

Winnipeg Construction Association:

Policy Priority 1 – Supporting a Strong Construction Workforce in Manitoba

Will your party support the establishment of this working Group?

Yes. Our PC Team recognizes the need for a diverse and skilled construction workforce. We believe that continuing to work with our stakeholders in industry is key to meeting the challenges of building a skilled workforce. Like the rest of Canada, we face a tight labour market with our unemployment rate at a near all-time low and job vacancies at record highs. It is essential we work with industry to meet this demand as our PC team believes that a skilled workforce is the engine that runs a productive economy.

Will your Party continue to fund and support the Manitoba Construction Sector Council (MCSC) and the work they undertake?

Yes. Our PC Team will continue to support the Manitoba Construction Sector Council and the valuable work they undertake.

What will you do to help us make the necessary improvements and encourage Manitobans to consider an Apprenticeship?

Our PC Team will continue to invest and take innovative steps in order for us to attract and encourage more Manitobans to consider an apprenticeship. In fact, our provincial apprenticeship system saw a significant rebound in new registrations in 2021/22. To further encourage participation in the trades, our PC team has been increasing the awareness of the benefits, opportunities, and value of apprenticeship programs through our partnership with Employment and Social Development Canada's Skilled Trades, Awareness and Readiness (STAR) program.

Policy Priority 2 – Improving Public Procurement in Manitoba

Will you commence the mandatory review of the Government Wide Contract Policy within a year of the election (by Oct. 3, 2024)?

Yes. Our PC Team will continue to review and make improvements in our procurement practices.

Will you commit to engagement directly with Winnipeg Construction Association on the current Provincial procurement process to ensure it promotes fair competition?

Yes. Our PC Team believes we need to work directly with our impacted stakeholders to ensure best practices for both fairness in competition and value for money for our taxpayers.

Will you commit to a three-year vertical infrastructure plan reviewed meaningfully at least every year?

Yes. Our PC Team will work with industry stakeholders to create a vertical infrastructure plan with appropriate review measures for effectiveness.

Policy Priority 3 – Supporting Manitoba Through Infrastructure Investment and Incentives

Will you commence a full review of the Builders' Liens Act within the first year after the election?

Yes. Our PC Team has been a leader in ensuring timely payment of construction contracts, reduced costs, and fewer project slowdowns. Our PC team took significant steps forward with Bill 38 to ensure financial certainty for contractors and subcontractors and promotes economic growth and investment in our province. Our team remains committed to moving forward towards the implementation of this legislation and working with industry to ensure it has a very positive impact.

Prior to adopting higher energy tiers will you consult with the construction industry?

Yes. Our PC Team will continue to consult and work together with industry stakeholders on issues that impact them.

Will your party work with the construction industry to ensure the City of Winnipeg continues to improve its permit and inspection service value?

Yes. Our PC Team believes we must continue to work with all our municipal partners to ensure they are delivering commensurate quality of services. In order for us to continue to seize economic development, we need all levels of government working in tandem with industry to deliver on the services that all Manitobans expect.