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2011 Manitoba Election

Survey #6

Climate Change:

Carbon & Emissions

If elected, will your party:

1) Continue Trees for Tomorrow program, having clear accountability measures?

Yes.

2) Undertake studies to identify carbon sequestered in Manitoba's forests regions, waterways, and lakes?

Yes.

3) Establish a carbon inventory for Manitoba? (see above)

Yes.

4) Require all public sector agencies, and facilities to reduce emissions?

Yes.

5) Make climate change goals and accomplishments part of government department reports to the Legislature?

Yes.

6) Protect carbon in boreal forest regions by establishing protected areas?

Yes.

7) Require public works / projects to identify emissions from planning, building and operations of the public work?

Yes.

8) Require new public works/ projects to replace or mitigate carbon lost?

Yes.

9) Include in Manitoba government loans, grants or business agreements climate change reporting requirements?

Yes.

10) Require carbon and green house gas and carbon planning for environmental proposals under the Environment Act?

Yes.

11) Continue Manitoba membership in the Western Climate Initiative?

Yes.

12) Make public steps Manitoba is taking, and will take to fulfill Western Climate Initiative commitments? 2011 Manitoba Election Survey #5: Protected Areas, Parks, & World Heritage Site?

Yes.

13) Report publicly carbon loss and emissions from forest fires?

Yes.

14) Incorporate climate change and emissions data into the Manitoba Forest Resource Inventory?

Yes.

15) Provide incentives for farmers to undertake projects to store carbon and reduce emissions?

Yes.

16) Report on Manitoba emissions, by sector and site?

Yes.

17) Use carbon and emissions reporting based on scientifically verifiable

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data?

Yes.

18) Act on Manitoba auditor general's recommendations regarding climate change programming, data, reporting, and regulatory authority in Manitoba?

Yes.

19) Move away from green house gas emissions reports based on estimates and projections?

Yes.

20) Require capture of methane from most landfills in Manitoba?

Yes.

21) Implement the California vehicle emissions standards in Manitoba?

Yes.

22) Require tree planting around all buildings and facilities where public funds are provided?

Yes.

23) Proclaim sections of the Climate Change and Emissions Reductions Act not yet proclaimed?

Yes.

24) Report under the Climate Change and Emissions Reductions Act more frequently than five years?

Yes.

25) Staff and resource the climate change technical and scientific capacity of the Manitoba government, including with recently trained

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Yes.

26) Determine the ecological and economic risks, and benefits from climate change scenarios in Manitoba?

Yes, we need to learn to adapt to a changing planet, but we also make sure we do not stress the benefits as the silver lining to climate change.