

Wednesday, September 28, 2011

NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY (NDP) COMMITMENTS		
	SOURCE	DATE
ECONOMY/ JOB TRAINING AND OPPORTUNITIES		
Support training that responds to business needs	NDP: Our vision for the next four years	Aug 30-11
Help recent graduates stay in Manitoba	NDP: Our vision for the next four years	Aug 30-11
Build on the NDP record of reducing workplace injuries by working with employers and workers, and raising public awareness	NDP: Our vision for the next four years	Aug 30-11
Maintain a strong minimum wage with regular increases	NDP: Our vision for the next four years	Aug 30-11
TAXES		
Keep Manitoba on the forefront of affordability for families	NDP: Our vision for the next four years	Aug 30-11
Keep property taxes down	NDP: Our vision for the next four years	Aug 30-11
Eliminate the school tax for seniors and from farmland	WFP	Sept 18-11
IMMIGRATION		
Target of 20,000 skilled immigrants each year and plan to pressure the federal government to lift the cap on immigration	NDP: Our vision for the next four years	Aug 30-11
HEALTH		
Train and hire more doctors, nurses and health-care professionals across the province, including 2,000 more nurses and create a \$24 million health-care training fund over four years	WFP	Sept 2-11 & Sept 13-11
Cut ER wait-times	NDP: Our vision for the next four years	Aug 30-11
\$21 million over four years to build three more Quick Care clinics and three more ACCESS Centres	WFP	Sept 15-11
Invest in hospitals and health care facilities in communities across Manitoba, including \$12 million to expand the Brandon hospital and \$58 million to redevelop the Brandon Regional Health Centre	NDP: Our vision for the next four years & WFP	Aug 30-11 & Sept 12-11
More services to seniors and other patients in their own homes	NDP: Our vision for the next four years	Aug 30-11
Mobile care units offering more rural residents minor procedures without travel	NDP: Our vision for the next four years	Aug 30-11
\$2 million for a new primary health care centre in Swan River, \$4 million for a new MRI machine in Dauphin	WFP	Sept 10-11

\$19.5 million cancer plan to reduce wait-times, covering 100% of the cost of cancer drugs and introducing new supports for rural cancer patients	WFP	Sept 12-11
A new ambulance station in Île-des-Chènes	WFP	Sept 13-11
\$10 million to redo Flin Flon's ER	WFP	Sept 17-11
\$2 million to upgrade Thompson's Northern Consultation Clinic	WFP	Sept 17-11
AGRICULTURE/ENVIRONMENT/WATER		
Require the City of Winnipeg to provide the same high level of sewage treatment technology as residents of Calgary, Edmonton, Saskatoon and Brandon	NDP: Our vision for the next four years	Aug 30-11
Maintain and enforce the ban on new hog manure pollution	NDP: Our vision for the next four years	Aug 30-11
Help farmers adopt more environmentally friendly approaches	NDP: Our vision for the next four years	Aug 30-11
Help farmers do their part to protect the environment by reducing regulatory red tape	NDP: Our vision for the next four years	Aug 30-11
Work with residents and officials in flood-prone areas to tackle water management and drainage issues	NDP: Our vision for the next four years	Aug 30-11
Continual improvement to drinking water quality systems and standards	NDP: Our vision for the next four years	Aug 30-11
Develop alternative energy such as geothermal and wind power to create jobs in rural communities	NDP: Our vision for the next four years	Aug 30-11
EDUCATION/ TRAINING		
Fund K-12 education at or above the rate of economic growth	NDP: Our vision for the next four years	Aug 30-11
Provide more training closer to home for rural residents	NDP: Our vision for the next four years	Aug 30-11
Help rural residents attend college or university away from home if they wish to do so	NDP: Our vision for the next four years	Aug 30-11
New training programs to help northern Manitobans connect to construction jobs	NDP: Our vision for the next four years	Aug 30-11
JUSTICE/ POLICING		
Put more police on the beat: 50 extra officers and 25 police cadets on the streets of Winnipeg, and funding for 50 new officers and 25 new cadets in rural and northern Manitoba	WFP	Sept 9-11
Establish a mental health court	NDP: Our vision for the next four years	Aug 30-11
Build new jails with programming to deal effectively with addictions, mental illness, and other factors that lead to repeat offenses	NDP: Our vision for the next four years	Aug 30-11

Hire more probation officers, including the Gang Response and Suppression Program (GRASP)	NDP: Our vision for the next four years	Aug 30-11
Work with Ottawa for tougher laws, including additional penalties for criminals who threaten the safety of police officers and firefighters	NDP: Our vision for the next four years & WFP	Aug 30-11 & Sept 9-11
Fund the Integrated Warrant Squad Support - created in partnership with WPS and RCMP - to crack down on repeat offenders	NDP: Our vision for the next four years	Aug 30-11
Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods enforcement officers	NDP: Our vision for the next four years	Aug 30-11
Give communities more tools to fight crime	NDP: Our vision for the next four years	Aug 30-11
Expand successful crime prevention programs, such as the Police in Schools program	NDP: Our vision for the next four years	Aug 30-11
Establish an After School Matters program to provide mentorships and leadership development for kids	WFP	Sept 9-11
Faster prosecutions by establishing a weekend court	NDP: Our vision for the next four years	Aug 30-11
HOUSING		
Increased incentives to developers to support the construction of more affordable rental housing, including an increased provincial contribution to the Downtown Residential Development Grant Program	NDP: Our vision for the next four years & WFP	Aug 30-11 & Sept 19-11
Maintain fair rent controls	NDP: Our vision for the next four years	Aug 30-11
MANITOBA HYDRO/ ENERGY		
Expand Manitoba Hydro and develop alternative energy	NDP: Our vision for the next four years	Aug 30-11
Protect Hydro's power supply, the provincial economy and export sales by building Bipole III on the west side of Lake Winnipeg to preserve the undeveloped east side boreal forest	NDP: Our vision for the next four years	Aug 30-11
Expand energy efficiency programs and keep home heating costs affordable in rural communities	NDP: Our vision for the next four years	Aug 30-11
Top up the federal government's ecoENERGY program by offering families up to \$1,000 to support energy improvements	WFP	Sept 23-11
Help Manitoba businesses make new investments in green energy	NDP: Our vision for the next four years	Aug 30-11
\$30 million fund to help Manitoba manufacturers and other businesses bid on Hydro mega-projects	WFP	Sept 22-11
RECREATION		

Bring in new amenities in provincial parks	NDP: Our vision for the next four years	Aug 30-11
Open up more cottage lots for families	NDP: Our vision for the next four years	Aug 30-11
Designate new protected areas	NDP: Our vision for the next four years	Aug 30-11
INFRASTRUCTURE		
\$80 million over the next four years for highway and road construction in the north	WFP	Sept 17-11
\$12.5 million for a four-field indoor soccer complex in north Winnipeg, and 9 more outdoor fields throughout the city	WFP	Sept 27-11
CHILD CARE		
Fund 2,000 more child care spaces and \$25 million to build new child care centres across Manitoba	NDP News Release	Sept 22-11