

Water

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Analysis/Audit from Manitoba Wildlands Speeches Chart

Manitoba Government 1999 – 2009 inclusive

Manitoba Wildlands

November 2009



1999

Quote	Nature of Statement	Speech/Source /Date	Analysis
Your government will take immediate steps to protect our water resources and preserve our lakes, rivers and streams.	General Commitment	Throne Speech - November 25, 1999	
New legislation will be introduced to protect water quality throughout Manitoba and to ban the bulk removals of our water.	Specific Commitment	Throne Speech - November 25, 1999	

2000

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Safeguarding Manitoba's water resources is an essential priority.	Policy Statement	Throne Speech - December 5, 2000	
This fall [the government] began a comprehensive environmental review of the Assiniboine River Basin.	Declaration	Throne Speech - December 5, 2000	
Alongside Lake Winnipeg fishermen and their federal counterparts, my ministers opposed North Dakota water projects that would damage the Manitoba environment. Because these projects are still being pursued by their proponents, your Government will continue to vigilantly defend Manitoba's and Canada's interests.	Declaration	Throne Speech - December 5, 2000	

In the coming year new strategies will be introduced to increase protection of our drinking water and our lakes and rivers. Developed in a series of consultations held across Manitoba, these strategies will support a greater role for local citizens in monitoring and managing water quality.	Specific Commitments	Throne Speech - December 5, 2000	
Perhaps the most valuable resource for future generations is our abundance of fresh water.	Policy Statement	Budget Speech - May 10, 2000	
Our Government will provide greater protection for Manitoba's rivers, lakes and streams by increasing resources to protect water quality and by mapping those areas at risk of ground water pollution.	Specific Commitment	Budget Speech - May 10, 2000	
The Department of Conservation will establish a new Environmental Stewardship Division. This Division will implement wide area planning that will link development decisions to the sustainability of our ecosystems. They will also work with Aboriginal communities to ensure that our land use decisions respect the traditional entitlements of Manitoba's First Peoples.	Specific Commitment	Budget Speech - May 10, 2000	
Water quality programs and groundwater mapping will be expanded to protect areas at risk of pollution.	Specific Commitment	Budget Speech - May 10, 2000	

2001

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A provincial Drinking Water Office will be established, as recommended by the Drinking Water Task Force.	Specific Commitment	Throne Speech - November 13, 2001	

New regulations will require mandatory certification of drinking water plant operators.	Specific Commitment	Throne Speech - November 13, 2001	
[Water Strategy includes:] Restoration of public support for water testing, and new infrastructure investments to ensure that Manitoba communities have access to clean drinking water.	Specific Commitment	Throne Speech - November 13, 2001	
[Water Strategy includes:] Increased support for drainage projects and watershed planning throughout rural Manitoba;	Specific Commitment	Throne Speech - November 13, 2001	
[Water Strategy includes:] A major initiative to improve flood protection for our capital city.	Specific Commitment	Throne Speech - November 13, 2001	
A \$40 million commitment has been made toward expanding the Red River Floodway and \$25 million for flood protection outside Winnipeg.	Specific Commitment	Budget 2001 - Keeping Manitoba Clean, Green and Growing	
Manitoba's drinking water quality will be safeguarded with a \$300,000 training program for inspectors and testers.	Specific Commitment	Budget 2001 - Keeping Manitoba Clean, Green and Growing	
Water power rentals raised to Ontario levels, helping to pay for water conservation and flood protection.	Specific Commitment	Budget 2001 - Keeping Manitoba Clean, Green and Growing	
We continue our battle on behalf of Manitobans to stop the Devils Lake and Garrison water projects. We stand alongside Minnesota and Missouri, and are lobbying the Canadian and American governments to put a stop to these projects.	Policy Statement	Budget Speech April 10, 2001	
This Budget provides new support for our enhanced water strategy	Specific Commitment	Budget Speech April 10, 2001	
We are ... introducing a safer drinking water program through monitoring, inspection and	Specific Commitment	Budget Speech April 10, 2001	

operator training to complement drinking water tests			
Our water strategy also includes: ... \$25 million for flood protection outside Winnipeg	Specific Commitment	Budget Speech April 10, 2001	
Our water strategy also includes: ... 11% increase for water projects, with a million dollar increase for drainage.	Specific Commitment	Budget Speech April 10, 2001	
Last month, we took a first significant step, in partnership with the federal government, to improve the operation of the Floodway inlet. Today, we take a second major step, committing \$40 million toward major improvements recommended by the IJC.	Specific Commitment	Budget Speech April 10, 2001	
In total, \$82 million for flood protection and water related infrastructure is available in this Budget.	Specific Commitment	Budget Speech April 10, 2001	
In total, the budget dedicates \$82.3 million for flood protection and water-related infrastructure, including \$25 million for flood protection outside Winnipeg.	Specific Commitment	Budget Press Release April 10, 2001 'Working Hard Today, Preparing for Tomorrow: Selinger'	
Significant investments to expand the Red River Floodway and improve flood protection and drainage infrastructure are highlights of Budget 2001	Declaration	Budget Press Release April 10, 2001 'Budget Manages Natural Resources for a Greener Manitoba: Selinger'	
Today's budget dedicates \$82.3 million for flood protection and water-related infrastructure. This includes \$40 million towards the major improvements recommended by the IJC and	Specific Commitment	Budget Press Release April 10, 2001 'Budget Manages Natural	

\$25 million for flood protection outside Winnipeg. It also increases funding for water-related projects by 11 per cent, with a \$1 million increase for drainage		Resources for a Greener Manitoba: Selinger'	
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2002

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New investments in water management will add to the \$75 million spent since 1999 on flood protection, drainage works and the Clean Drinking Water Strategy.	Specific Commitment	Throne Speech November 27, 2002	
The floodway expansion option was chosen after extensive consultation and has now been submitted in proposal form to the federal government.	Declaration	Throne Speech November 27, 2002	
This session, amendments will be introduced that, for the first time, provide a legislated right to compensation to any individual who experiences artificial flooding due to the operation of the Winnipeg floodway.	Specific Commitment	Throne Speech November 27, 2002	
We are continuing to make strong investments in flood-proofing programs in Budget 2002 . . . For 2002/03, \$40 million is provided for an expanded Floodway – \$20 million from the operating budget and \$20 million in capital authority.	Specific Commitment	Budget Speech April 22, 2002 - Flood Protection	
We have placed a high priority on drinking water safety in Budget 2002, including allocating new resources to monitoring, testing and support for local infrastructure.	Specific Commitment	Budget Speech April 22, 2002 - Environmental Stewardship	

\$1.3 million has been allocated to the Department of Conservation for a new drinking water safety program.	Specific Commitment	2002 Budget Paper – The Economy - Appendix 2	
In Budget 2002, the Government is: • Committing a further \$40 million to the Red River Floodway.	Specific Commitment	2002 Budget Paper – The Economy - Appendix 2	
• More resources dedicated to drinking water inspection, monitoring and northern system improvements	Specific Commitment	Press Release – April 22, 2002 – Budget 2002 At A Glance	
• Drainage projects receive \$10.1 million, up \$1.7 million in two years	Specific Commitment	Press Release – April 22, 2002 – Budget 2002 At A Glance	
• Sustainable development encouraged including increasing ethanol use and protecting forests, waterways and shore lands	Declaration	Press Release – April 22, 2002 – Budget 2002 At A Glance	
• Clean hydro power offers Manitobans the lowest hydro rates in North America and initiatives to foster wind, geothermal and biomass projects	Declaration	Press Release – April 22, 2002 – Budget 2002 At A Glance	
Several budget initiatives reflect the recommendations of the Drinking Water Advisory Committee: • an investment of \$1.8 million in an improved drinking water testing program; • a new drinking water quality agency to co-ordinate staff resources related to inspection and monitoring; • new investments in drinking water systems in northern communities; and • the introduction of legislation to improve drinking water safety.	Specific Commitments	Press Release – April 22, 2002 – New Incentives and Safeguards to Keep Manitoba Clean and Green	

2003

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Manitoba's lakes and rivers are our greatest natural assets. Stewarding those assets is an obligation we owe to ourselves and to future citizens of our province.	Policy Statement	Throne Speech November 20, 2003	
The creation of a new Water Stewardship Department will bring together the offices of government dedicated to water protection and water management.	Declaration	Throne Speech November 20, 2003	
Special attention is being given to Lake Winnipeg, which is Manitoba's largest lake and a major destination for fishing, recreation and tourism. Lake Winnipeg is also a repository for watersheds that extend across the central plains of North America. The health of the lake is an indicator of water protection efforts within and beyond Manitoba's borders.	Declaration	Throne Speech November 20, 2003	
This past spring your Government appointed a Lake Winnipeg Stewardship Board, with representation from Lake Winnipeg communities, industry and environmental experts. The target announced at that time is to reduce harmful nutrients in Lake Winnipeg to 1970 levels. This target will be central to the mandate of the new Water Stewardship Department.	Policy Statement	Throne Speech November 20, 2003	
A water protection act will be introduced, setting standards for sustainable practice and establishing new targets for water quality across Manitoba. The act will be backed up with changes to livestock approvals	Specific Commitment	Throne Speech November 20, 2003	

and a provincial commitment to meet the Clean Environment Commission's recommended standards for waste water treatment in Winnipeg and Brandon.			
The Water Stewardship Department will also co-ordinate Manitoba's continuing opposition to North Dakota projects that would drain water, nutrients and foreign biota into the Red River. . . Our ultimate goal is to address water quality issues in a collaborative way, following the model of the Great Lakes Commission.	Policy Statement	Throne Speech November 20, 2003	
Improvements to the Winnipeg Floodway over the past four years have upgraded control structures and increased the floodway's capacity. Supported by a joint federal-provincial commitment of \$240 million, work has now begun on the first phase of a major expansion project.	Declaration	Throne Speech November 20, 2003	
Manitoba is partnering with the federal government and the City to fund the first stage of floodway expansion.	Specific Commitment	Throne Speech November 20, 2003	
The Province is also prepared to be part of the solution to Winnipeg's waste treatment and transportation challenges, providing funding support and legislative authority for long-term financing.	Specific Commitment	Throne Speech November 20, 2003	
The speech outlined the government's major priorities, including: • a new water protection act to set targets for water quality	Specific Commitment	Throne Speech Press Release - November 20, 2003	
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• special action for Lake Winnipeg to reduce harmful nutrient levels;		2003	
• new Department of Water Stewardship to co-ordinate all water management	Specific Commitment	Throne Speech Highlights Press Release - November 20, 2003	
• new Water Protection Act to set new standards and targets for water quality	Specific Commitment	Throne Speech Highlights Press Release - November 20, 2003	
• comprehensive strategy to pull together all the efforts over the past four years to improve water standards and infrastructure across Manitoba	Specific Commitment	Throne Speech Highlights Press Release - November 20, 2003	
• commitment to meet Clean Environment Commission standards for waste water treatment in Winnipeg and Brandon	Specific Commitment	Throne Speech Highlights Press Release - November 20, 2003	
• changes to livestock approvals	Specific Commitment	Throne Speech Highlights Press Release - November 20, 2003	
• special attention for Lake Winnipeg with the goal of reducing harmful nutrients to 1970 levels	Specific Commitment	Throne Speech Highlights Press Release - November 20, 2003	
• continuing with drainage and flood protection measures, including the Red River Floodway expansion, currently underway	Specific Commitment	Throne Speech Highlights Press Release - November 20, 2003	
• working with allies such as Minnesota and Missouri in opposition to North Dakota projects that would drain water,	Specific Commitment	Throne Speech Highlights Press Release - November 20,	

nutrients and foreign biota into the Red River		2003	
Key priorities are protecting the quality of our drinking water, drainage, and flood protection.	Policy Statement	2003 Budget Speech 'Water Policy Across the Province'	
Last year, the Province spent \$10 million on drainage related water projects in rural Manitoba. Budget 2003 increases spending on drainage initiatives by 10%.	Specific Commitment	2003 Budget Speech 'Water Policy Across the Province'	
This Budget will establish the Red River Floodway Authority to oversee the planning and construction of an expanded Floodway – a project that will create 3,500 jobs and protect against a flood with a one-in-700-years probability of occurrence.	Specific Commitment	2003 Budget Speech 'Water Policy Across the Province'	
A Provincial action plan to help protect Lake Winnipeg, including the establishment of a new Lake Winnipeg Stewardship Board, and new regulations to prevent erosion and reduce nutrient run-off, has recently been announced.	Specific Commitment	2003 Budget Speech Environmental Stewardship	
• The establishment of the Lake Winnipeg Stewardship Board and new regulations to prevent erosion and nutrient run-off as part of an action plan to help protect the lake.	Specific Commitment	Press Release – April 22, 2003 'Budget 2003 At a Glance'	

2004

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My government's Green Strategy includes . . . improved standards to protect drinking water, groundwater and our treasured network of lakes and rivers.	Specific Commitment	Throne Speech November 22, 2004	

Manitobans know we have a precious resource, our abundance of clean water that has been allowed to deteriorate over the past number of decades.	Declaration	Throne Speech November 22, 2004	
Since 1999, my government has invested \$79 million to upgrade water and sewer services in 92 communities across the province.	Past Action	Throne Speech November 22, 2004	
The sale of bulk water from Manitoba waterways has been banned.	Past Action	Throne Speech November 22, 2004	
Standards have been raised for sewage treatment in Portage, Brandon and Winnipeg, and for septic fields and manure spreading in rural Manitoba. The Province has invested in the new Portage treatment plant and is part of a tri-level agreement to fund the first phase of Winnipeg sewage treatment upgrades ordered by the Clean Environment Commission.	Past Action	Throne Speech November 22, 2004	
A Lake Winnipeg Stewardship Board made up of scientists and community leaders has taken the lead in recommending measures that will return Lake Winnipeg to its 1970 state.	Declaration	Throne Speech November 22, 2004	
The province's new Water Stewardship Fund is supporting a Clean Beaches program, funding research on the health of the lake, such as the work of the Namao research vessel, and promoting effective stewardship along its shores and tributaries.	Specific Commitment	Throne Speech November 22, 2004	
This year a stewardship board will be formed for Lake Manitoba, with a mandate similar to the Lake Winnipeg Board.	Specific Commitment	Throne Speech November 22, 2004	
As well, a new incentive will be introduced this year to promote	Specific Commitment	Throne Speech November 22,	

water protection practices.		2004	
Our commitment to water quality encompasses all aspects – from source to tap.	Policy Statement	Budget Speech April 19, 2004 – Conservation and Water Stewardship	
The mandate of the newly created Water Stewardship Department – the first of its kind in Canada – is to focus our efforts on protecting and managing our water.	Policy Statement	Budget Speech April 19, 2004 – Conservation and Water Stewardship	
Budget 2004 will provide strong support for the continued improvement of Manitoba’s water resources.	General Commitment	Budget Speech April 19, 2004 – Conservation and Water Stewardship	
Resources will be provided to support the Lake Winnipeg Stewardship program, with the goal of identifying means to reduce harmful nutrients in the Lake.	Specific Commitment	Budget Speech April 19, 2004 – Conservation and Water Stewardship	
The [Water Protection] Act will be backed up with changes to livestock operation approvals processes and a Provincial commitment to meet the Clean Environment Commission’s recommended standards for waste water treatment in Winnipeg and Brandon.	Specific Commitment	Budget Speech April 19, 2004 – Conservation and Water Stewardship	
We will provide support for the Livestock Management Program to address additional responsibilities for inspection and enforcement. To encourage farm businesses to invest in equipment to reduce odours from organic waste, we are introducing a 10% Odour Control Tax Credit.	Specific Commitment	Budget Speech April 19, 2004 – Conservation and Water Stewardship	
I am pleased to report that work is now commencing on the \$240 million first phase of the	Declaration	Budget Speech April 19, 2004 – Conservation	

floodway expansion.		and Water Stewardship	
An important priority for our Government is the negotiation of a federal-provincial cost-shared initiative to improve flood forecasting, prevention and remediation in the Fisher River area, including Peguis First Nation.	Policy Statement	Budget Speech April 19, 2004 – Conservation and Water Stewardship	
Budget 2004 will continue to invest in water management and water quality initiatives.	General Commitment	Budget Speech April 19, 2004 'Building Manitoba'	
Budget 2004 continues to invest in the first phase of the Floodway Expansion initiative. To date, Canada and Manitoba have committed a total of \$240 million in Floodway funding.	Specific Commitment	Budget Speech April 19, 2004 'Building Manitoba'	
The Province, the City of Winnipeg and the federal government recently entered into a \$72 million agreement to upgrade sewage and waste water treatment in Winnipeg – safeguarding the health of the Red River and Lake Winnipeg.	Specific Commitment	Budget Speech April 19, 2004 'Building Manitoba'	
• Budget 2004 provides support for the Lake Winnipeg Stewardship Board	Specific Commitment	Budget 2004 – Protecting Our Water and Environment	
• Funding will be provided for livestock management inspection and enforcement.	Specific Commitment	Budget 2004 – Protecting Our Water and Environment	

2005

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This summer, shovels were in the ground to start construction of the Red River Floodway Expansion Project. ... the new	Declaration	Throne Speech October 27, 2005	

<p>Floodway project will create 1,000 jobs over five years and provide protection against a one-in-700-year flood event.</p>			
<p>Consultations with producer groups and municipalities are underway to implement a new approach to land use – linking water quality protection principles to local planning decisions. To support these initiatives, your government will establish new soil survey teams to work on established work plans and conduct ad hoc surveys for site-specific proposals. At the same time, enhanced water quality standards are being introduced for septic fields and municipal sewer treatment, and Manitoba is supporting a multi-pronged research and protection strategy for the Lake Winnipeg watershed.</p>	<p>Specific Commitments</p>	<p>Throne Speech October 27, 2005</p>	
<p>Water is one of our most important natural resources. Water stewardship is a priority for Manitobans.</p>	<p>Declaration</p>	<p>Budget Speech 'Water Protection, Natural Areas and Climate Change'</p>	
<p>Budget 2005 builds on our commitment to Manitoba's water strategy. We are investing in several major initiatives, including increased funding for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • promoting new standards under the new Water Protection Act 	<p>Specific Commitment</p>	<p>Budget Speech 'Water Protection, Natural Areas and Climate Change'</p>	
<p>Budget 2005 builds on our commitment to Manitoba's water strategy. We are investing in several major initiatives, including increased funding for:</p> <p>...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • flood proofing and protection 	<p>Specific Commitment</p>	<p>Budget Speech 'Water Protection, Natural Areas and Climate Change'</p>	

Budget 2005 builds on our commitment to Manitoba's water strategy. We are investing in several major initiatives, including increased funding for: ... • ice jam and shoreline erosion mitigation	Specific Commitment	Budget Speech 'Water Protection, Natural Areas and Climate Change'	
Budget 2005 builds on our commitment to Manitoba's water strategy. We are investing in several major initiatives, including increased funding for: ... • sewer and water projects	Specific Commitment	Budget Speech 'Water Protection, Natural Areas and Climate Change'	
Budget 2005 builds on our commitment to Manitoba's water strategy. We are investing in several major initiatives, including increased funding for: ... • provincial drainage system maintenance and rehabilitation	Specific Commitment	Budget Speech 'Water Protection, Natural Areas and Climate Change'	
The extension of the Riparian Tax Credit, sewage and septic field regulations, and a critical cross-border agreement with North Dakota and Minnesota to reduce nutrient loading by 10%, will contribute to our efforts to protect Lake Winnipeg and safeguard the integrity of all Manitoba waterways.	Declaration	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. • Increased funding for Water Stewardship – the only dedicated water department in Canada	Specific Commitment	Budget 2005 In Brief	
Budget 2005 continues the commitment to protect our water and natural resources now and in the future. ... • \$1.1 million for water quality	Specific Commitment	Budget 2005 In Brief	

initiatives			
Budget 2005 continues the commitment to protect our water and natural resources now and in the future. ... • Supporting actions to clean up and protect Lake Winnipeg	Specific Commitment	Budget 2005 In Brief	
• More funding for the provincial drainage system, flood proofing and protection, and initiatives to deal with shoreline erosion and ice jams.	Specific Commitment	Press Release – March 8, 2005 'Budget 2005 At A Glance'	
• 4.6-per cent increase in funding for municipal water projects, building on the \$80 million invested since 1999 in clean water projects in 81 communities and waste water treatment projects in 43 communities.	Specific Commitment	Press Release – March 8, 2005 'Budget 2005 At A Glance'	
• \$56 million for the expansion of the Red River Floodway, the largest infrastructure project in Winnipeg's history.	Specific Commitment	Press Release – March 8, 2005 'Budget 2005 At A Glance'	
• Increased resources for water quality initiatives.	Specific Commitment	Press Release – March 8, 2005 'Budget 2005 At A Glance'	
• Working with communities to protect the great lakes, Lake Winnipeg and Lake Manitoba.	Specific Commitment	Press Release – March 8, 2005 'Budget 2005 At A Glance'	
• Upgrading water and sewage treatment plants across Manitoba including Winnipeg, Gimli and Garson/Tyndall.	Specific Commitment	Press Release – March 8, 2005 'Budget 2005 At A Glance'	
• Extension of the Riparian Tax Credit.	Specific Commitment	Press Release – March 8, 2005 'Budget 2005 At A Glance'	
The budget supports plans to revitalize the province's great lakes, Lake Winnipeg and Lake	Specific Commitment	Press Release – March 8, 2005 'Budget 2005	

Manitoba.		Invests in Infrastructure and Health Care, Reduces Taxes, Pays Down Debt'	
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2006

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We are working together ...to construct new recreation facilities and new infrastructure for drinking water and water management.	Policy Statement	Throne Speech November 15, 2006	
And we must take further action to protect the quality of our lakes and waterways – with each region and each sector of the community doing its part – so that we can pass on to our children the benefits and enjoyment of our natural environment.	Declaration	Throne Speech November 15, 2006	
Protecting Manitoba’s water quality has been a priority for our government since 1999. The province recently introduced a third phase in programs and regulations designed to ensure that this generation of Manitobans passes onto the next generation all the benefits that our waterways and lakes provide.	Claim	Throne Speech November 15, 2006	
The new phase includes the first-ever limits on the application of phosphorous to soil, nutrient-free buffer zones along lakes and waterways, and new standards to regulate septic fields and sewage treatment in all parts of the province.	General Commitment	Throne Speech November 15, 2006	

The province has helped fund clean drinking water and sewage treatment projects throughout the province and is working with the livestock industry to support the development of anaerobic digesters and other technologies that will support environmentally sustainable operations.	General Commitment	Throne Speech November 15, 2006	
Our government will continue to protect Manitoba's water from proposed diversion projects that could introduce foreign biota.	Policy Statement	Throne Speech November 15, 2006	
Working with the Canadian government and our international allies, Manitoba has successfully blocked three efforts to transfer water from the Missouri River to the Hudson Bay basin: the original Garrison Diversion Project, the Northwest Area Water Supply Project and a proposed inlet at Devils Lake. ... Preventing inter-basin transfer of water is, and will remain, our first objective.	Declaration	Throne Speech November 15, 2006	
Manitoba will continue to urge the federal government to implement the 2005 commitment to install an advanced biota filter at the Devils Lake outlet and proceed with construction immediately.	General Commitment	Throne Speech November 15, 2006	
Budget 2006 adds resources for increasing water quality, drainage projects	Specific Commitment	Budget Speech – Introduction	
[C]lean water is at the heart of our ecosystems, our communities and our economy.	Declaration	Budget Speech – Protecting Our Water Resources	
Today's budget puts high priority on protecting our drinking water, our ground water and our unique network of lakes and rivers.	Policy Statement	Budget Speech – Protecting Our Water Resources	

Budget 2006 expands resources for improved drinking water safety initiatives	Specific Commitment	Budget Speech – Protecting Our Water Resources	
Our government is taking further steps this year to protect our lakes and waterways from excess nutrient loading, with a focus on improving Lake Winnipeg water quality, and reducing algae blooms on the lake as well as other rivers and streams.	Specific Commitment	Budget Speech – Protecting Our Water Resources	
New staff will be added to support implementation of The Water Protection Act to better protect ground and surface water.	Specific Commitment	Budget Speech – Protecting Our Water Resources	
Budget 2006 provides a new incentive for farmers to adopt beneficial water-related practices.	Specific Commitment	Budget Speech – Protecting Our Water Resources	
Today's budget expands resources for: • more Conservation Districts to advance watershed planning;	Specific Commitment	Budget Speech – Protecting Our Water Resources	
Today's budget expands resources for: ... • the Canada-Manitoba Hydrometric program for flood forecasting;	Specific Commitment	Budget Speech – Protecting Our Water Resources	
Today's budget expands resources for: ... • the Manitoba Water Services Board;	Specific Commitment	Budget Speech – Protecting Our Water Resources	
Budget 2006 provides for a new intake under the enhanced Riparian Tax Credit program	Specific Commitment	Budget Speech – Protecting Our Water Resources	
Today's budget increases resources for ... sustainable resource management priorities, including ... the successful	Specific Commitment	Budget Speech – Natural Areas and Environmental	

River Stewards program.		Stewardship	
Budget 2006 provides new resources to pursue a federal partnership to double the number of Manitoba soil survey teams. The work of these new teams will enhance mapping for the implementation of the new Water Protection and Planning Acts, ensuring water quality protection in planning for new developments.	Specific Commitment	Budget Speech – Rural Manitoba	
Budget 2006 advances water treatment projects in Sherridon, Duck Bay, Dawson Bay, and Mallard, as well as waste water projects in Cormorant and Matheson Island – part of a multi-year strategy for modernizing all Northern Affairs communities.	Specific Commitment	Budget Speech – Northern Manitoba	
Manitoba will continue to advance the need for federal investment in First Nations water and sewer systems.	Policy Statement	Budget Speech – Northern Manitoba	
• Budget 2006 provides for a 30% increase in funding for water infrastructure projects and funding for drainage is more than doubling.	Specific Commitment	Budget 2006 In Brief – Water and Environmental Protection	
• Expanded resources will be provided for improved drinking water safety.	Specific Commitment	Budget 2006 In Brief – Water and Environmental Protection	
• Additional resources will help protect sensitive ground and surface water.	Specific Commitment	Budget 2006 In Brief – Water and Environmental Protection	
• Funding will be increased for the Canada-Manitoba Hydrometric program for flood forecasting.	Specific Commitment	Budget 2006 In Brief – Water and Environmental Protection	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A \$10 increase to the fee charged by the Water Services Board for technical review of capital projects, making the rate more consistent with the private sector. 	Specific Commitment	Press Release – March 6, 2006 'Budget 2006 At A Glance'	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introducing a variable fee instead of a flat fee for water rights licence applications in order to better reflect the actual costs of reviewing the applications. 	Specific Commitment	Press Release – March 6, 2006 'Budget 2006 At A Glance'	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actively pursuing the renewal of the federal partnership to complete the Red River Floodway expansion. 	Specific Commitment	Press Release – March 6, 2006 'Budget 2006 At A Glance'	

2007

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Now, more than ever, Manitoba is building for the future...water and sewer upgrades...speaks to the growth and prosperity of our province.	Declaration	Budget Speech - Building our Province	
This year marks 10 years since the 1997 Flood of the Century, a significant event in our province's history...Since construction began a year and a half ago, more than one-third of the channel excavation work has been completed - Manitobans now enjoy protection against a flood equal to the greatest in recorded Manitoba history. Once completed, the project will protect more than 450,000 Manitobans and will prevent more than \$12 billion in damages to the provincial economy in the event of a major flood.	Claim	Budget Speech - Building our Province	
Budget 2007 allocates a record \$33 million under existing cost-	Specific Commitment	Budget Speech - Building our	

shared agreements. This investment will allow municipalities to advance infrastructure and other priorities such as: Winnipeg's wastewater and treatment upgrade and Grand Rapids' sewer and water project.		Province	
Protecting the quality of our vast water resources is a top priority for Manitobans.	Declaration	Budget Speech - Water Protection	
An abundance of clean, fresh water is vital for the quality of life we enjoy in Manitoba and our long-term economic prosperity. Protecting drinking water, improving the health of Lake Winnipeg and conserving water supplies are imperatives we must meet to ensure our water will be protected and preserved for generations to come.	Policy Statement	Budget Speech - Water Protection	
Last fall, we announced the third phase of Manitoba's water protection plan - a plan based on shared responsibility, with all regions and all sectors doing their part. The first two phases of Manitoba's water protection plan focussed on increasing water testing, setting nutrient reduction targets, strengthening manure management and municipal land use planning, and creating Canada's first department of Water Stewardship to consolidate water services.	Past Action	Budget Speech - Water Protection	
Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce today that Budget 2007 invests more than \$10 million in new funds to address recommendations of the Lake Winnipeg Stewardship Board, advance sewer and water projects, and improve water	Specific Commitment	Budget Speech - Water Protection	

management and flood protection.			
* managing nutrients to meet leading-edge regulations on nitrogen and phosphorus;	Specific Commitment	Budget Speech - Water Protection	
* additional staff for inspections and enforcement;	Specific Commitment	Budget Speech - Water Protection	
* enhanced watershed planning and programming;	Specific Commitment	Budget Speech - Water Protection	
* habitat enhancement;	Specific Commitment	Budget Speech - Water Protection	
* on-site wastewater management and manure storage facilities;	Specific Commitment	Budget Speech - Water Protection	
* Manitoba Water Services Board projects;	Specific Commitment	Budget Speech - Water Protection	
* further scientific research on Lake Winnipeg and beneficial management practices; and	Specific Commitment	Budget Speech - Water Protection	
* strengthening drainage licensing and enforcement.	Specific Commitment	Budget Speech - Water Protection	
This new funding also includes \$2.5 million to help farmers begin to adapt their operations to comply with new water protection regulations.	Specific Commitment	Budget Speech - Water Protection	
We will work with the federal government on plans to fully invest the \$7 million they have announced for Lake Winnipeg.	Specific Commitment	Budget Speech - Water Protection	
As the Clean Environment Commission reviews our water protection plan, Manitobans are being asked for their input on how best to care for our water resources.	Specific Commitment	Budget Speech - Water Protection	
In the meantime, we have put a pause on new and expanding hog barns, in recognition of the rapid growth in this industry since the 1990s, and the need for public	Declaration	Budget Speech - Water Protection	

confidence in the industry.			
Mr. Speaker, with today's budget, our government has committed more than \$130 million for water and wastewater infrastructure projects across the province.	Specific Commitment	Budget Speech - Water Protection	

2008

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Based on the work of the Lake Winnipeg Stewardship Board, our government introduced a major new strategy focussed on reducing nitrogen and phosphorus levels in our waterways. We have taken action on over 90% of the Board's recommendations already and we are continuing to move forward by engaging all those who contribute to the problem to become part of the solution	Past Action	Budget Speech April 9, 2008	
...we were the first province to introduce legislation to regulate phosphorus in automatic dishwasher detergents...	Past Action	Budget Speech April 9, 2008	
By January 1, 2009, we will also restrict phosphorus application for lawn and garden fertilizers.	General Commitment	Budget Speech April 9, 2008	
We have introduced new standards to reduce the amount of nitrogen and phosphorus released by large wastewater treatment facilities, and will be introducing limits for smaller systems and lagoons.	Past Action	Budget Speech April 9, 2008	
New rules will be announced this year prohibiting the installation of septic fields in certain areas and bringing in new	General Commitment	Budget Speech April 9, 2008	

restrictions for current systems. Budget 2008 also provides new resources for enhanced monitoring and inspection of septic systems.			
Following the Clean Environment Commission (CEC) review, we have placed a moratorium on hog industry expansion in parts of the province and will be strengthening regulations to protect sensitive and marginal lands in Manitoba.	Past Action	Budget Speech April 9, 2008	
Further restrictions on the spreading of manure during the winter have been accepted as recommended by the CEC. Restrictions will also apply to municipal sludge, and to fertilizers for lawns and golf courses.	Specific Commitment	Budget Speech April 9, 2008	
The Province will be working with the Faculty of Environment, Earth and Resources at the University of Manitoba and others on priority research areas, including phosphorus application levels and other recommendations from the CEC's report on the hog industry.	General Commitment	Budget Speech April 9, 2008	
...wastewater treatment upgrades for Brandon, Neepawa and Portage la Prairie.	Specific Commitment	Speech from the Throne November 20, 2008	
...upgrades to Winnipeg's wastewater treatment system.	General Commitment	Speech from the Throne November 20, 2008	
The Wetlands Initiative will add another dimension to our government's commitment to restore the health of Lake Winnipeg. Wetlands in river deltas help to filter out excess	Specific Commitment	Speech from the Throne November 20, 2008	

nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorous, and studies have indicated that restoring the Netley-Libau Marsh could reduce nutrient loading in Lake Winnipeg by 6%			
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Quote	Nature of Statement	Speech/Source /Date	Analysis
An important part of healthy communities is ensuring that drinking water and wastewater systems are properly managed to protect water supplies for the future and encourage community development.	Policy Statement	Budget Speech March 25, 2009	
Investments in Manitoba water protection will total over \$1 billion in the coming years... provincial contribution of \$46 million will be augmented with additional funding from other governments to support work in urban, rural and Aboriginal and Northern Affairs communities.	Specific Commitment	Budget Speech March 25, 2009	
We are also supporting the development of a water and wastewater technician training program to ensure the long-term availability of qualified operators in Manitoba communities.	Past Action	Budget Speech March 25, 2009	
Doubling the basic credit for agricultural producers who take action to protect riverbanks and lakeshore areas under the Riparian Tax Credit program beginning in 2009;	Specific Commitment	Budget Speech March 25, 2009	
Working with Manitoba fishers to establish a new governance framework for Lake Winnipeg	Specific Commitment	Budget Speech March 25, 2009	
Undertaking more scientific research to support nutrient	Specific Commitment	Budget Speech March 25,	

reduction options;		2009	
Developing long-term objectives for nutrient reduction in the Lake Winnipeg basin;	Specific Commitment	Budget Speech March 25, 2009	
Investing additional resources for the inspection of livestock manure storage facilities and on-site wastewater facilities	Specific Commitment	Budget Speech March 25, 2009	
We are developing a new wetlands protection and restoration initiative, including the restoration of the province's largest marshes, including Delta Marsh. This will help reduce greenhouse gases, improve drought resistance and water quality, enhance flood protection and restore wildlife habitat.	Specific Commitment	Budget Speech March 25, 2009	
Manitoba Water Stewardship now has sole responsibility for protecting and managing Manitoba's high-quality water resources.	Policy Statement	Budget Paper B: Supplementary Financial Information	
The basic credit for all categories of riparian land is approximately doubled, which automatically doubles participants' slope premium entitlements and increases the off-site watering component of the credit for some operators.	Specific Commitment	Budget Paper C: Recent Developments in Fiscal Arrangements	
A significant component of the province's water-related infrastructure has been maintained and upgraded in partnership with several conservation districts throughout the province.	Past Action	Budget Paper F: Improved Infrastructure and Fiscally Sound Economic Stimulus	
\$46 million in municipal and wastewater projects.	General Commitment	Brochure	