

# Community Economic Development Guide to 2023 Manitoba Government Changes

Below is a summary of key Departments and Ministers responsible for priorities of the Community Economic Development sector in Manitoba. Go [here](#) to see a full Minister list. Click [this link](#) to see all Ministerial mandate letters.

Premier Wab Kinew is the Minister responsible for Indigenous Reconciliation (including the Path to Reconciliation Act). Wab will also chair the [Community Economic Development Committee of Cabinet](#), which includes numerous cabinet ministers. [premier@leg.gov.mb.ca](mailto:premier@leg.gov.mb.ca), 204-945-3714

Department Name	Minister's name & contact	What the Department includes	Mandate Letter (this is the letter given to each Minister from the Premier with their key tasks)
Department of Finance	<p>Minister of Finance <b>Adrien Sala</b> <a href="mailto:minfin@manitoba.ca">minfin@manitoba.ca</a> 204-945-3952</p> <p><b>Legislative Assistant:</b> JD Devgan, MLA McPhillips</p> <p><b>Deputy Minister:</b> Szilveszter Komlodi <a href="mailto:dmfin@manitoba.ca">dmfin@manitoba.ca</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Manages Province's fiscal and financial resources.</li> <li>Includes <a href="#">Treasury Board</a> where allocation of funds is decided.</li> </ul>	<p><a href="#">Mandate Letter</a> highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"Guide our government with smart investments and practical advice on how we can lower costs for families to make life better for Manitobans"</li> <li>"Repeal Bill 36, strengthen the Public Utilities Board"</li> </ul>
Department of Families	<p>Minister of Families <b>Nahanni Fontaine</b> <a href="mailto:minfs@manitoba.ca">minfs@manitoba.ca</a> 204-945-4173</p> <p><b>Legislative Assistant:</b> Nellie Kennedy, MLA Assiniboia</p> <p><b>Deputy Minister:</b> Michelle Dubik <a href="mailto:dmfs@manitoba.ca">dmfs@manitoba.ca</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Includes responsibility for child and youth services, social services, EIA, Community Living disABILITY</li> <li>Co-Chair of the <a href="#">Poverty Reduction Committee</a> of Cabinet and the <a href="#">Missing and MMIWG2S+ and Gender-Based Violence Committee</a> along with Minister Bernadette Smith</li> <li>In charge of the Accessibility for Manitobans Act and Gender Equity Manitoba</li> </ul>	<p><a href="#">Mandate Letter</a> highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"Fostering safe and healthy families and communities across our province and growing our economy by increasing participation in the workforce."</li> <li>"Create new 24/7 drop-in centres for Indigenous women, girls, and two-spirit people in Winnipeg and Thompson."</li> <li>"Increase wages for disability support workers"</li> <li>"Improve employment opportunities for Manitobans with disabilities"</li> <li>"Remove barriers to work and strengthen EIA and Rent Assist to help Manitobans"</li> </ul>

<p>Department of Housing, Addictions, and Homelessness</p>	<p>Minister of Housing, Addictions, and Homelessness  <b>Bernadette Smith</b>  <a href="mailto:minhah@manitoba.ca">minhah@manitoba.ca</a>  204-945-1211</p> <p><b>Deputy Minister:</b>  Catherine Gates  dmhah@manitoba.ca</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New department formed by the NDP government</li> <li>• Includes Manitoba Housing &amp; Renewal Corp, co-operative housing, and housing development</li> <li>• Homelessness program supports are included</li> <li>• The Dep't of Mental Health &amp; Community Wellness under the PC government transfers to this new Department</li> </ul>	<p><a href="#">Mandate Letter</a> highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Solve the challenge that we see each and every day across Manitoba...lead our government’s response to the humanitarian crisis we see on our streets with dignity and compassion.”</li> <li>• “Work with municipalities to end chronic homelessness in two terms of government by connecting people with housing and wrap-around supports, with children as the first priority.”</li> <li>• “Work with the federal government to build more social and affordable housing”</li> <li>• “Hire 100 mental health workers to work alongside law enforcement and community organizations”</li> <li>• “Take a harm reduction approach to the addictions crisis” ... “Establish a supervised consumption site in downtown Winnipeg”</li> </ul>
<p>Department of Municipal and Northern Relations</p>	<p>Minister of Municipal and Northern Relations  <b>Ian Bushie</b>  <a href="mailto:minmnr@manitoba.ca">minmnr@manitoba.ca</a>  204-945-3788</p> <p><b>Legislative Assistant:</b>  Robert Loiselle,  MLA St Boniface</p> <p><b>Deputy Minister:</b>  Bruce Gray  dmmnr@manitoba.ca</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Now includes both Municipal and Northern relations, includes supporting and improving community development</li> <li>• At this time, Community Renewal Corporations (NRCs) and the Building Sustainable Communities Fund are in this Department. The Network will be seeking clarification of the Province’s overall community development approach</li> </ul>	<p><a href="#">Mandate Letter</a> highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Ensure municipal leaders know you are their point person with our government”</li> </ul>
<p>Department of Indigenous Economic Development</p>	<p>Minister of Indigenous Economic Development  <b>Ian Bushie</b>  <a href="mailto:minmnr@manitoba.ca">minmnr@manitoba.ca</a>  204-945-3788</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indigenous Economic Development is established as a new Department, includes the Communities Economic Development Fund</li> </ul>	<p><a href="#">Mandate Letter</a> highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Advancing economic reconciliation so all Manitobans can benefit from the contributions of Indigenous Manitobans ... grow our economy by increasing economic participation and opportunities for Indigenous Manitobans and Indigenous communities.”</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Deputy Minister:</b> Bruce Gray dmmnr@manitoba.ca</p>		
<p>Department of Economic Development, Investment, Trade, and Natural Resources</p>	<p>Minister of Economic Development, Investment, Trade, and Natural Resources <b>Jamie Moses</b> <a href="mailto:mineditnr@manitoba.ca">mineditnr@manitoba.ca</a> 204-945-0067</p> <p><b>Deputy Minister:</b> Dana Rudy dmedit@manitoba.ca</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vision is for jobs and opportunities for a prosperous Manitoba</li> <li>• Change from PC government: adds Natural Resources to this Dep't</li> <li>• Apprenticeship Manitoba is now in this department, moved from Advanced Education</li> </ul>	<p><a href="#">Mandate Letter</a> highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Grow our economy with good Manitoba jobs for Manitobans”</li> <li>• “Create 10,000 new jobs in the skilled trades over the next eight years”</li> </ul>
<p>Department of Transportation and Infrastructure</p>	<p>Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure <b>Lisa Naylor</b> <a href="mailto:minmti@manitoba.ca">minmti@manitoba.ca</a> 204-945-3723</p> <p><b>Deputy Minister:</b> Ryan Klos dmmti@manitoba.ca</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishes and manages public infrastructure</li> <li>• Will oversee procurement in infrastructure projects</li> </ul>	<p><a href="#">Mandate Letter</a> highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Get the upgrades to the North End Water Pollution Control Centre done with good Manitoba jobs created along the way”</li> </ul>
<p>Department of Consumer Protection and Government Services</p>	<p>Minister of Consumer Protection and Government Services <b>Lisa Naylor</b> <a href="mailto:minmti@manitoba.ca">minmti@manitoba.ca</a> 204-945-3723</p> <p><b>Deputy Minister:</b> Joseph Dunford dmmti@manitoba.ca</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Includes Procurement and Supply Chain</li> <li>• For Consumer Protection, the Cooperatives Act and the Residential Tenancies Act remains in this Department</li> </ul>	<p><a href="#">Mandate Letter</a> highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Clear the backlog at Vital Statistics”</li> </ul>

<p>Department of Environment and Climate Change</p>	<p>Minister of Environment &amp; Climate Change  <b>Tracy Schmidt</b>  <a href="mailto:minecc@manitoba.ca">minecc@manitoba.ca</a>  204-945-3730</p> <p><b>Deputy Minister:</b>  Paul McConnell  dmec@manitoba.ca</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tasked with managing and protecting the province’s environment.</li> <li>• Change from PC government: adds “Climate Change”</li> <li>• Includes Efficiency Manitoba</li> </ul>	<p><u>Mandate Letter</u> highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Provide a critical lens to your cabinet colleagues that ensures we measure the environmental impact of our decisions as a government”</li> <li>• “Make Manitoba a leader in clean energy and help our government take bold action when it comes to fighting the climate crisis”</li> <li>• “Introduce an EV rebate for new and used EVs and plug-in hybrid vehicles”</li> <li>• “Create a roadmap to meet our net-zero targets by 2050”</li> <li>• “Restore funding to environmental organizations”</li> </ul>
<p>Department of Agriculture</p>	<p>Minister of Agriculture  <b>Ron Kostyshyn</b>  <a href="mailto:minagr@manitoba.ca">minagr@manitoba.ca</a>  204-945-3722</p> <p><b>Deputy Minister:</b>  Brenda DeSerranno  dmagr@manitoba.ca</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foster the sustainable growth of Manitoba producers and agri-processors with supports and services</li> </ul>	<p><u>Mandate Letter</u> highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Support the sector so that Manitoba can be a leader in agricultural innovation, research, and job creation”</li> </ul>
<p>Department of Justice</p>	<p>Minister of Justice  <b>Matt Wiebe</b>  <a href="mailto:minjus@manitoba.ca">minjus@manitoba.ca</a>  204-945-3728</p> <p><b>Deputy Minister:</b>  Jeremy Akerstream  dmjus@manitoba.ca</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administers the justice system in Manitoba.</li> </ul>	<p><u>Mandate Letter</u> highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Acknowledging the disproportionate representation of Indigenous Manitobans in the justice systems and find ways to respond”</li> <li>• “Make our communities safer, address the root causes of crime, and protect vulnerable Manitobans”</li> <li>• “Develop a comprehensive public safety strategy that brings together law enforcement, community safety patrols, families and educators with a focus on reducing youth crime”</li> </ul>