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## **Manitoba 150 Kicks Off a Year-long Celebration with Illuminate 150**

**Winnipeg**—The Manitoba 150 Host Committee Inc. (Manitoba 150), is excited to invite Manitobans to kick off a year-long celebration of our province’s 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary at a free, family-friendly event on Dec. 14, 2019. This event kicks off the 150-day countdown to Manitoba Day 2020.

“Illuminate 150 is the first of many big events we’re planning in celebration of Manitoba’s 150th anniversary,” said Stuart Murray and Monique LaCoste, co-chairs of Manitoba 150. “We’re setting the tone with a kick-off event that will get Manitobans into the spirit of Manitoba 150 with some exciting and unexpected moments. With the flip of a switch, the Manitoba Legislative Building will glitter with a memorable lighting display as we begin the 150-day countdown to Manitoba Day.”

Illuminate 150 will transform the Manitoba Legislative Building and grounds into a dazzling display, illuminated by more than 300,000 LED lights and Manitoba-inspired installations from Lights of the North. These will remain in place to shine a light on the beauty of Manitoba until July.

“The Manitoba Legislative Building is the perfect place to kick off Manitoba 150, and we are honoured and excited to host the first major event to celebrate our province’s sesquicentennial,” said Premier Brian Pallister. “I invite all Canadians and former Manitobans from near and far to join us in celebrating our province’s past, present and future.”

With a spectacular array of more than 300,000 LED lights, and a variety of family-friendly winter activities, Illuminate 150 on Dec. 14 has something for everyone and promises to be Instagram worthy.

### **Illuminate 150 Kick-Off Celebration**

Illuminate 150 festivities take place at the Manitoba Legislative Building and grounds on Saturday, Dec. 14 from 3 p.m. until approximately 7 p.m. Guests who need a quick warm up can head indoors for the Manitoba Legislative Building 2019 Open House, which runs from 3 to 5 p.m.

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3 to 7 p.m. – Illuminate 150 outdoor activities, programs and DJ

5:30 p.m. – Formal welcome (Assiniboine Avenue side)

5:35 p.m. – *Flip of the Switch* to Illuminate the Manitoba Legislative Building and grounds

Manitobans of all ages are invited to enjoy a variety of FREE activities including:

- snow tube races and snowshoe obstacle course,
- free gourmet hot chocolate and coffee,
- interactive displays from Lights of the North,
- and more!

In addition, merchandise and food trucks will be on site.

The lights of Illuminate 150 will remain in place until July, providing a beautiful backdrop for a year of celebration.

Illuminate 150 is a chance for Manitoba to unite in celebration during the kickoff and throughout 2020.

Additional information on Manitoba 150 can be found at [www.Manitoba150.com](http://www.Manitoba150.com).

#### **About The Manitoba 150 Host Committee Inc.**

The year 2020 will mark 150 years since Manitoba became Canada's fifth province. The Manitoba 150 Host Committee Inc. (Manitoba 150) is an independent, not-for-profit organization overseeing commemorative activities in celebration of our province, its beauty, people, culture, and history throughout 2020.

Manitoba 150 supports initiatives and events that cultivate pride in our province, foster a profound connection with our diverse cultures and, above all, unite us in celebration.

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