

Conservation & Environment Policies/Commitments

Analysis/Audit from Manitoba Wildlands Speeches Chart Manitoba Government 1999 – 2006 inclusive

Manitoba Wildlands
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1999

Quote	Nature of Statement	Speech/Source /Date	Analysis
Another matter that is of paramount concern to Manitobans is the security of our natural environment.	Declaration	Throne Speech November 25, 1999	
Our first duty, however, is to ensure that the quality of Manitoba's environment remains secure.	Declaration	Throne Speech – November 25, 1999	
The Manitoba government has committed...to increase citizen's input into regional health authority decisions and environmental licensing	Specific Commitment	Throne Speech – November 25, 1999	

2000

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What are the legacies we wish to establish for the children who will come of age in 2020...? Second, a society that is committed to the practice of sustainable growth, growth that is compatible with responsible stewardship of our financial, human and natural resources.	Policy Statement	Throne Speech – December 5, 2000	
Another legacy we must leave for the children born today is a healthy and sustainable environment. Over the past year, your Government has worked	Policy Statement	Throne Speech – December 5, 2000	

with citizens to move from the development of sustainability policies to action.			
Healthy lakes and forests are an important element of the quality of life we enjoy and a key attraction for visitors to our province. Within the coming year, your Government will introduce a new strategy for promoting Manitoba as an eco-tourism destination.	Specific Commitment	Throne Speech – December 5, 2000	
My ministers are now implementing the key recommendations of the Consultation on Sustainable Development Implementation Report, which include ecosystem-based planning, a more participatory process for environmental licensing and involvement of Aboriginal people in resource development.	Specific Commitments	Throne Speech – December 5, 2000	
Citizen involvement in environmental planning and licensing increases environmental awareness. Part of a growing awareness is the recognition that strong environmental protections are not a barrier to economic growth. Environmental protection measures can in fact lead to added economic opportunities for Manitoba.	Policy Statement	Throne Speech – December 5, 2000	
To enhance government accountability, steps will be taken to make Manitoba laws and policy initiatives more accessible to citizens over the Internet.	Specific Commitment	Throne Speech – December 5, 2000	
A new Environmental Stewardship Division will be created to link development decisions to the sustainable use of our natural resources.	Specific Commitment	Budget Press Release – May 10, 2000	

2001

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The Livestock Stewardship Initiative, developed through close consultation with industry and community stakeholders, will allow for growth in the livestock industry that is economically sound and sustainable.	General Commitment	Throne Speech – November 13, 2001	
Nearly \$400,000 more for on-farm inspections and technical reviews – building on the Livestock Stewardship Initiative.	Specific Commitment	Budget 2001 – Keeping Manitoba Clean, Green and Growing	
A new ecological tax credit will encourage property owners to return land to a natural state.	Specific Commitment	Budget 2001 – Keeping Manitoba Clean, Green and Growing	
We believe a green Manitoba is part of our Manitoba Advantage. Therefore, we must invest in our future with initiatives that address our responsibility to be caring stewards of the environment.	Policy Statement	Budget Speech April 10, 2001	
This year we are proud to begin implementing the recommendations in the Consultation on Sustainable development Report, which includes ecosystem based planning, a more participatory process for environmental licensing, and involvement of Aboriginal people in resource development.	Commitment	Budget Speech April 10, 2001	
Other measures to help protect our environment include: ...sales tax on chemicals used for yard care and pest control, including fertilizers, herbicides	Specific Commitments	Budget Speech April 10, 2001	

and insecticides, except when purchases for farm use:			
Other measures to help protect our environment include: ...cleaning up orphan mine sites.	Specific Commitment	Budget Speech April 10, 2001	
We are...extending a sales tax exemption for manure slurry tanks and lagoon liners to promote environmentally safe handling of livestock wastes; and supporting the Livestock Stewardship Program for additional inspection and enforcement.	Specific Commitments	Budget Speech April 10, 2001	
Manitoba will introduce a new Environmentally Sensitive Areas Tax Credit to assist private landowners who take action to protect approved parcels of land.	Specific Commitment	Budget Papers 2001	

2002

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Infrastructure and the environment are priorities for public investment.	Policy Statement	Throne Speech November 27, 2002	
The number of conservation districts had been increased from nine to sixteen in just three years, and these districts are increasingly taking the lead in water management planning.	Past Action	Throne Speech November 27, 2002	
Decisions on livestock development are being made on the basis of municipal development plans, with scientific input from the Province.	Policy Statement	Throne Speech November 27, 2002	
New partnerships have been forged with First Nations to develop and promote eco-tourism	Declaration	Throne Speech November 27, 2002	
A necessary component of	Policy	Budget Speech	

economic development is environmental stewardship.	Statement	April 22, 2002 – Environmental Stewardship	
Our economic strategy is sustainable because it respects the environment.	Declaration	Budget Speech April 22, 2002 – Environmental Stewardship	
<p>The Manitoba Round Table for Sustainable Development (MRSD), with input from public workshops in communities around the province during 2000, has developed and proposed to the Government a new set of sustainability indicators in 23 categories.</p> <p>On the basis of these indicators, the Government is now preparing the first in a regular series of public sustainability reports for July 2005.</p>	Specific Commitment	2002 Budget Paper – The Economy – Appendix 2	
<p>Additional strategies are being developed with public participation and implemented in such areas as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • green budgeting and finance; • sustainable northern development; • improved water quality, water management, and flood control; • agriculture; • wildlife; • fisheries; • climate change; and • education for sustainable development 	Specific Commitment	2002 Budget Paper – The Economy – Appendix 2	
The Province’s approach to sustainable development gives special attention to community economic needs and opportunities...The 2002 Manitoba Budget provides \$400,000 for a new initiative in this regard – the Northern	Specific Commitment	2002 Budget Paper – The Economy – Appendix 2	

Development Strategy which includes Aboriginal Relations.			
Sustainable Development Innovations Fund “total allocation of \$3.4 million in 2002/03”	Specific Commitment	2002 Budget Paper – The Economy – Appendix 2	
The Manitoba government’s 2002 financial plan—introduced in the legislature on Earth Day—reflects the province’s commitment to sustainable development in both the public and private sectors	Policy Statement	Press Release – April 22, 2002 – New Incentives and Safeguards to Keep Manitoba Clean and Green	
The budget also encourages environmental stewardship in agriculture through: ... • The extension of the sales tax exemption for manure slurry tanks and lagoon liners for another year to promote safe handling of animal wastes.	Specific Commitment	Press Release – April 22, 2002 – New Incentives and Safeguards to Keep Manitoba Clean and Green	

2003

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A third element of the Manitoba strategy is to expand water and energy conservation efforts across the province.	Policy Statement	Throne Speech November 20, 2003	
The speech outlined the government’s major priorities, including: ... • New one-stop agency to help Manitobans save money through conservation;	Specific Commitment	Throne Speech November 20, 2003	
The number of Conservation Districts had grown from nine to sixteen in just over three years. The land managed by the Districts has grown by 40% in the same period. Conservation Districts are increasingly taking the lead in water management planning, and encouraging	Declaration	2003 Budget Speech “Rural Manitoba”	

innovative farming and land management practices.			
We continue to work with industry and rural communities to ensure the environmental sustainability of the livestock industry in Manitoba.	Policy Statement	2003 Budget Speech “Rural Manitoba”	
Environmental stewardship is a priority in any constructive plan for the future	Policy Statement	2003 Budget Speech Environmental Stewardship	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget 2003 supports an expansion of Northern Forest Diversification Centre projects that help Northerners tap into international markets for non-timber forest products 	Specific Commitment	2003 Budget – Building Our Environmental Future	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The creation of more cottage lots and campsites will allow more Manitobans to enjoy our natural environment. 	Specific Commitment	2003 Budget – Building Our Environmental Future	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further support for eco-tourism through initiatives such as Watchable Wildlife. 	Specific Commitment	Press Release – April 22, 2003 ‘Budget 2003 At a Glance’	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$750,000 towards 1,000 new cottage lots and 1,900 new campsites. 	Specific Commitment	Press Release – April 22, 2003 ‘Budget 2003 At a Glance’	

2004

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The goal of economic growth is to improve the quality of life for all Manitobans. It is essential, therefore, that growth be managed in a way that preserves our environment, promotes the health and well being of citizens and enhances our unique Manitoba lifestyle.	Declaration	Throne Speech November 22, 2004	
Stewardship of our spectacular natural environment, our	Policy Statement	Throne Speech November 22,	

wilderness areas, our clean water and fresh air has become an increasingly important value for Manitobans.		2004	
Our province has led the way in Canada on water and climate change policy and on sustainable planning for our boreal region.	Claim	Throne Speech November 22, 2004	
A wealth of clean, fresh water, beautiful beaches, unspoiled wilderness areas, pristine parks and recreational facilities – these are a major part of our Manitoba Advantage. We know we must continue to preserve and enhance our natural beauty.	Declaration	Budget Speech April 19, 2004 – Conservation and Water Stewardship	
We will make \$350,000 available for the Cottage Lot and Campsite Development Initiative in provincial parks, and channel increased funding of \$225,000 for beach safety.	Specific Commitment	Budget Speech April 19, 2004 – Conservation and Water Stewardship	
We will make \$350,000 available for the Cottage Lot and Campsite Development Initiative in provincial parks, and channel increased finding of \$225,000 for beach safety	Specific Commitment	Budget Speech April 19, 2004 – Conservation and Water Stewardship	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$350,000 will be committed to the responsible development of new cottage lots and campsites across the province and \$225,000 will be provided for beach safety. 	Specific Commitment	Budget 2004 – Protecting our Water and Environment	

2005

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In the coming year, our government will become the first province in Canada to develop a project to support farms in carrying out a range of	Specific Commitment	Throne Speech October 27, 2005	

environmentally friendly farming practices and alternative land uses.			
Our government has gathered input from First Nations communities on the East Side of Lake Winnipeg on their priorities for transportation, land use planning, economic development and a sustainable future for their children.	Past Action	Throne Speech October 27, 2005	
Manitoba's Green Strategy is an umbrella for all our new green initiatives. It will help us work together with Manitobans on initiatives that protect our environment.	Policy Statement	Budget Speech 'Water Protection, Natural Areas and Climate Change'	
Budget 2005 gives Manitobans more opportunities for outdoor living by offering more cottage lots for sale and improving campgrounds.	Specific Commitment	Budget Speech 'Water Protection, Natural Areas and Climate Change'	
Budget 2005 continues the commitment to protect our water and natural resources now and in the future. ... • More support for sustainable forest management	Specific Commitment	Budget 2005 In Brief	
Budget 2005 continues the commitment to protect our water and natural resources now and in the future. ... • A Green Strategy that addresses climate change, water protection and natural areas.	Specific Commitment	Budget 2005 In Brief	
• Manitoba's Green Strategy addresses climate change and protects water and natural areas.	General Commitment	Press Release – March 8, 2005 'Budget 2005 At A Glance'	
• New Resources for sustainable forest management such as the	Specific Commitment	Press Release – March 8, 2005 'Budget 2005	

Forest Resource Inventory database.		At A Glance'	
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2006

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Through our new Green Manitoba office we are rolling out new eco-solutions that work for Manitobans around energy efficiency, water conservation and waste reduction.	General Commitment	Budget Speech – Clean Energy for a Green Economy	
We are also increasing support to the International Institute for Sustainable Development.	Specific Commitment	Budget Speech – Natural Areas and Environmental Stewardship	
Today's budget also establishes a new loan program to assist farmers in making economic and environmental improvements to their farm operations, complementing existing incentives under the Agricultural Policy Framework.	Specific Commitment	Budget Speech – Rural Manitoba	
With Budget 2006, our government, in partnership with the federal government, is supporting the conversion of the community of South Indian Lake into a reserve for Manitoba's newest First Nation, O-Pipon-Na-Piwin Cree Nation.	Specific Commitment	Budget Speech – Northern Manitoba	
Today's budget expands resources for: ... • The Environmental Livestock Program to support improved environmental performance.	Specific Commitment	Budget Speech – Protecting Our Water Resources	
Budget 2006 builds on commitment to protect Manitoba's precious natural resources.	General Commitment ⁰	Budget 2006 In Brief – Water and Environmental Protection	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A new Environmental Enhancement Loan Program will be established to help farmers increase the environmental performance of their land. 	<p>Specific Commitment</p>	<p>Budget 2006 In Brief – Water and Environmental Protection</p>	
<p>Manitoba has established a new Green Eco Solution office to coordinate energy efficiency activities such as recycling, waste reduction, water conservation and product stewardship initiatives</p>	<p>Declaration / Policy Statement</p>	<p>Budget Paper F. – Community Economic development</p>	
<p>The government is also working with Aboriginal communities to implement an Aboriginal tourism Strategy, based on guidance from an Aboriginal Leaders Advisory Group, focusing on hunting and fishing, culture, and arts and crafts.</p>	<p>Specific Commitment</p>	<p>Budget Paper F. – Community Economic Development</p>	