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KEEPING CANADIANS SUPPORTED

It's been a long year. We are all so grateful to the nurses, doctors, personal support workers, emergency medical technicians, and other front-line workers who have bravely put themselves at risk to keep us all safe.

The past 17 months have been hard for many of us—physically, mentally and financially. To ensure that no one is left behind as our economy starts to recover, we have:

- ⇒ maintained flexible access to EI benefits for another year, until the fall of 2022;
- ⇒ extended the number of weeks available under the Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit (CRSB) from 2 to 4 weeks;

⇒ extended the Canada Recovery Benefit (CRB) and the Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit (CRCB) by an additional 12 weeks, until September 25 and;

⇒ extended EI sickness benefit from 15 to 26 weeks, fulfilling our campaign promise.

Our government will always be there to support Canadians, with whatever it takes, for as long as it takes.

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NOTABLE NUMBERS

56,910

Number of Manitobans who benefited from the Canada Recovery Benefit (CRB) (as of April 11)

23,940

Number of Manitobans who benefited from the Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit (CRSB) (as of April 11)

\$2.5B

Financial support (as of May 23) provided to Manitobans through the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS)

26,300

Number of Manitobans who benefited from the Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit (as of April 11)

23,047

Number of Manitoba businesses who've been approved for CEBA loans (as of June 24)

23,150

Number of applications approved for Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy and Lockdown Support (as of May 23)

STAY INFORMED

The information in this pamphlet is accurate at time of printing on June 30, 2021. For up-to-date information, visit www.canada.ca/COVID19

INCREASED CLIMATE AMBITION



Climate change is the greatest long-term threat that we face as a global community. In April, we announced that we are committing to **cutting emissions from 30% of 2005 levels of emissions to 40-45 % by 2030.**

This is where we need to go –

for our health, for our economy and for our kids.

We have a credible and tested climate plan that is already delivering results. We have made historic investments – more than \$100 billion – to build a cleaner, healthier economy with more good jobs for Canadians.

This includes:

- the Canada Greener Homes Grant, which will provide Canadian homeowners with up to \$5,000 to help make energy-efficient upgrades to their homes;
- a mandatory target for all new light-duty cars and passenger trucks sales to be zero-emission by 2035;
- the new Oceans Protection Plan, which will restore and protect Canada's marine ecosystems;
- developing a national active transportation strategy.

PROGRESS ON TRC CALLS TO ACTION

I have received many emails with requests for an update on the progress made on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC) Calls to Action (CTA). I thought I would provide an update here as well.

Concrete progress requires significant and sustained investments by the federal government and from our first budget forward, we have made historic investments in closing social, economic and health gaps between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Canadians, which are linked to implementation of many of the CTAs.

Some of the progress includes:

- CTA 4: Enact Indigenous child-welfare legislation
- CTA 14: Enact an Indigenous Languages Act
- CTA 15: Appoint Aboriginal Languages Commissioner
- CTA 17: Enable Indigenous peoples, residential school survivors, and their families to reclaim their

Indigenous names on valid Canadian passports

- CTA 41: Launch National Inquiry into MMIWG
- CTA 43: Implement UNDRIP
- CTA 50: Fund Indigenous law institutes
- CTAs 74-76: Fund identification, preservation and commemoration of burial sites
- CTA 80: Establish a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
- CTA 94: Replace the Oath of Citizenship

Of the Calls to Action that are under the sole responsibility of the federal government, or shared responsibility with governments or key partners, over 80% are completed or underway. We are working to move faster with our partners to complete them.

NATIONAL CHILD CARE PROGRAM

Budget 2021 made a generational investment to build a Canada-wide early learning and child care system. Our plan will make life more affordable for families while supporting early childhood educators in their important work to teach and engage young learners. It will also increase women's participation in the workforce and in our economy, which will create growth for all Canadians.

Funding through Budget 2021 will allow for:

- A 50% reduction in average fees for regulated early learning and child care in all provinces outside of Quebec, to be delivered before or by the end of 2022.
- An average of \$10 a day by 2025-26 for all regulated

child care spaces in Canada.

- Ongoing annual growth in quality affordable child care spaces across the country, building on the approximately 40,000 new spaces already created through previous federal investments.
- Meaningful progress in improving and expanding before- and after-school care to provide more flexibility for working parents.
- Continued progress towards high-quality, culturally appropriate child care for Indigenous children guided by Indigenous priorities.

MENTAL HEALTH

We know that the COVID-19 crisis has had a significant impact on the physical and mental health of Canadians. Since 2015, the government has provided funding to the provinces and territories to improve mental health services.

As part of the 2017 Agreements on Home Care and Mental Health, the federal government provided \$5 billion over 10 years to provinces and territories to improve access to mental health and addiction services.

And Budget 2021 goes further. It has a plan to put in place **national standards for mental health services**. A set of clear national standards is needed so that Canadians can access timely care, treatment, and support.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

On June 30, we announced the creation of 4,500 new affordable housing units across the country with an additional investment of \$1.5 billion through the Rapid Housing Initiative (RHI). Combined with funding for the RHI announced in October, this investment will **support a total of over 9,200 new affordable housing units** for vulnerable Canadians across the country, tripling our initial target of 3,000 homes.

In the first round of funding last fall, **Winnipeg received \$12.5 million to support 88 new affordable housing units in our city**. These projects support the rapid creation of stable and affordable housing in Winnipeg, directed towards assisting the most vulnerable.

OPEN CONSULTATIONS

Did you know you can have your say by participating in federal government consultations? Here are some of the consultations happening now:

- Improving labelling for natural health products
- Proposed vaping products flavour regulations and order
- Income Tax Mandatory Disclosure Rules
- New requirements for electric vehicle charging stations

For a full list, visit <https://bit.ly/3i8gLY6>

INFRASTRUCTURE

This year, we have doubled funding for municipalities through the Canada Community-Building Fund to give them the predictable funding they need to support infrastructure including public transit, active transportation, broadband internet and community centres.



Seeing the progress of Dunkirk Road work with Councillor Mayes



Discussing phase 2 of Archibald reconstruction with Councillor Allard

I WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

What actions should be the priority when tackling climate change: (please rate the following in order of priority)

- ☐ Zero-emission vehicles
- ☐ Industry energy standards
- ☐ Household energy efficiency
- ☐ Transition to clean energy
- ☐ Protecting natural areas (land and water)
- ☐ Public and active transportation
- ☐ Other:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

☐ Yes, please add me to your email list!

YOUTH INITIATIVE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Students have faced a few more challenges this year but with the help and support of teachers and family, they have persevered and now look forward to the next chapter. I know that the knowledge they've gained throughout will help shape a brighter future for us all.

The Dan Vandal Youth Initiative Award was created to recognize students in our riding who have endeavoured,

on a volunteer basis, to make a positive difference in their school and/or community.

A bursary is awarded to one student in each high school in Saint Boniface—Saint Vital. The school administration and staff choose the recipient they find the most deserving.



Caleigh Guillou-Cormier
Centre scolaire Léo-Rémillard



Zoe Moski
Collège Béliveau



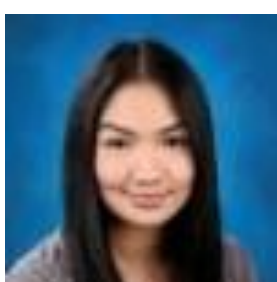
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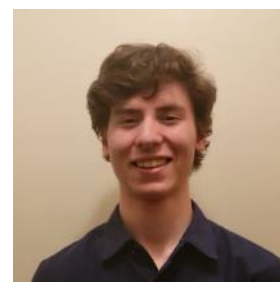
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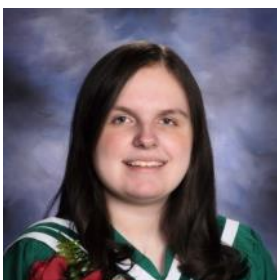
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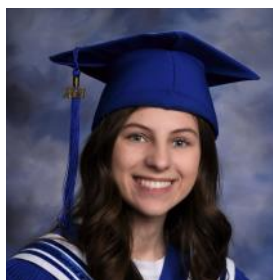
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