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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

The Honourable Philip S. Lee
Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba
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Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 0V8

Your Honour:

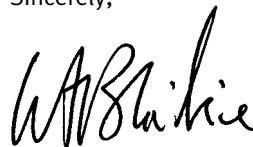
This report marks another year for the Manitoba Round Table for Sustainable Development in its legislated and unique role as advisory body to the Manitoba government in accordance with *The Sustainable Development Act*.

The Round Table presented the 2009 Awards at an evening celebrating the winners and honourable mentions. Among the eight winners was Bison Transport Inc. who received the Outstanding Achievement in Sustainability Award for their creative approaches to improving fuel efficiency and reducing the environmental impacts of freight transport. The Round Table also selected two recipients for the 2009-2010 Sustainable Development Scholarship: Joe Ackerman, a Ph.D. student conducting research on reclaiming phosphate as a usable fertilizer from hog lagoons, and Alana Westwood, an undergraduate student involved in campus and community activities that foster sustainable living practices.

Additional highlights of this year's Manitoba Round Table activities include working on year two activities of the new three year strategic work plan.

I am pleased to present Your Honour with the 2009-2010 Annual Report for the Manitoba Round Table for Sustainable Development.

Sincerely,



Honourable Bill Blaikie
Chair

MESSAGE DU PRÉSIDENT

Son Honneur l'honorable Philip S. Lee
Lieutenant-gouverneur du Manitoba
Palais législatif, salle 235
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Monsieur le Lieutenant-gouverneur,

Ce rapport marque, pour la Table ronde manitobaine sur le développement durable, une année de plus au cours de laquelle elle a rempli son rôle unique à titre d'organisme consultatif du gouvernement du Manitoba, comme prescrit par la Loi sur le développement durable.

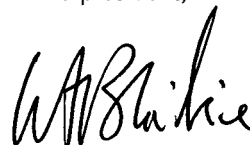
La Table ronde a attribué les prix 2009 au cours d'une soirée célébrant les lauréats des prix et des certificats de mention honorable. Parmi les huit prix remis, le Prix des réalisations exceptionnelles en durabilité a été attribué à la société Bison Transport Inc. en raison des méthodes créatives qu'elle emploie pour réduire la consommation de carburant et atténuer les retombées environnementales du transport de marchandises. La Table ronde a également attribué la bourse d'études sur le développement durable de 2009-2010 à deux étudiants : Joe Ackerman, pour des recherches de cycle supérieur sur la récupération du phosphate dans les étangs d'épuration des exploitations porcines aux fins de production d'engrais, et Alana Westwood, pour des études de premier cycle et des efforts personnels traduisant un engagement envers les principes du développement durable.

Parmi les points saillants des activités de la Table ronde cette année, citons le travail relatif aux activités de la deuxième année du nouveau plan stratégique triennal.

J'ai le plaisir de vous soumettre le Rapport annuel 2009-2010 de la Table ronde manitobaine sur le développement durable.

Je vous prie d'agréer, Monsieur le Lieutenant-gouverneur, l'expression de ma haute considération.

Le président,



Monsieur Bill Blaikie

INTRODUCTION

The Manitoba Round Table for Sustainable Development (MRT) was established on proclamation of *The Sustainable Development Act* on July 1, 1998. This is the 2009-10 Annual Report of the Manitoba Round Table as required by Section 4 of the Act.

In 2009-10, the MRT was engaged in a variety of areas related to sustainability in the Province. The MRT committees and task groups included the Sustainable Development Scholarship Evaluation Committee, Sustainability Awards Planning Committee, as well as task groups reviewing annual reports for sustainable development content and the Provincial Sustainability Report.

During this fiscal year, the MRT worked on year two activities in its three year strategic work plan. The MRT ran the successful Manitoba Excellence in Sustainability Awards to honour contributions to sustainability in Manitoba. The MRT continued to improve its understanding of government policies and activities through relevant presentations on green buildings, climate change, land use planning, and local and organic food initiatives. The MRT also provided recommendations on government policy and initiatives.

MANITOBA ROUND TABLE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The Manitoba Round Table for Sustainable Development is an advisory body to the Manitoba government. Its role is to advise and support decision-makers in making responsible environmental, social and economic decisions. The Manitoba Round Table is an integral component of the Province's Sustainable Development Strategy.

Members are appointed by the Minister of Conservation through Order-in-Council. Bringing a broad range of experience and technical expertise, and representing regions and sectors of the Province, Manitoba Round Table members contribute to sound and informed implementation of sustainable development strategies in every aspect of public administration. To reflect government's commitment to sustainable development and to emphasize the cross-departmental responsibilities in implementation, cabinet ministers serve as members of the Manitoba Round Table. The number of cabinet ministers on the Manitoba Round Table varied during the year due to changes to the Manitoba Cabinet.

During 2009-10, there were 24 to 26 members of the Manitoba Round Table, with the Minister of Conservation serving as Chairperson. The group met three times over the 2009-10 period, fulfilling the legislated requirement under *The Sustainable Development Act*.

DUTIES OF THE MANITOBA ROUND TABLE

The duties of the Manitoba Round Table, as legislated by *The Sustainable Development Act* are:

- Creating awareness and understanding of sustainable development
- Co-operating with public-sector organizations, private industry, non-government organizations and the public to share knowledge and experience
- Reviewing the principles and guidelines of sustainable development to ensure they are comprehensive and contemporary
- Advising on development and review of the Sustainable Development Strategy
- Advising on development and review of sustainability indicators

- At the request of the minister, reviewing existing or proposed policy, legislation, regulations or programs for consistency with the principles and guidelines, and reporting to the minister with recommendations
- Establishing mechanisms for monitoring and evaluating implementation of sustainable development strategies and activities
- Other tasks and activities related to sustainable development, at the request of the minister

POWERS OF THE MANITOBA ROUND TABLE

The Manitoba Round Table may:

- Make its own rules of procedure, including procedures of committees
- Identify, promote and encourage projects and activities that exemplify sustainable development practices
- Initiate, sponsor and support seminars, workshops and conferences related to sustainable development
- Conduct studies and investigations, and advise and make recommendations to the minister on matters related to sustainable development, other than matters involving the gathering of evidence to determine whether or not specific persons or bodies are complying with the provisions of the act and the regulations
- Publish reports and other materials
- Do all things necessary to the effective carrying out of its duties under *The Sustainable Development Act*

MEMBERS OF THE MANITOBA ROUND TABLE

2009 - 2010

Honourable Bill Blaikie, Minister of Conservation (Chair since November 2009)	Marilyn Brick, Member of the Manitoba Legislative Assembly for St. Norbert
Honourable Steve Ashton, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation	Cindy Choy, Director, Manitoba Green Building Council, Winnipeg
Honourable Peter Bjornson, Minister of Entrepreneurship, Training and Trade	Derek Dabee, Equity and Multiculturalism Advocate, Winnipeg
Honourable David Walter Chomiak, Minister of Innovation, Energy and Mines (Minister of Justice and Attorney General when membership began in September 2009)	Zack Gross, Program Co-ordinator, Manitoba Council for International Co-operation, Sandy Hook
Honourable Ron Lemieux, Minister of Local Government (Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation until November 2009)	Kristina Hunter, (Vice-Chair) Instructor, Clayton H. Riddell Faculty of Earth, Environment and Resources, University of Manitoba
Honourable Christine Melnick, Minister of Water Stewardship	Richard Kula, Green Building Consultant, Sustainable Solutions Inc., Winnipeg
Honourable Jim Rondeau, Minister of Healthy Living, Youth and Seniors (Member until September 2009 as the Minister of Science, Technology, Energy and Mines)	Shauna MacKinnon, Director, Manitoba Chapter, Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, Winnipeg
Honourable Stan Struthers, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives (Chair until November 2009 as the Minister of Conservation)	Stephanie Obsniuk, Geography student, University of Winnipeg
Honourable Andrew Swan, Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Member until September 2009 as the Minister of Competitiveness, Training and Trade)	Karen Peters, Executive Director, Point Douglas Residents Committee, Winnipeg
Honourable Rosann Wowchuk, Minister of Finance (Member until September 2009 as the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives)	Lisa Quinn, Ph.D. student, Natural Resources Institute, University of Manitoba
Rob Altemeyer, Member of the Manitoba Legislative Assembly for Wolseley	Dimple Roy, Project Manager, International Institute for Sustainable Development, Winnipeg
Myrle Ballard, Senior Policy Analyst, Assembly of First Nations, Winnipeg	Leanne Shewchuk, Environmental Management Planner, Dillon Consulting, Winnipeg
Kelsey Dawn Beasley, Cattle Rancher, Boggy Creek	Scott Tibble, Cattle Producer and Realtor, Swan River
William Boonstra, Market Gardener and R.M. Councillor, Whitemouth	Dr. Vedanand, Former Professor, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg

* some members may have only served for a portion of the year.

ACTIVITIES OF THE MANITOBA ROUND TABLE

In 2009-10, the Manitoba Round Table (MRT) actively worked on initiatives in support of sustainable development. Through its committee-based work, the MRT provided advice to decision makers in government on making responsible environmental, social and economic decisions for the Province. Advice included recommendations on more widely adopting community economic development, encouraging sustainable and green procurement in both public and private sectors and supporting composting initiatives in the Province. In addition, a number of featured speakers provided informative and engaging presentations on related topics. The MRT met three times in the 2009-10 period. The venues were chosen keeping sustainability in mind.

MAY 12, 2009 MEETING - WINNIPEG HUMANE SOCIETY

At the May 12th meeting, Bill McDonald of the Winnipeg Humane Society provided the group with a tour of their green building and provided an update on their programming. Richard Kula, Green Buildings Consultant and Principal of Sustainable Solutions Inc. provided an update on the status of the Winnipeg Humane Society building's LEED® certification process.

Bob Grodskik and staff of the Department of Local Government provided a presentation on proposed revisions to the Provincial Land Use Policies (PLUP) and walked the MRT through major policy changes. MRT members discussed the viability of marginal land for farming and for sub-developments, the impacts of land use policy on wind-farm development, and the development approvals process. MRT members were very interested in the Capital Region Policy and impacts of the policy on Plan Winnipeg and its upcoming review. The MRT agreed on feedback text to submit to the PLUP consultation team.

The MRT approved the 2009-2010 graduate and undergraduate student recipients of the Sustainable Development Scholarships.

OCTOBER 6, 2009 MEETING - SMITH CARTER ARCHITECTS

Heather Smith, Principal and Director of Business Development at Smith Carter Architects, provided an overview of Smith Carter's green programs and led the MRT members on a tour of 1600 Buffalo Place, the first building in Manitoba to earn the LEED® Platinum designation.

MRT members approved proposed winners and honourable mentions of the 2009 Manitoba Excellence in Sustainability Awards as selected by the Awards Evaluation Committee.

The Annual Report Review Task Group provided a review of their findings after having reviewed all of the 2008-09 annual reports and the provincial guidelines for sustainable development. The Task Group presented revisions to the guidelines document. The MRT approved the Task Group's recommendations and revisions. Minister Struthers agreed to send a letter to departments notifying them that their annual reports were reviewed for sustainable development content.

Dan McInnis, Assistant Deputy Minister of the Department of Science, Technology, Energy and Mines, provided an update on the Province's implementation of Beyond Kyoto and *The Climate Change and Emissions Reduction Act*, and an overview of Manitoba's preparation for the upcoming UN Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen, Denmark. Minister Rondeau welcomed suggestions from MRT members on how the Province can further reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions to meet the targets. MRT members agreed that combating climate change requires fundamental systemic changes to the way we live and do business in the Province and put forward possible strategies for reducing GHG emissions.

APRIL 6, 2010 MEETING - UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG

On April 6, 2010, Minister Bill Blaikie hosted his first meeting as Chair of the MRT. The meeting was held at the University of Winnipeg. Ben Kramer, Executive Chef of Diversity Food Services, spoke to the new food service philosophy at the University of Winnipeg, which now focuses on providing and promoting fresh, local, environmentally/socially conscious food to students and the surrounding community. Alana Lajoie O'Malley, Director of the University of Winnipeg's Sustainability Office, provided an overview of the environmental sustainability initiatives being implemented by the university.

Minister Blaikie provided remarks on the 2009 Sustainability Awards program and December 3rd awards reception. MRT members were pleased with delivery of the Awards program and discussed opportunities for improvement.

Janice Lukes, Chair, and Anders Swanson, member of the Manitoba Active Transportation Advisory Group (MATAG), presented on active transportation in the Province and welcomed the MRT's feedback on their draft recommendations to government.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP

The Sustainable Development Scholarship Program, established in 1996, annually awards scholarships to post-secondary students in Manitoba pursuing studies and research embracing the spirit and principles of sustainable development. The program is open to students in any field of study at an approved Manitoba post-secondary institution. The scholarship is intended to cover tuition, books, fees and other education-related expenses. Each year \$6,000 is awarded to a graduate student and \$1,500 is awarded to a college or undergraduate student. Winners are recommended by the MRT Scholarship Evaluation Committee and approved by the Manitoba Round Table.

2009-2010 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Mr. Joe Ackerman was awarded the \$6,000 graduate scholarship. Joe is a doctoral student at the University of Manitoba. Joe's doctoral research examines the reclamation of phosphate as usable fertilizer from hog lagoons.

Ms. Alana Westwood was awarded the \$1,500 undergraduate scholarship. Alana is majoring in Science and Applied Environmental and Forest Ethics at the University of Winnipeg. Alana is engaged in activities both on campus and within the community that foster sustainable living practices. Alana is engaged in undergraduate research on boreal forest ecology and ethics.

The two 2009-2010 Sustainable Development Scholarship winners were honoured at the 2009 Manitoba Excellence in Sustainability Awards on December 3, 2009 at the Manitoba Legislature.

MANITOBA EXCELLENCE IN SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS

To recognize Manitobans who embrace the spirit and principles of sustainable development, the Manitoba Round Table for Sustainable Development established the Manitoba Excellence in Sustainability Awards in 2008. The Awards recognize and honour people, projects and ideas that successfully apply the Principles and Guidelines of Sustainable Development into concrete and lasting achievements.

For the 2009 awards, the Sustainability Awards Evaluation Panel reviewed 26 submissions in six categories. The proposed shortlist of winners and honourable mentions was presented to the MRT for review and approval. The MRT announced the 2009 winners at an awards reception on December 3, 2009 at the Manitoba Legislature.

The Sustainability Awards Planning Committee, consisting of MRT members and staff from three government departments, worked with staff to plan and coordinate the 2009 awards event.

2009 WINNERS AND HONOURABLE MENTIONS

Contributing to a Sustainable and Prosperous Economy and a Green and Healthy Community:

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN SUSTAINABILITY AWARD

Bison Transport Inc., Winnipeg

- A leader in providing environmentally conscious freight transportation services, and has integrated the concept of Sustainable Development and environmental responsibility into its operations for over a decade.

ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE, AIR QUALITY AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY AWARD

MTS Allstream, Winnipeg

- Has various programs for business, individual consumers and employees to help reduce their carbon footprints.

Manitoba Liquor Control Commission (MLCC), Winnipeg

- Has implemented energy efficiency technologies in both their head office and distribution centre resulting in an annual reduction of 376,210 kWh of electricity and 325 tonnes of CO₂ annually.

SUSTAINABILITY IN WATER AND NATURAL AREA STEWARDSHIP AWARD

Poplar River First Nation, Poplar River

- Is working to protect and manage their traditional territory through the development of the Asatiwisipe Aki Lands Management Plan and other initiatives. They are also working with neighboring First Nations in Manitoba and Ontario in an effort to have a network of traditional territories and protected areas designated as a United Nations World Heritage Site.

Honourable Mention: Landless Farmers Collective, Winnipeg

SUSTAINABILITY IN POLLUTION PREVENTION AND PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP AWARD

Ashley Leibl, Reliable Tire Recycling, Winkler Rubber Products

- Mr. Leibl is a pioneer in the tire recycling industry in Manitoba. His companies, Reliable Tire Recycling and Winkler Rubber Products, collect roughly 1,000,000 tires annually and manufacture them into rubber products.

Honourable Mentions:

Professor Lancelot Coar, Faculty of Architecture, University of Manitoba;
Clearwater Architecture Project, Clearwater/Manitoba Marathon, Winnipeg

EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABILITY AWARD

Eleanor Woitowicz, Mel Johnson School Gardening Project, Wabowden

- Combining her love of gardening and teaching, Eleanor created the Sustainable School Gardening Project at Mel Johnson School, establishing over 60 vegetable gardens over the past four years at the homes of students.

University of Winnipeg Students' Association, Winnipeg

- Implemented a successful campaign for the elimination of the sale of bottled water on campus, making the University of Winnipeg the first university in Canada to implement a ban.

RESEARCH AND INNOVATION FOR SUSTAINABILITY AWARD

Red River College, Winnipeg

- Has several innovative research and technology development projects focused on climate change including: green buildings, emission reductions, improved vehicle fuel efficiency and the use of renewable fuels in the transportation sector.

MEMBER BIOGRAPHIES

(As of March 31, 2010)

HONOURABLE BILL BLAIKIE – CHAIR SINCE NOVEMBER 2009

Minister of Conservation

Member of Legislative Assembly for Elmwood

Bill Blaikie was first elected as Member of the Manitoba Legislative Assembly for the constituency of Elmwood on March 24, 2009. A Member of Parliament from 1979 to 2008, he represented the Winnipeg riding of Elmwood—Transcona as a member of the New Democratic Party. As a Member of Parliament, he served in a number of critic roles, including Environment, Health, Trade and Foreign Affairs. He also served as New Democratic Party House Leader, Parliamentary Leader and Deputy Leader. He was the Dean of the House of Commons from 2004 to 2008 and, in 2006, he was appointed Deputy Speaker of the House of Commons, the first New Democrat to serve in that position. In 2007, he was voted Parliamentarian of the Year in a poll of his peers conducted by Maclean's Magazine. Bill has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy and Religious Studies from the University of Winnipeg and a Master of Divinity from the Toronto School of Theology. He was ordained a minister in the United Church of Canada in 1978. He also received an Honourary Doctor of Divinity from the University of Winnipeg in 2007 and also from Victoria University, Toronto, in 2009.

HONOURABLE STEVE ASHTON

Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation

Member of Legislative Assembly for Thompson

Steve Ashton was first elected to the Manitoba Legislature in 1981. He was re-elected in the general elections of 1986, 1988, 1990, 1995, 1999, 2003 and 2007. He was appointed Minister of Highways and Government Services in October, 1999 (later changed to Transportation and Government Services) and Minister responsible for The Gaming Control Act in July, 2000. He was appointed Minister responsible for Emergency Measures in October 2001. In September 2002, Steve was appointed Minister of Conservation and in November 2003, became the first appointed Minister of Water Stewardship, a department that is solely committed to water issues and is the only department committed to water in Canada. Steve was appointed as Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs on September 21, 2006. He was appointed as Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation in October 2009. Steve is a graduate of R.D. Parker Collegiate in Thompson. He has a Bachelor of Arts (Hon.) in Political Studies from the University of Manitoba and a Master of Arts in Economics from Lakehead University.

HONOURABLE PETER BJORNSON

Minister of Entrepreneurship, Training and Trade

Member of Legislative Assembly for Gimli

Peter Bjornson is a lifelong resident of the Interlake. A teacher by profession, Peter devoted 13 years of his life to his students. Peter's involvement at the scholastic level included coaching volleyball and basketball, assisting with student council, and participating in the drug and alcohol policy, school improvement and discipline committees. Peter has also served as a Councillor for the Town of Gimli where he gained valuable experience in local governance. During his term, Peter was a key player in the historic municipal merger between the Town and R.M. of Gimli. Peter was raised in a household where community service wasn't unique or exceptional, but expected. He has served on the Gimli and District Restitution and Reconciliation Committee for Youth Justice and was president of the Kinsmen Club of Gimli. He co-chaired two Kinsmen projects that raised capital funds for a new health centre. Furthermore, Peter has represented the Town of Gimli on the Gimli Recreation Society, the Icelandic Festival Committee, the Gimli Youth Advisory Board, the Western Canada Summer Games, the Gimli Fire Committee, the Gimli Harbour Committee and the Canada Day Committee. He also served as chairperson of the Parks and Recreation Committee.

HONOURABLE DAVID WALTER CHOMIAK – MEMBER SINCE SEPTEMBER 2009

Minister of Innovation, Energy and Mines

Member of Legislative Assembly for Kildonan

Minister Dave Chomiak was appointed Minister of Innovation, Energy and Mines on November 4, 2009. Mr. Chomiak has also served as Minister of Justice and Attorney General; Keeper of The Great Seal; Minister responsible for constitutional affairs; Minister charged with the administration of The Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation Act; and Minister charged with the administration of the Manitoba Gaming Control Act. As well, he has served as Ministers of Energy, Science and Technology and Health. He served as Minister of Health from 1999 to 2004, making him Canada's longest-serving Health Minister. As an opposition member of the legislature, he acted as the New Democratic Party Critic for Health as well as Critic for Education and Justice. He first won election in 1990 as the Member of the Legislative Assembly for Kildonan, subsequently winning re-election in 1995, 1999 and 2003. Prior to being elected, he worked as a lawyer in private practice. Mr. Chomiak also served as Executive Assistant to the Honourable Ed Schreyer, Premier of Manitoba. Mr. Chomiak has been active in the community as a member of the Hoosli Ukrainian Male Choir and a board member of the Rusalka Dance Ensemble as well as a Big Brother with the Big Brothers Association of Manitoba.

HONOURABLE RON LEMIEUX

Minister of Local Government

Member of Legislative Assembly for La Verendrye

Ron Lemieux was an educator for over 14 years prior to his 1999 election to the Legislature as the MLA for La Verendrye. Ron earned his Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Education from the University of Winnipeg. He also completed Post Baccalaureate Certification in Education from the University of Manitoba. Before becoming an educator, Ron worked as a recreation director. He was also employed as a provincial civil servant and brings with him an intimate knowledge of how government works. Ron's community involvement has included coaching and serving as volunteer Vice-President of the Lorette Sports Centre. As a teacher advocate he held a number of positions in his teachers' association. Ron was appointed as Minister of Local Government on November 3, 2009. Previously he was Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation, Minister of Transportation and Government Services, Minister of Education and Youth, Minister of Culture, Heritage and Tourism and the Minister responsible for Sport as well as the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs.

HONOURABLE CHRISTINE MELNICK

Minister of Water Stewardship

Member of Legislative Assembly for Riel

Christine Melnick was appointed as Minister of Water Stewardship on September 21, 2006. Christine was born, raised and educated in the heart of the Riel constituency, where she currently resides. She attended Minnetonka School and Dakota Collegiate, and earned a Bachelor of Arts (Hons.) from the University of Manitoba. She went on to earn a Master's degree in Library and Information Science from Dalhousie University. Prior to her June 2003 election, she served as regionalization co-coordinator, librarian and researcher for the Canada/Manitoba Business Service Centre. The position allowed Christine to travel throughout the Province to work with business people, community groups and economic development organizations. Her work brought her in touch with the Aboriginal, francophone and anglophone communities. Christine has long been active in women's health, human rights, literacy and environmental issues. Prior to her election, she was a trustee for Louis Riel School Division and sat on the Province's Council on Post-Secondary Education.

HONOURABLE JIM RONDEAU – MEMBER UNTIL SEPTEMBER 2009

Minister of Healthy Living, Youth and Seniors

Member of Legislative Assembly for Assiniboia

Jim was first elected as the MLA for Assiniboia in the 1999 Manitoba election. He was appointed Legislative Assistant to the Deputy Premier and Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs in 2002. He was appointed as the Minister of Science, Technology, Energy and Mines in September 2006. Jim has served on various committees and provincial level task forces. Prior to entering politics, Jim had an extensive career in education. He earned his Bachelor of Education degree from the University of Winnipeg, and completed post-baccalaureate studies at the University of Manitoba. He has taught at schools in Norway House and Cranberry Portage, and was a seminar and school experience instructor at the University of Winnipeg. He later became the Adult/Work Education Co-ordinator for the Frontier School Division, where he played a leading role in establishing 18 adult learning centres and libraries throughout the Province. Jim also developed an award-winning school-to-work transition program for young people from northern Manitoba. Jim's work as an educator, at all levels within the public schools system, reflects his dedication to life-long learning throughout Manitoba. Jim has always been a willing and committed community volunteer. He has served on the Cranberry Portage Ambulance Service and been involved with the St. John Ambulance Volunteer Services.

HONOURABLE STAN STRUTHERS - CHAIR UNTIL NOVEMBER 2009

Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives

Member of Legislative Assembly for Dauphin-Roblin

Stan Struthers was first elected to the Manitoba Legislature in 1995 as the member for Dauphin and was re-elected as the MLA for Dauphin-Roblin in 1999 and again in 2003. In his first term, he served as the New Democratic Party's Natural Resources Critic and Deputy Agriculture Critic and served as the Legislative Assistant to the Minister of Health, the Honourable Dave Chomiak. He was appointed Minister of Conservation in November 2003. He was appointed the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives in November 2009. Stan graduated from Swan Valley Regional Secondary School in 1977, and later received his Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Education degrees from Brandon University, and his Masters of Education from the University of Manitoba. A teaching career that began at Norway House Reserve also took Stan to teaching positions in the Parkland area, including a two-year term as principal of Rorketon Collegiate. Stan currently resides in Dauphin and is active in the community as a member of the Wildlife Federation, the Dauphin and District Chamber of Commerce, and as a volunteer for Citizens on Patrol.

HONOURABLE ANDREW SWAN – MEMBER UNTIL SEPTEMBER 2009

Minister of Justice and Attorney General

Member of Legislative Assembly for Minto

Andrew was first elected as the MLA for Minto in the 2004 by-election and re-elected in 2007. He was appointed as the Legislative Assistant to the Minister of Justice in October, 2004, and in December 2006 was also appointed as the Legislative Assistant to the Minister of Labour, Immigration, and Multiculturalism. On February 4, 2008, Andrew was appointed as the Minister of Competitiveness, Training and Trade. He was appointed as the Minister of Justice and Attorney General in 2009. Born and raised in Winnipeg, Andrew graduated from Silver Heights Collegiate and then attended the University of Manitoba. In 1990, he graduated from the University of Manitoba Law School. He practiced law at the firm of Thompson Dorfman Sweatman from 1990 until his election to the Legislature. Andrew was a trustee of the Manitoba Marathon Foundation and is a member of both Athletics Manitoba and the Manitoba Running Association. Andrew was a member of the all-party Healthy Kids, Healthy Futures Task Force which reported on measures to improve children's nutrition, physical activity and injury prevention. He was also the voice of the government on Richard Cloutier's "Political Panel" on CJOB from 2004 until 2007.

HONOURABLE ROSANN WOWCHUK – MEMBER UNTIL SEPTEMBER 2009

Deputy Premier

Minister of Finance

Member of Legislative Assembly for Swan River

Rosann Wowchuk is Manitoba's Minister of Finance and the Province's Deputy Premier. She was first elected as the MLA for Swan River in 1990 and was re-elected in both the 1995 and 1999 general elections. On October 5, 1999, Rosann was appointed Minister of Agriculture and Food. With her re-election on June 3, 2003, Rosann became Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives and was appointed Deputy Premier. Rosann was re-elected in 2007. She was appointed the Minister of Finance in 2009. She has also held the position of Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs and Trade on two occasions. Rosann has a strong history of community involvement and service. Prior to being elected to the provincial legislature, she was Councillor and Deputy Reeve of the LGD of Mountain. Rosann sat on several local boards, including the Swan River Hospital and Ambulance Committee, the Cowan Community Centre and the 4-H Club.

ROB ALTEMEYER

Member of Legislative Assembly for Wolseley

Winnipeg, MB

Rob Altemeyer was first elected to the Manitoba Legislature on June 3, 2003. Rob brings an essential combination of political experience and community awareness to his role as MLA for Wolseley. Rob's extensive involvement in social justice and environmental causes began in university. He played a key role in bringing recycling programs to the University of Manitoba, where he served as its first Waste Prevention Co-ordinator. Rob also co-founded the Global Change Game, a world issues education organization that has now been transferred to OXFAM for future national and international distribution. Each year he also volunteers as the composting co-ordinator for the Winnipeg Folk Festival. Long active in the fair trade, peace and anti-globalization movements, Rob served a two-year term as the first Youth Representative on the national board of the Council of Canadians. Rob was elected Vice Chair of Caucus by his colleagues in 2003 and has been appointed to a wide range of government initiatives, including initiatives related to climate change, poverty reduction and E-government.

MYRLE BALLARD

Director of Health, Southern Chiefs Organization

Winnipeg, MB

Myrle Ballard is currently the Director of Health at Southern Chiefs Organization. She is a member of the Lake St. Martin First Nation. She is currently doing her Ph.D. in Natural Resources and Environmental Management. She also has a Master of Science and two undergraduate degrees. She has been involved with Convention on Biological Diversity - COP 6, 7, and 8; as well as being a member of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Forest Biodiversity. She was also one of the lead authors on the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment Initiative.

KELSEY DAWN BEASLEY

Cattle Rancher

Boggy Creek, MB

Kelsey Dawn graduated from the University of Saskatchewan with a Bachelor of Science majoring in Microbiology and Immunology. In 2009 she and her husband John ranched full time near Boggy Creek, Manitoba where they raised Black Angus Cattle. In the past Kelsey has helped local producers implement beneficial management practices through the Canada-Manitoba Farm Stewardship Program. She is also a member of the Society for Range Management, taking an avid interest in rangeland ecology. A major aspect of their operation was sustainable land stewardship, incorporating principles of herding and stockmanship, to maintain optimum ecological efficiency through their agriculture production. Kelsey and her family moved to Alberta in 2009.

MARILYN BRICK

Member of Legislative Assembly for St. Norbert

Winnipeg, MB

Marilyn Brick was elected to the Manitoba Legislature on June 3, 2003. Marilyn brings to her role as an MLA a keen interest in the urban landscape and a desire to preserve the natural landscape for future generations. Marilyn is a graduate from the Faculty of Physical Education and has completed a certificate program in Human Resource Management from the University of Manitoba. She has 25 years work experience with the City of Winnipeg in various capacities in Recreation Services, Media Relations and Human Resource Management. She has always been active in the local community, as President of Richmond Kings Community Centre, member on the Manitoba Parks and Recreation Association Board of Governors, and board member of King's Park Daycare. She also co-founded and served as secretary for the Daycare Advocacy Group - Concerned Parents for Childcare Manitoba Inc. Marilyn was presented with a Citation Award for her extraordinary volunteer service to the Red Cross as a Volunteer Instructor Trainer.

Recognizing Marilyn's active role and her talents, Premier Gary Doer provided her with the responsibility of being the Vice Chair for the Healthy Kids Healthy Futures Task Force. The recommendations of this report are currently being implemented. She is also chair of three committees for the Legislature: the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee, the Human Resources Committee and the Social and Economic Development Committee. Marilyn has also been working hard to ensure that nature is preserved by assisting community groups with building walking trails and helping people to live healthy active lives.

WILLIAM BOONSTRA

Market Gardener and Councillor for the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth
Whitemouth, MB

Currently a municipal councillor for the R.M. of Whitemouth, William (Bill) also runs a market garden with his son. He has served many years as President of the local community club. He designed the Whitemouth-Reynolds waste management system, and has served on the Community Futures Board and Community Development Corporation. Bill was also past Executive Director of the Manitoba Egg Board and the Manitoba Farm Animal Council, as well as Board Chair of the North Eastman Health Association. In addition, Bill has operated a dairy farm in Ontario and a poultry farm in Manitoba.

CINDY CHOY

Director, Manitoba Chapter of the Canadian Green Building Council
Winnipeg, MB

Cindy Choy is a graduate of the masters program at the Faculty of Architecture at the University of Manitoba, and is currently Director of the provincial Green Building Co-ordination Team. Cindy has a deep interest in the natural world and natural systems. She has combined her love of the environment with her architectural background and is working towards the construction of sustainable and restorative buildings through professional engagement and volunteer efforts with the Manitoba Chapter of the Canada Green Building Council, where she currently serves as a member of the Board of Directors. Cindy has also volunteered in community improvement programs, participating in the Winnipeg Building Communities Initiative, the Wolseley Residents' Association, and Habitat for Humanity, and mentorship as a Thesis Review Committee member for the University of Manitoba Master of Interior Design program.

DEREK DABEE

Equity and Multiculturalism Advocate
Winnipeg, MB

Derek works for Manitoba Culture, Heritage and Tourism. He served on the City of Winnipeg Task Force on Equity and Diversity and on the Manitoba Civil Service Equity Employment Policy Committee. He is a long-time (20 years) volunteer with the Caribbean community, working with issues around human rights, culture and sports. Derek was founding president of the Burton Cummings Community Centre, recipient of the City of Winnipeg Outstanding Volunteer Award for Recreation and the Caribbean Council Millennium Award. He has studied at the University of Winnipeg and the University of Manitoba.

ZACK GROSS

Fair Trade Outreach Co-ordinator, Manitoba Council for International Co-operation

Sandy Hook, MB

Zack has spent the past forty years working in international development assistance, and is currently the Program Co-ordinator of the Manitoba Council for International Co-operation from Winnipeg. He spent twenty-five years as Executive Director of the Marquis Project in Brandon. Now living in Sandy Hook in the Interlake region, Zack is Chair of Youth Community Partnership, a program that strengthens the leadership role of young people in the R.M. of Gimli. Zack writes a regular column on global social and environmental issues for the Brandon Sun. He also facilitates on-line courses for the University of British Columbia's Diploma Program in International Development Studies. In 2002, he received the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal for his voluntary efforts.

KRISTINA HUNTER (VICE CHAIR)

Environmental Health and Sustainable Development Instructor

Winnipeg, MB

Kristina is an Instructor in the University of Manitoba's Clayton H. Riddell Faculty of Environment, Earth, and Resources. She teaches in the fields of Environmental Health and Sustainable Development. She has also taught in the Masters of Business Administration Program since 1999. Kristina is active in many community environmental organizations including the Manitoba Eco-Network, Manitoba Environmental Industries Association, Friends of Churchill Parkway and Earth Day Manitoba. She has been involved with research in environment and health, specifically indoor air quality and environmental tobacco smoke, as well as environmental conservation, restoration and communication. Kristina is an advocate for greater environmental accountability in post-secondary educational institutions.

RICHARD KULA

Green Buildings Consultant and Principal of Sustainable Solutions Inc.
Winnipeg, MB

Richard is principal of Sustainable Solutions Inc., a Winnipeg based green building consultation firm focusing on the LEED® Green Building Rating System. Richard is an environmental scientist who comes to the field of green building through his experience in site and building assessment and remediation of mould, asbestos, hydrocarbon and many other forms of contamination.

SHAUNA MACKINNON

Executive Director, Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, Manitoba Chapter
Winnipeg, MB

Shauna MacKinnon is the Director of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives Manitoba. Shauna is a University of Manitoba Ph.D. candidate with a research interest in policy relating to marginalized communities. Shauna has an extensive volunteer history in Manitoba, most recently as the Manitoba representative on the Canadian Community Economic Development Network Policy Council and as a board member of Seed Winnipeg.

STEPHANIE OBSNIUK

Student, University of Winnipeg
Winnipeg, MB

Stephanie Obsniuk graduated from the Physical Geography Department at the University of Winnipeg in the spring of 2009. As physical geography is her greatest focus, Stephanie is interested in learning the different challenges that the government faces in terms of environmental impact and sustainability.

KAREN PETERS

Executive Director, Point Douglas Residents Committee

Winnipeg, MB

Karen is the Executive Director of the Point Douglas Residents Committee, and teaches in the Community Economic Development Program at Red River College. In 2005, Karen became the first Master of Environment graduate from the University of Manitoba's Department of Environment. Her thesis centred on Gender and Sustainable Livelihoods. Her undergraduate degrees are in Community Economic Development and Philosophy.

LISA QUINN

Ph.D. Student, Natural Resources Institute, University of Manitoba

Winnipeg, MB

Lisa is a Ph.D. student at the Natural Resources Institute at the University of Manitoba where she is exploring means of enhancing the sustainability of the apparel industry through an improved understanding of the environmental impacts of apparel, manufacturers' decision-making processes and green consumer behaviour. Her work and volunteer endeavours have allowed her to explore other areas of interest, including waste reduction and prevention, sustainable transportation and environmental education. She is also a member of the board of directors for Resource Conservation Manitoba.

DIMPLE ROY

*Manager, Sustainable Natural Resources Management Program,
International Institute for Sustainable Development*

Winnipeg, MB

Dimple is a Project Manager at the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Working in the Sustainable Natural Resources Management Program at IISD, her current focus is on policy research in the fields of water, agriculture and adaptive policies as they relate to both international and Canadian prairie contexts. Presently, her work involves research of institutional and market-based policy instruments for integrated water management. Dimple has a Master of Environmental Design from the University of Calgary and a Bachelors degree in Architecture from Gujarat, India. Her training and experience include a variety of roles in environmental education, environmental and social policy research and analysis and project management. She also has extensive experience in working and volunteering with a number of community level groups, nongovernmental organizations and various sectors of government.

SCOTT TIBBLE, B.A., C.R.E.A, C.P.P.A

Realtor, Certified Auctioneer and Appraiser, Purebred Cattle Producer
Swan River, MB

Scott is currently a full time farmer. He owns and operates a purebred cattle ranch in the Swan River Valley, which has participated in the Habitat Canada program. Along with the cattle operation, he is employed as a realtor and property appraiser. In the past, he was co-chair of the Manitoba Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) Task Force which included representing Manitoba's concerns during Canada's cattle industries crisis. Furthermore, he was part of the group contributing to the formation of the Agricultural Framework Policy, a part of today's Canadian Agricultural Income Stabilization (CAIS) program.

DR. VEDANAND

Former Professor, University of Manitoba
Winnipeg, MB

Dr. Vedanand, a former Professor at the University of Manitoba, has extensive experience as an academic, researcher, business consultant, policy adviser and analyst. He has worked to develop organizations committed to promoting community-based natural resource management and economic development and in researching multicultural issues of poverty alleviation in the context of globalization. He has also been involved in researching environmental issues of forestry industry management, conservation and problems of commercialization. Dr. Vedanand was a faculty member of the University of Manitoba from 1969 to 1995, a member of Senate for almost four terms, and retired as Special Adviser to the University President. He has also served as Senior Trade Representative and Regional Director for South Asia, Government of Ontario while posted in New Delhi, India (in 1992-93). In addition, Dr. Vedanand has served as an expert witness before a number of Parliamentary and Legislative committees in Canada, advised and briefed the former Premier and Ministers on policy issues, been a member of the Energy Council (1984-89), served as President of the Japan Studies Association of Canada and been an active member of the multicultural community.

APPENDIX I

PRINCIPLES AND GUIDELINES OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

PRINCIPLES:

Integration of Environmental and Economic Decisions

- 1(1) Economic decisions should adequately reflect environmental, human health and social effects.
- 1(2) Environmental and health initiatives should adequately take into account economic, human health and social consequences.

Stewardship

- 2(1) The economy, the environment, human health and social well-being should be managed for the equal benefit of present and future generations.
- 2(2) Manitobans are caretakers of the economy, the environment, human health and social well-being for the benefit of present and future generations.
- 2(3) Today's decisions are to be balanced with tomorrow's effects.

Shared Responsibility and Understanding

- 3(1) Manitobans should acknowledge responsibility for sustaining the economy, the environment, human health and social well-being, with each being accountable for decisions and actions in a spirit of partnership and open co-operation.
- 3(2) Manitobans share a common economic, physical and social environment.
- 3(3) Manitobans should understand and respect differing economic and social views, values, traditions and aspirations.
- 3(4) Manitobans should consider the aspirations, needs and views of the people of the various geographical regions and ethnic groups in Manitoba, including Aboriginal peoples, to facilitate equitable management of Manitoba's common resources.

Prevention

- 4 Manitobans should anticipate, and prevent or mitigate, significant adverse economic, environmental, human health and social effects of decisions and actions, having particular careful regard to decisions whose impacts are not entirely certain but which, on reasonable and well-informed grounds, appear to pose serious threats to the economy, the environment, human health and social well-being.

Conservation and Enhancement

- 5 Manitobans should
 - (a) maintain the ecological processes, biological diversity and life-support systems of the environment
 - (b) harvest renewable resources on a sustainable yield basis
 - (c) make wise and efficient use of renewable and non-renewable resources
 - (d) enhance the long-term productive capability, quality and capacity of natural ecosystems

Rehabilitation and Reclamation

- 6 Manitobans should
 - (a) endeavour to repair damage to or degradation of the environment
 - (b) consider the need for rehabilitation and reclamation in future decisions and actions

Global Responsibility

- 7 Manitobans should think globally when acting locally, recognizing that there is economic, ecological and social interdependence among provinces and nations, and working co-operatively, within Canada and internationally, to integrate economic, environmental, human health and social factors in decision-making while developing comprehensive and equitable solutions to problems.

GUIDELINES:

Efficient Use of Resources - which means

- (a) encouraging and facilitating development and application of systems for proper resource pricing, demand management and resource allocation together with incentives to encourage efficient use of resources
- (b) employing full-cost accounting to provide better information for decision makers

Public Participation - which means

- (a) establishing forums which encourage and provide opportunity for consultation and meaningful participation in decision-making processes by Manitobans
- (b) endeavouring to provide due process, prior notification and appropriate and timely redress for those adversely affected by decisions and actions
- (c) striving to achieve consensus amongst citizens with regard to decisions affecting them

Access to Information - which means

- (a) encouraging and facilitating the improvement and refinement of economic, environmental, human health and social information
- (b) promoting the opportunity for equal and timely access to information by all Manitobans

Integrated Decision Making and Planning - which means

encouraging and facilitating decision making and planning processes that are efficient, timely, accountable and cross-sectoral and which incorporate an inter-generational perspective of future needs and consequences.

Waste Minimization and Substitution - which means

- (a) encouraging and promoting the development and use of substitutes for scarce resources where such substitutes are both environmentally sound and economically viable
- (b) reducing, reusing, recycling and recovering the products of society

Research and Innovation - which means encouraging and assisting the researching, development, application and sharing of knowledge and technologies which further our economic, environmental, human health and social well-being.

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