2011 Manitoba Election Survey #5

Protected Areas, Parks, & World Heritage Site

If elected, will your party:

1) **Maintain protection standards for all existing protected areas?**
   Yes, subject to community consultations.

2) **Fulfill public consultations steps for areas identified for protected status?**
   Yes.

3) **Renew the memorandum of understanding with First Nations for establishment of new protected areas, maintaining conservation principles in the MOU?**
   Yes.

4) **Establish new protected areas in agro-Manitoba?**
   Yes, as appropriate and with community consultation.

5) **Make public location of conservation easement lands?**
   We will review in light of privacy concerns.

6) **Review community pastures for protection of lands and grazing rights?**
   Yes.

7) **Resume technical steps to identify further options for protected lands inside Shilo DND base?**
   We are willing to explore in discussions with the federal government, which has primary jurisdiction.

8) **Work to establish new protected areas in the Hudson Bay area, starting with the 8 candidates along the west coast?**
   This issue requires analysis and consultation before we can answer.

9) **Review data for protected areas establishment since 1990 and post updated details, including size, location, and regulatory steps for each designation?**
We agree with the goal but would need to review in light of available resources.

10) **Update Protected Areas Initiatives (PAI) maps regularly, making them public?**
We agree with the goal but would need to review in light of available resources.

11) **Update regularly protected area, and crown land designation data on the Manitoba Lands Initiative website?**
We agree with the goal but would need to review in light of available resources.

12) **Dedicate resources to support the Protected Areas Initiative, returning to former staff levels?**
We will endeavor to do that as resources permit.

13) **Put clear job descriptions, and lines of authority in place for establishment of protected areas?**
We are willing to explore this.

14) **Put management plans in place for all protected areas in Manitoba?**
We agree with the goal but would need to review and develop timelines in light of available resources.

15) **Ensure any new Wildlife Management Area is assessed so it can meet protection standards?**
We agree with the goal but would need to review in light of available resources.

16) **Establish protected area management standards for rivers, open waters, lakes, shorelines etc.?**
We are willing to explore this.

17) **Complete and make public the Systems Plan for parks and protected areas in Manitoba?**
We agree with the goal but would need to review in light of available

resources.

18) **Protect more lands and waters inside existing provincial parks?**
We are willing to explore this.

19) **Finish steps to protect lands in Atikaki Park South?**
This issue requires analysis and consultation before we can answer.

20) **Establish special management areas adjacent to provincial parks and other protected areas?**
We are willing to explore this.

21) **Increase the number of Ecological Reserve, acting on the listing of 50 under consideration?**
This requires analysis and consultation before we can answer.

22) **Update to the 2003 Manitoba Action Plan for the Network of Protected Areas in a manner consistent with current protection standards, public policy, design standards and ecological principles?**
This requires analysis and consultation before we can answer.

23) **Fulfill NDP commitments to have protected areas networks in place before any new or extended forest management license is issued, and prior to a five year renewal of quote holders permits?**
This requires analysis and consultation before we can answer.

24) **Fulfill NDP commitment to establish an advisory committee regarding protection of boreal areas, including valuation of carbon inside boreal protected areas?**
We would consider this in light of other consultation mechanisms.

25) **Complete review of potential sites, 'areas of special interest' for protected areas?**
Yes.

26) **Avoid development on 100 candidates/ areas of special interest sites until review is complete, decisions in place?**
Yes, where appropriate and practical.

27) **Establish 'marine' protected areas in Lake Winnipeg and Hudson Bay?**
We are willing to explore this.

28) **Improve mapping for crown land designations, protected areas and parks so water bodies are identified and indicated as protected or not?**
We agree with the goal but would need to review in light of available resources.

29) **Post the surveys for all crown land designations, including protected areas?**
We agree with the goal but would need to review in light of available resources.

30) **Honour First Nations nominations for establishment of protected areas, parks, or special land management areas?**
Yes, depending on community consultations and provided the nominations meet the criteria for the establishment of these areas.

31) **Include consultations with Aboriginal peoples in steps for establishment of any new park, or protected area?**
Yes, where appropriate.

32) **Make public the procedures for review, consultation, establishment, and regulatory steps to establish protected areas in Manitoba.**
Yes.

33) **Make available to First Nations involved in the world heritage site nomination agreements, and regulation language under discussion with their neighbours?**
We believe that the same information should be provided to all communities.

34) **Return to the table with Manitoba's mining sector to resume joint technical reviews, mineral assessment, and ranking in relation to new protected areas?**
Yes, we will pursue this in consultation with communities and industry.

35) **Act on remaining candidate sites for new protected areas from previous mining sector reviews?**
We will examine this and consult with communities and industry.

36) **Complete networks of protected areas for boreal forest region in Manitoba?**

This issue requires analysis and consultation before we can answer.