

**MANITOBA-NUNAVUT  
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
FOR COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT**

**BETWEEN:** The Government of Nunavut, as represented by the Premier of Nunavut,  
("Nunavut")

and

The Government of Manitoba, as represented by the Premier of Manitoba.  
("Manitoba")

**Preamble**

Manitoba and Nunavut, as well as specific regions and communities within each jurisdiction, share a history of cooperation in a broad range of services, commerce and other areas of human and economic development, based upon a recognition of similar geographic and demographic realities;

Manitoba and Nunavut share the mutual goals of expanding economic development and employment opportunities throughout their respective jurisdictions;

Manitoba and Nunavut acknowledge that, through cooperation and a coordinated approach in addressing northern circumstances, governments can make more effective use of resources, develop and expand sources of opportunity and implement programs and joint means to foster economic growth.

**A. Purpose**

1. The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to confirm the understandings between Manitoba and Nunavut to:
  - (a) encourage the development of close and strong relationships between Manitoba and Nunavut founded on cooperation and an appreciation of cultural uniqueness and harmony;
  - (b) maintain and improve means to facilitate cooperation consultation and joint planning in areas of mutual concern and priority to Manitoba and Nunavut;
  - (c) investigate the potential for joint initiatives directed at areas of joint endeavour and interjurisdictional cooperation, including the strategic development of specific sectors;

- (d) jointly explore opportunities to strengthen intergovernmental and trade partnerships between Manitoba and Nunavut;
- (e) investigate the potential for and develop options directed at improved relations between the business communities of Manitoba and Nunavut; and
- (f) facilitate economic partnerships between the private sector and Manitoba and Nunavut and between the private sectors in each jurisdiction.

## **B. Principles**

- 2. A cooperative review of sources of supply, market issues and transportation infrastructure and the development of an improved understanding of needs in specific areas, is essential for the development of a coordinated approach to inter jurisdictional cooperation.
- 3. An approach which considers both government programs and policies that affect socio-economic development, as well as private sector activities, services and opportunities is required to ensure maximum effectiveness to residents of Manitoba and Nunavut and reflect changing socio-economic circumstances.
- 4. Long-term planning of cooperative development initiatives is essential if regional and inter-jurisdictional initiatives are to respond to emerging opportunities and the ongoing needs of regions, communities and residents.
- 5. Economic activity must be based on and incorporate principles and guidelines of sustainable development.

## **C. Joint action and cooperation**

- 6. The parties will jointly identify areas of mutual priority and related areas of interjurisdictional focus, as well as sources of support that may be used in implementation strategies aimed at long-term development.
- 7. Efforts will be made to build on opportunities for intergovernmental cooperation and to analyze gaps and barriers in existing programs and services.
- 8. Projects may be undertaken either independently or jointly, in support of agreed upon priorities.

9. The parties agree to pursue discussions with a view to signing more detailed agreements, where appropriate, which may include, but are not limited to the following sectors:
  - (a) Transportation;
  - (b) Mining;
  - (c) Energy;
  - (d) Health;
  - (e) Tourism;
  - (f) Cultural development;
  - (g) Arts and crafts;
  - (h) Value-added processing;
  - (i) Resource development;
  - (j) Trade and commerce;
  - (k) Regional and community economic development;
  - (l) Education and training.
  
10. The parties will agree on programming responsibilities, overall resource levels and areas of common focus prior to the signing of any future agreements.

#### **D. Objectives**

11. Any future agreements entered into between Manitoba and Nunavut further to this Memorandum shall be guided by the following objectives:
  - (a) to improve the coordination of programs, opportunities and initiatives related to economic development;
  - (b) to increase and improve provision and usage of community, regional, institutional, energy and transportation infrastructure;
  - (c) to coordinate and enhance the development of Aboriginal education and training initiatives in partnership with universities, colleges and public schools; .
  - (d) to coordinate and enhance efforts to develop human resources through training, education, youth development and exchanges;
  - (e) to coordinate the development of strategies based on priority needs as expressed by residents of Manitoba and Nunavut;
  - (f) to recognize and incorporate principles and guidelines of sustainable development in development strategies; and
  - (g) to be responsive to evolving Manitoba and Nunavut circumstances.

### **E. Amendment and termination**

12. This Memorandum may be amended by agreement of the parties in writing at any time.
13. Either party may terminate its involvement in this Memorandum by giving three months' prior notice in writing to the other party.

### **F. Coordination and Implementation**

14. A Nunavut/Manitoba steering committee, co-chaired by representatives designated by the Premiers of both Governments, will be responsible for ensuring the intent of this Memorandum of Understanding is fulfilled and for recommending any future agreements to the Ministers and Premiers of both Governments.

This Memorandum of Understanding is signed on this February day of 21, 2008.

Original Signed By  
The Honourable Gary Doer  
Premier  
The Government of Manitoba

Original Signed By  
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Premier  
The Government of Nunavut