



**MINISTER
OF GROWTH, ENTERPRISE AND TRADE**

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MANDATE LETTER

I am pleased to confirm the establishment of the Manitoba Liaison Committee on Mining and Exploration (MLCME) as the province's advisory group on priority issues concerning mining and mineral exploration in Manitoba.

The purpose of this mandate letter is to outline the ways that MLCME will collaborate to help Manitoba meet our commitments in the following key areas:

- Most improved in job creation and economic growth.
- Most improved in partnerships with business and industry.
- Most improved in achieving outcomes from the delivery of quality services.
- Most improved in public finances.

Manitoba Liaison Committee on Mining and Exploration mandate:

The overarching purpose of the MLCME is to help make Manitoba a more attractive place to explore and mine and to support responsible mineral exploration and mining that contributes to sustainable development and reconciliation.

During its operation, MLCME will work with Growth, Enterprise and Trade, collaborate with the province's Economic Development Office, and strategic and regional economic development partners to suggest initiatives that will support the Economic Growth Action Plan by:

- Attracting business and investment in the mining sector;
- Advancing sustainability and reconciliation; and
- Increasing the economic competitiveness and prosperity of northern Manitoba.

The Committee will work with the Government of Manitoba to:

- Foster and promote collaboration between Growth, Enterprise and Trade and the mining industry including exploration and mining companies, Indigenous communities, industry associations, and academia;
- Identify current mineral exploration and development challenges, including issues related to: permitting; land use; geoscience and mapping; regulatory efficiency; environmental performance; innovation; and community relations;
- Prioritize the areas that are important for advancing competitiveness, sustainable development and reconciliation; and
- Suggest workable solutions to overcome these challenges.

A key area of focus for the committee will be the identification of opportunities that complement the government's Look North Initiative and Mineral Development Protocol, supporting the creation of enhanced relationships with northern and Indigenous communities. This work should be pursued in collaboration with the Communities Economic Development Fund (CEDF), the province's northern economic development partner.

A key outcome of the work of MLCME will be collaborative relationships between all partners and stakeholders towards these common goals.

In addition, MLCME will inform the development of marketing strategies to establish the province, both internationally and nationally, as being the most mining friendly and 'top of mind' jurisdiction in Canada.

Together, Growth, Enterprise and Trade; and MLCME will work cooperatively to identify, discuss and resolve key elements for Manitoba to become a more attractive place for mineral exploration and mining that respects our land and natural resources, and yields benefits and increased prosperity for all Manitobans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Blaine Pedersen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Blaine Pedersen
Minister of Growth, Enterprise and Trade

- c. Dave Dyson, Deputy Minister, Growth, Enterprise and Trade
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