP will make life even more affordable for your family by giving a tax break to working and middle-class families and protecting the Seniors’ School Tax Rebate, NDP Leader Greg Selinger said today.

“Unlike Brian Pallister and his Conservatives, we will give low and middle-class families a tax break and eliminate school taxes for 98 per cent of Manitoba’s seniors,” Selinger said. “Brian Pallister refuses to support these measures because he would rather worry about the interests of the wealthiest Manitobans than give seniors and working and middle-class families a break. His reckless plan to make half a billion dollars in cuts would hurt families like yours.”

A re-elected NDP will give low and middle-income Manitobans a tax break, and pay for it by introducing new income tax bracket for the wealthiest two per cent of Manitobans. This change would mean almost \$50 million in savings for 320,000 low- and middle-income families. For example, a family of four making \$60,000 per year will get an extra \$260 or 10% per year on their income taxes.

The NDP government brought in the Seniors’ School Tax Rebate to give seniors a break and help them stay in their homes longer. The NDP plan is to increase this rebate from \$470 to \$2,300 for the 2016 property year. This will mean 98 per cent of seniors pay no more school taxes, while the wealthiest two per cent of seniors continue to pay some school taxes, Selinger said.

“Brian Pallister refuses to support eliminating school taxes for seniors,” Selinger said. “Under his plan, the seniors’ school tax rebate will be axed.”

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“The NDP guaranteed that Manitoba families continue to have a unique affordability advantage in Canada when it comes to Hydro, home heating and car insurance—not to mention child care and tuition - and we are committed to helping regular families save a little more.”

Rana Bokhari’s Liberals have presented a fiscal plan that doesn’t add up and doesn’t make sense, even when asked repeatedly to explain.

“The one thing they have said clearly is that there will be no tax breaks for working and middle-class families,” Selinger said. “Only the NDP is committed to helping seniors and families, because everyone matters.”

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# NDP will make life easier for parents by capping fees at schools, building more child care centres



Today's NDP will cap fees that schools can charge parents, provide funding for parent councils, build more child care centres in schools and expand before and after programming, NDP Leader Greg Selinger said.

"The NDP knows that schools are much more than buildings—they're places for learning, playing and bringing communities together," Selinger said.

"We're going to give more supports to parents while the Conservatives and Liberals want to let school divisions shut down small community schools. This would make life harder for parents, students and teachers—especially in francophone, rural and Northern communities."

The NDP's plan will help more families participate in everyday school activities by capping school fees to \$100 a year for regular programming, school



supplies, instrument rentals, and intermural sports.

Parent councils will also receive \$1,000 grants to help offset child minding costs and fundraising efforts, and the Manitoba Association of Parent Councils will see increased funding.

The NDP will provide an additional \$1 million to school divisions to help offset the fee cap, work with schools to review the costs of field trips, and make sure schools accommodate low-income families who may find the annual \$100 fee unaffordable.

“In Filmon’s government, Brian Pallister helped cut millions of dollars from schools, leading to 700 teachers being fired, and drastically cut funding to child care centres, which doubled daycare fees for families,” Selinger said. “Now Pallister's Conservatives plan to privatize new child care. That will hurt parents by making fees skyrocket and cutting affordable child care families need.”

As part of the NDP’s plan to create 12,000 new child care spaces, \$25 million will go towards child care spaces in schools, including a new centre at John de Graff School. The NDP will also work with school divisions to make more before and after programming available, so parents have more flexibility to go back to work or school knowing their children are in good hands.

“There’s no way around it—Pallister’s cuts will hurt our schools and child care centres, and the Liberals are making expensive promises on education and child care they can't explain and don't account for,” Selinger said. "This means the Liberals either can't deliver or have no interest in delivering on their promises.”

“It’s clear the Liberals’ confusing campaign over the past few weeks has no substance and no accountability for their costs,” Selinger continued.

“They are not the alternative to Brian Pallister and only the NDP can stop his agenda of reckless cuts.”



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# NDP will work to close the gender pay gap, increase funding for gender-based supports



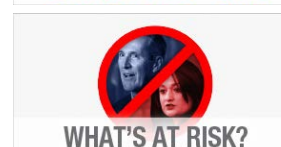
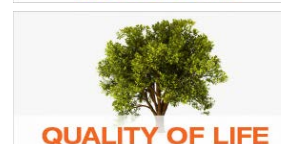
A re-elected NDP government will continue to work to make Manitoba a fairer, more progressive province by strengthening the mandate of the Manitoba Status of Women to include an increased focus on pay equity, NDP Candidate for Kirkfield Park Sharon Blady announced today in advance of International Women's Day.

"Manitobans should get equal pay for equal work, regardless of their gender," said Blady. "That's why we will empower the Status of Women office to work with business, labour, and community groups and the public to take concrete steps to close the gender pay gap in Manitoba."

She noted that women earn 82 cents for every dollar men earn in the private sector in Manitoba. Manitoba was the first province to pass pay equity legislation in 1986, but it covers the public sector only.

In addition, Blady announced that a re-elected NDP government will promote gender equity by:

- Helping to combat gender-based violence with \$1 million in new funding for grassroots organizations that provide gender-based supports;
- Ensuring gender equity on government boards to make decision making more representative and working with the Manitoba business community to ensure it is a priority on corporate boards; and



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- Ensuring that provincial budgets are created with a specific focus on the impact they will have for women, noting that investing in health care, education, and affordable child care helps to support greater gender equity.

These commitments are complemented by the UN Safe Cities Initiative and Manitoba's Multi Year Domestic Violence Prevention Strategy.

“Brian Pallister’s plans for cuts and privatization would hurt women in Manitoba,” said Blady. “His plans mean firing teachers and nurses, and raising child care fees. We know these decisions would have major consequences for everyday families, and especially working women.”

“The NDP is proud to be a feminist party,” added Blady. “We are the only ones with a strong feminist tradition of taking action on equality in the workplace and against gender-based violence.”

Most recently, this includes passing legislation to make paid leave for victims of domestic violence part of the Employment Standards Act.

Blady noted this commitment builds on the NDP’s support for gender equity, such as investing in women’s health, having a solid plan to create 12,000 new affordable child care spaces, and strengthening the Manitoba Human Rights Code to protect every Manitoban from being discriminated against based on their gender identity.

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## NDP will help families and businesses save money on utility bills

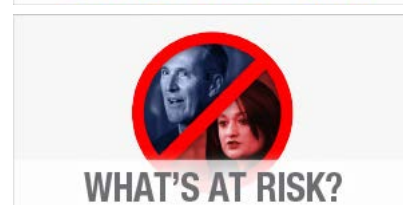


Today's NDP will expand PowerSmart programs to help families and businesses save money on their utility bills, protect Manitoba Hydro from privatization, and create green jobs, NDP Leader Greg Selinger said today.

"The NDP is committed to keeping PowerSmart part of Manitoba Hydro, with a strong mandate to save people money and create green jobs," Selinger said. "The NDP is the only party that can be trusted to keep Manitoba Hydro public to benefit everyone, not just the wealthy few."

The Bokhari Liberals are already promising to sell off one of Manitoba's Crown corporations while the Pallister Conservatives are committed to reckless cuts and have a history of privatization, Selinger pointed out. "The Conservatives privatized MTS. Now they plan on cancelling Hydro projects and cutting Manitoba Hydro into pieces – the classic first steps towards privatization."

Many Manitoba families have already taken advantage of PowerSmart's low-interest, Pay As



You Save (PAYS) loans program to upgrade their homes while saving money. The NDP will ensure PowerSmart loan interest rates are lowered by a full per cent to 2.9% from 3.9% for homeowners. For commercial and small businesses, rates will be lowered to 2.9% from 5.6% and apartment buildings will now qualify for Pay As You Save.

Today's NDP will expand the PAYS program to window installation, helping families keep their homes warmer in the winter and supporting good jobs in Manitoba's window manufacturing and home renovation sectors. The NDP will also:

- Expand Smart Thermostat and LED bulb programs, making it easier for families to efficiently manage energy use in their homes;
- Expand water and energy-saving programs, including for commercial and small businesses;
- Work with social enterprises like BUILD, BEEP and Manitoba Green Retrofit to help low-income families upgrade their homes and to upgrade Manitoba Housing units;
- Convert over 100 school boilers to biomass by 2020;
- Expand solar hot water tank programs; and
- Expand geothermal programs, including further supporting AKI Energy to expand geothermal and solar projects in rural, Northern communities and First Nation communities.

"The NDP will also make it easier for communities to adopt solar, wind and geothermal energy, helping tackle climate change while saving Hydro power to sell to our neighbours," Selinger said. "The NDP have always believed that we can protect the environment and grow our green economy at the same, and a public Manitoba Hydro helps us do just that."



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# NDP commits to comprehensive plan to reduce poverty



Today's NDP will take significant steps to continue tackling poverty by increasing the minimum wage by at least 50 cents per year, and making sustained, strategic investments in housing, child care, mental health, basic needs, and training, NDP Leader Greg Selinger announced today.

“The NDP will protect and enhance programs and services for low-income, working and middle-class families,” said Selinger. “Brian Pallister’s Conservatives and Rana Bokhari’s Liberals have not committed to protecting Manitoba’s investments in affordable housing or to increasing the minimum wage.”

The NDP plan to tackle poverty will focus on sustained, multi-year investments families can count on. This includes raising the minimum wage by at least 50 cents per year, creating 300 net new social housing units a year, working to create a pension-like income program for persons with disabilities, and introducing a targeted benefit for single, low-income Manitobans to help provide for their basic needs and help as they move into a new job.



“We’re committed to smart, strategic investments in affordable housing, skills and training to help Manitobans get good jobs and supports for vulnerable people who need it most,” Selinger said. “The NDP is the only party committed to regular minimum wage increases that will help working families with rising food prices.”

When combined with our plan to create 12,000 more accessible child care spaces, and more preventative programs and mental health supports for children, families and young people, the NDP is presenting a comprehensive plan to fight poverty and build more inclusive communities.

“Brian Pallister says there are 'no sacred cows' when it comes to cuts, and he doesn’t support our income tax break to help working and middle-class families keep a little more money in their pockets,” said Selinger. “But Manitobans know that half a billion dollars in Conservative budget cuts will hurt their families. The NDP believes every family should have the supports they need to go to school, get a good job and raise their families—not just the privileged few.”

In the first week of the campaign, the Manitoba NDP has committed to increasing services that low income, working, and middle-class families count on by doubling the number of QuickCare Clinics in Manitoba and funding schools at or above the rate of economic growth.

## BACKGROUND

The NDP will continue its comprehensive and strategic approach to reducing poverty by targeting key program areas: housing, minimum wage increases, income supports, child care and mental health.

A re-elected NDP will:

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every year and reject calls by lobbyists to introduce differential minimum wages for young people, service industry workers and new hires.

- Add 300 net new rent-geared-to-income housing units every year through a combination of subsidies and construction. This will begin once the current plan for 500 more units over three years by 2017/2018 is complete.
- Keep publically-owned housing public, protect affordability for families and reject privatization.
- Support low-income families by keeping our \$100 million per year commitment to maintain and renovate existing Manitoba Housing units.
- Get more people working by expanding and engaging social enterprises to build and renovate social housing.
- Work with inner-city community associations to expand programming that helps build stronger connections between rooming house owners and tenants to improve housing conditions.
- Launch a targeted income-based basic needs benefit for low-income, single Manitobans. Eligible Manitobans would immediately see existing benefits increase 16% and we would work to make the benefit portable, like our new Rent Assist program.
- Complete Manitoba's study on developing a pension-like income program for persons with disabilities who're unable to work.
- Work with the federal government to explore integrating and enhancing the Manitoba Child Benefit with the new federal child benefit, so that more families can access this support for their families.
- Create another 12,000 spaces of affordable child care to create universally-accessible early learning and child care.
- Invest in new early childhood development prevention programs and youth mental health supports.
- Within the first six months following re-election, set timelines and indicators for poverty reduction targets, in collaboration with families, community organizations and front-line workers.

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# Education

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE



Today's NDP will keep investing in schools, colleges and universities to give young people the skills they need for a bright future and a good job.

We're working with schools, teachers and parents to help every student succeed—from kindergarten to career.

The NDP government has helped hire more than 380 teachers to keep class sizes small, and we will hire even more.

Despite months of delay tactics by Brian Pallister's Conservatives, we successfully passed anti-bullying legislation protecting all students, including those who are LGBTTQ\*—which Pallister's Conservatives then unanimously voted against.

And our 60% tuition income tax rebate is making a real difference for post-secondary graduates setting down roots in Manitoba.

### PALLISTER'S CUTS: EVERYTHING IS ON THE TABLE

When Brian Pallister was in the Filmon Conservative government, he helped fire 700 teachers and cut millions from child care centres, drastically increasing parent fees.

Now, his plans for privatized child care will double fees and do nothing to reduce the waitlist.

They're promising less support for scholarships and bursaries and want to hike our tuition fees by as much as \$3,000 more per year.

This will put post-secondary education out of reach for countless



working class and middle-class families.

He's done it before and he'll do it again.

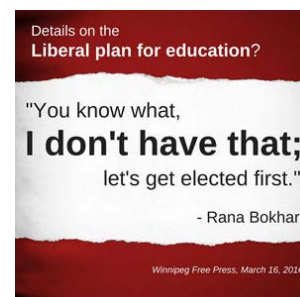
## BOKHARI'S LIBERALS: POLICIES THAT DON'T MAKE SENSE

Rana Bokhari's Liberals have confirmed that they want to let school divisions unilaterally close small schools. This puts 82 schools at risk of closing, many of them in rural and Northern Manitoba.

They're also making confusing, mixed-up promises while committing to hundreds of millions in corporate tax cuts. It just doesn't add up.

The Liberals' willingness to abandon families and leave communities without schools just doesn't make sense. They're making poorly-planned promises that they can't explain or account for.

Bokhari's policies don't make sense and don't add up.



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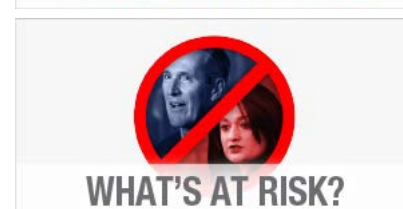
# NDP will help tackle student debt and make university and college more affordable



Today's NDP will support students and families with a real plan to replace Manitoba student loans with grants to keep college and university affordable for everyone, Premier and NDP Leader Greg Selinger announced today.

"Students have told us that post-secondary education should not be a debt sentence, and we're listening," Selinger said. "We want to support working and middle-class families by ensuring young people can afford university or college and build a bright future here at home."

The NDP will invest \$40 million to replace student loans with grants, provide free tuition to students in care up to age 25, double funding for the Manitoba Scholarship and Bursary Initiative, and launch a pilot program to provide more supports for adult learners looking to upgrade their academic skills before





going to university, college or into an apprenticeship.

The NDP's plan keeps it simple and affordable for all students, explained Selinger. When students eligible for Manitoba loans submit their application to Student Aid as usual, they will receive grants instead.

The NDP will make sure that students continue to pay some of the lowest tuition fees in the country by limiting increases to the rate of inflation and by launching a review of tuition fees at private vocational institutions. Selinger added that the NDP will keep the Manitoba Tuition Fee Income Tax Rebate in place, which puts thousands of dollars back into the pockets of students after they graduate.

"Whether you want to be a nurse, engineer, or graphic designer, you need higher education to get in-demand jobs that pay well," said Selinger.

"Brian Pallister is promising half a billion dollars in cuts to services that would put higher learning out of reach for working and middle-class families. Brian Pallister just isn't worth the risk."

## BACKGROUND

The NDP government provides more than \$33 million in bursaries to students a year and has put over \$195 million back in the pockets of graduates through the Manitoba Tuition Fee Income Tax Rebate.

This support includes ACCESS bursaries to help students with barriers to education attend college and university, and the Rural/Northern Bursary for students who have to travel or relocate from their home communities to go to college or university.

On top of that, Today's NDP will:

- Double the \$4.5-million Manitoba Scholarship



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and Bursary Initiative to \$9 million. Since universities can match this fund with private donations, doubling the fund can leverage up to \$18 million for students.

- Give universities the flexibility to match Manitoba’s public \$2.25-million Graduate Scholarship fund with private donations, leveraging up to \$4.5 million for students.
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Under the NDP, Manitoba students have received \$260 million in grants, scholarships and bursaries since 1999.

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WHERE WE STAND ST. JAMES CHILD CARE April 3, 2016

# NDP will protect affordable child care for working and middle-class families from Pallister's privatization



\$25-million capital fund will create more affordable public spaces, including 100 in St. James

Today's NDP will create a new \$25-million capital fund to build public and community-operated child care centres, including a new child care centre for St. James families with at least 100 spaces, NDP Leader Greg Selinger said today.

"Affordable, high-quality child care is a major priority for working families and one of the keys to building a stronger middle class," Selinger said.

"Strategic investments in affordable child care allow parents to finish their education, work full-time and build their careers. It also helps close the gender wage gap and creates fairer work situations for women."

The new child care capital fund will build government-owned child care facilities that will be leased and operated by community child care centres operators. This is on top of the existing



commitment to invest \$25 million to build child care centres in schools

“Brian Pallister’s Conservatives refuse to be open and accountable with Manitobans about what services they would take away from families with their half a billion dollars in reckless cuts,” Selinger added. “We know that his plan to privatize child care will double fees, put child care costs out of reach for countless working and middle-class families, and do nothing to reduce the waitlist.”

Brian Pallister has a record of making deep cuts to child care that hurt regular families:

- As a Filmon cabinet minister, he cut millions from child care centres and reduced grants for nursery schools by half. This caused fees to increase by up to 75 per cent.
- As a member of the Harper government, he helped cancel the national child care program because Conservatives don’t think public child care is important for families.

“He’s done it before, and he’ll do it again,” said Selinger. “The NDP are committed to a universally accessible child care system for every family who needs it, because everyone matters.”

The NDP will:

- Eliminate the waitlist by creating 12,000 new affordable, high-quality spaces;
- Make sure child care centres continue to hire and retain the best workers by doubling training opportunities and increasing wages; and
- Move most school-age spaces into schools to make child care even more convenient for parents, and to create more infant and preschool spaces in centres.



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WHERE WE STAND EDUCATION

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# NDP will invest to help every student gain skills that lead to good jobs



A re-elected NDP government will invest to help every student leave school ready for college, university, an apprenticeship or a good job, NDP Leader Greg Selinger announced today.

“Parents want their children to learn in the best environment, on the best equipment, so they’re prepared for the jobs of tomorrow,” Selinger said. “The NDP’s targeted investments will make sure Manitoba schools can offer cutting-edge programming in new classrooms, state-of-the-art shops facilities, better gyms and modern science labs.”

A re-elected NDP government will keep investing in public schools at or above the rate of economic growth and will invest \$50 million to create safer schools with modern technology and high-quality classrooms in the arts. Manitoba schools will also be upgraded with our commitment of \$30 million for shops classes, \$20 million for science labs and \$25 million for child care.

These investments will create hundreds of jobs in construction and other related local business.



“Our NDP government has invested in our public education system for 17 years in a row,” Selinger said. “When Pallister’s Conservatives talk about cutting budgets, what they’re really talking about is squeezing more kids into classrooms, firing teachers, and closing community schools.”

Manitobans know that’s what Brian Pallister would do, because it’s what he did last time.

When Pallister served in the Filmon Conservative government, they cut \$50 million from public schools. These cuts forced the firing of 700 teachers and schools had to choose between fixing crumbling roofs or teaching kids.

“Brian Pallister can’t have it both ways,” said Selinger. “He claims he won’t fire teachers—but he’ll let school divisions do so. He claims his cuts won’t impact schools or hospitals, but then he says there are ‘no sacred cows’ when it comes to his half a billion in cuts.”

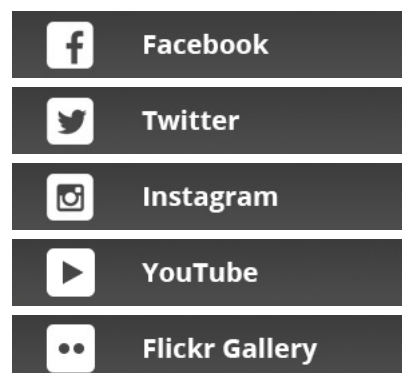
“Our education commitments and investments are a clear and positive alternative to the cuts promised by Brian Pallister and the Conservatives,” Selinger emphasized. “Our children’s future is too important to put it all at risk.”

## BACKGROUND

Manitoba’s NDP government has already more than tripled our capital investments into public schools since coming into office. Within this past mandate, we’ve invested to:

- Renovate science labs in 45 high schools;
- Upgrade shops classrooms in 18 schools;
- Build six new gyms, one gym addition and three Wellness Centres in 10 schools; and
- Hire more than 380 additional teachers to keep class sizes small in kindergarten to Grade 3 classrooms across the province.

Our re-elected NDP government’s new \$50-million capital schools fund will include:





- A first-of-its-kind, \$20-million Art, Music and Theatre Fund to build or upgrade art, band, music and theatre rooms throughout the province;
- A first-of-its-kind, \$10-million Play Structures, Green Space and Outdoor Learning Fund to upgrade school playgrounds and fields, as well as build outdoor classrooms and greenhouses;
- A \$10-million School Safety and Access Fund, for upgrades to school grounds and bus loops that make it safer for parents to drop their kids off at school, or easier for children to walk or ride to school; and
- A \$10-million Technology Education Fund for modern technology that helps students learn better, including smart boards, 3D printers, and newer computer and library systems.

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# Quality of Life

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Today's NDP will continue making Manitoba even better for families, visitors and newcomers.

We're building a Manitoba where everyone matters. That includes Manitobans often ignored by Conservatives: Indigenous, First Nations and Métis peoples, newcomers, and the LGBTTTQ\* community. We are taking important actions to protect our environment and tackle climate change for the future.

We're also investing in arenas, community centres, parks, lakes and libraries to make sure working and middle-class families have more opportunities to spend quality time with their kids.

Our infrastructure investments mean better city roads and better highways to keep Manitobans moving.

And we're committed to building the kind of world-class attractions that put Manitoba on the map: expanding the Manitoba Museum, helping to build the world's largest Inuit Art Centre at the Winnipeg Art Gallery, and helping build the Assiniboine Park Conservancy's Canada Diversity Gardens.

## **PALLISTER'S CUTS: EVERYTHING IS ON THE TABLE**

Brian Pallister's Conservatives blocked our NDP legislation to protect wetlands and help Lake Winnipeg. They are still silent on protecting our environment, our parks and our water.

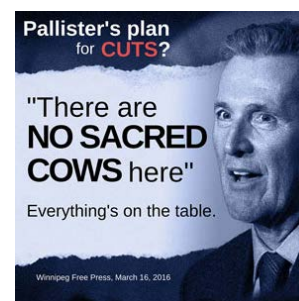
Brian Pallister's Conservatives have already said "there are no sacred cows." When even our health care system isn't safe from Pallister's

cuts, you know he won't hesitate to make deep cuts to scientific research, Indigenous partnerships, newcomer supports, Winnipeg's downtown and the arts.

Pallister also doesn't support our \$125 million recreation fund for community centres, arenas, swimming pools, parks, libraries and other recreation facilities—critical for working and middle-class families.

These Conservative cuts would hurt families and mean cancelling important community projects.

He's done it before and he'll do it again.



## BOKHARI'S LIBERALS: POLICIES THAT DON'T MAKE SENSE

The Liberals' announcements just don't add up.

They plan on privatizing Manitoba liquor, taking away tens of millions of dollars a year that go to supporting programs like addictions funding and treatment, as well as health and education.

And the media called the Liberal financial plan a "gong show."

Bokhari's policies don't make sense and don't add up.



## OUR NDP PRIORITIES – Quality of Life

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Making our communities even better places to raise a family

Investing in our tourism industry, new attractions and provincial parks



Supporting newcomer families

Bringing back the family reunification stream of the MPNP, cut under the Harper Conservatives



Supporting local breweries

Introducing direct delivery alcohol service for socials and a new brewmaster program at Red River College



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WHERE WE STAND

March 21, 2016

# NDP will invest \$125 million into recreational facilities to make our communities even better places to live



The NDP will invest \$125 million over five years to help build and renovate arenas, pools, parks, libraries and other facilities that give Manitobans even more recreation and healthy living opportunities, close to home, NDP candidate for Fort Garry-Riverview James Allum announced today.

"By investing in community hubs like arenas, parks, and libraries, we will make sure that working and middle-class families have more opportunities to have fun and spend time with their kids," Allum said. "Today, we're committing to work in partnership with Manitoba communities to create new recreation and community spaces throughout the province."

He added that Today's NDP will work with the City of Winnipeg to support new projects at the St. John's Library and the Cornish Library, as well as the redevelopment of the Fort Garry Community Centre, a new Maples Multiplex and a Concordia Wellness Centre. He also said that the NDP will dedicate at








least \$10 million to building more recreation opportunities in Northern Manitoba. Allum restated his party’s commitment to the Steinbach Performing Arts Centre.


New outdoor soccer pitches will also be developed in partnership with the Winnipeg Soccer Federation, including new fields at Red River College’s Notre Dame Campus and two more at Kilcona Park, while existing projects like the redevelopment of the St. James Civic Centre and the Dakota Collegiate field will also be completed.


“Brian Pallister and the Conservatives have committed to cutting half a billion dollars from the budget, while Rana Bokhari's Liberals are planning big corporate giveaways that will take funding away from the services families count on,” Allum continued. “Manitobans know they can count on the NDP to keep building recreation centres and creating new opportunities for their families, because everyone matters.”

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WHERE WE STAND RECREATION & TOURISM March 26,  
2016

# NDP will invest in Manitoba's tourism industry and new attractions, and make provincial parks even better for families



Unlike Brian Pallister and his Conservatives, Today's NDP will adopt the Manitoba Chamber of Commerce's 96/4 funding model for our tourism industry and invest an additional \$20 million to upgrade our provincial parks, Premier and NDP Leader Greg Selinger announced today.

"The tourism industry generates over 24,000 jobs here in Manitoba and this sustainable funding model will help the industry grow to over \$2 billion dollars by 2020," said Selinger. "By making strategic investments now, we can keep growing our economy and create even more good jobs here at home." Selinger added that according to the Manitoba Chamber of Commerce, for every tourism dollar invested in tourism, local businesses earn



\$167 in return.

The 96/4 commitment means Manitoba will reinvest at least 4% of all tourism tax dollars back into the industry through Travel Manitoba, including its award-winning Manitoba: Canada's Heart Beats promotional campaign and signature destinations. The low Canadian dollar means investing in tourism marketing will help bring even more tourists to the province and grow the economy, Selinger added.

Selinger reiterated the NDP's commitment to strategic tourism investments that will bring more visitors to the province, including: the Manitoba Museum's expansion, the Winnipeg Art Gallery's Inuit Art Centre, and the Assiniboine Park Conservancy's Canada Diversity Gardens.

Selinger noted that the UNESCO World Heritage designation for the east side boreal forest is expected this year, and that the NDP will work with local eco-tourism companies to make sure more people from around the world can enjoy the unique lakes and parks Manitoba has to offer.

As part of the tourism strategy, the NDP will invest \$20 million in Manitoba's provincial parks to make them even better places for families to spend time together, including:

- Doubling the number of yurts in Manitoba, including new yurts at Paint Lake, Nopiming, and Duck Mountain Provincial Parks;
- Building a signature nature playground (modeled after Assiniboine Park's nature playground) at Birds Hill Provincial Park, along with more water stations, shade trees, and picnic tables;
- Expanding wi-fi access, improving back country camp sites, building more accessible washrooms and adding at least 100 more serviced campsites at parks throughout Manitoba; and
- Working with Indigenous communities to develop new maps for canoe routes and hiking trails, including along the Bloodvein River and the Mantario Trail.



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“With his agenda of cuts, Brian Pallister is silent on supporting new attractions for families and tourists to enjoy, like the Inuit Art Centre, Canada’s Diversity Gardens, and the Manitoba Museum,” said Selinger.

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WHERE WE STAND

March 25, 2016

# NDP will help reunite newcomer families, give more supports to newcomer and refugee families



Today's NDP will strengthen immigration by restoring the family reunification stream to the Manitoba Provincial Nominee Program (MPNP), which was cut by the Harper Conservatives, NDP Leader Greg Selinger announced today.

"Families are the heart of our communities," said Selinger. "The NDP will continue to welcome newcomers, refugees and their families and give them the supports they need to succeed, because we're building a strong, inclusive province where everyone matters."

Manitoba's NDP government fought hard to keep allowing new Canadians to sponsor their parents or relatives through the MPNP, but the Harper Conservatives forced all provinces to suspend the Family Class stream.



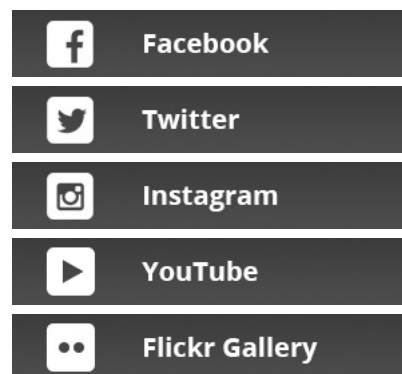


“Bringing our parents and loved ones into our homes helps us deepen our roots here in Manitoba,” said Mohinder Saran, NDP candidate for The Maples. “I’m proud to be part of an NDP team that will support all families, because everyone matters.”

Today’s NDP will help people successfully settle in Manitoba by keeping in place the additional \$3.5 million in funding to help new refugee families settle and find a safe home here in Manitoba, including Syrian refugees. The NDP would also work with settlement organizations and the federal government to maintain the increased number of refugee placements to Manitoba for years to come.

The NDP will also invest another \$750,000 in language training for newcomers and new citizens. This will help more newcomers get the language skills they need to get a good job. It will build on the NDP government’s investments in training and bridging programs for internationally-educated newcomers, so everyone can be successful in the workforce and support their families.

“Newcomers make extraordinary cultural and economic contributors to our society and are getting good jobs in our growing province,” said Flor Marcelino, NDP candidate for Logan. “Our NDP government has attracted more than 150,000 immigrants to Manitoba. We’re growing our population by over 16,000 people each year – a stark contrast to the 1990s, when people were leaving our province.”



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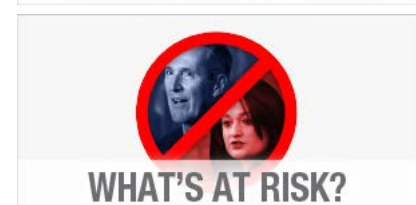
# NDP will introduce direct delivery alcohol service for socials, boost craft beer industry with new Red River College brewmaster program



Manitobans love a good social, and Today's NDP will make it more convenient to plan a classic Manitoba event by introducing direct delivery alcohol service through Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries, Seine River NDP candidate Lise Pinkos announced today.

"Manitobans are looking for more convenience when it comes to hosting socials and other events, and our plan to directly deliver large purchases will do just that," Pinkos said. "We'll also make sure our most popular Liquor Marts will have longer hours so that Manitobans looking to buy wine and liquor have more options."

The NDP will further support Manitoba's booming craft beer industry by opening a brewmaster program at Red River College and adding more supports to help local breweries get started, Pinkos said. "This new brewmaster program at Red River College will continue to support good, local jobs and exciting businesses for young people, right here in



Manitoba.”

The NDP has already brought in a loan program to help local brewers start or expand their businesses. The NDP will help upgrade the Food Development Centre to support brewing and distilling so that local startups have a place to perfect their products.

To help promote craft beer, the NDP will work with Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries and Travel Manitoba to host an annual craft beer competition, encouraging even more people to come to Manitoba and join in the excitement that our homegrown craft beer industry is creating.

“Manitobans called on us to modernize the way liquor is sold in Manitoba, and we listened,” she said. “Going forward, we will build even more growler bars and open at least five more Liquor Mart expresses in grocery stores, all to make service more convenient while enhancing social responsibility.”

“The Liberals criticized us for providing more choice to consumers and now they want to jump on the Conservative privatization bandwagon without any regard for social responsibility or addictions treatment,” Pinkos said. “Between the Liberals and the Conservatives, we have now seen talk of privatizing health care, child care, social services and liquor, even though publicly-run liquor sales provide good-paying jobs for over 800 families and help us invest in essential services.”



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WHERE WE STAND ARTS & CULTURE

April 2, 2016

# NDP will continue supporting jobs and opportunities in arts and culture with \$4 million boost



Today's NDP will increase yearly funding to arts and cultural organizations by \$4 million to keep creating and supporting good jobs in the arts, NDP Leader Greg Selinger said today.

"The arts make an invaluable contribution to our society," Selinger said. "Our province has a thriving arts and culture sector, that helps grow our economy and puts us on the map. National Geographic just named Winnipeg one of its Best Trips of 2016—the only Canadian city to make the list."

The NDP will work with the Manitoba Arts Council to distribute these strategic investments. This is a key part of the NDP's commitment to developing a cultural and creative industries strategy together with the arts and culture community, bringing



together three elements:

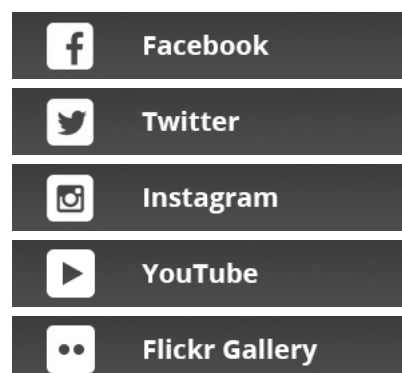
- New investments in museums and community attractions;
- Renewing cultural and creative industries programming; and
- Increasing support for cultural and creative activities.

“We also commit to supporting premiere destinations that create even more good jobs and attract tourists to Manitoba,” Selinger said. The NDP will help upgrade the Centennial Concert Hall and redevelop the Gas Station Theatre as a mixed-use development, and protect investments in the Winnipeg Art Gallery’s new Inuit Arts Centre, upgrades to improve the visitor experience at the Manitoba Museum and increased funding for Culture Days/Nuit Blanche, Art Support Manitoba, and the Manitoba Opera.

“Brian Pallister’s Conservatives don’t see the value of investing in the arts, and have already said ‘there are no sacred cows,’” Selinger said. “If even our health care system isn’t safe from his cuts, you can bet they wouldn’t hesitate to make deep cuts to the arts that would destroy the things that make Manitoba a great place to live,” Selinger said.

“Even now, three weeks into the campaign, the Liberal policies still don’t make sense,” Selinger continued. “They haven’t been able to account for how they’ll pay for any of their promises, and even their own candidates don’t seem to understand their mixed-up platform.”

The cultural and creative industry in Manitoba contributes \$1.5 billion to Manitoba’s economy a year, and creates jobs for more than 25,000 Manitobans.



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When your family depends on you to put food on the table, you need to know your job is safe.

When your child's asthma gets worse, you need to know the health care they need will be there for them, when they need it.

When your kids graduate from high school, you need to know college, university or an apprenticeship—which leads to a good job—won't be thousands of dollars out of reach.

When you're going back to work or school, you need to know that there are child care spaces for your kids that won't cost you a second mortgage.

When your parents need extra help as they get older, you need know you can count on high-quality home care—without user fees.

When you're looking for ways to keep your kids active and involved, you need to have safe, fun, modern community centres close to home.

When your child is being bullied at school, your school needs the proper tools to help.

When you're responsible for driving the kids to school or managing a small business, you need to know Manitoba is investing in the roads, highways and flood protection we all depend on.

No matter where you're from, you need to know Manitoba is a place where everyone matters.

On April 19, 2016, Manitobans face a clear choice.

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It’s just not worth the risk.

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**PALLISTER’S CUTS: EVERYTHING IS ON THE TABLE**

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# Today's NDP's priorities for Indigenous Manitobans

**The NDP will continue to work  
with Indigenous Manitobans.**

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We are proud of our diverse team. It includes seven Indigenous candidates, the first First Nations woman to sit in the Manitoba Legislature, two senior Métis cabinet ministers and the first Indigenous Deputy Premier.

We are committed to moving down the path to reconciliation. This winter, we passed a groundbreaking law that lays out our plan to implement Manitoba's share of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's calls to action.

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**We're working for families like yours**  
Because **everyone** matters

# BRIAN PALLISTER:

Member of the Harper team for eight years

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## HARPER PALLISTER

Refused to increase funding for First Nations education to provincial levels for ten years

Refused to call for more funding for First Nations for eight years, calling it “waste”

Rejected calls for an inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls

Fired a staff member for calling for an inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls

Failed miserably to build First Nations housing —building only 99 homes out of a promised 25,000

Failed miserably to build respectful relationships with First Nations communities —including Long Plain FN in his own riding

Refused to help build Shoal Lake’s Freedom Road, cutting off isolated First Nations families from clean water, good jobs and economic opportunities.

Promises to scrap the East Side Road Authority, cutting off isolated First Nations from good jobs and economic opportunities.

**BRIAN PALLISTER’S MESSAGE TO MANITOBA FIRST NATIONS:**  
“It would be disrespectful to buy popularity among First Nations people **with money taken from others.**”

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**There is almost nothing in the Liberal platform that addresses the Truth and Reconciliation Commission,** but they’ve committed to hundreds of millions of dollars in corporate giveaways for big banks and large corporations.

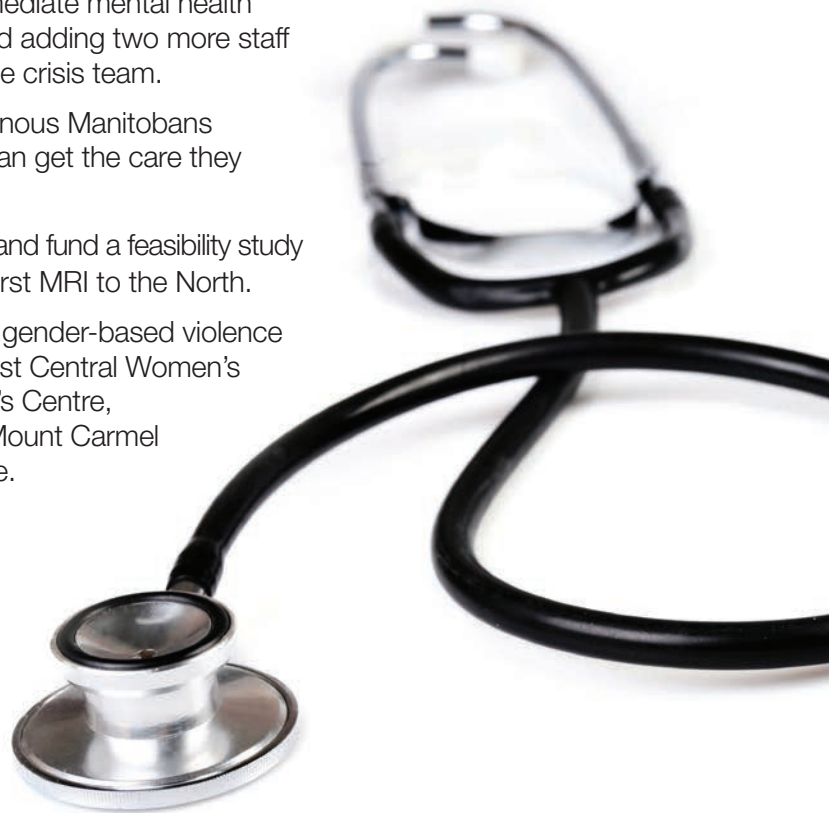
**And they’ve said they would delay flood protection for years, putting whole communities at risk.**

**These are the wrong priorities for Indigenous families.**

**THE LIBERALS CAN’T STOP BRIAN PALLISTER.  
ONLY THE NDP CAN. JOIN US.**

# QUALITY HEALTH CARE FOR YOUR FAMILY

- The NDP will make sure hospitals and clinics can hire the doctors, nurses and health professionals they need to give families even better care, including at least 50 more nurse practitioners, 50 new physician assistants, 25 new midwives and supporting culturally appropriate pre- and post-natal care.
- **We will help more Northern and Indigenous families access healthy food by doubling funding to Manitoba's successful Northern Healthy Foods Initiative (NHFI), and creating a new \$500,000 Healthy Foods Initiative Fund to build more community gardens, community kitchens, and support traditional harvesting and preservation methods.**
  - The Conservatives have not committed to continuing Manitoba's successful NHFI program or supporting local and sustainable food production.
- We will also create a \$10-million capital fund to build greenhouses, community kitchens and culinary arts classrooms in Northern schools.
- We're supporting more personal care home beds in Northern Manitoba with a new call for more non-profit personal care homes in the North.
- The NDP will help communities respond to immediate mental health needs by expanding the Telehealth program and adding two more staff to the Northern Regional Health Authority mobile crisis team.
- We will ensure there are no obstacles for Indigenous Manitobans needing cancer drugs and treatment, so they can get the care they need, when they need it.
- The NDP will consult with Northern communities and fund a feasibility study to determine the best location for bringing the first MRI to the North.
- The NDP has committed \$1 million to help end gender-based violence and protect women in consultation with the West Central Women's Resource Centre, North Point Douglas Women's Centre, North End Women's Centre, Ka Ni Kanichihk, Mount Carmel Clinic and the Native Women's Transition Centre.
- We will fund a new 24/7 safe space for women facing violence in Winnipeg's inner city.
- We were proud to host the recent roundtable on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, and we will continue to work with families going forward.



# MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

- A re-elected NDP government will ensure that Manitoba answers the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Call to Action to provide education to civil servants on the history of Aboriginal peoples, including the history and legacy of residential schools, Treaties and Aboriginal rights, Indigenous law, Aboriginal-Crown relations, and the founder of Manitoba Louis Riel.
  - This will help the provincial government provide better services in a spirit of reconciliation.
  - We are also helping build the National Research Centre for Truth and Reconciliation at the University of Manitoba.
- Our NDP government introduced the First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education Policy Framework to make sure all Manitoba students learn about the histories, cultures, traditional values and knowledges of Indigenous peoples, as well as the legacy of residential schools and the significance of treaties.
  - Brian Pallister's Conservatives blocked this proposed law, but a re-elected NDP government will make it a priority to pass in the Legislature.
- Our NDP government has made investing in public schools a priority, including community schools and the Frontier School Division, and we're committed to making sure students get the supports they need to graduate and get good jobs.
  - Rana Bokhari's Liberals have said they'd let small schools close down and have no plan to help our students succeed.

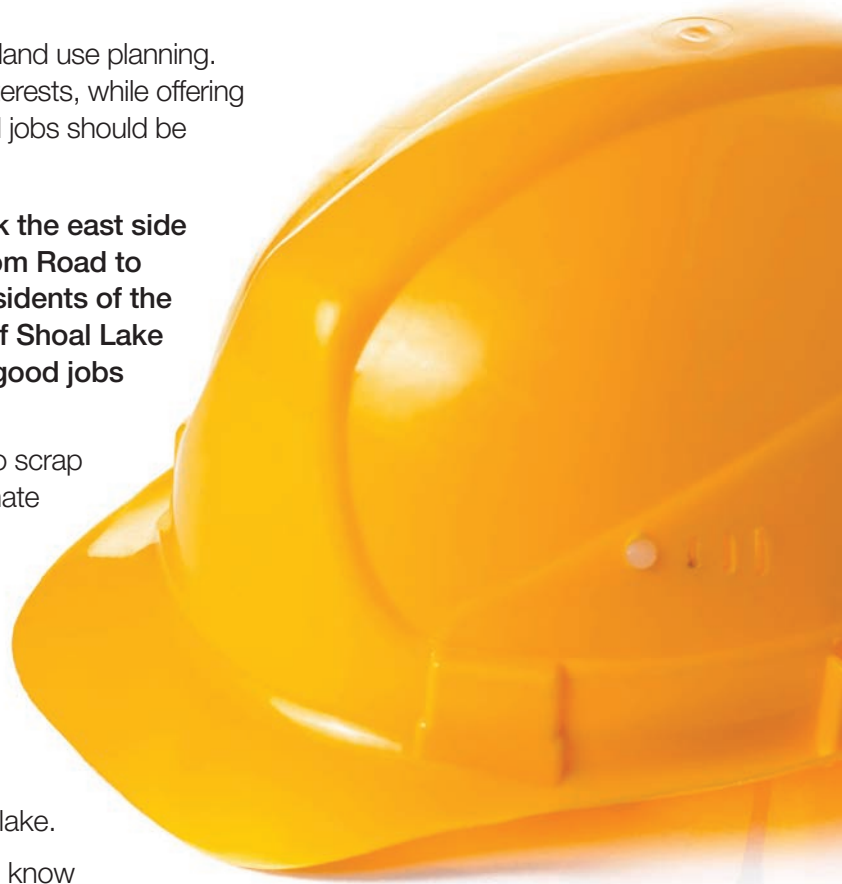
## Young people need a good education to get a good job.

- **We commit to turning Manitoba student loans into upfront grants, to keep post-secondary education affordable for everyone—not just the privileged few.**
- We commit to new bursaries and scholarships for Métis and First Nations young people, and we will help universities and colleges in Manitoba indigenize their campuses.
- This support includes bursaries to help students with barriers to education attend college and university, as well as the Rural/Northern Bursary for students who have to travel or relocate from their home communities to go to college or university.
- The NDP built UCN to serve Northern students, with two main campuses in the Pas and Thompson and regional campuses on reserve. The Conservatives campaigned against building UCN, saying instead that Northern students should all leave the North to go to school and rack up even higher student debt.



# MORE GOOD JOBS FOR INDIGENOUS MANITOBBANS

- The NDP will increase investments in Indigenous land use planning. This helps protect treaty rights and Indigenous interests, while offering guidance and stability for industry on where good jobs should be developed going forward.
- **We will increase our investments to fast track the east side road network and provide funding for Freedom Road to make sure everyone, including the 34,000 residents of the east side of Lake Winnipeg and the people of Shoal Lake 40 First Nation, will benefit from Manitoba's good jobs and economic growth.**
  - Brian Pallister's Conservatives have promised to scrap the East Side Road Authority (ESRA) and eliminate the local benefits of the construction work.
  - Rana Bokhari's Liberals have remained silent about their commitment to ESRA.
- The NDP will work in close partnership with Peguis First Nation, Fisher River Cree Nation, and the RM of Fisher to build a regional training centre in Hodgson to provide skills training and create job opportunities for residents of the Interlake.
- We will invest in Northern highways because we know Northerners need high-quality, reliable highways to travel between their communities and keep their businesses growing—without that, everything grinds to a halt.
- Today's NDP will create a forestry advisory council with Indigenous leaders, government and industry representatives to make sure Northern communities share the benefits from forestry harvesting, including revenues, training opportunities and good jobs.
- We will support the work of the Minister's Mining Advisory Council, which will help strengthen a collaborative relationship between Indigenous communities, Manitoba and the mining industry.
- Because of this work, up to 25 per cent of mining taxes on new mines will be shared with Indigenous communities.







# MAKING LIFE BETTER FOR EVERY FAMILY

- We believe in reconciliation. Under our NDP government, Manitoba became the first province in Canada to enshrine in law our plan to implement the provincial recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.
- We will improve preventative supports and pass groundbreaking Customary Care legislation to give Indigenous communities more control over care for their children, and allow more children to stay in the communities they grew up in.
- Brian Pallister's approach to protecting children is to focus only on incentives for business and completely ignores deeply rooted issues like intergenerational poverty and the legacy of residential schools.
- We are very concerned that the Liberals don't support a Customary Care model for Indigenous children. This is a monumental system change that Indigenous leaders and families across the province called for and support.
- We will support the creation of an Indigenous advocate to help with complaints to the Taxicab Board.
- We're giving low- to middle-income families a new tax credit by asking the top-earning 2% to pay a little more.
- This means a family of four with a \$60,000 income will get another \$260 a year to help support their families.
- The NDP will dedicate at least \$10 million to building more recreation opportunities in Northern Manitoba.
- We will invest \$900 million in flood protection, including working with First Nations communities to build the Lake Manitoba and Lake St. Martin outlets, complete with community benefit agreements.
- We're committed to building more affordable housing with 300 new social housing units a year.
- The NDP will increase the northern food allowance for EIA recipients by five percent in each of the next three years. Coupled with our AFFIRM and NHFI programs, this will help Northern families afford more healthy food.
- We created and fund both the First Peoples Economic Growth Fund and the Métis Economic Growth Fund. Both funds will receive additional support over the next four years.



# Today's NDP's priorities for the North

The NDP will continue to build Northern Manitoba.

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Today's NDP will continue to build Manitoba's North and invest in jobs, education and training opportunities for young people.

**We build. Pallister cuts.**

The NDP has been building roads and highways across the North, while supporting Northern jobs for Northern families. This will mean people can raise their families in their own communities, with more economic opportunities close to home.

**We can't let Brian Pallister's Harper-style cuts put everything we've built together at risk.**

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We're working for families like yours  
Because **everyone** matters



# BRIAN PALLISTER:

Member of the Harper team for eight years

## HARPER PALLISTER

Ignored the drinking water needs of hundreds of First Nations in Canada

Dismantled the Canadian Wheat Board, putting the Port of Churchill at risk

Failed miserably to build First Nations housing—building only 99 homes out of a promised 25,000

Refused to help build Shoal Lake's Freedom Road, cutting off isolated First Nations families from clean water, good jobs and economic opportunities.

Promises to scrap the East Side Road Authority, cutting off isolated First Nations from good jobs and economic opportunities.

Said he will cancel community benefit agreements and Hydro projects, killing thousands of Northern jobs

Won't commit to building Northern highways

Doesn't live in the North, has no plan for the North. He focuses on tourism because he just visits.

**BRIAN PALLISTER'S MESSAGE TO MANITOBA FIRST NATIONS:**  
"It would be disrespectful to buy popularity among First Nations people **with money taken from others.**"

— PC release, June 29, 2015

Rana Bokhari's Liberals have confirmed they want to **let school divisions unilaterally close small schools**. This puts dozens of schools in Northern Manitoba at risk of closing down.

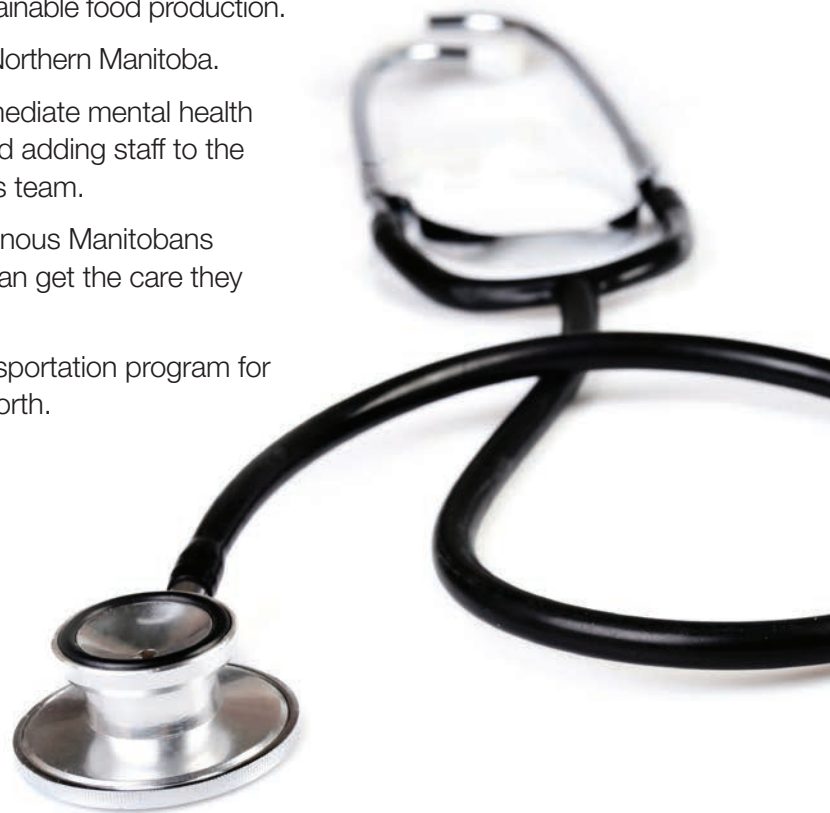
They've committed to **hundreds of millions of dollars in corporate giveaways for big banks and large corporations**, and Bokhari hasn't even been to the North this campaign.

**These are the wrong priorities for Northern families.**

**THE LIBERALS CAN'T STOP BRIAN PALLISTER.  
ONLY THE NDP CAN. JOIN US.**

# QUALITY HEALTH CARE FOR YOUR FAMILY

- **The NDP will consult with Northern communities and fund a feasibility study to bring the first MRI to the North.**
- The NDP will make sure our health care system can hire the doctors, nurses and health professionals they need to give families even better care, including at least 50 more nurse practitioners, 50 new physician assistants and 25 new midwives.
- We will help more Northern and Indigenous families access healthy food by doubling funding to Manitoba's successful Northern Healthy Foods Initiative (NHFI), and creating a new \$500,000 Healthy Foods Initiative Fund to build more community gardens, community kitchens, and support traditional harvesting and preservation methods.
- We will also create a \$10-million capital fund to build greenhouses, community kitchens and culinary arts classrooms in Northern schools.
  - The Conservatives have not committed to continuing Manitoba's successful NHFI program or supporting local and sustainable food production.
- We will fund more personal care home beds in Northern Manitoba.
- The NDP will help communities respond to immediate mental health needs by expanding the Telehealth program and adding staff to the Northern Regional Health Authority mobile crisis team.
- We will ensure there are no obstacles for Indigenous Manitobans needing cancer drugs and treatment, so they can get the care they need, when they need it.
- The NDP will improve the Northern patient transportation program for patients who need health care outside of the North.
- We will expand dialysis programs in the North.



# MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

- We are committed to education in the North. The NDP built UCN to serve Northern students, with two main campuses in the Pas and Thompson and regional campuses on reserve. The Conservatives campaigned against building UCN, saying instead that Northern students should all leave the North to go to school and rack up even higher student debt.
- We're building state-of-the-art shops rooms and a new trades centre in the North to help connect Northern young people to good jobs.
- Our NDP government has made investing in public schools a priority, including community schools and the Frontier School Division, and we're committed to making sure students get the supports they need.
  - Rana Bokhari's Liberals have said they'd let small schools close down and have no plan to help our students succeed.

## Young people need a good education to get a good job.

- **We commit to turning Manitoba student loans into upfront grants, to keep post-secondary education affordable for everyone—not just the privileged few.**
- This support includes bursaries to help students with barriers to education attend college and university, as well as new bursaries and scholarships for First Nations and Metis students, and the Rural/Northern Bursary for students who have to travel or relocate from their home communities to go to college or university.
- A re-elected NDP government will ensure that Manitoba answers the the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action through our groundbreaking Path to Reconciliation Act.



# MORE GOOD JOBS FOR NORTHERN MANITOBBANS

- We are committed to building highways and Hydro projects that create good jobs in the North.
- In the Filmon government, the Conservatives built nothing for the North. We've built roads, airports and ferries to connect the North to good jobs and economic opportunities.
- The NDP will make major investments to upgrade highways 6, 10, 39, 280, 284, 373, 374, 391 and access roads into Nelson House, Split Lake and other Northern First Nations.
- **We will increase our investments to fast track the east side road network and provide funding for Freedom Road to make sure everyone, including the 34,000 residents of the east side of Lake Winnipeg and the people of Shoal Lake 40 First Nation, will benefit from Manitoba's good jobs and economic growth.**
  - Brian Pallister's Conservatives have promised to scrap the East Side Road Authority (ESRA) and eliminate the local benefits of the construction work.
  - Rana Bokhari's Liberals have remained silent about their commitment to ESRA.
- We will continue to build Northern airports, including improvements at St. Theresa Point, Wasagamack, Gods River and Poplar River.
- Today's NDP will create a forestry advisory council with Indigenous leaders, government and industry representatives to make sure Northern communities share the benefits from forestry harvesting, including revenues, training opportunities and good jobs.
- We will support the work of the Minister's Mining Advisory Council, which will help strengthen a collaborative relationship between Indigenous communities, Manitoba and the mining industry.
- Because of this work, up to 25 per cent of mining taxes on new mines will be shared with Indigenous communities.



# MAKING LIFE BETTER FOR EVERY FAMILY

- We will invest in our provincial parks, including in the North.
- **We're reducing ambulance fees by half and eliminating the per-kilometre charge for Northern and rural families.**
- We're giving low- to middle-income families a new tax credit by asking the top-earning 2% to pay a little more.
- This means a family of four with a \$60,000 income will get another \$260 a year to help support their families.
- The NDP will dedicate at least \$10 million to building more recreation opportunities in Northern Manitoba.
- We're committed to building more affordable housing with 300 new social housing units a year.
- The NDP will increase the northern food allowance for EIA recipients by five percent in each of the next three years. Coupled with our AFFIRM and NHFI programs, this will help Northern families afford more healthy food.
- We will continue to support the Port of Churchill, which has been put at risk since the Harper Conservatives dismantled the Canadian Wheat Board. Brian Pallister, a Harper MP, was a vocal supporter of dismantling the Board, and we are the only party to commit to supporting it in 2016.
- The NDP will increase investments in Indigenous land use planning. This helps protect treaty rights and Indigenous interests, while offering guidance and stability for industry on where good jobs should be developed going forward.