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PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT

the Kyoto Protocol and Manitoba our provincial climate change action plan

In June, 2002, following consultations with Manitobans, Premier Doer announced our province's support for the Kyoto Protocol and our intention to meet and even exceed greenhouse-gas reduction targets. Manitobans can be proud of the leadership our province has shown on this crucial environmental issue.

Federal analysis shows the cost of Kyoto equals a one-per-cent reduction in growth rate for the provinces. In other words, the Canadian economy as a whole will grow 30 per cent, instead of 31 per cent, by 2012. Projections of modest growth reduction do not include the potential economic opportunities created and do not factor the costs of doing nothing. Not addressing the issue of climate change can be measured by simply looking at the cost of drought — \$5 billion in agricultural losses in Canada last year, not to mention the costs of flooding and extreme weather conditions.

Based on consultations with

Manitobans and on an economic development strategy that has been underway since our government took office, our plan includes strategies for reducing emissions while capitalizing on new opportunities:

- Manitoba Hydro's PowerSmart program continues to reduce energy consumption while creating new jobs.
- The use of 10-per-cent ethanol-blended gasoline in Manitoba vehicles would reduce emissions and create up to 900 jobs.
- Manitoba currently boasts 14 per cent of Canada's ground-source heat pumps, which are both environmentally friendly and the most cost-effective way to heat and cool buildings. Manitoba Hydro has launched a program to finance further installations.
- Capturing methane gas emitted at landfills will reduce emissions and the gas will then be used to create electricity.
- Our government will consider environmental impacts when purchasing. For example, the new Princess

Street campus has received worldwide recognition for energy efficiency.

- Increased electricity exports, from both hydro and wind generation, could reduce emissions by 4.25 megatonnes per year by 2010.

new info guidebook to Manitoba health services

A new guide that will assist Manitobans in accessing and understanding the health-care system was recently released by Health Minister Dave Chomiak.



The Infohealth Guide, mailed to homes across Manitoba, provides information about the province's health-care system and contains three sections:

- At a Glance — a quick reference to key phone numbers and emergency information.
- Health Services — highlighting the kinds of health-care services provided by the province's health system.
- Health Care Rights — information about the rights, responsibilities and protections available.

The Guide can help citizens know when to visit an emergency room, how find a doctor, how to apply for Pharmacare, apply for a personal care home, request home care, and much more.

The Guide is also available on-line at www.gov.mb.ca/healthguide or by calling the Manitoba Health Infoguide number at 945-8525.

Take David Suzuki's Nature Challenge

1. Reduce home energy use by 10%.
2. Choose an energy-efficient home and appliances.
3. Replace dangerous pesticides with alternatives.
4. Eat meat-free meals one day a week.
5. Buy locally produced food.
6. Choose a fuel-efficient vehicle.
7. Walk, bike, carpool, or take transit.
8. Choose a home close to work or school.
9. Support car-free alternatives.
10. Learn more and share with family and friends.

For more about the Nature Challenge, visit:
www.davidsuzuki.org/WOL/Challenge/10steps.asp

radisson Issues

Transcona Health Access Centre

On October 18, 2002, Minister of Health Dave Chomiak outlined plans for the three Winnipeg Health Access Centres. In Transcona we are at the site-proposal stage responding to a call for tenders. The result of the consultation stage showed that residents agreed on the importance of having health and social services located in the community. Concerns were also expressed about service availability outside of normal work hours, access to parking and location on a major bus route. For a complete list of the services residents want to see in the Transcona Health Access Centre, please call the office. Plans are for construction to begin in 2003.



Marianne and Health Minister Dave Chomiak at the announcement of three Winnipeg Health ACCESS Centres.

Rothsay Rendering

The installation of air filtration, based on the Clean Environment Commission's successful community mediation, is complete. The air is better in Windsor Park/St. Boniface!

Healthy Baby Sites in Radisson

Bernie Wolfe Community School, at 95 Bournais Drive, now has a Healthy Baby program called "Families Connecting," which runs Thursdays, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. This program is for new parents and their babies to learn about health, nutrition and nurturance, before and after the baby is born. Another nearby Healthy Baby site is Transcona Memorial United Church, 209 Yale Avenue West (12:30 to 3:30).

New Flyer Industries

The Community Liaison Committee of seven Radisson residents, New Flyer Industries, Conservation officials, the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority and myself has had six meetings to ensure resident input into the implementation of the environment license that was required since New Flyer Industries expanded. The license required that emission stack extensions be conducted to reduce the emission odour impact. Construction is to be completed by summer 2003. A number of other measures to reduce noise and paint fumes are required. A more detailed information package is available to local residents by calling the constituency office.

Plessis Road and CN Intermodal Hub

A new issue has emerged with the City of Winnipeg approval to transfer the CN Intermodal facility to Symington Yards. Two access roads onto Plessis will be created. One, for emergency vehicles and employees is on RM of Springfield land near Fermor, and is therefore under the jurisdiction of the Highway Traffic Board. The second access for the estimated 400 intermodal trucks is farther north on Plessis, within City boundaries and therefore regulated by the City. I have been working with a number of provincial departments, the City of Winnipeg and area residents to ensure that intermodal traffic does not turn north on Plessis toward Dugald Road or into Transcona.

Winakwa C.C. Expansion News

Phase One of the Winakwa renovation and expansion has been completed, led by Cindy Fox, Don Krueger and Ben Lee of the building committee, and supported in part by the Manitoba Community Places Program. Plans to add a gymnasium addition are at the fundraising stage. Architectural drawings are completed and the City approvals are in place. A big thank you goes out to all the volunteer crews who built the new rinks, a first for Winnipeg and a model of community involvement.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

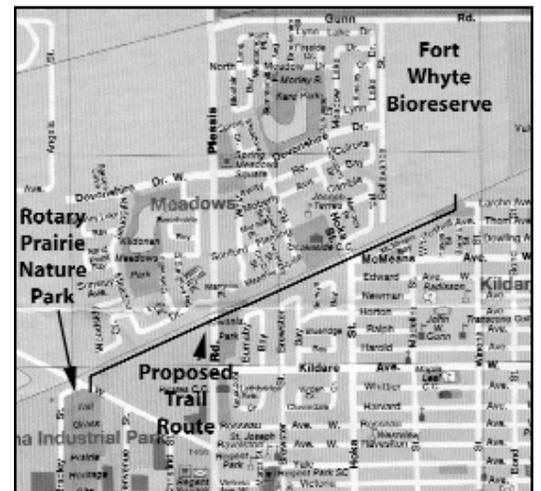
Transcona trail on the horizon

In 1992, the City of Winnipeg set aside in perpetuity 21 acres at Regent Avenue West and Bradley Street, as a natural heritage site. This expanse of tall-grass prairie set aside since the 1950s protected a precious link to the time when bison roamed Manitoba. Through the work of many people, the site has been protected as the Rotary Prairie, and includes a walking trail, interpretive signs and unique species of wildflowers and grasses.

In 1998, a 110-acre brownfield polluted with hazardous waste, formerly the Domtar wood-preserving plant, was cleaned up and transformed into the Fort Whyte Bioserve. It has a one-kilometre loop trail.

These two protected natural parks are joined by a CP Rail and Manitoba Hydro easement already used by walkers and dog owners. On February 12, 2003, a number of residents attended a meeting to launch a Transcona chapter of the Winnipeg Trails Association. The objective of this group will be to work with Manitoba Hydro, CP Rail, the City of Winnipeg and others to strike an agreement to develop this trail and create four to six kilometres of continuous green space in Transcona (see map).

To get involved in this project, please call my office at 222-0074.



Radisson Community Calendar

Windsor Park Children's Care Centre (Preschool and School Age Centre)

New Preschool Program now open (two- to five-year-olds)! Monday to Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., 906 Cottonwood Rd.

Transportation for kindergarten children to school in the community.

More info: Andy Jolicoeur, at 257-6066.

wpscc@mb.sympatico.ca

Transcona Gardeners Club Meetings

on the third Wednesday of every month, 7:30 p.m. at Transcona Collegiate, 1305 Winona Street
More info: Domia Derkach, at 222-0236

St. Joseph the Worker School Registration

Independent Catholic school, limited space available in all grades.

505 Brewster Street

More info: Christine

McInnis at 222-1841 or stjoesch@mts.net.

St. Boniface Arts and Technology Centre

Ongoing Registration

5 de Bourmont Avenue

Winnipeg, MB R2J 1J9

Register now for,

September, 2003 by calling: 237-8951 or e-mail:

sbatc@sbsd.org.

www.rielsd.org

Winakwa Community Centre Spring Registration

Wednesday, March 5, 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., 980 Winakwa Road.

More info: 253-4418

Louis Riel School Division Honour Bands Concert

Wednesday, March 5, 7:30 p.m., Jubilee Place, 180 Riverton

Admission: free

More info: Reno Gerl, Music Supervisor, at 253-2681

Child and Youth Poverty Action Group Meeting

Monday, March 10, 1:00 to 3:00 at 614 rue DesMeurons (St. B. Bilingual Service Centre)

More info: Barb at 233-0262; bwasilewski@youville.ca

Healthy St. Boniface Network Meetings

March 19 and May 21, 1:30 to 3:30, Aulneau Renewal Centre, 601 Aulneau

More info: Barb at 233-0262; bwasilewski@youville.ca

Windsor Park Collegiate Grease: The Musical

Wednesday, March 19 and Saturday, March 22, at 1:00 p.m.; Thursday, March 20 and Friday, March 21, at 7:00 p.m.

1015 Cottonwood Road

Admission: \$5.00.

Call Helen Deyell: 256-7316

helen.deyell@sbsd.org

Archwood School / Marion

School Family Place

Ready For School — An eight-week experience for children entering kindergarten in September, 2003.

April 19 to

June 10, two afternoons per week, at Archwood School, 800, rue Archibald, and Marion School, 619, rue DesMeurons

Admission:

free. More info: Rita Lynn Emerson, at 237-5176.

family.place@

sbsd.org

Transcona Gardeners Club Annual Plant and Bake Sale

Saturday, May 17, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the Scout Hall, Melrose Avenue and Winona Street.

More info:

Domia Derkach, at 222-0236.

Transcona Gardeners Club Annual Horticultural Show

August 11 to 12, regular mall hours, at Kildonan Place
More info: Domia Derkach, at 222-0236.

HOW TO BUILD COMMUNITY

- TURN OFF YOUR TV
- LEAVE YOUR HOUSE
- KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS
- LOOK UP WHEN YOU ARE WALKING
- GREET PEOPLE
- SIT ON YOUR STOOP
- PLANT FLOWERS
- USE YOUR LIBRARY
- PLAY TOGETHER
- BUY FROM LOCAL MERCHANTS
- SHARE WHAT YOU HAVE
- HELP A LOST DOG
- TAKE CHILDREN TO THE PARK
- GARDEN TOGETHER
- SUPPORT NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS
- FIX IT EVEN IF YOU DIDN'T BREAK IT
- HAVE POT LUCKS
- HONOR ELDERS
- PICK UP LITTER
- READ STORIES ALOUD
- DANCE IN THE STREET
- TALK TO THE MAIL CARRIER
- LISTEN TO THE BIRDS
- PUT UP A SWING
- HELP CARRY SOMETHING HEAVY
- BARTER FOR YOUR GOODS
- START A TRADITION
- ASK A QUESTION
- HIRE YOUNG PEOPLE FOR ODD JOBS
- ORGANIZE A BLOCK PARTY
- BAKE EXTRA AND SHARE
- ASK FOR HELP WHEN YOU NEED IT
- OPEN YOUR SHADES
- SING TOGETHER
- SHARE YOUR SKILLS
- TAKE BACK THE NIGHT
- TURN UP THE MUSIC
- TURN DOWN THE MUSIC
- LISTEN BEFORE YOU REACT TO ANGER
- MEDIATE A CONFLICT
- SEEK TO UNDERSTAND
- LEARN FROM NEW AND UNCOMFORTABLE ANGLES
- KNOW THAT NO ONE IS SILENT
- THOUGH MANY ARE NOT HEARD
- WORK TO CHANGE THIS

Congratulations, Winakwa!



On September 29, 2002, the Winakwa Community Centre celebrated its 50th birthday. Marianne Cerilli presented a plaque and poster (reproduced at right) to Winakwa President Pat Krueger in recognition of the important leadership role the Centre has played in the Windsor Park

more physicians staying in Manitoba hotline established to connect patients with doctors

The president of the Manitoba Medical Association, referred to the 1990s as the “dark ages” for doctors in Manitoba. Our government has been working towards putting these “dark ages” behind us.

Doctors are now staying in Manitoba. According to the Manitoba College of Physicians and Surgeons, the number of doctors in Manitoba has grown every year since 1999 — a reversal of the 1990s trend when doctors were leaving the province. In 2002 there were 2,122 licensed doctors in Manitoba, up from 2037 in 1999.

Since taking office, our government has taken action to address the issue of doctor training, recruitment and retention:

- The 1990s saw the number of spaces in medical school decline from 85 to 70. Our government has reversed this trend, so 85 new doctors can graduate each year in Manitoba.

- Over 250 years of Manitoba service have been secured from new and future doctors through a new medical student grant program. These grants are contingent on students staying in Manitoba after they graduate.

- Manitoba has one of the first programs in Canada to provide quicker licensing of qualified medical graduates trained in other countries.

- Manitoba Health recently settled a new contract with Manitoba doctors that provided for a one-per-cent retention fund to address physician resource challenges. This fund will amount to \$10 million over the next two years.

- Since 1999 more than 120 specialists have been recruited for Manitoba.

- In January, 2002 the Manitoba government established the Family Doctor Connection Hotline to hook up patients with doctors accepting new patients. The hotline has handled more than 30,000 calls.

The Canadian Institute for Health Information reports that, per capita, Manitoba has more family doctors than Alberta or Saskatchewan and more specialists than any other western province.

The fight against hallway medicine isn't over yet. However, by continuing to support initiatives and programs like these our government is giving Manitobans confidence and hope about the future of health care in our province.

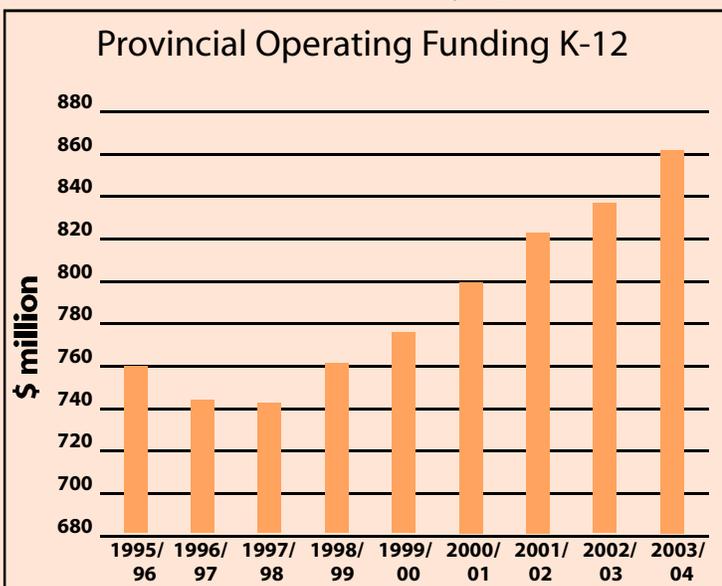
Attention Seniors!

Be sure to get a copy of “Radisson Resources for Seniors,” an informative guide to services and organizations available to Seniors living in the Radisson area. If you don't receive one in the mail, just drop by the office at 549 Regent Avenue West, or call 222-0074 or e-mail mcerilli@mts.net.

Investing in Education

To ensure that young people in our public schools receive the resources and attention required, and to shift the funding of education away from property taxes, our government has taken the following steps:

- For the fourth consecutive year our government has met its commitment to increase operating funds for public schools at or above the rate of economic growth. Per-pupil support has increased 11.4% since 1999.



- In the 2003/04 school year the River East-Transcona School Division operating funding will increase by 2.7%; in the Louis Riel School Division, by 2.9%.

- In addition to its share of operating costs, the province pays all capital costs of education. The Transcona Coll. expansion and an access elevator at Windsor Park Coll. are two examples.

- The province is paying all of the employer's share of teachers' pension funds.

- We have also expanded the Education Property Tax Credit by \$150, for a total of

\$400 per household, and maintained the Pensioners School Tax Assistance Rebate.

- The phasing out of the Education Support Levy began last year at a 10% reduction.

- Total funding from the provincial government for public schools is 73.4% of the total cost of education.

- In order to give young people access to more programs and to make school divisions more efficient through economies of scale, our government amalgamated school divisions. This included a cap on administration of 4%, reviewing school-division budgets and instituting a special Amalgamated School Division Guarantee totaling \$1.9 million for all amalgamating divisions, to ensure divisions don't lose funding due to formula changes.

- Preliminary budgets for school divisions are currently being reviewed.