



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 4**

**FIRST SESSION, FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE**

**PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.**

The following Bills were read a First Time and had their purposes outlined:

(No. 2) – The Louis Riel Act/Loi sur Louis Riel

(Hon. Mr. KINEW)

(No. 3) – The Fuel Tax Amendment Act (Fuel Tax Holiday)/Loi modifiant la Loi de la taxe sur les carburants (période d'exonération de la taxe sur les carburants)

(Hon. Min. SALA)

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The Speaker presented:

Report on Amounts Paid or Payable to Members of the Assembly pursuant to subsections 52.27(1) and (1.1) of *The Legislative Assembly Act* for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023.

(Sessional Paper No. 15)

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Hon. Min. FONTAINE presented:

Annual Report of *The Accessibility for Manitobans Act* for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023.  
(Sessional Paper No. 16)

Annual Report of the Social Services Appeal Board for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023.  
(Sessional Paper No. 17)

Annual Report of the Poverty Reduction Strategy for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023.  
(Sessional Paper No. 18)

Annual Report of the Department of Families for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023.  
(Sessional Paper No. 19)

Hon. Min. NAYLOR presented:

Annual Report of the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023.

(Sessional Paper No. 20)

Annual Report of the Consumer Protection and Government Services for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023.

(Sessional Paper No. 21)

Annual Report of Entrepreneurship Manitoba for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023.

(Sessional Paper No. 22)

Annual Report of the Materials Distribution Agency (MDA) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023.

(Sessional Paper No. 23)

Annual Report of the Manitoba Education, Research and Learning Information Networks (MERLIN) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023.

(Sessional Paper No. 24)

Annual Report of the Public Guardian and Trustee of Manitoba Special Operating Agency for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023.

(Sessional Paper No. 25)

Annual Report of the Vehicle and Equipment Management Agency (VEMA) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023.

(Sessional Paper No. 26)

Annual Report of the Automobile Injury Compensation Appeal Commission for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023.

(Sessional Paper No. 27)

Annual Report of the Residential Tenancies Commission for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023.

(Sessional Paper No. 28)

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Hon. Min. MARCELINO presented:

Annual Report of the Department of Labour and Immigration for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023.

(Sessional Paper No. 29)

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Hon. Min. SALA presented:

Annual Report of the Department of Finance for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023.  
(Sessional Paper No. 30)

Annual Report of the Employee Pensions and Other Costs for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023.  
(Sessional Paper No. 31)

Annual Report of the Manitoba Public Service Commission for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023.  
(Sessional Paper No. 32)

Annual Report of Manitoba Enabling Appropriations, Tax Credits and Public Debt for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023.  
(Sessional Paper No. 33)

Annual Report of the Manitoba Financial Services Agency for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023.  
(Sessional Paper No. 34)

Annual Report of the Manitoba Hydro-Electric Board for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023.  
(Sessional Paper No. 35)

Annual Report of The Public Utilities Board for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023.  
(Sessional Paper No. 36)

Annual Report and Public Accounts of the Province of Manitoba for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023.  
(Sessional Paper No. 37)

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Hon. Mr. SIMARD presented:

Annual Report of the Manitoba Centennial Centre Corporation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023.  
(Sessional Paper No. 38)

Annual Report of Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023.  
(Sessional Paper No. 39)

Annual Report of the Department of Sport, Culture and Heritage for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023.  
(Sessional Paper No. 40)

Annual Report of the Travel Manitoba for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023.  
(Sessional Paper No. 41)

Annual Report of Le Centre culturel franco-manitobain for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023.  
(Sessional Paper No. 42)

Annual Report of the Manitoba Arts Council for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023.  
(Sessional Paper No. 43)

Annual Report of Manitoba Film and Music for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023.  
(Sessional Paper No. 44)

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Hon. Mr. WIEBE, the Minister of Justice, made a statement regarding Restorative Justice Week.

Mr. BALCAEN and, by leave, MLA LAMOUREUX commented on the statement.

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Hon. Ms. SMITH, the Minister of Housing, Addictions and Homelessness, made a statement regarding Substance Use and Addictions Awareness Week.

Mrs. HIEBERT commented on the statement.

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Pursuant to Rule 28(1), MLAs CROSS, KHAN and KENNEDY, Mrs. COOK and MLA REDHEAD made Member's Statements.

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The following petition was presented and read to the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba:

MLA LAMOUREUX – To urge the Provincial Government to consider hearing loss as a medical treatment under Manitoba Health; and to provide income based coverage for hearing aids to all who need them as hearing has been proven to be essential to Manitobans' cognitive, mental, and social health and well-being.

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In accordance with Rule 34(8), the Opposition House Leader announced that the Private Member's Resolution titled "Calling on the Provincial Government to Remove the Federal Carbon Tax on Home Heating Bills for Manitobans" will be considered on the next Thursday of Private Member's Business.

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Hon. Min. FONTAINE moved:

WHEREAS in accordance with section 33.1(3) of *The Legislative Assembly Act*, the Legislative Assembly Management Commission met on July 31, 2023 and November 14, 2023 to discuss the appointment process for the position of Clerk of the Legislative Assembly; and

WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly Management Commission agreed to recommend to the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba that Rick Yarish be appointed as Clerk of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, effective upon passage by the House of a Resolution affirming this recommendation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, pursuant to section 33.1 of *The Legislative Assembly Act*, Rick Yarish be appointed as the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, effective upon passage by the House of this Resolution.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Min. FONTAINE and Mr. GOERTZEN having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to, unanimously.

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The House resumed the debate on the Proposed Motion of MLA LOISELLE:

THAT the following address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor:

We, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, thank Your Honour for the gracious speech addressed to us at this First Session of the Forty-Third Legislature of Manitoba.

And the Proposed Amendment moved by Ms. STEFANSON as follows:

*THAT the motion be amended by adding at the end the following words:*

But this House regrets that the Provincial Government has:

- a) failed to outline how the Provincial Government will make life more affordable in the long term for Manitobans struggling to make ends meet; and
- b) omitted tax relief for small businesses in Manitoba; and
- c) committed to making Manitoba a Maritime province without committing to fighting for the same carbon tax exemptions afforded to such provinces; and
- d) abandoned plans from the previous Provincial Government to build new schools to accommodate a growing student population in the K-12 system; and
- e) abandoned plans to deliver 23,000 childcare spaces to Manitoba's childcare system; and

- f) neglected to detail the specific measures that will be taken to improve retention and recruitment of educators in Manitoba; and
- g) refused to address immigration or Manitoba's population in any substantial manner; and
- h) rejected much-needed upgrades to hospital projects across the province including HSC due to political ideology at the cost of Manitoba patients; and
- i) neglected to detail the specific measures that will be taken to improve retention and recruitment of health care workers in Manitoba; and
- j) disbanded the Diagnostic and Surgical Recovery Task Force, which provided over 85,000 Manitobans with the care they needed, with no plan to help Manitobans waiting in pain; and
- k) failed to mention how the Provincial Government will serve Manitobans waiting for surgical and diagnostic procedures in the short term; and
- l) abandoned six communities that were due to benefit from the construction of new personal care homes; and
- m) failed to address the need for treatment spaces or recovery-oriented care for people struggling with addictions; and
- n) disrespected Manitoba's seniors and those suffering from addictions by disbanding the departments dedicated to seniors, mental health and community wellness; and
- o) failed to mention how the Provincial Government will create new affordable and social housing units that are desperately needed amidst a housing shortage; and
- p) failed to commit to any meaningful action or investments in community art, culture, or non-profit and heritage projects or groups; and
- q) spurned Manitobans who appreciate and enjoy provincial parks and the recreational opportunities and precious ecosystems they hold dear; and
- r) neglected to present a plan to maintain the positive momentum of Manitoba's tourism sector which contributes over \$1 billion to Manitoba's GDP; and
- s) signalled a transition away from a positive plan to develop Manitoba's natural resource economy that was attracting record investment to the province; and
- t) failed to mention the important role that mining and mineral development play in developing Manitoba's provincial economy; and
- u) failed to denounce the previous position taken by NDP Members that policing should be defunded; and

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- v) neglected to address the revolving door of catch and release through bail reform; and
- w) disbanded the economic development board and put billions of dollars in investment and thousands of jobs at risk; and
- x) jeopardized financial sustainability of Manitoba Hydro by committing to freeze hydro rates; and
- y) ignored agricultural producers and the agriculture industry which represents nearly 10% of Manitoba's GDP; and
- z) failed to commit to continuing the five-year, \$500 million annual infrastructure budget.

As a consequence of these and many other failings, the Provincial Government has thereby lost the trust and confidence of the people of Manitoba and this House.

And the debate continuing on the amendment,

And MLA LAMOUREUX, Mrs. STONE, Mses. DELA CRUZ and BYRAM, MLA CHEN and Mr. NARTH having spoken,

And MLA MOROZ speaking at 5:00 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in their name.

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The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Friday, November 24, 2023.

Hon. Tom LINDSEY,  
Speaker.