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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?

As best as we can, this is our commitment.

2) Support development projects which east side First Nations identify in their planning area?

We do support such projects as current policy.

3) Use The East Side Traditional Lands Planning and Special Protected Areas Act for implementation of community lands plans, and establishing protected areas?

We will use this as a framework, yes.

- 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? *Yes.*
- 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? This is our commitment and we will provide resources as best we can.
 8) Use minimum impact standards for public works, or development
 - Use minimum impact standards for public works, or developments in the region?

We will put the best possible practices with minimum impact standards yes.

9) Provide staff resources to manage protected areas on the East Side?

This is our commitment and we will provide resources as best we can

10) Provide staff resources to manage community planning areas on the East Side?

This is our commitment and we will provide resources as best we can

11) Make public information about potential cottage development in the region?

Yes.

12) Make agreements for projects in the region public and accessible? Yes.

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?

We will do so but we will set acceptable timelines that do not negatively impact the ability of the community to resume.

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.

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? Yes.
- 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?

We currently support this policy.

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

Our timetable would be to do so in 2012.

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?

Yes.

24) Make sure an independent assessment regarding endangered species is available before each segment of the East Side Road Network is licensed or built?

This is our commitment to do so.

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?

We always strive for the best possible information – 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?

We would review if this is required and if we are advised to do so, we will.

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? *Absolutely.*