



Manitoba Wildlands NDP Leadership Survey

September 2009

All questions below should be answered with a simple 'YES' or 'NO'. Candidates are welcome to explain their answers and provide detail on their policies.

Reference previous NDP survey responses to Manitoba Wildlands here: http://manitobawildlands.org/govern_elections.htm

East Side

1. Will your government uphold the Manitoba government's commitment to ensure transmission corridors and lines are not routed through Manitoba's east side?
2. Recognizing that only one WNO First Nation has completed its Traditional area land use plan (TALUP), will your government review and improve programs to support TALUP on the east side?
3. Will your government make sure that First Nations involved in and affected by the World Heritage Site nomination are able to direct their own TALUPs?
4. Will your government make sure that the June 2009 *East Side Traditional Lands Planning and Special Protected Areas Act* is based on voluntary participation by communities, as stated by Conservation Minister Struthers in hearings June 2009?

Parks & Protected Areas

5. Will your government act on First Nation requests for interim protection of traditional lands, some of which have been waiting for ten years?
6. Since Manitoba has actually been losing protected lands recently, will your government make establishing new protected areas in Manitoba's forest regions a priority?
7. Will your government make establishment of protected areas part of any forest licensing process, forest company negotiation, legal agreement, or review?
8. Will your government maintain the protected lands definitions and standards in place for 15 years in Manitoba?
9. Will your government make sure all First Nations affected by the World Heritage Site receive full information and equal support?

Hydro

10. Will your government make sure that cumulative effects assessment of existing northern and Winnipeg River dams takes place before any permanent licenses are issued?
11. Will your government make sure the scope for project areas for the multiple future Hydro projects intended for the Churchill River (combined transmission lines and generations stations) includes all affected communities and all past and future projects?

12. Will your government support water use royalties being paid to communities who are impacted by Hydro development?

Climate Change

13. Does your government intend to make sure that Manitoba has a public carbon inventory?
14. Will your government make sure that Manitoba follows Western Climate Initiative thresholds and standards for reporting of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions?
15. Will your government require public posting of GHG emissions from single point sources throughout our province?

Water

16. Will your government make sure that water quality test results are public in Manitoba, and put in place a program to target any bodies of water, or water services that are not healthy?
17. Will your government make sure that Manitoba does not export our water, in any form?
18. Will your government make sure all watershed planning documents are made public?

Energy

19. Will your government conduct a public process for developing a long term energy plan for Manitoba, including renewable power standards with targets, required percentages / amounts of new renewable energy to be generated with deadlines?
20. Will your government put in place public environmental standards for wind projects in Manitoba?
21. Will your government enable the several wind projects licensed in Manitoba that have not been developed yet?
22. Will your government consider removing de facto control of new renewable energy options from Manitoba Hydro?

Policy

23. Will your government put in place public consultation standards and procedures for all Manitoba communities, especially for Manitoba Aboriginal communities?
24. Will your government require public posting of annual actions under Manitoba government strategies and programs such as the Climate Action Plan, the Lake Winnipeg Action Plan, the Lake Manitoba Action Plan?
25. Will your government make public policy and procedures guidelines for Manitoba government programs, legislation, regulations and agencies?
26. Will your government require all public lands and water policy revenues, licensing, permits and development/use decision information to be in a public registry?
27. Will your government post all licenses, permits and tenure for water, oil, gas, timber/fiber on the Internet and roads so Manitobans can access this information?