

Manitoba PC Caucus Review

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PROVINCE OFFERS CONGRATULATIONS ON SUCCESSFUL SALE OF TOLKO OPERATIONS

November 14, 2016

Premier Brian Pallister congratulated all involved in the successful completion of the sale of Tolko Industries Ltd.'s (Tolko) Manitoba operation and assets to Canadian Kraft Paper Industries Limited, a company affiliated with American Industrial Acquisition Corporation (AIAC).

"Our government is extremely pleased by the successful completion of an agreement between Tolko Industries Ltd. and Canadian Kraft Paper Industries Limited that will preserve existing jobs and secure long-term, sustainable development through one of the primary employers in northern Manitoba," said Pallister. "We offer our congratulations to all those who have worked so diligently to bring this deal to a close in the best interests of all Manitobans. The collective efforts of both the purchaser and seller, Swampy Cree Holdings, the Town of The Pas and the mill's past and present employees are to be commended."

Tolko had announced its intention to close the mill by Dec. 2 but received a letter of intent from AIAC in September to acquire the assets and liabilities of the Tolko Manitoba Kraft Paper Unit and Solid Wood Business Unit. The government of Manitoba

subsequently passed a statutory regulation to support and facilitate the acquisition and continued operation of the kraft paper mill in The Pas. Detailed and collaborative discussions between all key stakeholders continued, and have now resulted in this creative solution, the premier noted.

According to the deal reached today, current Manitoba employees will transition to Canadian Kraft Paper Industries Limited and will maintain operations going forward.

"Our government is committed to the creation of conditions throughout Manitoba that will encourage investment and economic development in all regions of the province, but particularly throughout those areas of the north that have either been neglected or have seen unsuccessful short-term subsidies and unwise taxpayer-funded bailouts provide little benefit for their communities," said the Premier.

"We are pleased to have been able to play a part in facilitating an agreement that will allow for the preservation of jobs that might have otherwise been lost in The Pas and surrounding communities."

GOVERNMENT OF MANITOBA LAUNCHES PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS ON CPP

As part of the national conversation on enhancements to the Canada Pension Plan (CPP), Manitoba's new government is launching public consultations to hear ideas and suggestions from Manitobans, Finance Minister Cameron Friesen announced.

In June, federal and provincial finance ministers signed an agreement in principle to enhance the CPP with modest, phased-in and fully funded increases in contributions. The minister noted Manitoba did not initially sign the agreement and consented only when acknowledgment was given that Manitoba's proposals to strengthen the changes be given consideration at the upcoming finance ministers meeting in Ottawa next month. Provinces and territories must also agree to any further changes to the CPP.

"The Canada Pension Plan is a key pillar of Canada's retirement income system, but more research and analysis is needed to modernize it and ensure that it addresses the realities facing Canadians," said Friesen. "These public consultations will ensure all Manitobans have the opportunity to share their ideas for how the plan can best benefit everyone who contributes."

Written submissions can be made until Nov. 27 online at www.gov.mb.ca/cpp/index.html.

CONTRACT AWARDED FOR HEALTHCARE SUSTAINABILITY & INNOVATION REVIEW

KPMG LLP has been awarded the contract for the Health Care Sustainability and Innovation Review, Health, Seniors and Active Living Minister Kelvin Goertzen announced recently.

"The reality is the finances of the health-care system in Manitoba and many other provinces are not sustainable in their current state," said Goertzen. "While there has been work done to find efficiencies in some areas, we need to look at the system as a whole and find ways to ensure that every tax dollar that is going into health is being used as effectively as possible. The status quo simply is not an option."

He noted the review is intended to assess spending against three criteria:

- economy – are activities implemented at a reasonable cost including the consideration of quality, per capita costs and unit costs for service delivery;
- efficiency – are the results appropriate when the investments are considered; and
- effectiveness – do actual outcomes meet the expected outcomes.

'CHADDERTON LAKE' NAMING HONOURS VETERAN AND WAR AMP ADVOCATE

Sustainable Development Minister Cathy Cox today announced that Second World War veteran and advocate for war and child amputees, Cliff Chadderton, has had a lake named in his honour.

"Let us also never forget those who fought for our country and for our freedoms," said Cox. "Extraordinary Manitoban, Cliff Chadderton, lost his right leg in battle and spent the majority of his post-war life advocating for amputees and veterans. We are eternally grateful and pleased to honour his sacrifice in this way."

Chadderton Lake is located in the Duck Mountains in southwest Manitoba.

CAUCUS EDITORIAL: ENSURING TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN MANITOBA'S CROWN CORPORATIONS

Our new government is committed to ensuring accountability, strategic investment and value for money, including within Manitoba's Crown corporations. We are restoring this accountability after the previous NDP administration's decade of debt, decay and decline, when they made politically motivated decisions that damaged these corporations' bottom lines.

We have created the new Department of Crown Services responsible for Manitoba Hydro, Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries and Manitoba Public Insurance. Our new Progressive Conservative government has asked these Crown corporations to review their activities to ensure they are operating within their core mandates while acting in the best interests of ratepayers and taxpayers. We are, as well, preparing legislation that will improve the accountability of the Crown corporations and strengthen their oversight to find efficiencies and savings, while improving their services Manitobans depend on.

Our government has welcomed the decision by Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries to cancel its unnecessary relocation and construction of a new headquarters in Winnipeg. The Liquor and Lotteries newly appointed board of directors reviewed the plan to purchase and renovate a downtown office tower at a cost of \$75 million, and found it to be unnecessary, a poor use of taxpayers' dollars and well outside of the corporation's core mandate.

As well, during the past 3½ years, Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries spent more than \$292,000 of taxpayers' money on excessive travel for its senior executives.

Our commitment to accountability and value also stands in sharp contrast to the previous government's mismanagement and waste in accelerating construction of Manitoba Hydro mega-projects. The NDP's aggressive pursuit of the Bipole III transmission line and the Keeyask Generating Station has burdened Manitoba Hydro with unprecedented debt, which is projected to nearly double to \$25 billion from its current level of \$13 billion within the next three or four years. The NDP's mismanagement of Hydro has seriously damaged our province's financial stability.

Our new PC government is committed to correcting this course, as part of our mandate to fix the province's finances, repair our services and rebuild our economy. Unlike the NDP, we understand the choices we make today have an impact on the services we can deliver tomorrow. We are listening to Manitobans and working with citizens, stakeholders and the new boards of our Crown corporations.

We are proud to put the public interest first, and are committed to restoring trust and integrity in government while making Manitoba families safer and stronger.

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TWO PRIVATE MEMBERS BILLS PASS 3RD READING, BECOME MANITOBA LAW

Private members' bills introduced by two Manitoba PC MLAs have passed 3rd reading, received Royal Assent, and become law in the province of Manitoba.

Bill 208, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Day Act, was introduced by Cliff Graydon, MLA for Emerson. It designates February 1st as Royal Canadian Mounted Police Day in Manitoba.

"The RCMP is part of the history of Manitoba dating back to 1873 when its predecessor, the North-West Mounted Police, was first based here," said Graydon. "I was honoured to bring this bill forward to recognize that history, as well as the important role the RCMP plays in keeping our communities safe to this day."

Bill 209, the Childhood Cancer Awareness Month Act, was introduced by Wayne Ewasko, MLA for Lac du Bonnet. The bill designates the month of September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in Manitoba.

"I am very pleased that Bill 209 has passed third reading," said Ewasko. "Throughout the debate on this bill, I have been moved by the courage of families that have been affected by childhood cancer. I was honoured to share their stories and I look forward to marking the first Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in Manitoba next fall."

Bills 208 and 209 received Royal Assent and officially became law in Manitoba on November 10th, 2016.



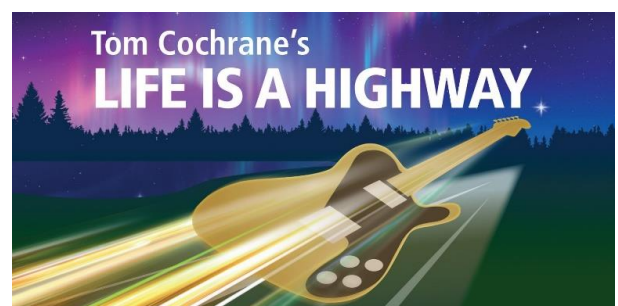
TOM COCHRANE HONOURED WITH "LIFE IS A" HIGHWAY DESIGNATION ON PR 391

A 322-kilometre section of PR 391 connecting Lynn Lake and Thompson will be renamed Tom Cochrane's Life Is A Highway, in honour of the Lynn Lake-born singer, Infrastructure Minister Blaine Pedersen announced as the internationally recognized rock star performed an acoustic version of the similarly named hit single in the Legislative Building.

"The Manitoba government takes great pride in opportunities to shine a light on the many unique stories that emerge from our northern communities," said Pedersen. "We are honoured that Tom Cochrane has agreed to lend his name and legacy to renaming an important stretch of provincial road in northern Manitoba. The road signs along Provincial Road 391 to be designated Tom Cochrane's Life Is A Highway jointly celebrate the amazing accomplishments of a Manitoba musician and the proud community in which he was raised."

The minister invited Manitobans to experience the unique sights and sounds of northern Manitoba as part of a trip to the province's north in 2017.

"Through all these cities and all these towns, Lynn Lake remains my birthplace and original home town," said Cochrane. "I am happy to be able to give back to my home community and am very thankful for this honour."



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**I was that which others did not
want to be.**

**I went where others feared to go,
and did what others failed to do.**

**I asked nothing from those who
gave nothing, and reluctantly
accepted the thought of eternal
loneliness... should I fail.**

**I have seen the face of terror; felt
the stinging cold of fear; and
enjoyed the sweet taste of a
moment's love.**

**I have cried, pained, and hoped...
but most of all, I have lived times
others would say were best
forgotten.**

**At least someday I will be able to
say that I was proud of what I
was...**

A soldier.

*"Soldier", by George L. Skypeck, was
recited in the Manitoba Legislature by
Premier Brian Pallister on November 10,
2016*



Premier Brian Pallister with Jim Scott, Mayor of The Pas, moments after learning a deal to sell Tolko's Manitoba operations had gone through



MLAs Doyle Piwniuk, James Teitsma, and Sarah Guillemard participate in Take Your Kids to Work Day



Blair Yakimoski, Ron Schuler, Heather Stefanson, Nic Curry, and Dennis Smook celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Canadian Ukrainian Institute Prosvita



4-H Day being celebrated by Manitoba 4-H members and the many 4-H Alumni in the Manitoba PC Caucus



St. Norbert MLA Jon Reyes with crew from HMCS Winnipeg, the ship he sailed on from 1994 to 1999 as a member of the Royal Canadian Navy.