MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

DESIGNATION OF WATER PLANNING AUTHORITY FOR THE CREATION OF THE LOWER INTERLAKE WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING is between:

GOVERNMENT OF MANITOBA

as represented by Manitoba Water Stewardship – Watershed Planning and Programs (hereinafter referred to as Manitoba)

and

EAST INTERLAKE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

PURPOSE

The purpose of this MOU is to designate a Water Planning Authority for the development of the Lower Interlake Watershed Management Plan.

2. VISION

The vision is that watershed stakeholders, municipalities and government agencies will work through the planning process cooperatively, identify the priority issues and concerns of all groups, utilize local knowledge and scientific information to develop objectives and actions, reach consensus on funding and implementation, and develop a Lower Interlake Watershed Management Plan.

Manitoba realizes that effective and sustainable watershed management must include local involvement in the planning and management of the natural resources and be the shared management responsibility of all stakeholders and watershed residents.

4. Develop the Lower Interlake Watershed Management Plan in accordance with the *Water Protection Act*.

4. DURATION

This MOU becomes effective on the date of signatures below.

This MOU is ongoing unless it is terminated by either Party upon written notice to the other Party.

This MOU may be amended at any time by mutual accord.

Signed:



APPENDIX 1

Manitoba Water Stewardship - Watershed Management Plan Grant

Eligible expenses:

- Advertising and promotion directly related to the completion of the plan
- Design, printing and photocopy expenses related to documents developed during the planning process and for discussion at public consultations
- Printing expenses for final plan
- Facilitator or consultant expenses
- Expenses (hall rental, refreshments) associated with hosting meetings

Ineligible expenses:

- Water Planning Authority, Project Management Team or Conservation District staff remuneration and salary expenses
- Administrative and operational (general office) expenses
- Assets including office or field equipment

Reporting:

A summary of grant expenditures for the fiscal year must be submitted annually.
 The report must show all related expenses incurred as a result of the development of the Watershed Management Plan.