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Colleen Sklar
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Dear Colleen Sklar and Members of the Expert Advisory Council:

RE: Climate and Green Plan Implementation – Mandate Letter

Thank you for your ongoing work in advising the Government of Manitoba on implementation of the Made-in-Manitoba Climate and Green Plan. I am writing to ask the Council to provide its advice and recommendations on the following:

1. As outlined in the Province's 100-Day Action Plan on September 18, 2019, I ask the Expert Advisory Council to provide advice and recommendations for a **provincial strategy on greening transportation and infrastructure** recognizing the transition to a low carbon economy.

The advice should be comprehensive and holistic and include policy, program, infrastructure, technology, economic opportunity and consumer considerations related to transportation. It should include short-term foundational actions as well as long-term system transformation. Greening the transportation sector is a global challenge, and the Council advice should reflect Manitoba's context including the province having the cleanest electricity grid in Canada, and the importance of the trucking and rail sectors to Manitoba's economy and service across North America. It should reflect recent actions by Manitoba like the efficient trucking program for heavy-duty vehicles, emergent relevant policies, and build from the Council's related recommendations to reduce emissions through increased biofuels and fuel switching. I ask the advice and recommendations be provided by June 2020.

2. I also ask the Expert Advisory Council to provide advice and recommendations regarding the scope and elements of a modernized, coordinated **provincial water management strategy** for Manitoba building on approaches enacted by this government. Water is a key resource for Manitobans, our economy and our ecosystems, and we must ensure it is responsibly managed considering the impacts of a changing climate and growing economic and social needs.

The Council advice should be comprehensive and holistic, considering both short- and long-term measures as well as both environmental and economic needs that result in better water management and planning. The advice should build from recent enhancements to water

management in Manitoba, including regulatory and governance changes to support watershed-based management and investments like the Conservation and GROW Trust programs. The advice should consider the potential impacts from a changing climate, including drought and flood cycles and events, as well as recommended actions, measures and governance to sustainability manage water across the province, its basins and its watersheds in a more coordinated manner. The Council should also provide advice on performance metrics for watershed management to ensure the health and wellbeing of citizens, the economy and the environment. I ask the advice and recommendations be provided by June 2020.

3. As announced on September 27, 2019, the province is creating a new **Youth Advisory Council** which will report to the Expert Advisory Council to help inform implementation of the Climate and Green Plan. The Expert Advisory Council will support and guide the new Council, as including the perspectives of young Manitobans is key to critical discussions happening to address climate change.
4. The Expert Advisory Council is also asked to provide advice and recommendations on **performance indicators for the Climate and Green Plan as a whole**. This advice should focus on key meaningful measures to track and report progress and performance, support Manitoba's new transparent system of balanced scorecards and our focus on outcomes. I ask the advice and recommendation be provided by summer 2020.

In addition to these items, the Expert Advisory Council was directed in June 2019 to support achievement of the provincial 2018 to 2022 emissions reduction goal by meeting and working with Manitoba's strategic and regional economic development partners, Efficiency Manitoba, and provincial government reporting entities and municipal, universities, schools and health institutions. I look forward to hearing your progress in this regard.

I wish to express my thanks for your meaningful work to date, and look forward to your continued contributions over the coming months in making Manitoba the cleanest, greenest and most climate resilient province in Canada.

Warm regards,

Original signed by

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Minister

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