



NDP Convention Resolutions

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WHEREAS these types of co-operatives can create industries and provide jobs in agriculture and alternative energy.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoba NDP lobby the Provincial Government to look into why these types of co-operatives have not flourished under the existing legislation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Manitoba NDP lobby the Provincial Government to promote these types of co-operatives for agriculture, alternate energy and consumer purposes in the future.

08-AG-21
LABOUR LEGISLATION FOR AGRICULTURAL WORKERS

Brandon East NDP
WHEREAS agriculture is a central aspect of the Manitoba economy; and
WHEREAS agricultural workers have not enjoyed the same rights and benefits as other workers in Manitoba.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT all labour legislation in the Province of Manitoba be extended to paid agricultural workers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this extension include workers compensation, employment standards, health and safety provisions, and minimum wage.

08-AG-22
BAN ON GMOS (GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS)

Lac du Bonnet NDP
WHEREAS our scientific understanding of the world we live in acknowledges that life is an interconnected series of events with each event affecting the connection affecting the

world around it; and
WHEREAS modern genetic research and technology gives us the ability to break and restructure the bounds imposed by the natural world without any understanding of the consequences of such events.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Convention acknowledge that genetic restructuring of seeds is an unproven science with the potential to alter the future in unseen ways; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that our Government ban the sale of any and all new genetically modified seed types.

08-AG-23
AUDITOR GENERAL AUDIT CONSERVATION

Carman NDP
WHEREAS the Auditor General's audit of Manitoba's Department of Conservation's management of the environment livestock program was released in October 2007; and

WHEREAS the Auditor General's report identified the following failures to ensure compliance with legislation and process to protect the environment and includes many recommendations:
4-1-1 Permits issued with no permit application received.
4-1-2 Inconsistent sign-off on permit application review.
4-1-3 Permits issued without verification of applications for other required licenses.
4-1-4 Site inspection not conducted before permits were issued.
4-1-5 Consultation with municipalities limited.
4-1-6 Municipal conditions not incorporated into permits.
4-1-7 Client acceptance of permit conditions not required.
4-2 Need to strengthen construction monitoring

processes.
4-2-1 Written inspection results not provided to the operator or representative.
4-2-2 Inappropriate timing of final inspections.
4-2-3 Inadequate assessments of soil test results.
4-2-4 Inadequate certification by professional engineers.
4-3 Need to strengthen post-construction monitoring process.
4-3-1 Periodic inspections not risk based.
4-3-2 Periodic inspections narrow in scope.
4-3-3 Insufficient follow-up on issues identified during inspection.
4-3-4 Operator acknowledgement of periodic inspection reports not required.
4-4 Strategy to identify, assess and approve non-permitted manure storage facilities needed.
4-4-1 No strategy to identify non-permitted manure storage facilities.
4-4-2 No strategy to assess and approve non-permitted manure storage facilities.
4-5 Need to strengthen the process for monitoring.
4-5-1 Inadequate assessment of manure management plans.
4-5-2 Manure management plans submitted at the request of the Municipality not reviewed by Conservation.
4-5-3 No follow-up on manure management plans submitted for registration.
4-5-4 No follow-up to confirm manure spread.
4-5-5 Internal audit of manure management plans narrow in scope.
4-5-6 Inadequate communication of internal audit results of manure management plans of operators.
4-5-7 Inadequate follow-up of manure issues identified.
4-6 Need to maximize use of department's information system.
4-6-1 Environment management system (EMS)

under utilized
4-6-2 Data entry issue not resolved.
5.0 Increased use of information to protect surface and ground water needs.
6.0 Limited consultation with other departments and municipalities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The New Democratic Party of Manitoba accept all of the recommendations contained in the Auditor General of Manitoba's October 2007 audit of the Department of Conservation's management of the environmental livestock program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the current pause (moratorium) on new construction of hog raising facilities be continued indefinitely until all of the audit's recommendations have been implemented. *

08-AG-24
REGIONAL TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Carman NDP
WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba assigns the task of reviewing applications to construct or expand intensive livestock operations to a Regional Technical Review Committee (RTRC); and

WHEREAS the members of the RTRC represent the provincial departments of Agriculture, Conservation, Water Stewardship and Intergovernmental Affairs; and

WHEREAS there exists well documented evidence (See Auditor General's report on the Dept. of Conservation 2007) of the failure of the RTRC to protect the environment.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the New Democratic Government of Manitoba assign the task of reviewing applications to construct or expand