

Mr. Brent VanKoughnet
Chair, Manitoba Public Insurance

Dear Mr. Brent VanKoughnet:

Manitobans have elected a government that is committed to improving the province of Manitoba. Our priorities include restoring prudent fiscal management, creating jobs, improving health care and education, improving our partnerships and relationships with business and communities, and increasing openness and transparency of our government. We are focused on achieving results on behalf of Manitobans.

Manitoba Public Insurance (MPI) provides Manitobans with access to affordable auto insurance rates and driver services. Making our roadways safer for Manitobans through standards for drivers and vehicles and by raising awareness is integral to the corporation's role. MPI's Board of Directors is responsible for carrying out the duties, powers and functions of the corporation including those outlined in *The Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation Act*. As you know, leading and improving in the best interests of Manitobans is an important part of these responsibilities.

Manitobans expect a high quality of service delivered by their public crown corporations. The Crown Corporations Public Review and Accountability Act was enacted to ensure public confidence and accountability in Manitoba's Crown Corporations, and to strengthen their accountability mechanisms.

In the coming months, our government will review this legislation with our partners and stakeholders, including MPI. Together, we will assess the current governance framework with a view to improving transparency and more clearly defining the respective roles of government and the Boards of Directors of Manitoba's major Crown Corporations. We want to find the right balance between our responsibility to ensure performance and results with the need for operational independence for our Crown Corporations.

Our government is committed to reducing red tape, providing quality service, strengthening accountability and delivering value for the money

that Manitobans invest in all government services. I know that these principles of value, quality, efficiency, and effectiveness are important to MPI. Once we have developed the right governance model, I look forward to working with you to improve procurement/ tendering practices, advertising and sponsorship models with the goal of ensuring competitiveness, transparency, efficiency and cost-effectiveness across government.

I know you and your colleagues on the Board understand that it is an important responsibility to guide and oversee Manitoba's publicly owned corporations. And I know I can count on your hard work and dedication to fulfill your Board's duties and responsibilities. I look forward to hearing your advice and recommendations and to working together on achieving results that will make Manitoba the Most Improved Province.

Yours sincerely,

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