

Community Calendar

Annual COOKIE WALK
 Crestview United Church
 Date: November 1st
 Time: 10:00am – 12:00pm
 Place: 316 Hamilton Ave
 Choice of many homemade cookies.
 \$6.00 per box. For information call 837-5237

Kundalini Yoga Classes
 Crestview United Church
 Date: Tuesdays beginning September 16th for 10 weeks
 Time: 6:30pm – 8:00pm
 Place: 316 Hamilton Ave
 Cost is \$60.00 for 10 - 1.5 hour sessions.
 To register or for information call 837-4118.

Baltimore Road Band
 Crestview United Church
 Date: Saturday, October 25th
 Time: 7:30
 Place: 316 Hamilton Ave
 A performance by a group, grown from country, blues and 60's folk rock. For information call 837-4118.

1st Kirkfield Scouts
 Registration Day
 Date: September 10
 Time: 6:30pm - 8:00pm
 Place: Kirkfield Westwood Community Centre
 165 Sansome Avenue
 For information, call 889-4002 or go to mts.net/~boyscout/.

1st Crestview Scouts
 Registration Date
 Date: September 10th
 Time: 6:30pm-8:00pm
 Place: Crestview School

Meat Draws
 ANAF #283
 Dates September 5th,
 September 12th,
 September 19th,
 September 26th.
 Time: 6:30pm
 Place: 3584 Portage Ave
 A fun weekly event, come once or make it a routine!

School Opening Parent Teacher Conferences
 September. 2nd and 3rd
 phone for an appointment

Buchanan School
 888 0680

Crestview School
 885 7710

Heritage School
 837 1394

Lakewood School
 889 9360

Voyageur School
 888 3390

Ness School
 837 1361

Hedges School
 837 5843

John Taylor Collegiate
 888 8930

Sturgeon Heights
 888 0684

The Historical Museum Association of St. James-Assiniboia extends a huge thank you to the many businesses and community members who contributed to the overwhelming success of our 20th Annual Pioneer Community Day, held on Saturday, August 9th. Over 2500 people participated in the day's festivities featuring the Museum's signature historical theatre set in the 1856 Brown House. The crowd was awestruck with the entertainment provided by Summer Bear Dance Troupe, TJ's Squares, Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, Praetorius Consort Renaissance Quartet and Celtic Harpist, Caine Company of One. Sparky the fire dog delighted everyone with his antics as he guided visitors to the restored 1958 Mac Fire Truck. Museum galleries, pioneer children's games, pony rides, crafts, refreshments were offered to the public free of charge.

This past spring and summer the Museum delivered a multitude of educational and interpretive programs to the local and broader communities. We are now beginning preparations for the up-coming 2009 program year and are taking registrations for schools, daycares, community organizations and groups, starting now. Please join us at St. Vital Centre from September 2-7 for our FREE Public Outreach Program. Staff and visiting experts will be on hand to offer free advice and consultation on preserving your family heirlooms, along with demonstrations by local artisans working in traditional crafts. Come see the displays and pick up free informational materials on antique collecting as you check out the antique vendors who are part of the Museum's fundraiser at the St. Vital Centre. For information on volunteering for the Museum or a membership application please call 888-8706

Constituency Office Hours are Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
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Constituency News



Fall 2008 Jim Rondeau MLA Assiniboia

Dear Constituents,

I have recently had the pleasure of passing a bill which will ensure our Province remains on the leading edge in the battle against climate change and pollution. I appreciate the comments and suggestions that many of you have provided me, and I am proud of the bill we have passed. Some of the provisions I am most proud of include a new coal-reduction strategy, investments in public transportation, and ensuring the growth of low- and no-emissions vehicles on Manitoba roads. These provisions are only a few of the 60 specific actions we have committed to in order to reduce greenhouse gases. Please go to www.gov.mb.ca/beyond_kyoto to see more details on how you can make a difference. Remember, think globally, act locally. Another exciting initiative was to increase the number of trees we are planting by 7 million over 5 years. This means we will be planting 7 million trees more than necessary to sustain our current forests. The government will be working with community groups to achieve this goal.

Sincerely,


Jim Rondeau, MLA Assiniboia
 For more information go to jimrondeau.mb.ca



Jim Rondeau planting trees with volunteers along Sturgeon Creek.



Jim Rondeau touring St Leon, the first Manitoba wind farm, with fellow MLA's.

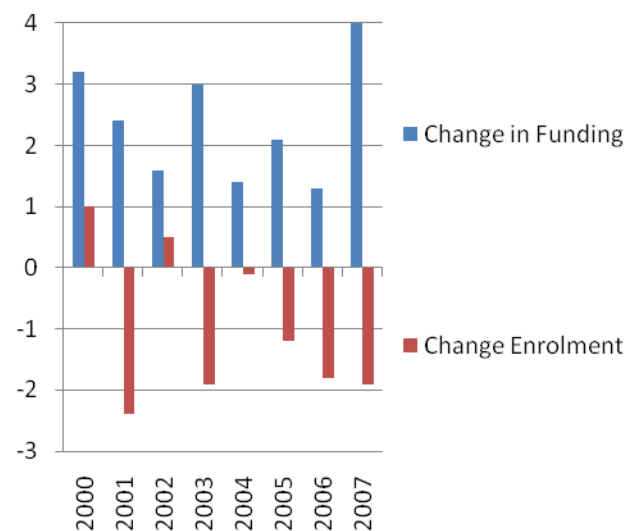
“ When we get it right for our kids, we get it right for all of us ”

- Tim Sale, The founding Chair of the Healthy Child Committee of Cabinet

Investing in our Future

Since 2000, the Manitoba government has invested \$483 million in capital funding for our schools, more than double the previous nine years. This commitment is in spite of declining enrolment. Just this year the Province announced an unprecedented \$60 million investment. Unfortunately the St James School Division has decided against taking the Provincial incentive to freeze taxes. While other school divisions are lowering or holding the line on property taxes, the St James School Division will be raising taxes. This in spite of a 3.8 million dollar surplus in 2006 and funding increases from the province every year.

Increasing Funding in Spite of Decreasing Enrolment

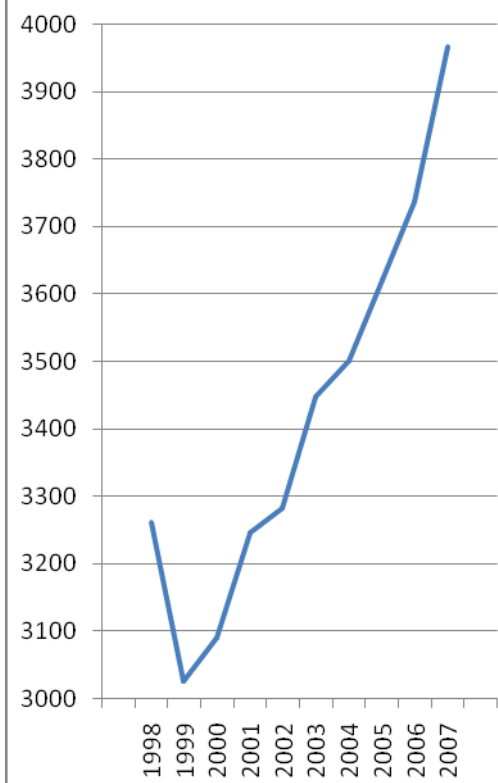


A responsible and balanced approach

The Manitoba government has committed to funding school capital construction expenditures including a new roof for Lakewood, Crestview, Buchanan, John Taylor and Ness schools, ventilation upgrades at Stevenson Britannia and John Taylor Collegiate. The Manitoba government also facilitated the expansion of Sturgeon Heights Collegiate by agreeing to have the proceeds of three vacant schools be utilized for the construction and expansion of the merged school.

The Provincial Government has eliminated the education support levy, decreasing the tax burden on renters and homeowners, and we will continue to ensure a moderate tax level through our property tax credit initiative which has now reached up to 600 dollars for an individual.

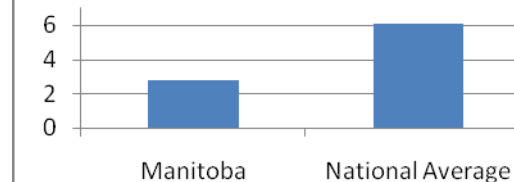
Per Pupil Funding from Province



Highlights of the Manitoba Economy

For nine years the Manitoba Government has invested wisely, managed public debt, reduced taxes and encouraged growth in the economy. Manitoba's economy has enjoyed strong and steady growth. Businesses are investing and expanding, our employment rate is one the best in the country and our population has just reached 1.2 million.

Unemployment Rate

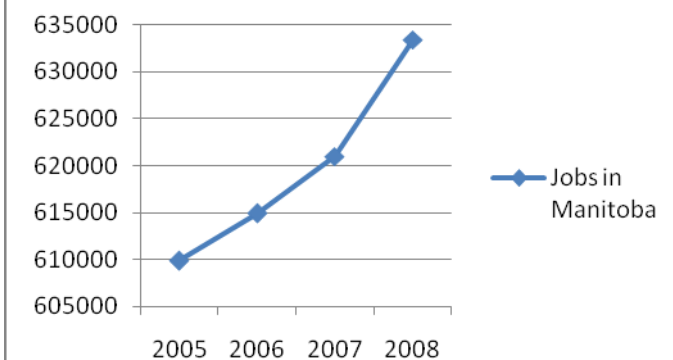


In the first seven months of 2008, Manitoba's unemployment rate was the second lowest in the Canada at 3.8%, second only to Alberta, and significantly lower than the Canadian Average of 6.1. Manitoba has continued to have one of the three lowest unemployment levels for the past 4 years

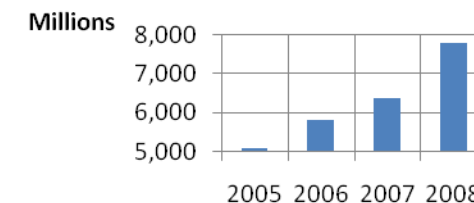
In 2007 Manitoba's economy grew by 3 percent, beating most provinces for the second year in a row. The average weekly earnings increased by 4 percent, which is not only much higher than the average increase Canada wide, but also the highest increase for Manitoba's workers in more than 20 years.

In the last year 12,900 more jobs have come to Manitoba. This is impressive, especially considering that in 2007 employment increased by 9,500 over the previous year. In addition to this, Manitoba manufacturing sales increased 8.1% in 2007, second highest increase in the country.

Jobs in Manitoba



Capital Investment in Manitoba



Manitoba capital investment is projected to increase 18.8% to almost 8 billion dollars in 2008, easily the highest increase in the country for the third straight year and over triple the Canadian average.

Over all, the Manitoba government has been a responsible steward of the economy, cutting taxes and assisting businesses and individuals while investing in the future of the province and making Manitoba a great place to invest, work and live.