

Hello LTCAM Members,

On Behalf of Sue Vovchuk, Executive Director of the Long Term Care Association of Manitoba, we are pleased to share some important weekly updates.

LTCAM News

We urge your attendance at the LTCAM-hosted webinar today at 1 PM, conducted by Canada Career Immigration, focusing on the substantial advantages that Canada's Temporary Foreign Worker Program can offer your organization. This event holds key insights and opportunities that can significantly benefit your operations.

We kindly request your participation in a crucial survey, on Enterprise Canada, the influential government relations firm that guided LTCAM and its members through the intricate landscape of the 2023 Manitoba Provincial Election. Your input through this 4-question survey will shape our collective strategies and endeavours.

Please take a moment to share your thoughts and experiences by completing the 4-question survey through this link: [Survey Link](#).

Thank you for joining us at our recent Holiday "Come and Go" reception hosted at our new shared office space inside the Boys and Girls Club of Winnipeg. We appreciated having 75 wonderful individuals like you there. Look forward to the captured memories—photos from the event will be up on our website next week!

Weekly Initiatives and Key Update:

Federal Economic Statement (FES): The FES primarily focused on affordability measures, unveiling the Canadian Mortgage Charter to aid financially strained citizens. Notably, there was no new funding allocated to health initiatives, raising concerns over the unmet commitments tied to the \$50 billion in pending bilateral agreements.

Manitoba's Legislative Moves: In addition to the bills introduced, Premier Wab Kinew's government plans to hold hour-long, in-person conversations at various healthcare facilities across Manitoba, seeking direct feedback from healthcare workers, reflecting their commitment to engaging frontline workers in addressing health-care challenges.

Healthcare Initiatives in Manitoba: Recognizing the staffing shortages and prolonged hospital wait times, the Manitoba government has allocated \$2.75 million toward hiring additional allied health-care workers, acknowledging this as an initial step to strengthen healthcare amidst mounting challenges.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation: The legislation proposed in Manitoba for a new statutory holiday on September 30th directly aligns with the Truth and Reconciliation

Commission's recommendations and emphasizes the importance of commemoration, education, and healing for residential school survivors and their communities.

Pharmacare Bill Progress: Government House leader Karina Gould's statement acknowledged ongoing discussions between the Liberals and the NDP regarding the Pharmacare Act, signaling a productive but uncertain path toward its passage by the end of the year.

Manitoba's Listening to Front-Line Workers: Premier Wab Kinew's commitment to engaging front-line workers in hour-long discussions at healthcare facilities highlights the government's intent to reshape the healthcare culture and collaboratively address the challenges faced by healthcare professionals.

University of Manitoba's Research Project: The ongoing research project, led by the University of Manitoba, aims to compile insights from Manitobans involved in healthcare, long-term care, or the legal system, emphasizing the significance of diverse perspectives in shaping health care directives and vaccination recommendations.

Thank you for your attention to the recent updates and initiatives shared by Sue Vovchuk, Executive Director of the Long Term Care Association of Manitoba. Your participation in the LTCAM-hosted webinar and the crucial survey on Enterprise Canada will significantly influence our collective strategies. We are immensely grateful for your presence at our Holiday "Come and Go" reception, and we eagerly anticipate sharing the captured memories through photos on our website next week. Your engagement and contribution are invaluable in shaping our ongoing initiatives. Thank you once again for your continued support and participation.