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MANITOBA GOVERNMENT RELEASES FRAMEWORK LETTERS FOR CROWN AGENCIES

Letters Reflect Terms of Engagement, Ensure Transparency: Schuler

The Manitoba government has released framework letters provided to Manitoba Hydro, Manitoba Public Insurance and Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries, Crown Services Minister Ron Schuler announced today.

“Manitobans expect Crown corporations to provide top-notch services efficiently and effectively,” said Schuler. “These framework letters outline the terms of engagement for the Crowns and outline, in an open and transparent manner, how our government will work with these corporations, without political interference, to further improve services for Manitobans.”

As a first step, the province will work with the three agencies and other key stakeholders to review the Crown Corporations Public Review and Accountability Act to assess the current governance framework, find ways to improve transparency and more clearly define the government and corporation roles and responsibilities, the minister said.

Following the governance piece, the work will focus on reducing red tape, improving procurement/tendering practices, and developing stronger advertising and sponsorship models, he added.

“Our government believes Manitobans deserve to have open, transparent and accountable Crown services,” said Schuler. “By working together, we will ensure the Crown corporations continue to provide high-quality services for Manitobans.”

Framework letters will be posted at www.gov.mb.ca/government/proactive_disclosure.html.

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