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\$10 A DAY CHILD CARE

Child care is not a luxury, it's a necessity. Last August, we announced a new agreement with Manitoba that will ensure that all families in the province have access to high-quality, affordable, and flexible early learning and child care.

Manitoba will receive a total of over \$1.2 billion in federal funding over five years to significantly improve early learning and child care for children in the province:

- ensuring that Manitoba families have access to regulated child care for an average of \$10 a day by 2023
- increase the number of child care spaces • in not-for-profit centres and homes by 23,000 by 2025-2026, including 1,700

extended hour child care spaces for families requiring child care in the evening and on weekends

- create an estimated 4,600 to 5,750 new early childhood educator jobs
- introduce a wage grid to support the attraction and retention of early childhood educators
- develop and fund a plan to ensure vulnerable communities have equitable access

This investment will drive economic growth, increase women's participation in the workforce, and offer every child in Manitoba the best start in life.

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BY THE NUMBERS—COVID-19

Eligible population vaccinated in MB: Manitoba has received: Vaccine doses 3.27 million* At least one dose 85.6% With two doses 79.6% 5.83 million** Rapid tests With three doses 40.2% * As of December 30, 2021 ** As of January 6, 2022 * As of January 31, 2022

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This information is accurate at time of printing on January 31, 2022. For up-to-date information on vaccine distribution and other COVID-19 updates, visit www.canada.ca/COVID19

CANADA COMMUNITY-BUILDING FUND



The Canada Community-Building Fund, formerly the Gas Tax Fund, provides communities across Manitoba with stable and flexible funding for their infrastructure priorities. This year, our government doubled the amount of funding allocated, which means that Manitoba has received \$75.8 million for the 2021-22 fiscal year, and a top-up of more than \$72.5 million for a total of \$148.3 million.

Of this funding, **Winnipeg will benefit from \$46.4 million and a \$44.4 million top-up, for a total of more than \$90.8 million** to help the City of Winnipeg maintain and improve its infrastructure.

I am pleased to see the impact that the Canada Community-Building Fund is having in Saint Boniface – Saint Vital. It has helped fund important renovations at Bonivital Pool, major road renewal on streets like Archibald and Dunkirk, and a planned new splash pad at Champlain Community Centre.

COMPENSATION - FIRST NATIONS CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES

In January, we announced that Agreements-in-Principle had been reached on a global resolution related to compensation and to achieving long-term reform of the First Nations Child and Family Services program and Jordan's Principle. This is in response to the 2019 Canadian Human Rights Tribunal (CHRT) ruling. Historic injustices require historic reparations and our shared goal is to achieve a settlement that can be delivered to families as soon as possible. The Parties will continue to work together to reach final settlement agreements in 2022.

Throughout this process, we remain focused on compensating those harmed by the federal government's discriminatory First Nations Child and Family Services funding practices and reforming the system to help keep First Nation children with their families and communities. The Agreements-in-Principle include funding for long-term reform of the First Nations Child and Family Services program to ensure that the discrimination found by the CHRT never repeats itself.

RAPID HOUSING INITIATIVE



In 2017, our government launched the National Housing Strategy (NHS), an ambitious 10-year plan that will build and repair thousands of housing units, and help households with affordability support. Under the NHS, we launched the Rapid Housing Initiative in October 2020 to help address urgent housing needs of vulnerable Canadians, especially in the context of COVID -19, through the rapid construction of affordable housing.

In January, I was pleased to join colleagues to announce more than \$12.7 million to create an estimated 59 new affordable homes with community partners West Central Women's Resource Centre, Westminster Housing Society and the Manitoba Métis Federation.

Within the next year, over 10,000 new affordable housing units will be created across the country, including here in Manitoba, through the Rapid Housing Initiative.