



CHAMBRE DES COMMUNES
HOUSE OF COMMONS
CANADA

DANIEL VANDAL

Member
Saint Boniface—Saint Vital



/danvandalforstboniface



@stbstvdan



stbstvdan

April 2023

BUDGET 2023 HIGHLIGHTS

On March 28, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Chrystia Freeland, released *Budget 2023—A Made-in-Canada Plan: Strong Middle Class, Affordable Economy, Healthy Future*. The budget lays out our government's plans to deliver real relief for Canadians working to make ends meet. I would like to highlight a few significant measures:

Strengthened Freshwater Action Plan and creation of new Canada Water Agency, headquartered in Winnipeg



We will make major investments in a strengthened Freshwater Action Plan. Starting in 2023-24, \$650 million over ten years will be provided to take active steps to clean up large lakes and rivers in Canada, including Lake Winnipeg and Lake of the Woods. The Canada Water Agency will work with the provinces, territories, municipalities, and Indigenous groups to manage our

precious freshwater resources.

Making Life More Affordable for Students

A 40 per cent increase to the Canada Student Grants will provide full-time students up to \$4,200 for the 2023 school year and an increase in the interest-free Canada Student Loan limit from \$210 to \$300 per week.

The requirement for mature students aged 22 or older to undergo credit screening in order to access student grants and loans would also be waived for the coming year.

In Manitoba, approximately 19,800 post-secondary students with financial need would be eligible to receive up to \$14,400 in the 2023 school year (August 1, 2023 – July 31, 2024) as a result of this enhanced support.

INFO

CONSTITUENCY OFFICE

213 St. Mary's Road, Suite 4
Winnipeg MB R2H 1J2
Tel.: 204-983-3183
Fax: 204-983-4274

OTTAWA OFFICE

Confederation Building
Room 434
Ottawa ON
Tel.: 613-995-0579
Fax: 613-996-7571

✉ dan.vandal@parl.gc.ca

🌐 www.danvandal.ca

For more detailed information on the budget, visit www.budget.gc.ca

New Grocery Rebate



For 397,000 low- and modest-income individuals and families in Manitoba, the Grocery Rebate will provide eligible couples with two children up to an extra \$467 and single Canadians without children up to an extra \$234.

About \$94 million of targeted inflation relief will be provided in the province. This additional support will be delivered by the Canada Revenue Agency as soon as possible following the passage of legislation, using the GST Credit system.

Supporting Our Official Languages

Canada's two official languages unite us. English and French are at the heart of our history and who we are.

Budget 2023 proposes to provide new investments to support official language minority communities, including Franco-Manitobans, and to promote French through the Action Plan for Official Languages, 2023-28. The federal government will introduce the Action Plan later this year.

The Action Plan for Official Languages, 2023-28 will implement the federal government's commitments to ensure the equality of English and French, help to increase the demographic weight of Francophones and restore the size of Francophone communities, increase the rate of bilingualism, and better support official language minority communities.

Starting in 2023-24, our government plans to invest \$1 billion, nationally, over 5 years on various initiatives.

FEDERAL HEALTH PLAN

The federal health plan will improve public health care for Canadians by reducing backlogs, expanding access to family health services, and modernizing the health care system. Manitoba's share of the federal health plan is \$7 billion over 10 years, of which \$1.9 billion is new funding.

- \$282 million in ongoing bilateral agreements in home care and mental health and long-term care;
- \$4.8 billion relative to 2022-23 levels through the Canada Health Transfer;
- \$72 million CHT top-up in 2022-23 to address urgent pressures in emergency rooms, operating rooms, and pediatric hospitals;
- \$610 million through the CHT 5 per cent Guarantee; and
- \$1.2 billion through tailored bilateral agreements.

Dental Care for Canadians

The Canadian Dental Care Plan announced in Budget 2023 will provide dental coverage for uninsured Canadians with annual family income of less than \$90,000, with no co-pays for those with family incomes under \$70,000.

This expands the coverage that

started in December 2022 for children under the age of 12.

As of March 15 of this year, 6,390 Manitoba households with children under 12 have been helped.

Details on the expanded eligible coverage will be released later this year.

