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MANITOBA COMMITTED TO LAKE MANITOBA OUTLET PROJECT

Premier Brian Pallister reiterated the Manitoba government's commitment to building and completing an outlet on Lake Manitoba for the protection of the lives and livelihoods of residents of the Interlake and Lake Manitoba basin. The Premier's comments came at a community meeting in St. Laurent, which was also attended by several Ministers and area PC MLAs.

The delegation met with community members to hear how the flooding of 2011 affected their community, and to discuss the needs for the outlet to be built. This follows a letter sent to the prime minister of Canada, calling on the federal government to designate the outlet as an emergency construction project.

To hear the Premier's remarks on this important project, [click here](#) to check out this video from the community meeting in St. Laurent.



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LAGIMODIERE'S BILL FOR AWARENESS OF INVASIVE SPECIES MOVES FORWARD

Selkirk MLA Dr. Alan Lagimodiere has seen his private member's bill, the Invasive Species Awareness Week Act, passed by the Legislative Assembly on second reading and moved ahead to the committee stage. Bill 212 proposes to proclaim the last full week of April each year as Invasive Species Awareness Week.

"This bill continues on the path of protecting Manitoba's environment by raising awareness of invasive species to the public," said Lagimodiere. "Maintaining healthy ecosystems in our lakes and rivers is important for the environment and our economy. Our Invasive Species Awareness Week would fall in line with our government's plan to set out initiatives to protect wetlands and watersheds, water quality, and wild species and habitats."

If passed into law, Manitoba will become the first province or territory to enact legislation declaring an Invasive Species Awareness Week. Lagimodiere noted that Manitoba has environmental protection laws that are among the strongest in Canada.

DETAILS OF NEW K-8 SCHOOL ANNOUNCED IN BRANDON

Premier Brian Pallister joined Education Minister Ian Wishart and Brandon MLAs Len Isleifson and Reg Helwer to unveil more details about the new kindergarten to Grade 8 school in southeast Brandon.

“We have known for years that Brandon needs a new school to accommodate the tremendous growth that has happened here over the past 20 years,” said Pallister. “Our goal since day one has been to catch up with the need for new schools and deliver quality new learning environments for students and educators at the best possible price.”

The new 65,660-sq.-ft. English school will be constructed for 450 students with ability to expand to a capacity of 675 students, and will include:

- a child-care centre for 20 infants and 54 preschool children;
- 40 nursery school spaces;
- 14 regular classrooms and kindergarten rooms, and dedicated art, band and science rooms;
- a science, technology, electronics and math (STEM) lab;
- life-skills and resource teaching and guidance suites, and an English as an additional language room;
- library and gymnasium;
- a home-economics lab; and
- an industrial arts (manufacturing / construction) shop.



LAGASSÉ'S RAIL SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK BILL PASSES SECOND READING

Bob Lagassé, MLA for Dawson Trail, today saw his private member's bill, the Rail Safety Awareness Week Act, pass in the Legislative Assembly on second reading and proceed to the committee stage. Bill 221 proposes to establish an annual Rail Safety Awareness Week in the second week of September.

“Educating the public is an effective way of reducing railway-related accidents,” said Lagassé. “During this Awareness Week, the Manitoba government would encourage citizens, employers and schools to co-operate with rail companies to implement educational programming on railway safety. These programs would focus on spotting and avoiding the dangers associated with rail traffic, especially when it intersects with roads and walkways.”

Canada has an annual Rail Safety Week in September, but Bill 221 would go further in making Manitoba the first province to put Rail Safety Awareness Week into law. Though railways fall under federal jurisdiction, Lagassé noted that the province can use educational programs in an effort to reduce injuries and deaths through heightened awareness.

In 2017, there were 222 railway incidents across Canada, including 72 fatalities and 44 serious injuries. In Manitoba alone last year, there were 19 railway incidents resulting in three deaths and five serious injuries.

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