



2011 Manitoba Election Survey #3

Hydro & Energy



If elected, will your party:

- 1) By listening to Manitobans, fulfill the NDP commitment to arrive at a long-term energy plan for Manitoba?**

The Progressive Conservative Party of Manitoba, in consultation with Manitobans will develop a long-term energy plan for Manitoba.

- 2) Make sure Manitoba Hydro – now exempt from Planning Act – is also governed by Planning Act requirements?**

We will consider this.

- 3) Make sure generation stations/dams in Manitoba's Hydro system have environmental licenses?**

Yes, for all hydro developments built since The Environment Act was proclaimed. Yes for all hydro developments built prior to The Environment Act, for which significant alterations to the development have occurred, or unanticipated environmental effects have occurred.

- 4) Require Manitoba Hydro to disclose funds spent on future projects?**

Yes.

- 5) Ensure open and transparent access to Manitoba Hydro information?**

Yes.

- 6) Require Manitoba Hydro to provide technical reports when filing proposals, and during proceedings for a new project, under the Environment or Water Acts?**

Yes.

- 7) Require Manitoba Hydro to regularly post water levels for any lake or river for which it holds a power reserve? Yes.**

- 8) **Require Manitoba Hydro to make public its long term development intentions, including all transmission corridors/systems?**
Yes.
- 9) **Ensure advance notification about water level changes are timely, public and accessible?**
Yes.
- 10) **Expand Manitoba's wind generated electrical capacity beyond those projects presently built or licensed?**
We would undertake the appropriate socioeconomic assessments when evaluating potential new projects.
- 11) **Move forward with power purchase agreements for wind projects licensed, but not yet developed?**
Yes, upon a thorough review of Manitoba Hydro transmission requirements.
- 12) **Produce a public wind resource atlas for Manitoba?**
We will consider this.
- 13) **Assess transmission needs in relation to potential wind projects?**
Yes. We will assess the performance of the existing wind projects as part of the analysis related to potential wind projects.
- 14) **Establish public environmental standards for new renewable energy proposals in Manitoba (wind, solar, geothermal, biomass, etc.)?**
Yes.
- 15) **Investigate potential developers, users, and benefits for solar energy in Manitoba?**
Yes.
- 16) **Determine how a feed in tariff would work in Manitoba?**
Yes, in the context of a publically-owned Manitoba Hydro.
- 17) **Create a separate crown agency/corporation to guide the new and alternative renewable energy sector in Manitoba?**
No.

- 18) Make public in Manitoba documents, standards, and other reports Manitoba Hydro provides to other utilities, other governments, including in the US?**

Yes, unless such disclosure is patently harmful to Hydro's essential commercial relationships.

- 19) Put in place further measures to enhance energy efficiency in Manitoba?**
Yes.

- 20) Increase the ceiling for Power Smart upgrades per residence to \$10,000?**
We will consider this idea.

- 21) Set interest rates on Power Smart loans 1% above prime?**
We will consider this idea.

- 22) Build Conawapa generation station?**

Yes, subject to all required regulatory approvals. Manitoba Hydro has indicated the earliest possible in service date is 2023.

- 23) Build the Keeyask generation station?**

Yes, subject to all required regulatory approvals. Manitoba Hydro has indicated that the in service date is 2019 for the first unit, with all units to be commissioned by 2021.

- 24) Keep Manitoba Hydro publicly owned for the benefit of all Manitobans?**
Yes.

- 25) Commission an independent agency to review environmental impacts, social and economic costs, and benefits from our hydro system, since the first dam?**

For new projects related to our hydro system, independent reviews of environmental impacts, social and economic costs, and benefits will be conducted. For communities with outstanding concerns regarding the environmental and social impacts of our hydro system, discussions, negotiation and remediation will continue.