

COALITION TO SAVE LAKE WINNIPEG

COMMUNITIES COMING TOGETHER TO ADVOCATE FOR POSITIVE PRACTICES TO
RESTORE AND SUSTAIN THE HEALTH OF LAKE WINNIPEG

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Happy New Year to everyone in the Coalition to Save Lake Winnipeg community!

We begin this year with optimism and a resolute commitment to our goal of a healthy and sustainable Lake Winnipeg.

Thanks to everyone who has supported our initial efforts. Many of you have asked what can be done and how you can help – and we are excited to bring together this community of individuals who care about our precious Lake Winnipeg.

Today, we are reaching out with a time sensitive request. The Provincial Government is looking for budget feedback, and we want to ensure that resources for Lake Winnipeg are on the record.

We have until January 31 to provide input.

There are two ways you can help:

1. **Send an email letter** the Honorable Scott Fielding, Minister of Finance with a copy to your MLA and to the Honorable Sarah Guillemard, Conservation and Climate Minister (see template and contact info below.)
2. **Complete the Online Survey:** use the open comments section of the online budget survey to tell province to make Lake Winnipeg a priority in 2020.
<https://engagemb.ca>

We cannot stress enough, the value and importance of sending these letters. Please share this email with your friends and family and encourage them to write. Thank you in advance for making time to do this before January 31, 2020.

In the months ahead you will be hearing from us frequently as we coordinate advocacy efforts to bring the health of Lake Winnipeg to the forefront in our community. Our next general meeting is being planned for April – stay tuned for the date.

Communications Committee

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SAMPLE LETTER

Honourable Scott Fielding

Minister of Finance

Room 103 Legislative Building

450 Broadway

Winnipeg, MB R3C 0V8

Your Honour,

I am writing you regarding the government's commitment to the health of Lake Winnipeg.

As regulator, the provincial government has the responsibility of ensuring the City of Winnipeg addresses the North End Water Pollution Control Centre (NEWPCC) impact on Lake Winnipeg. Other green initiatives, including wetland protection and restoration, are also important measures to support the health of the lake. Yet, there is no mention of Lake Winnipeg in the proposed budget what so ever.

This is deeply concerning to me. Winnipeg's under-treated sewage is the single largest point source of phosphorus to Lake Winnipeg. The lake is sick and it needs our help.

I urge you to make the health of Lake Winnipeg a priority in the 2020 budget.

Insert a custom message here – add a personal experience or explain why the health Lake Winnipeg is important to you.

Please reply to let me know where you stand on this issue.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

(Your name)

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Written submissions related to the budget process are accepted by email at the following address: budget2020@gov.mb.ca. This email is directed to Scott Fielding's office.

Copy the email to

Conservation and Climate Minister Sarah Guillemard at: mincc@leg.gov.mb.ca.

Your MLA Contact List for all MLA's [MLA Link](#)

Or mail a letter to:

Minister of Finance, Honorable Scott Fielding

Room 103 Legislative Building
450 Broadway
Winnipeg, MB R3C 0V8

Minister Guillemard at:

Room 227 Legislative Building
450 Broadway
Winnipeg, MB R3C 0V8