



Made-in-Manitoba Climate and Green Plan

Manitoba's Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Goal for 2018 to 2022

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Purpose

As Minister of Manitoba Sustainable Development, this policy establishes the provincial greenhouse gas emissions reduction goal for the 2018 to 2022 period in fulfillment of Section 3 provisions of *The Climate and Green Plan Implementation Act*.

Establishing the greenhouse gas emissions reduction goal for 2018 to 2022 brings us closer to achieving the Climate and Green Plan's vision of becoming Canada's cleanest, greenest and most climate resilient province.

The Expert Advisory Council provided its advice and recommendations regarding establishment of the greenhouse gas reduction goal for 2018 to 2022 as per the Report of the Expert Advisory Council to the Minister of Sustainable Development: A Carbon Savings Account for Manitoba (June 2019). The Expert Advisory Council's advice was taken into account to develop Manitoba's greenhouse gas emissions reduction goal.

Manitoba is the first jurisdiction in North America to establish an economy-wide carbon savings account. The establishment of the 2018 to 2022 emission reduction goal demonstrates Manitoba's commitment to the Made-in-Manitoba Climate and Green Plan and to act in the immediate term to address climate change and transition to a low carbon economy. By transparently reporting progress to targets and by continuing to set five-year emission reduction goals that explicitly build from the previous carbon savings account, Manitoba is committing to bend the emissions curve down in a meaningful, practical and measurable way and ensuring that the Government of Manitoba is accountable for the outcomes of today and into the future.

Provincial Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Goal for 2018 to 2022

The provincial greenhouse gas emissions **reduction goal for the January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2022 period is 1 megatonne of carbon dioxide equivalent** relative to a forecast of the total greenhouse gas emissions that would have occurred in that period.¹

The 1 megatonne reduction goal is a cumulative reduction target amount over the five-year period.

Implementation of the Carbon Savings Account 2018 to 2022

With the establishment of the greenhouse gas emissions reduction goal, the Government of Manitoba will also establish and maintain a carbon savings account for 2018 to 2022 that tracks and reports emission reductions achieved in relation to the goal.

¹ The forecast is an emissions projection of the total amount of greenhouse gas emissions that would have occurred in Manitoba in that five-year period if no additional greenhouse gas emissions reduction measures had been implemented in that period. As per the Expert Advisory Council's recommendations, the forecast will be a credible third-party reference case, such as those established by Environment and Climate Change Canada and expert modelling organisations.



The provincial emissions for the 2018 to 2022 period will be measured considering Environment and Climate Change Canada's National Inventory Report, which includes provincial emissions. Environment and Climate Change Canada's data is published two years following the year of emissions (e.g., emissions from calendar year 2018 will be reported by spring 2020).

If at the end of the 2018 to 2022 period the province has not achieved its emissions reduction goal, the reduction shortfall will be added to the next five-year period (i.e., the 2023 to 2027 reduction goal).

The greenhouse gas emissions reduction goal for the 2023 to 2027 period will be set prior to December 31, 2022.