

DAKOTA GRAND COUNCIL

The Honourable Wab Kinew

December 5, 2025

Premier of Manitoba
Room 204 Legislative Building
450 Broadway Winnipeg, MB R3C 0V8
Via Email: premier@manitoba.ca

RE: Dakota Nations Partnership and Economic Opportunity with Deep Sky Manitoba in the Ancestral Oceti Sakowin Territory

Dear Premier Kinew,

I am writing to you today to voice our strong support for the Deep Sky Manitoba project, an initiative that represents a significant opportunity for economic advancement and environmental stewardship for the Dakota Oyate, reversing decades of economic exclusion in the region.

Our support is grounded in the “distinctions based” engagement principles of the **Declaration of Relationship** we have signed with Deep Sky. This is not a passive agreement; it is an active partnership designed to explore equity investment, revenue sharing, and meaningful participation in the green economy. It starts with clearly acknowledging the ancestral Dakota Territory, and the standing of the Dakota Nations have in the southern Manitoba Region.

To realize the benefits of this partnership—and to bring new prosperity to our communities—we urge the Government of Manitoba to take two critical steps: **allocate the necessary hydroelectric power** to the project and **finalize the regulatory framework** for carbon storage this winter.

We view this project as a vital component of economic reconciliation for our Dakota Nation in Manitoba for the following reasons:

1. Economic Sovereignty and Jobs This project represents a capital investment of over **\$750 million** into our traditional territories. For our people, this means more than just statistics; it means **long-term, high-quality employment**. We are working with Deep Sky to ensure our members are prioritized for the **750–1,000 construction jobs** and the **100 - 250 permanent operational roles** that will follow. Securing the power allocation for this facility is directly securing livelihoods for our families.



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2. Stewardship of the Land As stewards of this land, we support technologies that heal the earth. Deep Sky's commitment to removing historic carbon emissions aligns with our responsibility to protect the environment for future generations. By utilizing Manitoba's clean hydroelectricity to power this restoration, we are setting a global example of responsible development.

3. Partnership in Action We have done the work to build a relationship of mutual respect and shared benefit with Deep Sky in a distinctions based rights model. We are ready to move forward. However, this partnership cannot bear fruit without the Province's commitment to the necessary infrastructure and policy certainty.

We look forward to seeing the Province of Manitoba stand with us in advancing this opportunity. By finalizing the regulations and confirming the power supply, you are empowering the Dakota Nation to be a leader in the global energy transition.

Sincerely
17(1); 17(3)(d); 17(3)(e); 17(3)(i)

Chief Dennis Pashe

17(1); 17(3)(d); 17(3)(e); 17(3)(i)

Chief Raymond Brown

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Honourable Jamie Moses, Minister of Business, Mining, Trade and Job Creation
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Honourable Adrien Sala, Minister of Finance
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Honourable Mike Moyes, Minister of Environment and Climate Change
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Honourable Ian Bushie, Minister of Natural Resources and Indigenous Futures
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December 11, 2025

The Honourable Wab Kinew

Premier of Manitoba
Room 204 Legislative Building
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RE: Support for Deep Sky Manitoba – Strategic Economic Opportunity

Dear Premier Kinew,

We are writing in strong support of ambitious policies that support carbon removal technologies, and specifically to advocate for the advancement of the Deep Sky Manitoba project.

According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), carbon removal is necessary to meet climate goals. Yet today the annual market for carbon dioxide removal (CDR) is < 1% of where it needs to be to achieve net zero emissions targets by 2050. In 2022, we launched Frontier to address this and help build the market for CDR. Frontier is an advance **market commitment to buy \$1B of permanent CDR through 2030**, founded and funded initially by **Stripe, Alphabet, Shopify, Meta, and McKinsey**.

In partnership with 60+ scientific experts, we review hundreds of applications and select for approaches with the potential to offer permanent, low-cost CDR at gigaton scale. We are actively evaluating Deep Sky for future offtake agreements and are encouraged by the pace of their technical progress.

However, to unlock this global market demand for Manitoba, we respectfully highlight that two critical enablers are required: the allocation of hydroelectric power and a finalized regulatory framework.

1. **Manitoba's Unique Competitive Advantage** Over the past three years, Frontier has reviewed more than 600 CDR proposals from 45 countries. Few jurisdictions combine Manitoba's unique advantages for deploying CDR: world-class clean electricity and ample geologic storage in deep saline aquifers. These assets position the province to serve a growing global market for permanent CDR; an industry projected to reach billions of dollars in annual exports within the next decade.
2. **The Economic Case for Power Allocation** We recognize that energy allocation is a strategic decision for Manitoba. We view the allocation of power to Deep Sky not as a cost, but as a way to drive local investment. Deep Sky's project represents a capital investment of over \$500 million into the region. Allocating power to this facility effectively converts energy into significant employment, creating 750–1,000 jobs during construction and 100-250 permanent positions once operational. Without the

confirmation of power, this infrastructure—and the global revenue it attracts—cannot exist.

- 3. Regulatory Certainty Attracts Buyers** Clear policy proposals for CDR—including a durable regulatory framework for geologic carbon storage—will catapult the field forward. As buyers, we look to purchase from projects that are located in regions with clear regulatory and policymaker support and oversight. We applaud the passage of the *Captured Carbon Storage Act (2024)* and urge your government to finalize the associated regulations this winter to provide the certainty required for execution.

Manitoba's leadership on carbon removal policies would crowd in local investment, create jobs, and generate export revenues. We see Manitoba as a potential hub for high-integrity CDR and are eager to deepen our engagement with you as policy design advances.

Thank you for your leadership and for the opportunity to contribute to Manitoba's climate and economic ambitions.

Respectfully,



Danny Broberg

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Support for Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) Development and Recommendations to Improve “The Captured Carbon Storage Act

WHEREAS the RM of Pipestone supports economic growth, environmental responsibility, and sustainable development; and

WHEREAS carbon capture and storage (CCS) projects align with local and national climate goals and offer significant opportunities for our region; and

WHEREAS the Rural Municipality of Pipestone supports Manitoba’s efforts to lead in carbon storage through *The Captured Carbon Storage Act*, but believes some adjustments are needed to support successful project development.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Rural Municipality of Pipestone supports the efforts of CCS developers in Manitoba and urges the Province of Manitoba to consider the following improvements to the legislation:

1. **Post-Closure Liability:** Allow for the transfer of long-term liability to the Crown under clear conditions, as seen in Alberta and Ontario, to increase investor confidence.
2. **Consultation Requirements:** Streamline consultation and compensation processes with land rights holders to avoid unnecessary delays, following models like Alberta’s Directive 65.
3. **Protected Areas:** Permit deep CO₂ storage beneath protected lands while maintaining strong protections for surface ecosystems and drinking water sources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT these changes would help Manitoba attract investment, create jobs, and become a leader in clean energy and carbon reduction.

CARRIED.

Rural Municipality of Pipestone

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13 February, 2025

RESOLUTION

Resolution # 2025 02 0027

Moved by: Trent Forsyth

Seconded by: Randy Henuset

"Be It Resolved That Council supports Deep Sky Climate's initiative to ask the Province of Manitoba to amend the Carbon Storage Act;
And Further Be It Resolved That a letter supporting the initiative be sent to Provincial Minister Moses."

Carried

Certified a true and correct copy of a resolution passed by the Council of the Rural Municipality of Pipestone at a recent council meeting.



Chief Administrative Officer

Municipality of Two Borders

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6 March, 2025

RESOLUTION

Resolution # 2025-108

Moved by: Mark Custance

Seconded by: Jim Lee

WHEREAS Deep Sky has expressed interest in establishing a carbon capture facility within the Municipality of Two Borders;

AND WHEREAS economic development and environmental sustainability are key priorities for the Municipality, and Council recognizes the potential benefits of this project in fostering job creation, technological innovation, and long-term economic growth;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality of Two Borders is committed to supporting initiatives that align with both economic and environmental interests while removing barriers to business development;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of Two Borders formally supports Deep Sky in the development of this project and recognizes its potential contributions to the local economy and the broader environmental goals of Manitoba;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Two Borders urges the Manitoba Government to collaborate with Deep Sky to ensure the project advances in a manner that serves Manitoba Stakeholders while maintaining the province's competitiveness and fostering a positive investment climate.

Carried

Certified to be a true and correct copy.



Grace Carr

Chief Administration Officer

Municipality of Two Borders



Montréal, December 11, 2025

Via Email: premier@manitoba.ca

The Honourable Wab Kinew
Premier of Manitoba
Room 204, Legislative Building
450 Broadway
Winnipeg, MB R3C 0V8

Subject: Manitoba's opportunity to lead in durable carbon removal

Dear Premier Kinew,

I am writing in my capacity at BMO to convey our support for Deep Sky Manitoba and for Manitoba's continued leadership in building the next generation of clean, export-oriented industries. In our work financing and advising Canadian businesses through the net zero transition, we see carbon dioxide removal as an essential tool alongside aggressive emissions reduction. Durable removals are moving quickly from a niche concept to a core requirement for many global companies trying to meet science based targets.

18(1)(b); 18(1)(c)(i); 18(1)(c)(ii)
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Deep Sky is one of the few DAC platforms we have seen that checks those boxes today. Their technology agnostic model, paired with a disciplined approach to deployment, reduces single pathway risk and increases confidence in deliverability. That matters to buyers, and it matters to capital providers. It is also why Deep Sky has already attracted attention nationally and internationally, and why we believe their Manitoba project can become a globally recognized reference site for Canadian carbon removal.

18(1)(b); 18(1)(c)(i); 18(1)(c)(ii)
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18(1)(b); 18(1)(c)(i); 18(1)(c)(ii)

Deep Sky Manitoba is a platform for a new, high value clean industry at the exact moment when global demand is taking off. We hope the Government of Manitoba will recognize its strategic importance and grant the project a high priority hydro allocation so that construction can begin and Manitoba can secure a leadership position in this emerging market.

Thank you for your consideration, and for your government's continued efforts to position Manitoba at the forefront of clean economic growth.

Sincerely,

17(1); 17(3)(d); 17(3)(e); 17(3)(i)

Grégoire Baillargeon
President, BMO Financial Group, Québec
Vice Chair, BMO Capital Markets
Vice Chair, BMO Climate Institute

Board Member, Carbon Removal Canada

December 12th, 2025

The Honourable Wab Kinew

Premier of Manitoba
Room 204 Legislative Building
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RE: Readiness of Deep Sky Manitoba

Dear Premier Kinew,

On behalf of the Deep Sky team, I want to congratulate your government on its commitment to establishing a legislative and regulatory framework for carbon storage in Manitoba. The passage of the *Captured Carbon Storage Act in 2024* was a huge milestone and we look forward to the regulations coming into force soon. This will signal to the global market that Manitoba is serious about leading the green economy.

We are ready to turn that signal into action.

Deep Sky Manitoba is not a speculative concept. It is a commercially viable infrastructure project that is backed by real market demand and presents an economic opportunity for Manitoba on a global scale. Our project represents an opportunity to capitalize on its strengths and indirectly monetize its clean energy infrastructure and ideal geology for CO2 storage.

We know that infrastructure projects require strong local buy-in to succeed. We have not taken community support for granted. Over the last few months, we led a direct engagement process with residents in the Pipestone and Two Borders regions to ensure we had an open dialogue.

We hosted community information sessions in September and most recently on December 8th. These events were well-attended and gave us the chance to address questions on safety, noise, and water directly. The result is a foundation of trust with the people who will host this facility.

To demonstrate exactly where we stand, I am sharing the enclosed package of documents with you and your Ministers.

Please note that these materials, especially the customer term sheets, are strictly confidential. We are providing them to you in confidence to demonstrate that the business case is closed and ready to execute.

This package includes letters of support and commercial intent from our partners, and our future customers. It also includes support from the Dakota Nation and resolutions from the local Municipal Councils.

These documents illustrate that this project is ready to break ground. We have the customers and the support to bring this investment to the Province. We are simply waiting for the final regulatory framework and the confirmation of power supply to unlock this investment.

We would be happy to meet with you to discuss our project in further detail and we look forward to working with your government to finalize these last steps so we can get to work.

Sincerely,

Alexandra Petre

Alex Petre, CEO
Deep Sky Corporation
17(1); 17(2)(e)

ENCLOSURES (STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL):

1. Customer/Investor Term Sheets & Letters of Intent:

- BMO - Letter of Support
- 18(1)(c)(i), 18(1)(c)(ii)
- 18(1)(c)(i), 18(1)(c)(ii)
- Frontier - Letter of Support
- 18(1)(c)(i), 18(1)(c)(ii)

2. Indigenous, Community & Partner Support:

- Letter of Support from the Dakota Nation
- Resolutions of support from RoM Pipestone and Two Borders
- Resolution of support from Association of Manitoba Municipalities