

2011 Manitoba Election Survey #4

East Side Region



If elected, will your party:

- 1) Protect traditional lands in the east side regions which First Nations identify for protected status? Yes, is consultation with affected first nations and metis people
- 2) Support development projects which east side First Nations identify in their planning area? Yes, but developments should still have to go through the same licensing and review process to ensure ecological, social, and economic sustainability
- 3) Use The East Side Traditional Lands Planning and Special Protected Areas Act for implementation of community lands plans, and establishing protected areas?

This needs to be discussed with the first nations communities first. The East Side Act has some good aspects but it was passed without adequate consultation with affected first nations people.

- 4) Apply protection standards that match Manitoba protection standards used for 20 years, for new protected lands in the region? *Yes.*
- 5) Advise east side communities which Manitoba laws and policies affect decisions regarding lands, waters, and development in the region?

- 6) Use existing regulatory tools to implement community lands plans, and establish protected areas in the region? Yes.
- 7) Provide resources for lands stewardship boards in the region?

Yes.

8) Use minimum impact standards for public works, or developments in the region?

Yes, highest standards possible should be used.

- 9) Provide staff resources to manage protected areas on the East Side? Yes.
- 10) Provide staff resources to manage community planning areas on the East Side? Yes.
- 11) Make public information about potential cottage development in the region? Yes.
- 12) Make agreements for projects in the region public and accessible?

- 13) Make sure there is a public registry file for any development on the east side? Yes.
- 14) Hold public reviews, hearings, etc for mill and woodlands licences should the mill in Pine Falls resume operation? Yes.

- 15) Make public agreements regarding mill, and woodland operations for Pine Falls? Yes.
- 16) Avoid automatically and secretly rolling licences, quotas, and contracts to any future operators of the Pines Falls mill and woodlands operation? Yes, an new review should take place if the plant becomes operational again. We feel there may be some potential to retool the Pine Falls mill into a straw and hemp paper producing facility, and would investigate this potential and implement if feasible.
- 17) Make public work permits and licences, leases, dispositions for lands, water or natural resource use in the region, when they are issued? Yes.
- 18) Make public funding, tenders and services for the interpretive centre announced for Hollow Water First Nation?

- 19) Make public funding and value of services Manitoba's government has provided the world heritage site project to date, including funds for the Winnipeg Foundation trust? Yes.
- 20) Make public funding and value of services Manitoba's government has provide to the WNO? Yes.
 - 21) Have government departments and staff apply the Principles of: the East Side Planning Initiative and the 2007 East Side Accord, in east side activities? Yes.

22) File the World Heritage Site nomination with UNESCO in spring 2012?

Hopefully yes, but this must be done in consultation with first nations people. We do however support submitting the bid ASAP.

23) Make available to affected communities an archeological scan of the potential corridor before any segment of the East Side Road Network is licensed or built?

- 24) Make sure an independent assessment regarding endangered species is available before each segment of the East Side Road Network is licensed or built? Yes, we need species assesments; moreover an entire regional plan is needed for the entire East Side Region.
- 25) Make sure deficiencies in the EIS for the first segment of the East Side Road Network are corrected before any further road network proposals are filed? Yes.
- 26) Make available to all affected communities the content of agreements for the road network? *Yes.*
- 27) Undertake independent studies regarding ecological valuation of services from the region? Yes.
- 28) Commission an independent study to identify carbon stocks and sequestration, current natural emissions, and emissions from current and future projects in the region? Yes.

- 29) Review role of Wabanong Nakaygum Okimawin for planning in the region? Yes.
- 30) Review role of East Side Road Authority with respect to intended road network? Make the \$5 million government fund for Aboriginal consultations available to affected communities in the east side region?