

# Declaration of Support & Engagement

The Manitoba Voluntary and Non-Profit Sector provides tremendous value to the quality of life in Manitoba. There are approximately 8,800 formally structured Voluntary and Non-Profit Sector organizations and groups in Manitoba with considerable revenues, expenditures, staffing, and volunteers. These organizations are providing tremendous value and fulfilling critical roles within communities around the Province.



Research has shown that there are numerous organizational challenges faced by the sector, which must be addressed immediately in order to ensure its long-term viability.

The Voluntary and Non-Profit Sector faces many challenges as it is under pressure to deliver a great number of services, raise larger amounts of money, recruit and develop many more volunteers to support its activities. The sector is faced with adapting to the information age, recruiting volunteers among a population that has more and more demands on its time, and ensuring the organizations have the resources and expertise to continue to work effectively to build healthy communities.

The Manitoba Voluntary Sector Initiative represents the diversity of the sector province-wide and continues to be the focal point to develop and strengthen the cooperation with the other key stakeholders from business, labour, and government to build a strengthened Voluntary and Non-Profit Sector in the Province.

The Initiative has grown to be multi-sectoral in approach and has conducted extensive research in the areas of governance, accountability, technology, funding, administration, planning and volunteerism. This body of knowledge provides an excellent starting point as we work towards effective solutions.

This Declaration, signed by the critical stakeholder groups identified in this Declaration, affirms their understanding of the challenges faced by the Voluntary and Non-Profit Sector and the future opportunities to work cooperatively.

This Declaration represents their commitment to build and sustain solutions, which will strengthen and sustain the sector for the benefit of all Manitobans.

  
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