



# **Gilbert's Plan**

## **2026-2028**

Kinosao Sipi (Norway House) is our home. We are a proud community with strong traditions and unlimited potential for the future. This is why I decided to run for Chief because I want to create a strong, prosperous and cohesive community. With your support, I want to create a better tomorrow for our Nation.

As your Chief I will:

**1. Ensure that each Norway House member, whether they live on or off reserve can receive timely high-quality health care.**

Our community recently opened the *Kinosao Sipi Nanatawiwekamik Health Centre of Excellence*. It is designated as a health centre as opposed to a hospital which places limits on what medical services are provided. Designating the Health Centre as a licenced hospital will ensure that 24/7 emergency medical care and inpatient admissions are provided to the community and surrounding areas.

In Winnipeg we have a building on Taylor Avenue which has the capacity to open a health and dental clinic for Norway House members living or visiting Winnipeg. It is very important to have health care navigators available to help Norway House members access health care and to advocate for appropriate care within the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority.

*Norway House First Nation has a population of 9000 members of which over 5000 live on reserve. A municipality of comparable size would normally have a full-service hospital serving the community. Currently, the nearest hospital is in Thompson which is a three hour drive away. Often residents require a medivac flight to Winnipeg in the event of a medical emergency. Time matters when there is a medical emergency. A full-serve hospital in Norway House will save lives and money.*

As chief I will:

- (a) *Immediately work with the Northern Regional Health Authority, the Province of Manitoba and Health Canada for the accreditation of a full-service hospital.*
- (b) *Immediately recruit the necessary health professionals (doctors, nurses and specialists) to ensure full-time staff coverage.*
- (c) *Support community education funding for Norway House members that wish to pursue education and training in health care.*
- (d) *Start renovations on the Taylor Avenue building for the opening of a medical and dental clinic before the end of 2026.*

**2. Enhance the availability for addiction treatment services, cultural healing supports and mental health services for all Norway House members both on and off reserve.**

We as a community have been impacted by intergenerational trauma. This has resulted in many members falling into addiction, experiencing cultural loss and developing mental health concerns. Any Norway House member deserves to ask for help once and receive rapid care. We can employ proven best practices that provide continuous support from detox to post-treatment supports. Our relatives deserve a compassionate approach to healing that honours our traditional way of life.

As chief I will:

- (a) Direct Norway House NNADAP, Health, Education, Social Services and Housing Departments to create a working group to develop a wrap around support system for on-reserve residents to access addiction and mental health care.
- (b) Allocate funding and community resources for Elders and traditional knowledge keepers to provide ceremonies, land-based teachings and cultural camps.
- (c) Reduce waiting times for addiction treatment for all Norway House members whether on or off reserve through funding additional referral streams to treatment centres and recovery organizations.
- (d) Prioritize appropriate mental health and addiction medical services within the *Kinosao Sipi Nanatawiwekamik Health Centre of Excellence* (to be redefined as a hospital) and the Taylor Avenue building to ensure rapid access to care.
- (e) Enhance the services provided in our safe houses in Winnipeg to support our relatives starting their recovery journey.

**3. Develop a unified community vision that is rooted in transparency, traditional cultural values and an outlook for future generations.**

Norway House First Nation Chief and Council and departments must be accountable and transparent to the community. This means timely and accurate reporting of public financial statements and sending regular public communications to the community. All funding directed to the community should be responsibly spent for the benefit of Norway House whether individuals are living on or off reserve. There is a strong need for a financial audit of all departments and to propose cost efficiencies. They must consider whether they can provide more effective services. At the same time community members must have the opportunity to provide feedback and concerns about the services they receive from Norway House departments.

As chief I will:

- (a) Immediately upon being elected, direct that each department appoint a representative to serve on a working group to coordinate service delivery.
- (b) Within 90 days of election direct that the Norway House leadership and departments complete a financial audit and report the results to the community.
- (c) Engage Winnipeg members to provide their input on how the Taylor Avenue building can most effectively serve their needs.
- (d) Each department will be expected to provide regular communications and issue an annual report card to the community.

**4. Introduce a wrap around support concept for Norway House members which will coordinate services so our community can be a safe and nurturing place for all residents.**

Norway House deserves to be a safe and welcoming community for all with each person able to have their specific needs met. This requires both a compassionate and enforcement approach that prioritizes community safety and well-being. Our relatives living in Winnipeg also deserve the support of our community which is why I have a vision for the Taylor Avenue building to be a one-stop shop to help meet their needs. Norway House departments will be directed to identify households on reserve that are most in need or wrap around supports which will result in reduced CFS involvement, justice system encounters and improved well-being.

As chief I will:

- (a) immediately upon being elected, direct that the Norway House community checkstop be reintroduced to stop the flow of illicit substances, bootlegging and unauthorized individuals from entering our community.
- (b) I will introduce the Home Fire concept that will guide Norway House CFS to preserve family unity and to prevent child apprehensions. Before May 2026, Norway House departments will be directed to form a working group to support the Home Fire concept.
- (c) I will direct that the Taylor Avenue building to be prepared to offer comprehensive supports to Winnipeg relatives within six months.
- (d) I will direct that a youth advisory group identify youth specific needs and how our community services can best support youth both on and off reserve. (i.e. education, NNADAP, housing, health services etc.)

**5. Prioritize increasing housing supply to ensure each Norway House member has a comfortable and safe home.**

Housing is a major concern for many Norway House members. Our most vulnerable members such as Elders must be provided with appropriate housing as quickly as possible. My priority is that the Housing department be provided with the necessary financial resources and support to start construction immediately on the most-needed homes. I will direct that the Taylor Avenue building have housing support services in place to assist our Winnipeg relatives to find and maintain appropriate housing.

This is why I am running for Chief. I want to serve our community to create a better tomorrow. My vision is that Norway House will be prosperous and healthy again. With our strength we will regain our self-determination and create a better future for all.

Be a part of this change, I respectfully request your vote on March 10<sup>th</sup>.