

E-Newsletter

An update from Manitoba Beef Producers

Province Releases Revised Phase Four Plan To Restart Manitoba Economy

(Government of Manitoba news release, July 23, 2020) Following public health advice and feedback from Manitobans, the province has adjusted plans for the fourth phase of the Restoring Safe Services roadmap as part of the #RestartMB program, Health, Seniors and Active Living Minister Cameron Friesen announced today.

“As we move through this pandemic, our number one priority is to ensure the health and well-being of all Manitobans,” said Friesen. “While Manitoba’s response to COVID-19 has been led by scientific evidence and the advice of our public health professionals, we need to keep listening to what Manitobans are ready to accept and support at each phase of our recovery efforts. I want to thank Manitobans for their valuable input and commitment to keep the virus at bay as we continue to take a balanced and measured approach at restarting our economy.”

Over the last two days, more than 50,000 Manitobans provided feedback on the draft phase four plan through the online survey and telephone town hall, the minister noted.

The draft plan proposed a number of changes to be implemented as early as July 25. As a result of public health evidence and advice and in response to feedback received, phase four will proceed but with some items deferred to a later date or moved forward with more limited implementation, while other steps will remain as proposed.

The proposed changes to visits in personal care homes and long-term care settings will proceed as outlined in the draft document. The minister noted facility operators will continue to review visitation policies and processes to ensure appropriate visitation, along with the health and safety of residents and families.

Items moving forward with more limited implementation on July 25 include:

- maintaining current site capacity at 30 per cent for faith-based services, pow wows, but eliminating the need for sub-groups (cohorts);
- allowing stage performances and opening movie theatres to a maximum capacity of 30 per cent of the site, up to a maximum of 500 people;
- allowing casinos to open at a maximum of 30 per cent of the site’s capacity; and
- allowing retail businesses and indoor recreation sites to use non-permeable barriers when distances of two metres can not be maintained.

The following proposed changes have been deferred at this time:

- proposed changes to indoor and outdoor gathering sizes;
- relaxing of self-isolation requirements for those travelling from eastern and southern Ontario, Quebec and Atlantic Canada; and
- walk-up counter service in bars, beverage rooms, brew pubs, microbreweries and distilleries.

Public health officials will review possible adjustments on a week-by-week basis and make any additional changes based on the public health situation at the time.

“It is thanks to the work and dedication of Manitobans that we have kept our test positivity rates low and reduced the level of illness from COVID-19 in Manitoba,” said Dr. Brent Roussin, Manitoba’s chief provincial public health officer.

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“We will continue to look to the data and engage with Manitobans to ensure we are taking a balanced approach as we learn how we can live with this virus in the weeks, months and years ahead.”

To view the updated phase four plan and to review public health guidance for businesses, visit www.manitoba.ca/covid19/restoring/index.html.

Public health officials continue to encourage businesses to take steps to help staff, customers and visitors stay safe including:

- ensuring people are able to reasonably maintain two metres of distance;
- only conducting necessary and brief exchanges within two metres of others;

- applying enhanced cleaning protocols, especially in common areas like washrooms;
- maintaining physical distancing and food-handling protocols in workplace areas including lunch and common areas;
- ensuring staff stay home when feeling sick; and
- following personal risk reduction measures.

#RestartMB is the Manitoba government’s roadmap to recovery from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. It outlines investments in public health preparedness, jobs and economic stimulus to protect Manitobans and their livelihoods. For more details, visit www.manitoba.ca/RestartMB.

A comprehensive list of Manitoba government COVID-19 measures can be found at: <https://manitoba.ca/bg/2020/04/covid19.html>.

Temporary Canada Border Services Agency service reduction at Crystal City port of entry

(July 23, 2020 Canada Border Services Agency News Release)

The Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) is temporarily reducing service hours at the Crystal City, Manitoba port of entry, as follows.

- Current hours of service: 9 am to 7 pm, seven days a week
- New CBSA temporary hours of service: 9 am to 5 pm, seven days a week

This COVID-19 related measure is temporary and in effect as of July 23, 2020 at 11:59 pm EDT. It will remain in effect until further notice.

The Government of Canada remains committed to protecting the health and safety of Canadians and reducing the spread of COVID-19 in Canada. The temporary restriction on discretionary travel at the Canada-United States border remains in place.

Economic supply chains and trade will remain open and the CBSA continues to work to ensure that access to goods and services is not interrupted.

The CBSA remains committed to ensuring that Indigenous people continue to be able to move within and between their communities, and are able to provide and access essential goods and services.

Quick facts

- This temporary reduction of service hours will be reviewed on an ongoing basis as the public health situation evolves.
- The temporary restriction on discretionary travel at the Canada-United States border put in place on March 21 at 12:01 am EDT continues. This restriction is in place until at least August 21, 2020.
- All persons entering Canada – no matter their country of origin or mode of entry – must **isolate** themselves for 14 days if they have symptoms of or confirmed COVID-19 or **quarantine** themselves for 14 days if they do not have symptoms of COVID-19. All foreign nationals who have COVID-19 or exhibit any signs or symptoms of COVID-19 will not be allowed to enter Canada.
- As of March 31, 2020, anyone arriving in Canada in any mode (air, land or marine) must provide their contact information to a border services officer when seeking entry. This information is collected on behalf of the Public Health Agency of Canada to support their compliance and enforcement of the 14-day quarantine or isolation requirement outlined in Order in Council [2020-0524](#). Travellers are encouraged to download the mobile [ArriveCAN App](#) prior to arrival to reduce wait times and limit contact at the border. The app is available on the App Store and Google Play.
- For the latest on cross-border programs and services, travellers can call the CBSA’s Border Information Service at 1-800-461-9999.

Associated links

- [Open ports of entry and temporary service reductions](#)
- [CBSA Directory of Offices and Services](#)
- [Border Information Service](#)
- [COVID-19 - Travel restrictions, exemptions and advice](#)

MANITOBA INVESTS OVER \$5 MILLION IN LOCALLY LED WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

20 Projects Support Made-in-Manitoba Climate and Green Plan: Premier

(Government of Manitoba news release, July 22, 2020)

The Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation has selected 20 new conservation projects that will receive more than \$5.6 million to ensure the health and sustainability of the province's watersheds for future generations, building on the Manitoba government's commitment to create a legacy of climate-change adaptation and resilience, Premier Brian Pallister announced today.

"Watershed management is an important part of our Made-in-Manitoba Climate and Green Plan," said Pallister. "Local expertise, the commitment of landowners and the support of our partners will help ensure these projects protect our water quality, sustainably manage our natural resources and leave a sustainable legacy for all Manitobans to enjoy."

These newly approved projects resulted from a call for proposals released in January, focused on water and watershed management. Funding is being provided through the Growing Outcomes in Watersheds (GROW) Trust and the Conservation Trust.

Through GROW, watershed districts in Manitoba will deliver 16 projects that improve resilience to the effects of climate change. Landowners will work with watershed districts and receive capital costs or annual payments to support new conservation projects. These include:

- \$750,000 to the Seine Rat Roseau Watershed District in southeast Manitoba to support projects that reduce peak flows during floods, retain water during dry periods and capture nutrients in identified 'hotspot' areas that would otherwise end up in Lake Winnipeg;
- \$440,000 for the Souris River Watershed District projects to reduce peak water flows, conserve at-risk shallow wetlands, improve soil health, conserve wildlife habitat and sequester carbon;
- \$500,000 for the Inter-Mountain Watershed District, located east of the Riding and Duck mountains, to address flooding and severe water erosion that occurs along the edge of this region and the Manitoba escarpment; and

- \$250,000 to the East Interlake Watershed District, on the west shore of Lake Winnipeg, to focus on wetland and riparian area enhancement projects that reduce water flow and capture nutrients before they can enter Lake Winnipeg.

The Conservation Trust will also provide funding to four non-profit organizations that submitted watershed-based proposals. Examples of approved projects include:

- \$150,000 for the Centre for Indigenous Environmental Resources to work within the Collaborative Leadership Initiative, involving Indigenous and municipal leaders to deliver wetland restoration projects and demonstrate water quality trading as a nutrient-reduction tool in the Lake Winnipeg basin; and
- \$50,000 for Ducks Unlimited Canada to improve watershed resilience by restoring wetlands and other natural habitats in the prairie pothole landscape of southwest Manitoba.

"Revenues from the trusts are now supporting new watershed conservation activities that also will help Manitobans adapt to the impacts of climate change," said Tim Sopuck, chief executive officer, Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation.

These GROW and Conservation Trust projects will also leverage more than \$9 million in matching funds, the premier noted.

The Conservation Trust was established in 2018 with a \$102 million contribution to The Winnipeg Foundation to generate annual revenues for conservation projects in perpetuity. It is managed by the foundation, with projects approved, tracked and evaluated by the Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation. Earlier this year, 23 projects received \$1.8 million in funding through the trust. For more information, visit www.mhhc.mb.ca/the-conservation-trust/.

In 2019, a \$52-million endowment fund established GROW as a made-in-Manitoba approach to deliver ecological goods and services, with a focus on watershed health, management and resiliency. In last fall's speech from the throne, the province also committed to investing another \$50 million in a Wetlands GROW Trust to support landowners who wish to conserve temporary wetlands not protected by regulation.

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Premier Brian Pallister making the announcement on July 22. Photo credit: Government of Manitoba

GROW is delivered by Manitoba's watershed districts through local watershed committees. For more information, visit <https://gov.mb.ca/sd/water/watershed/index.html>.

The Made-in-Manitoba Climate and Green Plan called for the establishment of a trust to provide long-term and stable support to conservation efforts throughout the province.

For additional information about the projects see:

https://news.gov.mb.ca/asset_library/en/newslinks/2020/07/BG-GROW_Trust_Projects-PR-CC.pdf



Prairie Agricultural Survey re: Climate Services in the Prairie Region

The Prairie Climate Centre (PCC) is seeking feedback from farmers, ranchers, and other industry stakeholders to inform the development of agriculturally relevant climate services within the Prairie region.

Feedback can be provided via a survey (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NKTZ635>) or by attending an upcoming focus group (Register at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TJD552V>).

Please note that the PCC is holding three focus group sessions - two for producers (August 4th, 9:00-10:30 and August 5th, 9:00-10:30) and one for others in the sector (August 5th, 1:00-2:30). Please complete the registration at the link above if you are interested in participating in one of these sessions.



IISD Survey re: Beneficial Management Practice Adoption

The International Institute of Sustainable Development is inviting farms owners and farm operators to take part in the survey on Beneficial Management Practice (BMP) adoption and enter a draw for a chance to win \$200 Walmart Gift Certificate.

These responses will help funding agencies and watershed district managers better support farmers with their environmental and financial needs around BMP adoption.

This survey is a critical component of the Living Labs project led by Agriculture-Agri Food Canada and the Manitoba Association of Watersheds.

The link to the survey online:
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/iisd_producersurvey

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(Elisabeth Harms, MBP's resident food expert, writing on page 8 of the July issue of *Cattle Country*)

Governments of Canada and Manitoba Announce New Program to Help Agri-Processors Mitigate the Spread Of COVID-19

(July 20, 2020 Canada/Manitoba Government News Release)

The governments of Canada and Manitoba announced a new \$3-million cost-shared Canadian Agricultural Partnership program to support projects that will help agricultural processors mitigate the spread of COVID-19, federal Agriculture and Agri-Food Minister Marie-Claude Bibeau and Manitoba Agriculture and Resource Development Minister Blaine Pedersen announced.

“Food producers and processors have had to deal with so many new challenges over the past months, while continuing to supply Canadians with the high-quality food they produce. Manitoba processors have stepped up to deal with those challenges, just as Canadians have never been more appreciative of the importance of our food supply chain,” said Bibeau. “The funding our two governments are delivering together today gives Manitoba processors an extra financial boost to adjust to the challenges presented by COVID-19 and help keep their workers safe.”

“A COVID-19 response for the agri-food and agri-product sector is needed to ensure processors can adapt, recover and maintain competitiveness,” said Pedersen. “The pandemic has required them to make changes to their operations and enhance their employee protections. Manitoba’s food and agri-product processors are significant contributors to our economy, so we are pleased to offer a program that helps respond to these challenges.”

The new COVID-19 Response Initiative will provide financial assistance to agri-food and agri-product processors, food distributors and agri-food industry organizations for:

- personal protective equipment and sanitation supplies;
- business continuity practices, training and resources to support COVID-19 mitigation; and
- beginning in September, financial assistance will also be available for materials, supplies and equipment rentals needed to adapt production processes to meet social distancing and other precautions related to COVID-19.

Eligible costs must be directly related to the execution of a project and must be incurred between March 1, 2020, and Jan. 31, 2021. Projects must be completed on or before Jan. 31, 2021.

Governments will contribute a maximum of 50 per cent of eligible project costs, up to \$25,000 per applicant.

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada’s Emergency Processing Fund (EPF) is a federal investment of up to \$77.5 million to help companies implement changes to safeguard the health and safety of workers and their families due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The five-year, \$3-billion Canadian Agricultural Partnership includes \$2 billion for cost-shared strategic initiatives delivered by the provinces and territories and \$1 billion for federal programs and services. For more information, visit www.canada.ca/Agri-Partnership.

Funding applications are available on the Manitoba Agriculture and Resource Development website, at <https://www.gov.mb.ca/agriculture/canadian-agricultural-partnership/ag-action-manitoba-program/financial-assistance-covid-19.html>.



NOMINEE SHOWCASE EVENT

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12:00 p.m. CST / click on the image to access link.

Supporting Canadian Workers and Businesses with a redesigned Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy

(July 17, 2020 Department of Finance Canada News Release)

The Government of Canada is taking immediate, significant and decisive action through Canada's COVID-19 Economic Response Plan to support Canadians and protect jobs during the global COVID-19 pandemic, and to better position them for a strong recovery.

The Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS) protects jobs by helping businesses keep employees on the payroll and encouraging employers to re-hire workers previously laid off. Since its launch, about 3 million Canadian employees have had their jobs supported through the CEWS, and that number continues to grow.

The Finance Minister, Bill Morneau, announced proposed changes to the CEWS that would broaden the reach of the program and provide better targeted support so that more workers can return to their jobs quickly as the economy restarts. This support would continue to protect jobs and help Canadian businesses that are the most impacted.

The proposed changes included in the Government's draft legislative proposals would:

- Allow the extension of the CEWS until December 19, 2020, including redesigned program details until November 21, 2020.
- Make the subsidy accessible to a broader range of employers by including employers with a revenue decline of less than 30 per cent and providing a gradually decreasing base subsidy to all qualifying employers. This would help many struggling employers with less than a 30-per-cent revenue loss get support to keep and bring back workers, while also ensuring those who have previously benefited could still qualify, even if their revenues recover and no longer meet the 30 per cent revenue decline threshold.
- Introduce a top-up subsidy of up to an additional 25 per cent for employers that have been most adversely affected by the pandemic. This would be particularly helpful to employers in industries that are recovering more slowly.
- Provide certainty to employers that have already made business decisions for July and August by ensuring they would not receive a subsidy rate lower than they would have had under the previous rules.
- Address certain technical issues identified by stakeholders.

These proposed changes follow consultations with business and labour representatives on potential adjustments to the CEWS program aimed at ensuring that it continues to protect jobs and promote growth.

By helping workers transition back to their jobs and supporting businesses as they increase revenues, these changes would ensure that employers have the certainty they need to hire back quickly as the economy improves and to best position workers and businesses for the future.

The government continues to assess and respond to the impacts of COVID-19 and stands ready to take additional actions as needed to stabilize the economy.

Quote

"We are ensuring that Canadians are able to get back to work as quickly as possible. The adjustments we are proposing would ensure that the CEWS continues to address Canadians' needs while also positioning them for growth as economies continue to gradually and safely reopen."

- **Bill Morneau, Minister of Finance**

Quick facts

- In order to implement the measures included in today's announcement, the Government of Canada intends to introduce legislation to be considered by Parliament, and has shared draft legislative proposals.
- The government introduced the CEWS, as part of its [COVID-19 Economic Response Plan](#), in order to prevent further job losses, encourage employers to rehire workers previously laid off as a result of COVID-19, and help better position Canadian companies and other employers to more easily resume normal operations following the crisis.
- The CEWS was put in place for an initial 12-week period from March 15 to June 6, 2020, providing a 75-per-cent wage subsidy to eligible employers. On May 15, the Finance Minister, Bill Morneau, [announced](#) that the Government of Canada would extend the CEWS by an additional 12 weeks to August 29, 2020. Today's proposed changes would further extend the program until November 21, 2020, with the intent to provide further support until December 19, 2020.

Related products

- [Adapting the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy to Protect Jobs and Promote Growth](#)
- [Draft legislative proposals](#)

<https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2020/07/supporting-canadian-workers-and-businesses-with-a-redesigned-canada-emergency-wage-subsidy.html>

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