



2011 Manitoba Election Survey #2

Licensing & Environment Act



Green Party Response – Received August 18, 2011

If elected, will your party:

- 1) **Require effects assessment for renewal or extension of long-term resource extraction licenses?**
Yes.
- 2) **Make sure environmental and licensing standards for public works (public funds, lands, use) are available prior to reviews, etc.?**
Yes.
- 3) **Hold public hearings for any multi year extended, renewed or new forestry or mill license?**
Yes.
- 4) **Appoint a Manitoba environment auditor with powers to obtain information, advise ministers, audit licences, review decisions?**
Yes.
- 5) **Conduct public and stakeholders reviews in order to update Manitoba's Environment Act?**
Yes.
- 6) **Provide a citizens guide to Manitoba government public registries?**
Yes.
- 7) **Fulfill the federal-provincial EA harmonization agreement?**
Depends, harmonization has benefits but must not come at the expense of a thorough and complete review.
- 8) **Resource the Environment Act public registry so contents of licensing files are known, files are updated, and accessible on a timely basis?**

Yes.

- 9) Maintain a complete online listing of public registry file contents?**

Yes.

- 10) Include in public registry files both public review documents, and government comments about Environment Act proposals/licences?**

Yes.

- 11) Mandate coordination between clean environment commission records, and environment act proceedings records?**

Yes.

- 12) Assist the clean environment commission to make their archives electronic?**

Yes.

- 13) Phase out environmental licensing in stages, so elements in an environment act proposal/development are reviewed, made public, reviewed, and licensed together?**

Yes.

- 14) Establish a public list of all grandfathered environment act licences in Manitoba?**

Yes.

- 15) Put in place automatic triggers for public hearings for large-scale developments?**

Yes.

- 16) Ensure environmental act proposals continue to have public comment periods with comments posted publicly on a timely basis?**

Yes.

17) Ensure guidelines for a proponent's or developer's environmental statement are public and open for comment prior to filing of that statement?

Yes.

18) Ensure contents required for a proponent's EI Statement or scoping document are public when the proponent is informed of these requirements?

Yes.

19) Add to the environment act: environmental assessment, public registry, clean environment commission regulations?

Yes, regulations could help to clarify the process.

20) Provide environmental statement standards, for use in similar projects such as: wind energy projects, waste water systems, road networks, transmission systems, energy generation stations, causeways, floodways?

Yes, having standards is vital for a fair and efficient EA system.