

## I- Community Poverty Reduction Strategy

**Question for Candidates:** High rates of poverty are a major concern for Manitobans. What is your party's plan to reduce poverty and create a more inclusive province where everyone belongs? How will your plan address Make Poverty History Manitoba's six priority areas?

The GPM proposes the creation of a Guaranteed Annual Income for all adult Manitobans, financed through elimination of most non-refundable and refundable income tax credits and the elimination of existing provincial income-tested benefits, that will provide a maximum benefit of \$6,300 for a single adult and \$12,600 for a family of four that is reduced at the rate of 16 per cent of total family income. Such a GAI will raise the disposable incomes of low income families by 22 per cent and reduce the rate of poverty by 45 per cent and the depth of poverty by 33 per cent. Existing research indicates that GAIs reduce the use of hospitals, improve educational outcomes of children and youth and lower criminal recidivism rates.

## 2- Creating Jobs through Social Enterprise

**Question for Candidates:** For years, CCEDNet – Manitoba members have demonstrated the value added to the local economy through social enterprise development. If elected, how will you work with our members to support and increase the capacity of the social enterprise community?

**Will you continue the implementation of the Manitoba Social Enterprise Strategy by allocating the required resources to jointly implement this strategy which focusses on enterprises that create training and job opportunities, and do so in full partnership with the social enterprise community?**

The GPM supports the local production and sale of farm produce and is prepared to invest in the infrastructure needed to promote that. Given that precedent, it would look favourably on the creation of employment by local community groups like BUILD and be prepared to enter into discussions with those who created the Manitoba Social Enterprise Strategy to learn more about it and identify ways in which it could assist with implementing it.

## 3- Building a Green Economy

**Question for Candidates:** The transition to an economy focusing on green energy and a healthy environment is a priority for CCEDNet – Manitoba members and for Canadians across the country. What will you do to harness the potential for community-owned renewable energy and energy efficiency initiatives in Manitoba, particularly for northern and remote communities?

The Green Party of Manitoba will implement a \$50 / tonne carbon tax of which we will allocate \$166 million to our climate change action plan for the following:

### Cleaning up road transportation

- replace diesel with electric buses
- grants to municipalities to expand their public and active transportation infrastructure
- create electric vehicle charging stations in public places across the province
- grants to cover the cost of installing electric vehicle charging stations in homes and offices
- grants to help the trucking industry offset the costs of energy efficiency retrofit equipment for medium and heavy duty diesel vehicles

- introduce a 'feebate' for new and used vehicles to give a rebate on taxes at point of purchase for vehicles with a fuel economy lower than 6 litres/100km.

#### Heating efficiency

- grants to expand and extend geothermal and solar thermal heating incentives
- grants to finance commercial building energy audits in First Nations communities
- expand energy retrofit programs for residential, commercial and institutional buildings

#### Heating Reducing agriculture emissions

- financial support for the construction of manure digesters on livestock operations
- support for on-farm production of biodiesel for on-farm use
- expand programs for the adoption of ecological farming practices
- promote crops that fix nitrogen in the soil to reduce GHG emissions of synthetic fertilizer
- support for the transition to organic farming

#### Minimizing waste

- support for the construction of methane capturing technologies at garbage dumps
- support for the construction of composting of household and commercial food waste and other compostable waste products
- support for low-cost waterless sanitation systems in provincial buildings and new developments
- support for the creation of local industries for recycling of plastics, paper and other materials into new products, to save the transportation of recyclable waste

#### Ending dependence on ice roads

- support for airships to carry freight to northern remote locations

## 4- Creating Jobs through Social Enterprise

**Question for Candidates:** How will you support community-led efforts like those in the Northern Healthy Food Initiatives, to address challenges of food insecurity and unemployment? And, how will you scale up healthy food production and consumption initiatives in northern and remote Manitoba communities?

The GAI will provide additional income to low income households to better afford healthy foods. The GPM will support local food production and country foods in remote communities. We also support airship development for food distribution in the north.

## 5- Strengthening Community-based Organizations

**Question for Candidates:** Community-based organizations create significant benefits for Manitoba communities. What is your party's plan to strengthen this sector of community-based organizations and its role to build capacity and connect marginalized communities with the resources they need?

The GPM would be prepared to meet with experts in the field to understand what existing community-based organizations do in Manitoba, their track record in helping marginalized communities and the challenges they face in strengthening their capacity.