



## **2011 Manitoba Election Survey #2**

### **Licensing & Environment Act**



**If elected, will your party:**

- 1) Require effects assessment for renewal or extension of long-term resource extraction licenses?**  
*Yes. We are open to a discussion of the appropriate assessment mechanism when licenses are being renewed or extended.*
- 2) Make sure environmental and licensing standards for public works (public funds, lands, use) are available prior to reviews, etc.?**  
*We are willing to examine this.*
- 3) Hold public hearings for any multi-year extended, renewed or new forestry or mill license?**  
*We are willing to consider this.*
- 4) Appoint a Manitoba environment auditor with powers to obtain information, advise ministers, audit licences, review decisions?**  
*We will consider this idea.*
- 5) Conduct public and stakeholders reviews in order to update Manitoba's Environment Act?**  
*We will consider this idea.*
- 6) Provide a citizens guide to Manitoba government public registries?**  
*Yes.*
- 7) Fulfill the federal-provincial EA harmonization agreement?**  
*We will continue to participate in the joint discussions regarding the federal-provincial Environmental Assessment Agreements.*
- 8) Resource the Environment Act public registry so contents of licensing files are known, files are updated, and accessible on a timely basis?**  
*We agree with the goal but would need to review in light of available*

*resources.*

- 9) **Maintain a complete online listing of public registry file contents?**  
*We will endeavor to do that as resources permit.*
- 10) **Include in public registry files both public review documents, and government comments about Environment Act proposals/licences?**  
*We are willing to consider this.*
- 11) **Mandate coordination between clean environment commission records, and environment act proceedings records?**  
*We are willing to explore this.*
- 12) **Assist the clean environment commission to make their archives electronic?**  
*We agree with the goal but would need to review in light of available resources.*
- 13) **Phase out environmental licensing in stages, so elements in an environment act proposal/development are reviewed, made public, reviewed, and licensed together?**  
*We will consider this idea.*
- 14) **Establish a public list of all grandfathered environment act licences in Manitoba?**  
*We will consider this idea.*
- 15) **Put in place automatic triggers for public hearings for large-scale developments?**  
*We are willing to examine this, particularly as it relates to the ongoing joint discussions related to the federal-provincial Environmental Assessment Agreements.*
- 16) **Ensure environmental act proposals continue to have public comment periods with comments posted publicly on a timely basis?**  
*Yes.*
- 17) **Ensure guidelines for a proponent's or developer's environmental statement are public and open for comment prior to filing of that statement?**

*We are willing to consider this.*

- 18) Ensure contents required for a proponent's EI Statement or scoping document are public when the proponent is informed of these requirements?**

*We are willing to consider this.*

- 19) Add to the environment act: environmental assessment, public registry, clean environment commission regulations?**

*We are willing to consider this.*

- 20) Provide environmental statement standards, for use in similar projects such as: wind energy projects, waste water systems, road networks, transmission systems, energy generation stations, causeways, floodways?**

*We are willing to consider this.*