

2009 Manitoba NDP Premier S/election Survey Steve Ashton's Response

As Minister Responsible for Conservation and Water Stewardship I worked hard over the years to protect the East side, establish new parks and protected areas, ensure environmental licensing for hydro development, implement the Kyoto Accord, protect Manitoba's water and promote alternate energy and energy conservation. As Premier I would work hard with Manitobans to ensure that Manitoba is a model in terms of environmental protection.

East side

1. Yes.
- 2-4. As Minister of Conservation I worked with First Nations on the East side process. I would work hard as Premier to ensure full participation and planning.

Parks and protected areas

- 5-8 I will review the status of current protected areas and look at the establishment of new protected areas.
- 9 Yes

Hydro

- 10-12 I will ensure that hydro developments are subject to a public licensing process through the CEC and that flood affected communities have the opportunity to benefit from hydro development.

Water

- 16-18 Yes

.I will also make sure we protect our public water system against privatization

Energy

19-21 The development of alternate energy and energy conservation will be a priority for our government.

22 No. I support the public development of alternate energy as part of a clear mandate for Manitoba Hydro.

Policy

23 Yes

24 Yes

25-27 I will review the current information that is posted with expand the information available to the public.

* The response to this survey is limited due to the fact that we have limited resources to be able to respond to some of the more detailed questions. I would be more than pleased to discuss the detailed questions at a direct meeting in the future.