

Hello LTCAM Members

On behalf of Sue Vovchuk Executive Director of the Long Term and Continuing Care Association of Manitoba, we are pleased to share some important weekly updates.. We are proud to be able to inform our membership weekly going forward with news relevant to long term care in both Manitoba and Canada. If you have any questions or concerns please reach out at any time.

- 1. Premier Kinew Addresses Health-Care Shortages and Affordability** On November 6, 2023, Premier Wab Kinew attended the Council of the Federation meeting in Halifax, where he discussed key priorities for Manitobans. These priorities include addressing health-care shortages and improving affordability for families. Premier Kinew emphasized the need for collaboration among provinces to tackle challenges, such as health-care talent retention and lowering costs. The Manitoba government has already taken measures to support health-care staff and committed to an affordability plan, which includes cutting the provincial gas tax and expanding shelter hours to assist people experiencing homelessness.
- 2. Speech from the Throne Set for November 21** Premier Wab Kinew announced that the Manitoba government will unveil its plans for the year ahead in a Speech from the Throne on November 21. The government's focus will be on fixing health care, affordability, and ending chronic homelessness. These priorities are aimed at creating a safe and prosperous Manitoba. Additionally, on November 9, the Manitoba legislative assembly will elect a Speaker of the house, and the first session of the 43rd legislature will convene on November 21 with the reading of the speech from the throne by Lt.-Gov. Anita R. Neville.

We appreciate your continued interest and support in keeping Manitobans informed about important developments in our province.

November 2, 2023

**SPEECH FROM THE THRONE TO BE DELIVERED NOV. 21**

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**Manitoba Government Focuses on Fixing Health Care,  
Affordability, Ending Chronic Homelessness: Kinew**

The Manitoba government will unveil its plans for the year ahead with a focus on fixing health care, affordability and ending chronic homelessness in a speech from the throne to be delivered Nov. 21, Premier Wab Kinew announced today.

“Convenient access to high-quality health care, lowering costs for your family and a balanced budget, and new actions to address homelessness – these are the foundations of a safe, prosperous Manitoba,” said Kinew. “There is much for us to accomplish and I look forward to sharing our plans that will get real results for Manitobans on the issues that matter most. Together, there is no challenge that we cannot meet in this province.”

Prior to the speech from the throne, the Manitoba legislative assembly will also elect a Speaker of the house Nov. 9, noted Kinew.

The first session of the 43rd legislature will convene on Nov. 21 at 1:30 p.m. with the reading of the speech from the throne by Lt.-Gov. Anita R. Neville.

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November 6, 2023

**PREMIER WAB KINEW TAKES STEPS TO ADDRESS HEALTH-CARE RETENTION  
AND AFFORDABILITY**

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**Kinew Lays Out Manitoba Priorities at  
Council of Federation Meetings**

HALIFAX, N.S.—At the Council of the Federation meeting in Halifax this weekend, Manitoba Premier Wab Kinew laid out his government’s priorities for Manitobans including addressing the health-care shortage and fairness on affordability commitments.

“Manitobans have given us a clear mandate to work together to deliver on making life better by fixing health care and lowering costs for families,” said Kinew. “This weekend, I shared these priorities with premiers from across Canada at the Council of the Federation. We can only solve these challenges if we work together, which is why I was happy to see the provinces commit to stop poaching health-care talent from neighbouring jurisdictions – something that never happened under the previous government. I also shared the important work our government has already started in lowering costs and ending chronic homelessness in our province.”

The November 2023 Council of the Federation was the first premiers’ meeting attended by Kinew. The meeting included a health summit where leaders shared health-care innovations to address growing health-care staffing shortages and strains on local health-care systems.

Kinew noted the Manitoba government has taken immediate measures to support frontline health-care staff including creating direct lines of communication between workers at the bedside and government leaders. Last week, the government also committed to an affordability plan to provide relief at the pump by cutting the provincial gas tax, while also announcing an expansion of shelter hours to offer support to people experiencing homelessness in city centres across the province, said the premier.

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