

# The New Democrat

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## Message from Party Leader Wab Kinew

2019 WILL BE A BIG YEAR for New Democrats. It is our last year of preparations before we head into 2020, where we will take on Brian Pallister and his Conservative cuts. I'm happy to say we've started the year off on the right foot. Your generosity has helped our party to make significant financial gains, putting us in a strong position to run the next election campaign. In fact, in 2018 we had the most successful year-end fundraising campaign in more than ten years!

There's plenty more work to do. These next two years will be an uphill battle. We need to keep this momentum going—keep fundraising, keep volunteering and keep building towards victory. I've seen firsthand the determination of New Democrats to make Manitoba a better place for everyone and I know we can achieve that again.

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### Welcome to the New Democrat!

Our goal for the New Democrat (or the New Dem, as some call it) is to help link members with one another, keep them informed on provincial politics so that they can promote the party whether at the coffee shop or on the doorstep, and inspire and nurture them as New Democrats.

We also want to share information about what the Official Opposition is doing and focus on the people

affected by the Conservatives' cuts – a perspective often missed in the mainstream media.

You can find the New Democrat online at [todaysndp.ca/NewDem](http://todaysndp.ca/NewDem). It is easily downloadable as a PDF and can be printed for constituency meetings and other events.

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We've got plenty to fight for. Brian Pallister has put the front-line health care services our families depend on at risk. He's closed one emergency room in Winnipeg and will close two more this year. He's systematically cut health care for Manitoba women, including firing lactation consultants, closing a northern obstetrics program and shuttering facilities for elderly women. He even slashed funding for cancer patients by millions and has launched a "review" of CancerCare to hunt for further cuts.

It seems Pallister has now turned his attention to Manitoba's public education system by launching a review and reducing school funding to levels not seen in more than twenty years. His review is led by Filmon's former Education Minister, the same Minister who fired 700 teachers and drastically cut school funding in the 1990s.

Brian Pallister is steadily laying out his plan to privatize Manitoba Hydro and it's regular families who will pay the price. He's manufactured a crisis at our most important Crown Corporation in order to jack up rates and cause chaos for the

Board of Directors, who eventually resigned en masse. Then, with reasoned oversight out of the way, Pallister launched a review of Hydro led by former B.C. Premier Gordon Campbell, who privatized parts of BC Hydro, and Campbell's privatization sidekick Jay Grewal.

As Leader of the NDP, I feel honoured to help carry out the legacy of our party every day. We have always been the party that puts people before profit. Our potential for victory lies in the values we share with Manitobans, the fierceness of our advocates and the dedication of our volunteers. With that energy behind us we can fight Brian Pallister's cuts and push for real change.



**Right:** Photos from an event at the Manitoba Legislature on October 4, 2018, in honour of missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQ people and their families.

## Statement of Principles

Our society must change from one based on competition to one based on co-operation. We wish to create a society where individuals give according to their abilities and receive according to their needs. We believe present human endeavour must become environmentally sound to ensure that future generations may have access to an abundant and diverse biosphere.

Our purpose as a movement is to foster social change towards a more co-operative society. Our purpose as a political party is to develop a public mandate for that social change by giving individuals greater control in the economy, their workplace and their community. Our actions and words must reflect our fundamental faith in the capacity of people to live co-operatively and to work for the betterment of all.

Our commitment to the electorate is to be forthright about our long-range goals as well as practical about our short-term political objectives.



## Message from Tim Johnson, New Provincial Secretary



AS THE MANITOBA NDP'S NEW PROVINCIAL SECRETARY, IT'S MY JOB to make sure our party is ready for the next election. I believe our party is only as strong as our members, and I want to engage and support our members to build our organizational capacity from the constituency association to the campaign office. We've got a lot of work to do, but before I can ask you for your help, I wanted to tell you a little about myself and why I'm so eager to work for this movement.

I'm a New Democrat because we are the only party willing to stand up and fight to give voice to the voiceless—even when it's hard. I'm a New Democrat because I want my two sons to grow up with good schools and healthy communities. I'm a New Democrat

because I firmly believe that it is possible to live in a society where we take care of each other and our environment, instead of pushing each other down in pursuit of self-interest.

I come from a working-class family and I've seen the impact the government can have on people trying to get by. In the 1980s, my brother and I were the first to attend a brand-new daycare with spots subsidized by the Pawley government—and this kept my mom working instead of needing to go on welfare. In the 1990s, I watched my mom walk the picket line with her union and take on the school board office to try to make our schools work better for families, while my step-father worked overtime almost every day as an industrial sandblaster to make sure we had food to eat and a home to live in.

As an adult, even though I was working full-time I could only afford to go to university because of the affordable tuition brought in by the Doer NDP, and when we had kids we could send them to a good school and affordable public daycare in our community. In short, I know it matters who's in government because it mattered to my family, just like it matters to thousands more hardworking families today.

I've worked in kitchens and in construction, as a baker and delivery driver, as a teaching assistant and university instructor, in the constituency office and at the Legislature, on local election campaigns and in the central war room. With my new role as Provincial Secretary, I'm thrilled to have the opportunity to give everything in me to support the NDP as we prepare to take on Pallister and the Tories in 2020. I'll see you in the trenches.

### YOUR MANITOBA NDP EXECUTIVE

#### **PRESIDENT**

David Woodbury

#### **PROV. SECRETARY**

Tim Johnson

#### **CAUCUS REPS**

Tom Lindsey

Bernadette Smith

#### **TREASURER**

Kim Milne

#### **STATUS OF WOMEN**

#### **REP**

Deb Jamerson

#### **MYND REP**

Mitchell Duce

#### **VICE PRESIDENTS**

Lonnie Patterson

Mitchell Obach

Gord Landriault

Krissy Teall

Leo Van Den Bussche

Chantel Bage

#### **MEMBERS AT**

#### **LARGE**

Mohamed Alli

Bea Bruske

Renée Cable

Jennifer Chen

Wayne Levac

Jamie Moses

Ernest Muswagon

Preetinder Singh

Jill Stockwell

## Constituency Founding AGMs

EVERY 10 YEARS, ELECTIONS MANITOBA redraws provincial constituency boundaries to keep up with population growth. This means that the boundaries to almost every constituency in Manitoba will change, some get new names and some constituencies now look drastically different.

Each constituency needs to hold a founding AGM to create a new Manitoba NDP local constituency association executive, which includes a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Provincial Council Rep, MYND Rep and Members at Large.

Provincial office will mail you your constituency's notice of the date and time of its founding AGM 30 days in advance. If you previously held your membership in another constituency, your membership automatically reverts to your home constituency.

**One of the most important ways you can support the NDP is by attending the AGMs and joining your local executive.** Elections are won and lost on the ground, and strong local executives are critical to making sure we're election-ready.

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## New \$5,000 Donation Limit

LAST YEAR, PALLISTER RAISED THE LIMIT on political donations from \$3,000/year to \$5,000/year.

Who does this benefit most? Conservatives with deep pockets.

**Giving is now more important than ever.** You can even get up to 75% of your political donations back at tax time, up to a max. of \$1,000.

Local executives will want to start thinking of fundraising ideas for Summer Window, as well. Some ideas are: direct asks, socials, BBQs, potluck dinners, liquor sales, raffles and silent auctions.

**Right:** Meet new friends at an NDP summer BBQ.



## FEBRUARY FOUNDING AGMS

**Concordia** - Sunday, February 10  
**St. James** - Monday, February 11  
**River Heights** - Tuesday, February 12  
**Transcona & Radisson** - Saturday, February 16  
**Seine River** - Tuesday, Feb. 19  
**Dawson Trail & Springfield-Richot** - Wednesday, February 20  
**Kildonan-River East** - Thursday, February 21  
**Fort Rouge** - Saturday, Feb. 23  
**Elmwood** - Monday, February 25  
**Roblin & Tuxedo** - Tuesday, February 26  
**Borderlands, LaVerendrye & Steinbach** - Wednesday, Feb. 27  
**Midland & Morden-Winkler** - Wednesday, February 27

## MARCH FOUNDING AGMS

**The Pas-Kameesak** - Saturday, March 2  
**Thompson** - Sunday, March 3  
**Notre Dame** - Monday, March 4  
**Lac du Bonnet** - Monday, March 4  
**McPhillips** - Wednesday, March 6  
**Agassiz & Riding Mountain** - Saturday, March 9  
**Dauphin** - Saturday, March 9  
**Fort Richmond** - Sunday, March 10  
**Portage la Prairie** - Tuesday, March 12  
**St. Boniface** - Saturday, March 16  
**Tyndall Park** - Sunday, March 17  
**Fort Whyte & Waverley** - Tuesday, March 19  
**Burrows** - Wednesday, March 20  
**Point Douglas & St. Johns** - Friday, March 22  
**Swan River** - Saturday, March 23  
**The Maples** - Sunday, March 24  
**Flin Flon** - Sunday, March 31