



MANITOBA



NUNAVUT

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA AND THE TERRITORY OF NUNAVUT

(HEREINAFTER JOINTLY REFERRED TO AS THE "PARTICIPANTS")

WHEREAS Manitoba and Nunavut have a strong record of co-operation and wish to continue and strengthen that co-operation;

WHEREAS Manitoba and Nunavut share the mutual goals of expanding economic development and employment opportunities throughout their respective jurisdictions;

WHEREAS Manitoba and Nunavut share similar interests relating to the well-being of their citizens and delivery of services to their populations;

WHEREAS Manitoba and Nunavut together form a critical trade and transportation link between the Nunavut and North America and the world;

WHEREAS connecting Nunavut to the National Highway System is important for nation building, and for the economic and social development of the North;

WHEREAS Manitoba and Nunavut have shared expertise and input for the joint development and promotion of our regions as tourist destinations;

WHEREAS the efficient use of energy in the North is critical for the preservation and protection of an environment susceptible to the effects of climate change;

WHEREAS Manitoba and Nunavut have reviewed previous Memoranda and related initiatives and have mutually identified current priorities that require a focused approach to achieve practical outcomes;

WHEREAS Manitoba and Nunavut have signed five previous Memoranda of Understanding on areas of mutual benefit, and worked under the first MOU spanning 2010 to 2015; and

THEREFORE, Manitoba and Nunavut have consented to undertake the following:

A. Joint Action and Priority Areas of Co-operation

- 1) Manitoba and Nunavut will jointly revise a work plan to implement practical outcomes based on, but not limited to, these mutually-identified current priority areas:

- a. **Health** – The Participants agree to jointly develop a framework that identifies key health service deliverables and to pursue opportunities to improve health outcomes for our citizens and reduce the growth in service delivery costs, including sharing best practices and identifying opportunities for increasing health service delivery closer to Nunavut residents, as well as working together to address mental health issues in both jurisdictions;
- b. **Energy** – The Participants agree to continue work on a potential transmission line linking the province and territory, as well as share expertise, best practices and technology to explore new energy solutions and improve energy services for residents of Nunavut and northern Manitoba;
- c. **Economic development and training** – The Participants will pursue opportunities for economic development through joint promotion of our regions as tourist destinations through co-operation, consultation, joint tourism development and marketing projects, and through exploration of partnerships for the delivery of training for residents of both jurisdictions;
- d. **Transportation** – The Participants agree to continue exploring the potential for an infrastructure corridor, including a road, between Manitoba and Nunavut, including planning, engineering and environmental work to support an environmental assessment of a surface transportation corridor;
- e. **Culture** – The Participants agree to strengthen the cultural ties between Manitoba and Nunavut through the establishment of exchanges and joint learning opportunities in areas of culture, education, and sporting activities, as well as to promote the development of French and Indigenous languages by supporting educative and cultural initiatives in both jurisdictions;
- f. **Inuit Art** – The Participants agree to provide support for the care and storage of Nunavut’s Fine Art Collections at the Winnipeg Art Gallery and to strengthen the cultural ties between Manitoba and Nunavut through the establishment of exchanges and joint learning opportunities in areas such as culture and education;

- g. **Violence against Indigenous Women and Girls** - The Participants agree to work together to share programs and information towards decreasing violence against Indigenous women and girls. The Participants also reaffirm their commitment to national work in addressing the issue of murdered and missing Indigenous women and girls.
- h. **Polar Bears** – The Participants agree to share information, cooperate on research, and support effective management of polar bears through participation in established national committees; and
- i. **Trade** – The Participants agree to work together to promote the development of an Arctic Gateway through our regions to strengthen vital shipping and transportation links between the Arctic, North America and international destinations.

B. Co-ordination and Implementation

- 1) A Manitoba-Nunavut steering committee made up of representatives of relevant departments and co-chaired by representatives designated by the Premiers of both Governments will be responsible for coordinating activities under a mutually agreed upon work plan based on the priority areas outlined in Section A and for ensuring the intent of this Memorandum of Understanding is fulfilled and for recommending any future agreements to the Ministers and Premiers of both governments.
- 2) The Manitoba-Nunavut steering committee will submit an annual report to the Premiers on progress under this Memorandum of Understanding as well as on possible future joint initiatives.

C. Limitations

- 1) Neither Participant intends to be responsible for the actions of third parties or associates who may be involved in the activities in the framework of this Memorandum of Understanding.
- 2) This Memorandum of Understanding does not create any contractual, financial or other legal obligations for the Participants.



D. Coming into Effect, Amendment and Termination

- 1) This Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect on the date it is signed by the Participants and will remain in effect for a period of five years from that date.
- 2) This Memorandum of Understanding is intended to complement earlier Manitoba-Nunavut memoranda; joint work already underway will continue through this comprehensive MOU.
- 3) This Memorandum of Understanding may be renewed for an additional five years through mutual written consent of the Participants.
- 4) This Memorandum may be amended by agreement of the Participants in writing at any time.
- 5) Either Participant may terminate its involvement in this Memorandum by giving three months' prior notice in writing to the other Participant.

Signed in duplicate at Winnipeg, Manitoba on this 19th day of November, 2015.

For the Government of Nunavut

For the Government of Manitoba

The Honorable Peter Taptuna
Premier of Nunavut

The Honorable Greg Selinger
Premier of Manitoba
