

Manitoba PC Caucus

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Week in Review

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A VISIT TO CHURCHILL

The northern economy was on the agenda as a delegation travelled to Churchill on Monday. Growth, Enterprise and Trade Minister Cliff Cullen (MLA for Spruce Woods) was joined by Families Minister Scott Fielding (MLA for Kirkfield Park) and Thompson MLA Kelly Bindle as they met with a variety of stakeholders in the community.

While in Churchill, Minister Cullen announced an increase of more than 50% to the Tourism Development Fund. Details on this announcement can be found here: <http://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?archive=&item=39092>

MANITOBA AFFIRMS PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL INQUIRY INTO MMIWG

The Manitoba government passed an order in council this week that will provide the federally-appointed commissioners of the National Inquiry Into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls with the authority to examine the work already completed on this file here in Manitoba. Background information on the order in council as well as comments from Justice Minister Heather Stefanson (MLA for Tuxedo) and Indigenous and Municipal Relations Minister Eileen Clarke (MLA for Agassiz) can be found here: <http://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?item=39110&posted=2016-08-30>

ALAMOS GOLD TO BEGIN FEASIBILITY STUDY ON LYNN LAKE PROJECT

Some good news for the Town of Lynn Lake this week as Canadian mining company Alamos Gold Inc. announced plans to begin a feasibility study at its Lynn Lake gold project. A Preliminary Economic Assessment completed in 2014 showed that the project could generate annual revenues of up to \$250 million. Our caucus welcomes this exciting news that recognizes the economic potential of northern Manitoba and signals that, under our new government, Manitoba is open for business.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW GOVERNMENT HOUSE LEADER

On Wednesday, Rossmere MLA Andrew Micklefield was sworn-in as our new Government House Leader. Mr. Micklefield will be responsible for guiding our government's legislative agenda through the house in the coming fall session. At a media availability announcing the appointment, Premier Brian Pallister (MLA for Fort Whyte) welcomed Mr. Micklefield to his new role and thanked outgoing House Leader Kelvin Goertzen (MLA for Steinbach) for his many years of service in this role. Minister Goertzen will now be able to focus solely on his crucial work as Minister of Health, Seniors, and Active Living.

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SLOW DOWN IN SCHOOL ZONES

Students across Manitoba are returning to school and school zones are coming into effect beginning on September 1st. Remember to drive with extra caution and be aware of the increased presence of children near schools.

FREE ENTRY TO PROVINCIAL PARKS THIS LONG WEEKEND

Sustainable Development Minister Cathy Cox (MLA for River East) had some good news to share with Manitobans this week – Manitoba Parks will be offering free entry this Labour Day weekend! “Manitoba summers are a wonderful time to get outdoors,” said Cox. “We encourage Manitobans to take the opportunity to enjoy all that our provincial parks have to offer.”

For more information and to help plan your Manitoba adventure this Labour Day long weekend, visit www.manitobaparks.com

GOVERNMENT INVESTS TO IMPROVE YIELDS AND GROW NEW CROPS IN MB

Agriculture Minister Ralph Eichler (MLA for Lakeside) announced joint federal-provincial funding for a new vegetable research site near Winkler focused on improving yields, developing new varieties and creating new opportunities for potato, sweet potato, and carrot growers.

“Vegetables are important crops for the province’s farmers and for our agriculture industry, while having the added benefit of making more nutritious and locally-grown food available for Manitobans,” said Eichler. More details on this project and others like it can be found on the Manitoba Agriculture website: <http://www.gov.mb.ca/agriculture/growing-forward-2/index.html>



Meeting with stakeholders in Churchill



Premier welcoming Andrew Micklefield as House Leader



Culture, Sport and Heritage Minister Rochelle Squires with Winnipeg-born NASCAR champion driver Amber Balcaen