

The votes are in!

METRO Region News Desk

The 42nd Provincial Election in Manitoba was held on September 10, 2019. Here at the Winnipeg METRO Region, local leaders would like to say a big thank you to all who put their names forward and did a tremendous amount of work campaigning for an opportunity to lead our communities forward.

A special thank you to the party leaders Wab Kinev (New Democratic Party), Dougald Lamont (Liberal Party), Brian Pallister (Progressive Conservative) and James Beddome (Green Party) who spurred important conversations surrounding Manitoba's economy, health care, education and climate change to name a few.

Across our province, residents had their say on September 10, 2019 on who will lead our province over the next four years with a Progressive Conservative majority government. Although in the Winnipeg METRO Region we saw little change in the MLA's, there were some significant

changes to the electoral boundaries that have been around for many years.

Led by the Manitoba Electoral Divisions Boundaries Commission, an independent group tasked with reviewing the boundaries last year made changes to 56 of the 57 ridings in the province and changed the name of the ridings in fourteen of them.

The boundaries were altered to keep about 22,000 residents in each riding and reflect the population changes in the 2016 census. This means areas of the province where the population has grown will now have smaller electoral divisions, geographically.

A couple of note worthy changes for the METRO Region include Winnipeg adding a new riding and two ridings will now include part of the METRO. Headingley will now be part of Charleswood, renamed Roblin and West St. Paul will be part of the new riding of McPhillips.

Along with the changes in names and boundaries this election has also brought some new faces with 13 first time MLA's,



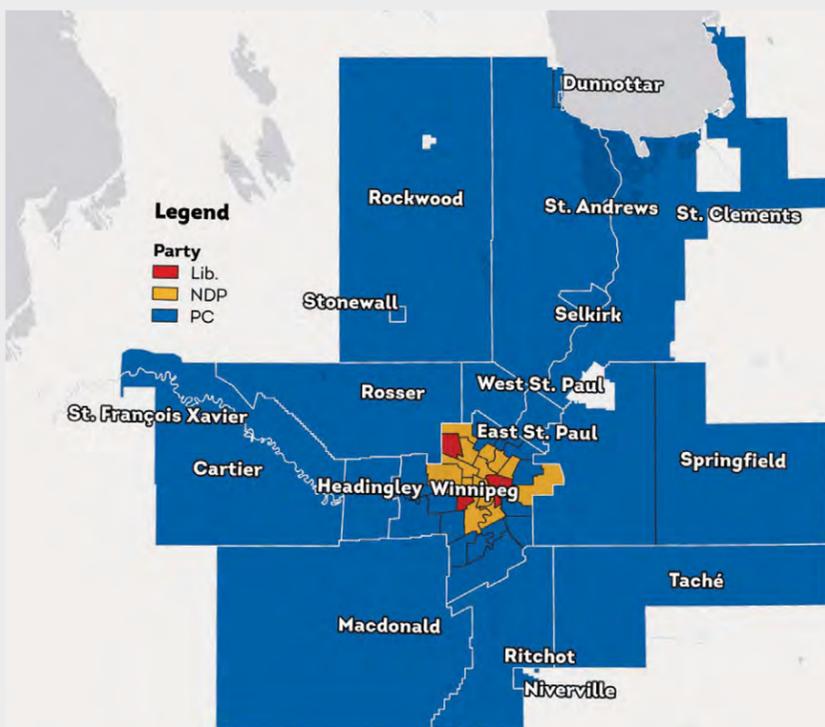
September 10th was Provincial election day for Manitoba.

11 elected to the New Democratic Party.

Leaders in the Winnipeg METRO Region know how important it is to work together – and how challenging it can be.

Perhaps one of the most important tasks of any new government is sharing differing opinions and coming up with a way forward, together.

Manitoba election results in the WMR



ALDOMARE, Nello (NDP)
Transcona, Winnipeg

ASAGWARA, Uzoma (NDP)
Union Station, Winnipeg

BRAR, Diljeet (NDP)
Burrows, Winnipeg

COX, Cathy (PC)
Kildonan-River East, Winnipeg

DRIEDGER, Myrna (PC)
Roblin, Headingley, Winnipeg

EICHLER, Ralph (PC)
Lakeside, Cartier, Rosser, St. François, Stonewall

FIELDING, Scott (PC)
Kirkfield Park, Winnipeg

FONTAINE, Nahanni (NDP)
St. Johns, Winnipeg

GERRARD, Jon (Lib.)
River Heights, Winnipeg

GORDON, Audrey (PC)
Southdale, Winnipeg

GUILLEMARD, Sarah (PC)
Fort Richmond, Winnipeg

JOHNSON, Derek (PC)
Interlake-Gimli, Dunnottar, St. Andrews

JOHNSTON, Scott (PC)
Assiniboia, Winnipeg

KINEW, Wab (NDP)
Fort Rouge, Winnipeg

LAGASSÉ, Bob (PC)
Dawson Trail, Tache

LAGIMODIERE, Alan (PC)
Selkirk, St. Andrews

LAMONT, Dougald (Lib.)
St. Boniface, Winnipeg

LAMOUREUX, Cindy (Lib.)
Tyndall Park, Winnipeg

MALOWAY, Jim (NDP)
Elmwood, Winnipeg

MARCELINO, Malaya (NDP)
Notre Dame, Winnipeg

MARTIN, Shannon (PC)
McPhillips, West St. Paul, Winnipeg

MICKLEFIELD, Andrew (PC)
Rossmere, Winnipeg

MORLEY-LECOMTE, Janice (PC)
Seine River, Winnipeg

MOSES, Jamie (NDP)
St. Vital, Winnipeg

NAYLOR, Lisa (NDP)
Wolesey, Winnipeg

PALLISTER, Brian (PC)
Fort Whyte, Winnipeg

PEDERSEN, Blaine (PC)
Midland, Macdonald

REYES, Jon (PC)
Waverley, Winnipeg

SALA, Adrien (NDP)
St. James, Winnipeg

SANDHU, Mintu (NDP)
The Maples, Winnipeg

SCHULER, Ron (PC)
Springfield-Ritchot, Niverville, Ritchot, Springfield

SMITH, Andrew (PC)
Lagimodière, Winnipeg

SMITH, Bernadette (NDP)
Point Douglas, Winnipeg

SQUIRES, Rochelle (PC)
Riel, Winnipeg

STEFANSON, Heather (PC)
Tuxedo, Winnipeg

TEITSMA, James (PC)
Radisson, Winnipeg

WASYLIW, Mark (NDP)
Fort Garry, Winnipeg

WHARTON, Jeff (PC)
Red River North, East St. Paul, St. Clements

WIEBE, Matt (NDP)
Concordia, Winnipeg



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Message from METRO Region Executive Director

Colleen Sklar

With both the municipal and provincial elections behind us and only the federal election on the horizon on October 21, 2019, we should have few interruptions in the next few years. This presents an amazing opportunity to get things done.

The METRO Region team has been hard at work developing a strategy and action plan to ensure we are fulfilling our responsibility as a strategic partner in growing Manitoba's economy.

This summer we had the opportunity to work with Dr. Robert Murray from Denton's in Alberta. Dr. Murray is an expert on regional approaches to economic development and land use and is helping us create an action plan with guiding steps for our region. We heard from elected leaders, economic development experts, Indigenous groups, land developers, business and industry and environmental professionals. Their advice and support for a coordinated approach to regional economic development and land use is both enthusiastic and ambitious.

Over the coming months we will be moving from planning to action. Here at the METRO region we recognize how valuable our strategic partners are to the process. We hope we can count on your continued support of a regional vision that will move Manitoba forward to its brighter future.



Colleen Sklar.

Manitoba Chambers of Commerce announces finalists in the 36th Manitoba Business Awards

Finalists include civility and eyebrow experts, a wilderness lodge, candle company, craft brewery, personal care home, and many more "Made in Manitoba" success stories

The Manitoba Chambers of Commerce (MCC) is proud to announce its 36th Manitoba Business Awards finalists in seven peer and self-nominated categories, as well as the esteemed recipients of Lieutenant Governor's Awards.

"This year, once again, we received a high calibre of nominations in all categories, and it's such an honour to learn about and celebrate individuals, companies, and social enterprises for their contributions to Manitoba's strength," says Chuck Davidson, Manitoba Chambers of Commerce President & CEO. "These awards provide representatives of our 71 chambers of commerce — and community members from across the province — an opportunity to nominate their business heroes and share inspiring success stories, whether those are about local innovators who demonstrate energy and passion in their pursuits, or the legacy of Manitoba's established, trusted, long-term employers."

The Manitoba Business Awards are open to organizations of all sizes and sectors in the province, and celebrate



community leaders for their accomplishments, investment in the collective well-being, and most importantly, for their commitment to building a better Manitoba.

Below is the complete list of finalists in the seven peer/self-nominated categories of the 36th Manitoba Business Awards.

Outstanding Social Enterprise/Not-for-Profit

- Manitoba Technology Accelerator
- The Bear Clan Patrol Inc.
- The Dream Factory

Start-up of the Year

- Body Measure Inc.
- Ion Coating (Brandon, MB)
- Prairie Fava (Glenboro, MB)

Outstanding Small Business

- Brows by G Inc.
- Coal & Canary Candle Company Inc.
- Farmery Estate Brewery (Neepawa, MB)

Outstanding Medium Business

- Bison Fire Protection Inc.
- Clear Concepts
- The Forks Renewal Corporation

Outstanding Large Business

- Civility Experts Inc. Worldwide
- Elias Woodwork & Manufacturing (Winkler, MB)
- GoodLife Fitness

Return-to-Work

- Actionmarguerite
- Birchwood Automotive Group
- Donwood Manor Personal Care Home

Outstanding Long-Term Achievement

- Aikens Lake Wilderness Lodge (Atikaki Provincial Wilderness Park)
- Atom-Jet Group (Brandon, MB)
- Century 21 Westman Realty Ltd (Brandon, MB)

The Manitoba Chambers of Commerce will celebrate nominees and finalists, and announce award recipients, at a prestigious gala event, Friday, October 25, 2019, at the Victoria Inn & Conference Centre.

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JohnQ gets METRO region ready for increased Internet access

Winnipeg METRO News Desk

JohnQ's high-speed Internet project - *Connecting to Opportunity* - kicked off this summer at CentrePort Canada, North America's largest tri-modal inland port. This foundational first step moves the growing METRO Region one step closer to fast, reliable and affordable high-speed Internet.

"With 64% of the total population of Manitoba and 70% of the GDP, it is important to have access to high-speed Internet in the METRO Region that will increase our competitiveness, create good jobs and improve the quality of life for residents," said Brad Erb, Chair of JohnQ.

"The Internet is a connector, literally through its pipes, but, more importantly, by connecting people with opportunities," said David Fowler, the Canadian Internet Registration Authority's (CIRA) vice-president of marketing and communications. "*Connecting to Opportunity* is exactly the type of project we had in mind when we developed our Community Investment Program. As part of CIRA's commitment to build a better online Canada, we're proud to see the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region begin work to bring broadband to all Manitobans."

This project, a stand-alone portion of JohnQ's *Connecting to Opportunity* fibre optic initiative, lays the groundwork for further projects that aim to deliver high-speed Internet and connect Manitoba's businesses, farms, homes and institutions.

Further support has been requested from both the provincial and federal governments to support the next phase of the project which will expand the infrastructure to increase access to underserved communities across Manitoba.

"Most municipalities and First Nations outside Winnipeg don't have access to reliable and affordable Internet isolating them from the digital economy," said Chris Kennedy CEO of RFNOW - a strategic partner of the project, "There are many opportunities to connect these communities and, once all phases are complete, the METRO Region will be able to make an even larger economic impact."



JohnQ Board of Directors stand with partners in business and industry at Connecting to Opportunity launch.

"I commend the leaders for stepping up through JohnQ and prioritizing Internet as it is a requirement for successful business models today."

— Robert Scaletta, Senior Vice President, Industrial for Shindico

Unlimited high-speed Internet access allows business owners to remain competitive as they plan, build and scale up for future growth. "As developers, we hear it first-hand," said Robert Scaletta, Senior Vice President, Industrial for Shindico who develops land at CentrePort. "I commend the leaders for stepping up through JohnQ and prioritizing Internet as it is a requirement for successful business models today."

"To get a project like this off the ground demonstrates the power of regional collaboration," said Colleen Sklar, Executive Director of the Winnipeg METRO Region. "*Connecting to Opportunity* will ensure the METRO Region and Manitoba has the necessary economic infrastructure required for businesses to come here, stay here, grow here, and in turn, secure our future in our great province."

First Nations and municipalities take action to tackle trash

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Manitobans have already made significant investments in clean energy as 97% of all our energy comes from renewable sources. Hydro-electric energy provides an abundant energy source for homes and business, and here in Manitoba, we have the least expensive hydro of any metro region in North America.

This clean energy opportunity also comes with challenges when communities look to find low carbon activities to reduce Green House Gas Emissions (GHG). According to the Made-in-Manitoba Climate and Green Plan (Climate and Green Plan), some of the areas of GHG emissions in Manitoba are transportation, buildings and solid waste primarily organic waste. The Climate and Green Plan estimates that 5% of Manitoba's annual GHG emissions comes from solid waste.

This has not gone unrecognized by leaders of the Winnipeg METRO Region (WMR) who are looking at reducing GHG emissions



Laren Bill facilitates quadrant working group breakout discussion

by adopting a coordinated regional approach for waste management, specifically in the area of organics.

A 2017 study commissioned by the Win-

nipeg METRO Region (WMR), in partnership with the Centre for Indigenous Environmental Resources (CIER), determined that 702,000 tonnes of waste was produced

in the METRO Region. It also warned that if we don't get better at managing our waste, total waste in the Region is expected to grow 15% by 2036 even after changes in packaging, consumer behaviours, market development and proposed regulations.

To address this, leaders from the Winnipeg METRO Region have teamed up with First Nations and are developing a plan to tackle the burning of woody waste as a first step. Organic material in landfills across the region not only make up about 34% of the total waste but burning woody waste releases GHG emissions.

Through this type of collaboration, between First Nations and municipal leaders, they are optimistic that they can not only forge strong partnerships, but that they can manage woody waste, reduce GHG and look for new economic development opportunities at the same time.

Leaders acknowledge that turning waste to resource is a real challenge, but by rolling up their sleeves and putting their heads together perhaps the solutions are closer at than we think.



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NASCO Conference: Taking note of the Manitoba advantage



Former Prime Minister Stephen Harper, NASCO President Tiffany Melvin and METRO Region Executive Director Colleen Sklar.

Colleen Sklar

This September 2019, I attended the North American Strategy for Competitiveness (NASCO) Conference in Columbus Ohio. NASCO is a tri-national network of the North American governments, business, and educational institutions that support and enhance collaboration along trade routes and networks.

My interest in attending the conference was two-fold. First, as we develop our own METRO Region approach to economic de-

velopment we need to be aware of the trends, processes and politics that impact trade and investment across North America. Secondly, there is a lot to learn from many of the American, Mexican and Canadian leaders who have a long and very successful approach to working regionally. Our ultimate goal is to grow our economy and ensure Manitobans have access to the future that they deserve.

Former Prime Minister Stephen Harper, who opened the event, highlighted the fact that Canada depends on trade to thrive and prosper. As a trading nation,

Canada is one of the only G7 countries with trade agreements with all other G7 countries.

Living in Manitoba, the geographic centre of Canada, it is hard not to see our connection to trade. We have long been a logistics and transportation hub. Each day across our region we have thousands of box cars, countless trucks and numerous cargo planes moving goods and resources across North America and the globe. This trade is what drives our economy. To ensure that we will continue to grow and prosper we must pay attention what our trading partners



Tri-national network consisting of Canada, United States of America and Mexico.

and the markets demand.

According to many of the experts, increasing and enhancing our trade relationships and attracting investment, talent and capital to our METRO Region requires a strong unified voice to highlight the Manitoba advantage. It also requires a coordinated and strategic approach to land use, infrastructure investment as well as a regulatory environment that is navigable and demonstrates that we are open for business.

I had the opportunity to meet with One Columbus, the economic development organization for the 11-county Columbus Region. This regional approach has made the Columbus Region the most prosperous and competitive region in the United States. Through the development of their regional growth strategy in 2010, the region has created 150,000 new jobs,

and leads all metro regions in the Midwest in jobs, population and GDP growth.

The Columbus Region, as well as others across Canada and the United States, offers sound ideas and examples to follow. As we enter the regional marketplace, the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region is beginning to create the foundation for our Made-in-Manitoba approach to create good jobs, grow our GDP, and increase our diverse and skilled workforce.

Coming out of the NASCO conference, it has become very clear that if we are going to achieve the success that others across North America have realized and build our competitive advantages, we have some hard work ahead of us. To succeed we will require strong supportive leadership and solid partnerships with the business community to deliver for all Manitobans.



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If we are going to align economic development efforts and grow Manitoba's economy, we need to adopt a regional approach — one that includes bold leadership, the coordinated delivery of services, strategic land-use planning, and a revamp of permitting and other processes to drive investment in Manitoba.

This collaboration and streamlining of processes can reduce red tape and duplication, speed up the development process and provide investors with a climate that demonstrates we are open for business.

With the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region (WMR) recently tasked as a strategic partner in the province's Economic Growth Action Plan, and as a participant in the Planning, Permitting and Zoning in Manitoba Review, creating a platform to solidify regional partnerships is strategically significant and the first step to advance a Team Manitoba approach to regional economic development. Getting this right is important.

With the WMR driving 70 per cent of the GDP for Manitoba and serving as home to 64 per cent of the population, having a long-term vision and regional plan for where we want to go is the only way to realize our province's full economic potential.

We can learn from other Canadian jurisdictions — Toronto, Montreal, Quebec, Edmonton and most recently, Vancouver — that have all engaged in economic development activities at the regional level. Within each region, a unique model has been tailored to its respective strengths, key economic sectors and unique advantages.

In the WMR, there is still work to be done in defining our path forward, but some important steps have already been taken and transparently detailed in our report, *Securing our Future: An Action Plan for Winnipeg's Metropolitan Region*.

This regional framework can increase efficiencies, reduce costs for municipalities and spur economic growth by sending signals to our partners in the private sector that we are organized, know what direction we are headed and know their desire to invest is understood and encouraged.

A strong example of this is the Edmonton Metropolitan Region, where planning together will generate approximately \$5 billion in infrastructure efficiencies and will keep 250



Winnipeg METRO region leaders gather to plan for growing Manitoba's economy.

quarter sections of agricultural land in production over the next 30 years.

Along with regional planning, the region's new investor-focused economic development corporation — Edmonton Global — is projected to significantly increase foreign direct investment in the Edmonton Metro Region.

Here at the WMR, local leaders, through JohnQ Public — a jointly held municipal participation corporation — are seeing the positive outcomes of working regionally as they take the first steps in shared procurement and strategic infrastructure delivery.

JohnQ Public brings a whole new set of tools to the table, and is highlighting what is possible when governments, business and industry join forces.

One of the first big projects undertaken by JohnQ Public and its partners has been the development of a detailed plan to bring cost-effective, high-speed internet infrastructure to the

METRO Region, ramping up access, speeds and our competitive advantage. The world economy is increasingly driven by city-regions. Regional collaboration between Winnipeg and its growing border communities isn't a unique situation; other regions have found ways to plan and work together effectively and we must, too.

Having a Winnipeg METRO regional plan will allow us to build on our competitive advantages: our high-quality agricultural lands, abundant clean water resources, access to low-cost renewable energy, fluid transportation networks and high quality of life for residents of Manitoba. These qualities have strategically defined us for generations as a centre of commerce, trade and settlement.

Getting on with the job of regional planning and economic development is an idea whose time has come, and we at the WMR look forward to helping provide leadership as we move things forward in Manitoba.

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What the provincial election says about us

Bob Raleigh, PathSight Predictive Science

With the end of the Provincial Election and the start of the Federal Election Manitobans have been inundated with messaging which has ultimately led to their choice on who to vote for. Many of us hit the polls and marked our ballots for the candidate that we believed had the best vision on where we see Manitoba going in the future.

While reviewing the election coverage we thought it may be interesting to get an outside set of eyes to look at the election messaging and the final results. So we sent some materials from the pre and post media coverage to Bob Raleigh of PathSight Predictive Science, a Connecticut company who specializes in understanding why people vote like they do. What we got was a different point of view that gave us some food for thought and clues as to what we might expect to see in the next round of the elections at the federal level.

From PathSight Predictive Science:
“Every time there is an election there is a moment in time where most of us collect our breaths and try to figure out what it all



means to us going forward. Rather than try to go through the myriad of campaign promises made in the heat of a summertime special election, it may be more useful to think about what the results of the election say about the electorate rather than the candidates. The results are a moment in time to look at the direction that was offered to the province as we take an honest look at what it says about Manitobans and the electoral process. Here are three immediate take a ways to begin to make sense of this election.

- The Conservative Progress party won a second successive majority government. The platform and policies of the PC’s appeal to folks who are looking for definition: definition of cost, definition of revenue (taxes) and definition of where it will take us. Peo-

ple like that are relying on their instincts for a natural order in life. Leadership that fills that void will draw on a tradition of putting outcome over process, putting our culture over the individual and expecting a degree of conformity along the way.

- The NDP, Liberal and Green parties offered a counteroffer that in combination was fragmented by comparison. In times of transition and change people are less likely to bet on the future without a clear pathway to success. With the NDP’s success at adding to their seat totals, there is reason to be optimistic, but there wasn’t an appetite for enough of the electorate to reject the PC’s clear messaging as to the way forward. To be successful in that vein would require an opposition party that would create a vision of the future that would entice people to accept some risk to turn away from the concrete offering of their rival.

- As they say, “Winning is easy, governing is harder.” At this moment in time this election created a snapshot of what it takes to win. The leadership dilemma is always the same. No one has a majority of the electorate to lean on for support. To be successful, the leadership will need to

continue to reach out to the electorate and convert non-believers to sign on to a different, but uniquely Manitoba vision of the future. One encouraging thing happened on election night when Premier Pallister was asked about the NDP’s net gain of seats, he responded, “I think we need to listen better. I think we need to communicate better what we’re doing and why.” If that is the Premier’s instinct going forward, it could be the definition of success.

Bob Raleigh is the founder and managing partner of PathSight Predictive Science. Previously, he was CEO of Rockefeller Consulting and a longtime television executive at Carsey-Werner. He holds a PhD in psychology from Syracuse University.

PathSight Predictive Science arose out of 50 years of intense scientific study that included nearly 80,000 direct survey participants. The result is an extraordinary system that uses proprietary analytics and advanced machine learning to assign people into measurable “Instinctual Patterns”. These are stable and stunningly accurate predictors of a person’s thoughts, beliefs and actions across any number of human activities.

Wet weather makes mud of farm tires

After a dry summer, a dumping of water bogs down harvest 2019

Geralyn Wichers

Wet weather put the brakes on harvest in many regions of Manitoba, putting progress behind average and threatening crop quality.

“We’re definitely behind,” said Jake Ayre, who farms near Minto. On September 24, he said their harvest was about 40 per cent complete.

“Believe it or not, we combined 100 acres yesterday,” he said. Ayre said after nearly six inches of rain over the weekend, a scout of their fields turned up dry grain.

He added harvesting wasn’t without difficulty as the combines threatened to sink a few times.

Ayre said they also got some hail damage and would be speaking to an insurance adjuster shortly. Damage was enough to make a claim, he said, but not severe.

Getting the food off the field hinges on having the right weather, and the longer crops sit unharvested, the greater chance their quality drops.

Fiona Jochum, who farms near St. Francois Xavier, said their fields have standing water in the low areas. On September 24 she estimated they wouldn’t be back in the fields all week, though they only have soybeans left to harvest.

“Guys are trying to find the driest field to go on — and find a field where you can do something with the grain, whether it is aerating it down (for moisture content) or grain drying,” Manitoba Agriculture crop production adviser Lionel Kaskiw said during a webinar September 25.

“We’ve been getting quite a few questions regarding grain drying,” he added.

In a typical year, most producers combine their soybeans in the last 10 days of September. As of September 24, only five per cent of Manitoba’s soybeans were harvested, well behind the normal progress of 30 per cent.

“I haven’t heard of many people harvesting flax or soybeans — for the southwest and northwest regions,” Kaskiw said.

Overall harvest was at about 59 per cent complete, according to the September 24 Manitoba Agriculture crop report.

This puts it below the three-year average of 70.2 per cent for the fourth week of September.

Southwest

Severe thunderstorms with hail and heavy rain prolonged an already delayed harvest, the crop report said. Cereal quality is deteriorating quickly. Overall harvest was 55 per cent complete.

Canola harvest was at 30 per cent with yields between 45 and 50 bushels per acre. Quality is good. Spring wheat is 65 per cent harvested with average yields. In most cases, aeration and drying is needed. Unharvested crops are being downgraded due to mildew and sprouting.

Soybeans were moving past the point of frost injury, with no reports of harvesting yet. Grain corn needs another week of nice weather for maturity, and heavy frost could affect yield and quality.

Most cattle are still on pasture with some supplemental feeding. Producers are anticipating that weather-damaged crops will be made available for feed, alleviating shortages.

Northwest

Harvesting was proceeding “in earnest,” the crop report said. Field pea harvest is complete with reported yields of 40 to 80 bu./ac.

Spring wheat harvest was about 75 per cent complete, though only 25 per cent near The Pas. Yields are in the range of 60 to 90 bu./ac. Drying is required.

Oats and barley are 50 to 75 per cent harvested. High winds in some parts of the region blew around canola swaths. Progress was between 35 and 50 per cent harvested



3” downpour near Altona, MB on September 20, 2019.

Photos by Cameron Hildebrand, Agronomist, H & M Farms Ltd. Southern MB @CameronHild on Twitter.



with yields in the 45 to 60 bu./ac. range.

Rain has challenged field operations. Straw was waiting to be baled, and some late-seeded crops remained to be cut for feed.

Recent rain has improved pasture conditions, but some producers are weaning and culling herds earlier than usual.

Central

A large rain system brought from 40 to 130 millimetres of rain across the region, Manitoba Agriculture reported. Some hail was reported.

Most grain was put on aeration. Soil moisture was rated as good to surplus, with limited run-off due to soil absorption.

Harvest of wheat, oats and barley was complete in the Red River Valley, and 85 per cent complete west of the escarpment. Ripe, unharvested cereals were seeing bleaching and downgrading quality. Swathed fields showed signs of grain sprouting.

Silage corn harvest was underway and some poorer grain cornfields were being harvested as silage. Soybeans are ready for harvest in the Red River Valley, and some has been harvested with reported yields of about 30 bu./ac. There were reports of pod and stem blight on mature soybeans.

About 30 to 40 per cent of field beans had been harvested. Canola harvest was at 90 per cent in the Red River Valley with yields ranging from 25 to 55 bu./ac. due to moisture variations. West of the escarpment, harvest was at about 50 per cent.

Second-cut hayfields and pastures had greened up, providing some fall grazing. Hay sampling and testing is underway with results showing nitrates in some feeds affected by dry conditions. Producers feeding a variety of feed sources should test and have rations balanced to meet livestock requirements.

Eastern

Fields were wet to saturated, with standing water in some areas. Overall harvest progress was at 65 per cent, but had halted due to wet conditions.

Isolated hailstorms caused some shatter damage to canola and soybean crops. Soil moisture was rated at 60 per cent surplus and 40 per cent adequate.

Spring wheat harvest was almost complete with an average yield of 65 bu./ac. Quality on remaining wheat had degraded due to sprouting and mildew.

Oat harvest was nearly complete with yields of over 100 bu./ac. Remaining oats had degraded significantly. Barley harvest was complete with an average yield of 70 bu./ac. Canola harvest was at 85 per cent with yields averaging 45 bu./ac. and good quality.

Soybean harvest had just begun. Corn silage harvest was

about 10 per cent complete.

Supplemental feeding was occurring on pastures, with conditions rated as 30 per cent good, 40 per cent fair, and 30 per cent poor. Winter feed supplies were rated at 60 per cent adequate for hay, 80 per cent adequate for straw, 70 per cent adequate for greenfeed and 80 per cent adequate for feed grain.

Interlake

Significant rains brought harvest to a standstill. Shorter days and high humidity also affected harvest. The ground is soft enough for ruts and compaction to become a concern, but soil moisture levels remain low at depth.

Harvest was estimated at 60 to 65 per cent complete. Many producers are reporting better-than-expected yields considering the year. Yields are highly variable and much is coming in at average or slightly below average.

Cereal harvest was nearly complete. Canola ranged from 40 to 75 per cent complete. Early yields are reported to range from 30 to 60 bu./ac. Flax harvest had begun with early reports of 20 to 30 bu./ac.

Most sunflowers are at R8 or R9 with short stands. Some corn has shut down due to dry conditions. Cobs formed have fewer rows than average, and some are extremely small.

Silage corn harvest was continuing with yields lower than normal. Quality was also a concern.

Hybrid fall rye and winter wheat seeding was progressing well with even germination and fields growing well. Some reseeded canola has not been harvested.

Extremely dry soil has limited recovery and growth of pastures and hay. Recent rains have perked things up, allowing producers to delay supplemental feeding. Forage availability continues to be a concern.

Topsoil moisture for hay and pasture is rated as 60 per cent short and 20 per cent very short. Pasture condition is rated fair to very poor.

Yields vary

“We luckily got our wheat, oats, and canola harvested before the rain,” said Jochum. She said they haven’t seen quality loss. “There are many farmers who were not so lucky.”

She added that they saw some loss after high winds caused some canola to shell out.

“That being said, we were still able to pull off close to average yields in our wheat, oats and canola,” said Jochum. Ayre said, yield-wise, they’ve had a “very good year.”

“We’ve accepted the risks of being in this business,” he said. “Farming is not for the faint of heart.”

This article first appeared in the agricultural newspaper the Manitoba Co-operator. Story by Geralyn Wichers, MB Co-operator, with files from Glen Hallick.

Tomahawk Chips – taking a bite out of the international marketplace!

METRO Region News Desk

Manitoba's Tomahawk Chips, has hit it big!

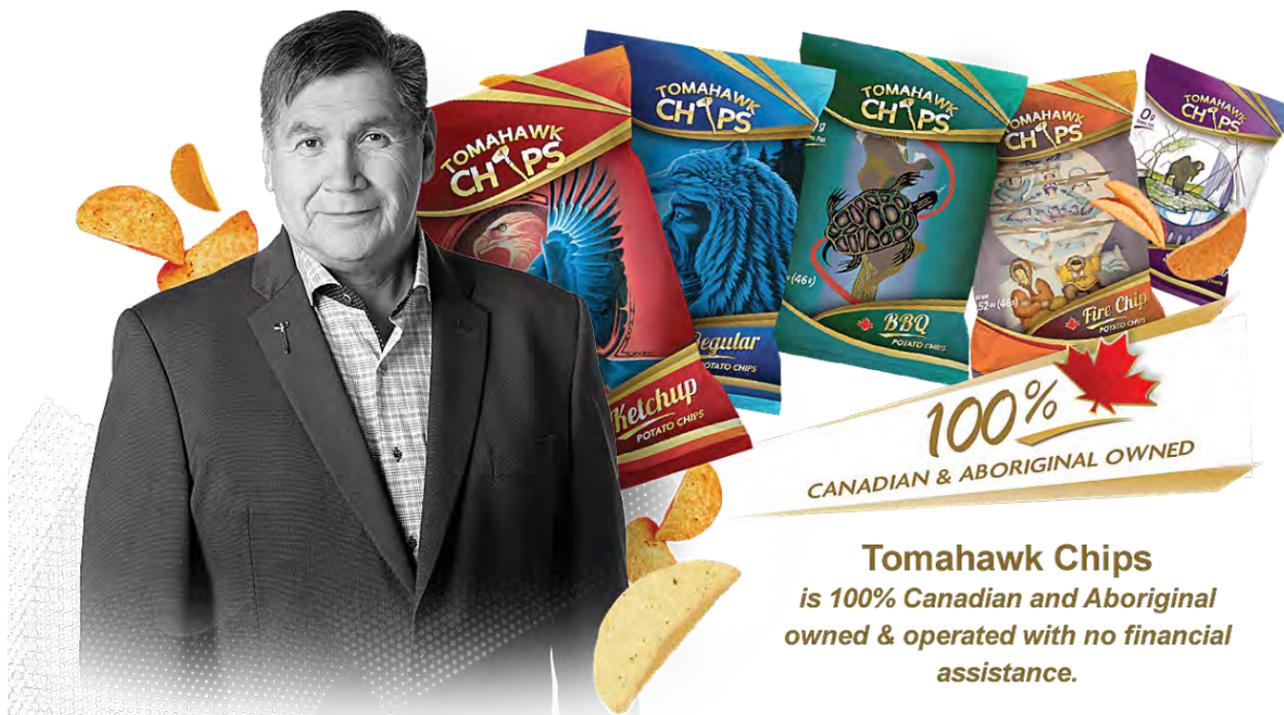
This spring, international retailer Amazon picked up the brand and since then, the Manitoba company has seen business grow substantially. Since Amazon reached out to owner Alfred Lea in 2017 to supply all four chip flavors (ketchup, regular, BBQ and Fire Chip) across Canada and the United States, he has had a hard time keeping the products on the shelves.

Lea is extremely proud of his 100% Canadian & Indigenous owned business registered under the banner of Native Canadian Chip Corporations which he started in 2015 in Riverton, Manitoba and is continuing to make plans for future expansion into the International Marketplace.

Lea is not only a savvy entrepreneur and businessman; he is also a strong advocate for local community initiatives. Lea is the president for the Riverton & District Friendship Centre, where he encourages youth involvement in business by getting them to operate the ecommerce site - the online Tomahawk Store.

While the younger generation is able to get hands on e-commerce experience, they too have become a key contributor to the company's success, "The youth have a lot to offer us especially with the social media aspect necessary for business today," said Lea, "They can help the older generation navigate these platforms."

For youth looking to get information about how they might get started in the entrepreneurial space, Lea says all they have to do is ask, "Any business person will



Alfred Lea, owner of Tomahawk Chips.

set aside time for youth to get a heads up," said Lea who also believes it is important to not only give back to the community but to ensure youth have opportunities to enter the job market, "The older generations have the connections, and we can certainly open doors for them and encourage them,"

According to the Indigenous Contributions to the Manitoba Economy Report (January 2019), First Nations people make up 10.5% of the Manitoba population as a

whole, they account for 19.5% of children aged 14 and under. With one of the fastest growing Indigenous youth populations in Canada, Manitoba will soon see many young Indigenous peoples entering the workforce. According to the report, Indigenous business contributed \$9.3 billion to the Manitoba economy in 2017.

A young and growing First Nations population represents an opportunity for Indigenous people and for Manitoba. Lea

says there is only one thing that youth need to follow their entrepreneurial dreams, "Determination - to keep going despite what other people say you can do. If you have a dream, it is going to take a lot of hard work to make that dream a reality."

In the Winnipeg METRO Region, those who are looking to get a flavour for Tomahawk Chips can find them at Sobeys, Giant Tiger, and Red River Co-op's in Winnipeg's North End.

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Groupe Touchette.



National Research Council's Advanced Manufacturing Program building.

Business is booming at CentrePort

Diane Gray, CentrePort

Ten years ago, if you stood at the intersection of Inkster and Brookside Boulevards and gazed west, you would have seen farmer's fields, gravel roads and prairie vistas. Today, you can see a thriving inland port: sold out industrial parks, active construction sites and a flurry of activity. Thanks to long-term planning and strategic infrastructure investments, those fields have been transformed into the largest tri-modal inland port in North America - now known as CentrePort Canada.

The inland port project is a key driver of economic activity in the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region. Strategic investments in foundational infrastructure have led to unprecedented levels of private sector investment, resulting in construction activity, increased municipal and provincial tax revenues, and high quality jobs for Manitobans. While CentrePort development takes place within the Rural Municipality of Rosser and the City of Winnipeg, other municipalities can look to the development model for inspiration as they aspire to attract investment to their areas.

Planned as a complete community with a 'live, work, play and learn' approach, and with a focus on sustainable building practices incorporated into the zoning by-law for CentrePort North, development is happening quickly. This summer, an unprecedented amount of construction

Major Milestones

- Major infrastructure investments have been made over the last 10 years to facilitate development:
- Construction of CentrePort Canada Way - \$212 million expressway
- Establishment of a special planning area to streamline land development approvals
- New water treatment facility
- Extension of wastewater services
- Natural gas, hydroelectricity and fibre optic services on site

took place, with developers and companies alike building exciting new projects at CentrePort.

If you take a drive around CentrePort today, you'll see active construction sites in every direction. With many buildings starting to take shape, the landscape is constantly changing. Here's a look at the construction happening right now in the rural municipality of Rosser:

Freightliner Manitoba: 78,000 square foot truck dealership and service centre

Groupe Touchette: 100,000 square foot tire distribution facility with industrial space for lease

19 Ronn & 20 Ronn Road: Two multi-tenant buildings with industrial space for lease in Brookside Business Park
3010 Red Fife Road & 3020 Red Fife Road: Over 80,000 square feet of industrial space for lease on two lots in Brookside Industrial Park West Phase III

BrookPort Business Park: 80 acres of fully-serviced industrial land with 85% of lots already sold or conditionally sold, developer has plans to bring an additional 80 acres to market soon

National Research Council Advanced Manufacturing Program Building: \$60-million, 70,000 square foot research centre

NJ Industries: family-owned company expanding by building a 15,000 square foot sheet metal and parts manufacturing facility

A tri-modal inland port in the middle of the Canadian prairies was once just a dream of the Manitoba business community; 10 years later it has become a reality with a bright future ahead that will impact Manitoba for generations to come. With the 665-acre CentrePort Canada Rail Park moving forward, the long-term vision of this project is well on its way to being fully realized.

How virtual reality is re-inventing careers in construction

Jennifer Daniels, Manitoba Construction Sector Council (MCSC)

Have you ever found yourself so absorbed in a movie, video game or even a book that you felt like you were in it? Well Virtual Reality (VR) simulates that same sort of feeling and offers that same level of engagement every time you use it.

The world of VR is thriving across a number of industries and the Manitoba construction industry is no exception. With more than 30 apprentice-able trades and another 30+ related non-apprentice-able careers, the construction industry presents unlimited opportunities to choose from.

The Manitoba Construction Sector Council (MCSC) is the organization responsible for promoting construction as the career of choice in Manitoba. Through their program Trade Up Manitoba, they have pioneered embracing the use of VR by offering students a chance to experience a variety of careers in construction without ever having to step foot on a jobsite.

MCSC has partnered with Indigenous communities, Frontier School Division and Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre to deliver career awareness presentations to grades 5-12 students. The Virtual Trades Coordinator and technology support person uses 360-degree VR resources to bring various trades awareness to remote Indigenous communities across the province of Manitoba.

Students, teachers, counsellors, administrators and parents attend career fairs and school presentations to learn more about opportunities in construc-



Students getting exposure to careers in construction via virtual reality.

“The VR headsets are a great opportunity for students to experience the broad range of trades in Manitoba. This exposure will hopefully encourage those who are interested”

– Amanda Toews, Resource/Post-Secondary Counselor at South East Collegiate

tion. Technology is shared with the communities visited so schools have future access to the resources used in the presentations.

Through the use of VR, the students

are able to “Try on The Trades” and test out a number of scenarios such as using a forklift, welding, drywalling and even operating a flatbed loader. The VR program presents a simulated represen-

tation of the physical work and the skills required to do that job. VR technology offers students a chance to determine before spending any money and time on training whether or not this career is the right one for them.

Trade Up Manitoba works closely with the team at Bit Space Development. Headquartered in Winnipeg Manitoba, Bit Space Development is an interactive digital media studio that specializes in creating innovative learning experiences for the classroom and workplace.

Together they have developed a number of VR simulations and downloadable games for a smartphone or tablet that provide training and safety requirements for the various construction careers. Training can be expensive and time-consuming so imagine being able to teach technical skills (knowledge of tools, equipment, and processes) and embed safety training without exposing the user to any risks.

This ever-growing technology offers the opportunity to step into places, roles, and experiences that were previously impossible, or not accessible to everyone.

Just like 20 years ago, when we couldn’t imagine a world without our cellphones and the internet engrained into our everyday lives, soon we won’t be able to imagine a world without VR. The team at MCSC hope that the use of this VR technology will help improve the lives of jobseekers and support them in finding a career that brings them financial stability, happiness and a fulfilling, long term career in construction.

For more information visit www.Trade-UpManitoba.com.





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New free communications resource available for Manitoba municipalities looking to promote their recycling programs

Sarah Wallace, Multi-Material Stewardship Manitoba

In 2018, over 84,000 tonnes of residential material was recycled in Manitoba through the blue box program. With over 84% of our members' material being recycled last year, Manitobans can be proud of the strides we've made in keeping recyclable material out of landfills.

Multi-Material Stewardship Manitoba Inc. (MMSM) is a not-for-profit industry-funded organization that funds and provides support for the province's residential recycling programs for packaging and printed paper (PPP). MMSM represents stewards — brand owners, producers, distributors and manufacturers who pay fees to cover the costs of recycling their products and packaging. MMSM works collaboratively with municipalities to meet the obligations of stewards to deliver effective recycling services to Manitoba residents. Since the launch of the program in 2010, we have provided more than \$112 million to Manitoba municipalities.

MMSM is committed to working collaboratively with stakeholders to ensure the continued success of the blue box program in Manitoba. Every year, MMSM works with municipalities and other partners to help them promote their recycling programs in a variety of ways. Large advertising campaigns encourage recycling across the province and promote the dos and don'ts. Customizable



recycling guides and posters are available upon request. Social media campaigns that cover all aspects of recycling that can be shared with your community. Our staff are also available to assist with any ideas or issues you are having with educating your

residents.

In October, a Communications Toolkit will be available to our municipal partners. This toolkit will be based on a calendar year with a monthly tip/idea and a social media post you can simply copy and share. You can follow

along, month by month, or only implement the ideas and strategies that work for you. This is simply a guideline to help you increase recycling knowledge, divert more material from landfill and improve your recovery rate.

In addition to the communications support, MMSM has technical experts on staff that can work with your municipality to ensure the proper steps are taken when making changes to an existing program, issuing an RFP, or even adding accepted materials to your program.

Over the last 20 plus years, residential recycling programs have changed significantly. With the recent shift in markets, it is now more important than ever to educate your residents on what can and cannot go in the blue box. As we move through some of these changing times, we want residents to continue to be supportive of recycling and keep material out of landfills.

MMSM has had a lot of success over the past 10 years in working with municipalities on improving their recycling programs. We are committed to providing Manitobans with access to residential recycling services and are dedicated to working with our municipal partners to improve programs. Do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions.

For more information, please contact: Email: municipalservices@stewardshipmanitoba.org; Phone: 1-877-952-2010 (toll-free); stewardshipmanitoba.org; simplyrecycle.ca

Building strong communities

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When residents and visitors alike explore the Winnipeg METRO Region, it doesn't take long to notice the diversity of the built environment that helps shape the region. At MISTECTURE, their team believes that every building has the opportunity to help define and transform a neighbourhood.

MISTECTURE Architecture + Interiors Inc. is a local company led by principal architect Hijab Mitra.

The MISTECTURE team specializes in bringing the community vision alive. This was demonstrated in the recently opened Merchants Corner, Pritchard Family Housing and the Austin Street Family Housing projects. These functional and sustainable designs reflect the vision and aspirations of community members and organizations.

The Merchants Corner, a com-

bination of historic and new architecture, transformed a hundred-year-old building into a shared-use facility with education and housing. Supported and championed by over 20 local organizations, the redevelopment of this site has been a real boon to the neighbourhood surrounding Selkirk Avenue in Winnipeg's North End.

Mitra and her team have gone to great lengths to ensure community consultation and engagement in the programming and design processes are authentic. They have held a variety of engagement sessions from organized design charrettes to one-on-one meetings, often talking to residents in grocery stores, laundromats or walking door to door to ensure that the voices and ideas of all community members are heard and can inform the design both inside and out.

According to Mitra, she says the designs would look a lot dif-



Hijab Mitra, principal architect at MISTECTURE Architecture + Interiors Inc.

ferent if she did not take the time to get to know the residents first, "The buildings really reflect the community - I want people to walk these streets and see themselves in them," said Mitra.

Along with expert community-led designs, MISTECTURE also provides an informed and innovative approach to sustainability, where Mitra brings her academic specialization in Cli-



The Merchants Corner in Winnipeg's North End.

matic Responsive Designs and Zero Energy Architecture from the University of Nottingham into her practice.

Mitra's vast credentials and experience on community projects both in Canada and abroad

will be put to good use as we in Manitoba begin to tackle our GHG emissions and ensure we are constructing buildings that will be part of METRO Region communities long into the future.

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No time to waste - opportunities to improve solid waste management

Lauren Quan, Tetra Tech

Communities have limited funds and staff resources to address the changes that will affect how garbage and recycling services are delivered. There is a need to prioritize services and understand implications to make sure that the right things get done.

If you've been paying attention to the news over the past year you may have heard about some changes facing Manitoba's solid waste system. Whether it's a potential provincial ban on plastic bags, or meeting the new landfill operator certification requirements there is no shortage of challenges to face.

Learning from Others - A Solid Waste Management Plan Can Help

As Manitobans we can learn from parts of Canada who have gone through similar changes. When British Columbia set out requirements to regionalize its solid waste management systems in the 1990s the average person threw out 886 kg of garbage per year. New requirements forced municipalities in their respective regional areas to work together and pool their resources to improve services, optimize facilities and most importantly save money. In 2017 costs are managed in a sustainable manner and the disposal rate has dropped to 506 kg, one of the lowest in Canada. A combination of environmental regulations and regional solid waste planning helped transition from hundreds of small non-engineered sites to modern landfills and waste diversion facilities.

Waste management plans help communities to coordinate staff, obtain infrastructure grants, and lobby for the programs they needed to improve services and increase



Alternative aggregate produced from recycled glass bottles through a public-private partnership in Anchorage, AK.

recycling. An effective planning process requires a holistic look at the solid waste management system. Plans consider all steps in the flow of garbage, recyclables, and compostable materials from their generation in homes and businesses to their end in a landfill or to recycling markets. Local politicians, First Nations partners, industry stakeholders, and the public play key roles in setting goals for services, diversion, and environmental protection. Bringing multiple voices to the table helps political leaders and staff to trust that the plan is supported by the community. Looking at the bigger picture helps communities find ways to improve their operations and decrease costs through public and private sector partnerships.

Build Capacity - Landfill Operator Certification and Training

If you own or operate a landfill regulated by the province you know that you now require a Certified Landfill Operator at your site during all hours it is open to the public. Class 1 facilities also require a person with the Manager of Landfill Operations certifi-



Solid waste management flow diagram.

cate in a supervisory role.

In the past, duty at the "dump" may have been a punishment for bad behaviour but these new requirements show the importance of having knowledgeable employees to run your landfill. Certification reflects the important role of the operator in preventing environmental contamination and protecting the safety of staff, residents, and customers who use the facility. Certified operators are better equipped to deal with the public and help prevent potential issues from turning into larger problems. Training

courses are offered ahead of Certified Operator and Manager of Landfill Operations exams. Certified operators will bring new skills and knowledge to your organization.

Change is Hard

Opportunities for improved operations and greater waste diversion will emerge in the coming years but there is no denying that change is hard. The decision to close a landfill or change fees will be controversial. It is through the partnerships and relationships developed between communities and industry that will move us forward.

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Mayors, Reeves and Chiefs roll out the red carpet!



Chief Dennis Meeches (Long Plain First Nation), Reeve Frances Smee (RM of Rosser), Mayor Clive Hinds (Town of Stonewall).



RealWorld Media capturing the CLI story with Reeve Brad Erb (RM of Macdonald).

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Mayors, Reeves and Chiefs are getting ready to re-live the last two years of hard work on the big screen - and they are inviting the public to join them!

Since October 2017 First Nation Chiefs of the Southern Chiefs' Organization (SCO) and municipal leaders of the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region began a formal process to transform their relationship through the Collaborative Leadership Initiative (CLI). Though building a better understanding about our shared history and through thoughtful dialogue about how they could move their communities forward together the Mayors, Reeves and Chiefs have overcome barriers to collaboration that had been in place for

"Through the CLI, we have been able to build genuine relationships by sharing the priorities and needs of our communities with each other."

— Grand Chief Jerry Daniels of the Southern Chiefs' Organization

over 150 years.

On March 1, 2019, the leadership signed a Memorandum of Understanding that formalized their relationship, as two levels of government and pledged to work on shared priorities that could benefit communities across the Winnipeg METRO Region and beyond. "This is the first ever regional Indigenous-Municipal government MOU signed," said Brad Erb, Co-Chair of the WMR, "In the spirit of reconciliation to re-building trust between our governments, this demonstrates our collective commitment to work together. We are all looking

forward to seeing what it looks like on the big screen."

Facilitated by the Centre for Environmental Resources, the CLI is a formal process that assisted the elected leaders to build a new way forward. The collaborative and strategic approach towards reconciliation is based on the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the recommendations from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. This exciting process has also helped the leadership recognize the considerable political value held by Indigenous and municipal

governments formally agreeing to work together.

"Through the CLI, we have been able to build genuine relationships by sharing the priorities and needs of our communities with each other," said Grand Chief Jerry Daniels of SCO, "With the signing of the MOU by 28 leaders we are able to move our communities toward shared prosperity and economic development."

The CLI sessions filmed by award Winnipeg filmmakers Denis Paquette and Carmen Henriquez from RealWorld Media provide a glimpse into the

reconciliation process that must take place across all jurisdictions and offers insight into what it takes if we want to have real trusting relationships between our communities.

According to Denis Paquette who has witnessed the transformation first hand, from behind the cameras. "The CLI process is something that could transform relationships across Canada and the world".

The 12 Chiefs and 16 Mayors and Reeves are excited to be getting a sneak peak of the film and look forward to sharing this exciting process and relationship milestone with the community. The screening of the film will be on October 4th, 2019 at the Park Theatre in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Tickets are free and interested guests can secure their seats by calling 204-989-2048.

Crossword

ACROSS

- 1. Online auction site
- 5. "Chances are, 'cause ___ a silly grin..."
- 10. NYC museum
- 14. Ballpoint pen, in Britain
- 15. ___ Dame University
- 16. Israeli statesman
- 17. Caesarian accusation
- 18. "Enough!"
- 20. Columnist Barrett
- 21. Bambi's aunt
- 22. Mertz and Merman
- 23. Charlie Chan portrayer Warner ___
- 25. Doubled, a Teletubby
- 26. Grownups
- 28. Us, in some sci-fi books
- 33. 504, to Flavius
- 34. Serious
- 36. "You look like you've just ___ ghost"
- 37. Tête thought
- 39. Fuse, as ore
- 41. Some modern TV screens
- 42. Infectious bacteria, briefly
- 44. ___ Good Feelings (1820-29)
- 46. Worked (up)
- 47. Siamese or tabby, e.g.
- 49. Like two-digit number systems
- 51. Dublin athlete's IOC code
- 52. Poisonous compound
- 53. "Let ___!": high roller's cry
- 57. TV bounty hunter
- 58. ___ Field (Shea's replacement)
- 61. Post-mission report
- 63. Cornell or Pound
- 64. "The Forgotten" novelist Wiesel
- 65. ___ Potty (movable restroom)
- 66. "As ___ on TV"
- 67. Psychiatrist's appt.
- 68. Resolute about
- 69. Chiding sounds

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- 1. Celebrity hairstylist Jose

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- 2. ___ Honey (candy with a bee mascot)
- 10. Relative of a Bap. or Presb.
- 3. Style of Gaudi
- 11. Certain woodwind
- 4. Group address
- 12. Beat badly
- 5. Causes a blown top
- 13. Hill builders
- 6. Lesion
- 19. Rat-___ (drum sounds)
- 7. Ms. Kett of old comics
- 24. Greek airport code
- 8. Museum offering
- 25. Eric Clapton classic
- 9. Try again at court
- 26. "Revenge is ___ best served cold"

Sudoku

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- 27. Inflicted upon
- 28. U.S. Open champ Chris
- 29. Norse underworld goddess
- 30. Makes automatic
- 31. East ___ (certain Londoner)
- 32. Disgusting
- 35. Sit down to ___
- 38. Some 45's, briefly
- 40. Bobsled relative
- 43. Alpine lass
- 45. Make repairs to
- 48. Willies
- 50. Least nasty
- 52. The Lone Ranger's faithful friend
- 53. March time
- 54. The "T" of TV
- 55. Baseball stats
- 56. Makes angry
- 57. "Joe ___" (2001 comedy film)
- 59. Arduous voyage
- 60. McKellen and Ziering
- 62. Nemesis

Developing land requires regional buy-in

Understanding the financial reality in the Winnipeg METRO Region

Justin Swandel, Terracon Development Ltd.

In order to collaborate to compete, Winnipeg METRO Region partners need to understand the financial realities that are evolving in the region today. Without that understanding, collaborating on a strategy that enables all partners to share a bit of early pain for true long term gain will be impossible.

RM's in the METRO Region are becoming more reliant on non-residential property taxes coming from employment land built close to the City of Winnipeg boundary as a means to keep the residential and agricultural property taxes low. As a result of lower costs this practice has pushed many Winnipeg businesses to migrate to these lands and has caused a devaluation of the employment lands in the City of Winnipeg. If the trend continues the result will be loss of assessment base for Winnipeg and the RM's relying on an unsustainable revenue stream.

If you are a business looking for a new location and compare land in Winnipeg to land just outside Winnipeg, you quickly come to realize the financial advantage to being just outside the city limits. In most of the bordering RM's, the advantage from a lower mill rate, no frontage levy, and no business tax on a property assessed at \$5,000,000 would be around \$50,000 per year. If that is considered as a Net Operating Income from a piece of industrial real estate with a capitalization rate of 7.5% (approximate current industrial cap rate) the value of that real estate would be \$666,666. Simply put; that's what a willing buyer would pay a willing seller for an industrial property generating \$50,000 of annual net operating income. That value doesn't include other benefits like quicker construction time and the uncertainty of a looming Impact Fee being applied to employment lands in Winnipeg. With numbers like that it's easy to see why someone would pay \$350,000/acre for industrial land just outside Winnipeg but inside you're hard pressed to get \$200,000 per acre.

In recent years all 3 levels of government have participated in funding major infrastructure projects in the METRO Region. The biggest example of this is the installation of roads, overpasses and sewer and water services for CentrePort. Other projects important to the economic development of the METRO Region include the South Perimeter safety improvements, the extension of Route 90 and the Chief Peguis Trail extension. What has been lacking in the build out of these projects is long-term integrated planning.

To properly consider the long-term, let's ask a few questions:

- Who does this infrastructure benefit?
- Who or what does it harm?
- Why was it built in the first place?

We know infrastructure investment was ramped up prior to 2008 when the global economy was booming. At that time there was a move to inland ports and the upgrading of infrastructure to improve the movement of goods to and



Commercial development building under construction.

*"It's time to have the courage to think long term and get it right."
-Justin Swandel*

from the marketplace. That move helped fuel the employment land development in the RM's. The short-term thinking would be that the RM's have benefitted and Winnipeg has lost assessment base from this change. What is the long-term outlook? One possibility is that everyone loses.

What has evolved in the RM's is an over reliance on the non-residential tax base. Logic would dictate that it's only a matter of time before Winnipeg starts to fight for that assessment base. Some RM's rely on these edge developments for as much as 20% of their tax revenue, revenue that is necessary to maintain the many miles of gravel roads and drainage ditches that serve the important agricultural lands in the region. If the City of Winnipeg with its proportionally huge population is able to mount a successful fight to gain back the assessment base the region will be left with several RM's in a financial conundrum.

You can't fix this problem without mechanisms to ensure that all municipalities have the financial wherewithal to sustain themselves. The statements prior should make it clear that some large scale annexation or heavy handed top down approach is not the answer to the problem. Tackling

this issue is going to require strong minded individuals to come together with a commitment to engaging and respecting every partner in the region.

Let's start with proper data collection and mapping. Let's develop a set of guiding principles that serve our common long term needs.

Let's use data, mapping and planning to guide us to sustainable solutions.

Let's agree that solutions need to be balanced so we all share in the pain and the gain as we adjust to sustainable regional practices and work together to ensure that all citizens in the METRO region benefit from the work that is done.

It is true that as a METRO region we need to collaborate to effectively compete in a global market. If we don't do it right we will just be limping along in our broken ways looking out as the rest of the world passes us by. It's time to have the courage to think long term and get it right.

Justin Swandel is a former City of Winnipeg Councillor and Deputy Mayor. He currently works in real estate and development in the Winnipeg METRO Region.

Puzzle answers

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Winnipeg region's firefighting history celebrated in museum

Bill Burfoot

Firefighters Museum gives visitors of all ages a unique glimpse at 136 year history of Winnipeg Fire Department.

There's a hidden two-and-a-half story brick building located in downtown Winnipeg which has played a big part in the history of the city.

The Winnipeg Firefighters Museum, a 115-year-old work of art located at 56 Maple Street, was built 22 years after the creation of the Winnipeg Fire Department, and remained an active fire hall until 1990.

Designed by Alexander and William Melville, it was actually one of five fire halls built in Winnipeg that year, and ultimately, the design was so well received that eventually their plan and design was used for another 14 of Winnipeg's fire stations.

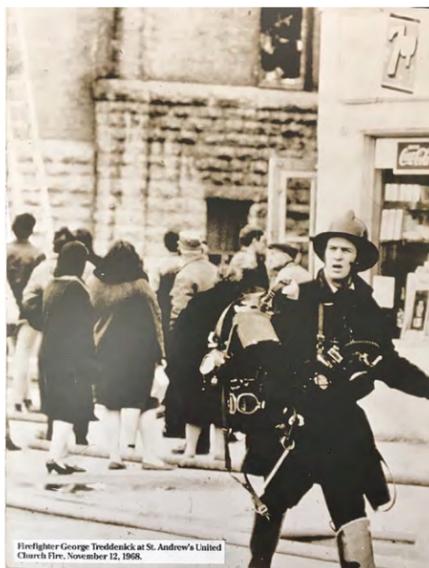
The Winnipeg Fire Department was first created in 1882, and has come a long way since. Along the way, the museum has accrued a collection of rare artifacts and treasures that highlight the good, the bad, and everything in between. Visitors have the opportunity to go back in time to the early days and how firefighters had to work for seven days straight, being allowed to leave for just five hours once a week during the day, and five hours once a week at night. In each room, historical photos tell the story of some of the biggest fires ever fought in the city, while photos of brave men and women who have helped shape the Winnipeg Fire Department into what it is today are honoured throughout.

What makes the museum even more unique, is the people telling the stories. Inside the brick walls of the firehouse-turned-museum, stories can be heard a couple times a week, told by a group of volunteers, many of whom battled some of the most historic blazes in Winnipeg's history. Capt. George Treddenick is one of those volunteers. The retired captain spent 37 years as a Winnipeg firefighter, working nine of those years out of 56 Maple Street before retiring as captain in the late 1990s.

Throughout his almost four decades as a firefighter, Treddenick worked alongside many different people, but one thing that stood out was that, especially early on, many firefighters had come from a military background.

"I think it was an ideal fit for people in the military because they already had many of the skills that were needed for the job," says Treddenick. "They were disciplined, trained, and a lot of them had special skills such as trained paramedics who had developed their skills in the trenches and battlefields of Europe, the construction field, and electrical knowledge which is really important to know and understand when you get to a fire."

The returning veterans had the skills, but with limited job opportunities, the people who were lucky enough to become firefighters were expected to work long



George Treddenick at St. Andrew's United Church fire in 1968.



Hose Wagon No. 11 was the last horse-drawn vehicle for the Winnipeg Fire Department.

hours. Treddenick says this led to some of the firefighters going on strike.

"After WWI, the veterans came back and wanted jobs and there weren't a lot available because the people who didn't have to go to war had most of the other jobs," Treddenick says. "So they became firefighters, but working 24-hours-a-day, seven days a week led to many firefighters supporting the strike, and later joined the already striking workers in the now famous 1919 strike."

The Winnipeg General Strike began May 15, 1919, and within hours between 30,000, to 35,000 workers left their jobs. The almost unanimous response by working men and women closed the city's factories, shutting down Winnipeg's retail trade and stopping trains. Public-sector employees, including postal workers, telephone operators, policemen and firefighters, joined the workers of private industry in a display of solidarity. Treddenick adds that the strike,



Captain George Treddenick (retired) standing beside 1882 Ronald Steamer.

which ended June 25, 1919, proved to be a success as it created more jobs for veterans.

"After the strike, the hours went down to 12 hours a day, six days a week. That opened up a lot more job opportunities and many of the veterans were able to find employment as firefighters."

Because of the physical, emotional, and psychological demands of careers in the military and firefighting, Deer Lodge Centre played a big role in their history in Winnipeg. Deer Lodge, which began as a military hospital in 1916 for returning WWI soldiers, has treated many veterans and firefighters throughout the years.

"Due to the type of work we do, many firefighters ended up at Deer Lodge after they retired due to health issues, and just like the veterans who were returning from war, our firefighters have continued to be treated at Deer Lodge over the years," Treddenick says. "They have played a big part in

the history of firefighters in our city."

The Firefighters Historical Society was formed in 1982 by a group of firefighters with an interest in collecting and preserving material related to the fire service. Treddenick is a founding director of the museum, which houses a 2,000 book library, and over 10,000 catalogued photos and slides of fire scenes, including apparatus and personnel, from Winnipeg's firefighting history dating back to 1882.

This must-see museum is not only perfect for history buffs, but for people of all ages. The tour gives visitors a first-hand look at many of the earliest "firetrucks" ever used in Winnipeg, including an 1882 Ronald Steamer, 1928 LaFrance, 1930 LaFrance, 1937 Diamond T-hose wagon, 1958 Mack, and a 1966 Mack. Both LaFrance vehicles are a Canadian built "Foamite-LaFrance", and all were expressly built for the City of Winnipeg.

Plant Liberation75 tulips and help honour the 1.1 million Canadians who service in the Second World War



Dutch children riding on a Sherman tank of Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians), Harderwijk, Netherlands, 19 April 1945.

Ian Leatt

The Canadian Tulip Festival together with their partners, the National Capital Commission, the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and KLM Royal Dutch Airlines are preparing for the 75th Anniversary of the Liberation of the Netherlands next spring, 2020, by introducing the Liberation75 tulip. This is a limited-edition bright orange, mid-early blooming tulip with crown-shaped petals.

The goal of the Liberation75 Commemorative Planting Campaign is to plant 1.1 million tulips honouring the 1.1 million Canadians who served in the Second World War.

We invite you to help us spread the word and purchase your bulbs today, supporting The Royal Canadian Legion and the Canadian Tulip Legacy. For every bag of tulips sold, \$1 goes to the Royal Canadian Legion. Why Tulips?

When the Netherlands was invaded dur-

ing the Second World War, Dutch Princess Juliana and her family were forced to flee. The family was given a warm welcome in Ottawa, where they lived throughout the war. In 1943, the bond between Canada and the Netherlands was made even stronger, when the Princess' third child, Margriet, was born at the Civic Hospital in Ottawa.

In the occupied Netherlands, the Dutch people experienced hardship, oppression and starvation. In 1945, their ordeal came to an end as the Allies advanced across the country. Canadians played a significant role in the liberation of the Netherlands, an accomplishment for which the Dutch still remember us today.

After the war, the Dutch people and Royal Family expressed their thanks to Canada by sending 100,000 tulip bulbs. The Gift of Tulips became a yearly tradition. The Dutch Royal Family and the people of the Netherlands send 20,000 bulbs to Ottawa annually. This year they repeated the original gift of 100,000 tulip bulbs!



Liberation 75 tulip.

We invite you to join us in celebrating and honouring our veterans, and the 75th anniversary of this trans-Atlantic friendship. These tulips are available at most garden centres and should be planted now.

Dinner with Frank Mahovlich

Dorothy Dobbie

Dinner with Frank Mahovlich, the former hockey player and senator, was an experience to remember. He regaled us with stories of his past. One of them was about his 2017 trip to Moscow to have dinner with Putin – the occasion was a celebration of the 45th anniversary of the Canada-Russia hockey series of 1972. Frank, who was one of the team co-captains, was there with guys like the Russian goaltender, Vladislav Tretiak, and others of that era.

I remember the 1972 series very well. I was an avid hockey fan and a fierce Canadian, even in those days, and I looked forward to our NHL gang whipping those Soviets in our national game. The series was filled with ups and downs, bitterness, and moments of torment followed by wild joy whenever we won.

I ended up in hospital for an operation during the series, so I missed most of the games (including the Game 3, played in Winnipeg which tied 4-4), although I have a foggy memory of coming out of anesthesia and catching a few minutes of play, ignoring my anxious family who were gathered around. The day I came out of the hospital (they used to keep us in for ages) was the day of game 8 in Moscow. After dropping me at home, Glenn left to go back to work. My small daughter, Shauna, who was five at the time, was my only companion as I tuned into the final game.

It was a nail biter that looked to end up in a tie, but in the final minute of play, a miracle happened.



Paul Henderson and Yvan Cournoyer celebrate the Summit Series winning goal in 1972.

Here's how it was remembered by Henderson as presented by Wikipedia:

In the final minute of play, with Phil Esposito, Yvan Cournoyer and Peter Mahovlich (Frank's bother also played in the series) out on the ice, Paul Henderson stood up at the bench and called Mahovlich off the ice as he was skating by.

"I jumped on the ice and rushed straight for their net. I had this strange feeling that I could score the winning goal", recalls Henderson.

Cournoyer picked up a puck that had been passed around the boards by the Soviets in a clearing attempt. He missed Henderson with a pass, but two Soviets mishandled the puck in the corner and Esposito shot the puck on Tretiak.

Henderson, who had fallen behind the net, got up and went to the front of the net where he was uncovered. Henderson recovered the rebound of Esposito's shot, shot the puck and was stopped, but re-

covered the rebound. With Tretiak down, he put the puck past Tretiak with only 34 seconds to play. Foster Hewitt's voice rose in excitement as he called the winning goal:

"Cournoyer has it on that wing. Here's a shot. Henderson made a wild stab for it and fell. Here's another shot. Right in front. They score! Henderson has scored for Canada!"

There I was, beside myself with joy and no way to express it. I got Shauna to jump up and down to celebrate for me. She must have thought I had come home deranged!

There is no expressing to a young audience today what that win meant to Canadians or even how we felt about our hockey heroes, whose names were on everyone's lips, no matter how little we might know about the game in general.

Frank also told us of being a young hockey player, up against Rocket Richard for the first time. His job was to shadow the Rocket. "You stay on him," said the coach. When you get hold of him, don't let him go."

Frank took this advice to heart and sure enough, he soon had the Rocket in his grasp, his arms around him, holding him very tightly. "He tried to elbow me out of the way," said Frank. "But I held on tight. So he screwed his body around until his nose was just about touching mine and he said in a very firm voice, 'Let go, Kid.' I gazed into his eyes and said, 'Yes Mr. Richard.'"

I love that image of the future superstar yielding to his hero, in spite of strict instructions from the top!

For those of you too young to remember, Frank Mahovlich was



Frank and Marie Mahovlich.

one of the greatest hockey players of all times and, in 2017, was named one of the top 100 Greatest NHL Players. He will turned 81 last January 10 and is still tall, erect and full of life.

During his visit to Moscow last year, Putin became very expansive – lots of vodka was imbibed – and the guests were given an underground tour of the Kremlin. Here they were shown vast stores of precious metals and jewels. There were big boulders of gold, said Frank, and heaps of emeralds and rubies and diamonds. It was mind-boggling.

That got me thinking: what good is that stuff anymore? Does it have

any real intrinsic value? Do you collect diamonds and gold now? Our real wealth is in knowledge and the ability to use it. Stuff, material things, is just stuff that we desire for a while, then tire of and replace with new stuff. If Russia is really relying on its stores of obsolete minerals as the basis for wealth, then I think they are in for a sad surprise some day in the not-too-distant future.

But then, maybe I'm just showing my age. After all, as they say, you can't take it with you, so what the heck is the point? What is wonderful, though, is meeting a guy like Frank Mahovlich and hearing his stories.

Safe handling of waste material for local companies

Tervita

Tervita applies for Hazardous Waste Transfer Station in the Rural Municipality of Springfield

The environmentally secure and safe handling and disposal of waste is an important part of an integrated, responsible industrial sector. At Tervita we understand this and are proud to have offered waste management and environmental solutions to our clients for 40 years. Headquartered in Calgary, Alberta, we have operations across Canada and the United States, including those which have served businesses in the Winnipeg area for 20 years.

We are proud to not only support the local business community but are also committed to engaging with neighbours and residents to ensure comments are understood and answered.

The safety of our employees and the communities where we live and work is integral to the way we operate. We take pride in responsibly managing all aspects of our business to ensure compliance with relevant environmental and safety legislation, regulations and standards.

This year, Tervita is working through the application process to operate a Hazardous Waste Transfer Station in the Industrial Park of the Rural Municipality of Springfield. We have put together some information to help explain what we do and answer some questions.

What does Tervita's Hazardous Waste Transfer Station do and what type of waste does it accept?

Tervita's Hazardous Waste Transfer Station is not a disposal site. It is a facility where industrial waste and recyclables (hazardous and non-hazardous) come to be categorized, sorted and consolidated before being transported to licensed disposal sites or appropriate recycling

facilities; contributing to improving environmental stewardship for industry.

This facility would not only include the waste transfer station, it also would serve as a home for our office, equipment, maintenance activities and be the base for our remediation and reclamation business- which operates in the field at customer locations.

This location is close to designated transportation routes and companies that can use our services to safely handle their hazardous waste. These wastes

include, but are not limited to: solvents, paints, batteries, pesticides, contaminated soil, sludges, motor oil, oil filters, aerosols, and compressed gas cylinders. Some of the materials this facility will not accept include; explosives, radioactive wastes, infectious wastes and residential waste and recyclables.

Why can't the waste be brought directly to the disposal location?

Various wastes have different chemical and physical characteristics. Sampling, sorting and characterization prior to

disposal is critical to prevent unintended chemical reactions which have the potential of occurring if this step does not take place prior to disposal. In addition, sometimes proper packaging is needed to prevent environmental releases; and at a transfer station such as we propose, containers/packages can be inspected in good light and climate-controlled conditions, protected from the weather.

To minimize the carbon footprint associated with the transportation, small containers of waste are temporarily stored at this type of facility until they can be consolidated into larger containers to be shipped to the disposal site.

What is the environmental impact this site will bring?

Our Transfer Stations are constructed and designed in a manner that contains all hazardous waste in designated storage areas with engineered containment. In addition, the waste received at our facilities is in sealed, regulated containers to prevent any release. We implement and maintain environmental monitoring programs as well as routine inspections and audit schedules to ensure impacts to the surrounding environment are monitored.

Monitoring enables us to have early mitigation in the event that environmental impact is detected. Further work will be undertaken onsite by meeting or exceeding regulatory requirements for environmental assessment of the site and complying with numerous conditions required by the Rural Municipality of Springfield and Manitoba Sustainable Development. Tervita will also operate in a manner that complies with all applicable federal, provincial and municipal regulations and standards.

We look forward to working with the municipality, local and provincial authorities, regulators and neighbours throughout this process.



EARTH MATTERS



RECIPE

Creamy thai pumpkin curry soup

Creamy Thai Pumpkin Curry Soup. A rich, comforting, and healthy vegan soup made with coconut milk, pumpkin, and the perfect blend of spices.

Ingredients

- 2 teaspoons coconut oil — or extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 1/2 cups chopped sweet yellow onion — about 1 medium
- 3 cloves garlic — minced (about 1 tablespoon)
- 1 tablespoon minced fresh ginger
- 3 tablespoons Thai red curry paste
- 2-3 cups low-sodium vegetable broth — or low-sodium chicken broth if the soup being vegetarian is not a concern, divided

- 2 tablespoons almond butter — or peanut butter, 1 used natural drippy peanut butter
 - 2 cans pure pumpkin puree — (15 ounce cans) not pumpkin pie filling
 - 1/2 tablespoon coconut sugar — or light brown sugar. Do not omit, as it balances the flavor of the soup
 - 1 teaspoon ground cumin
 - 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
 - 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
 - 1/8 to 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper — plus additional to taste
 - 1 can light coconut milk — (14 ounces)
- For topping: chopped roasted peanuts or pepitas — chopped fresh cilantro or coconut cream*

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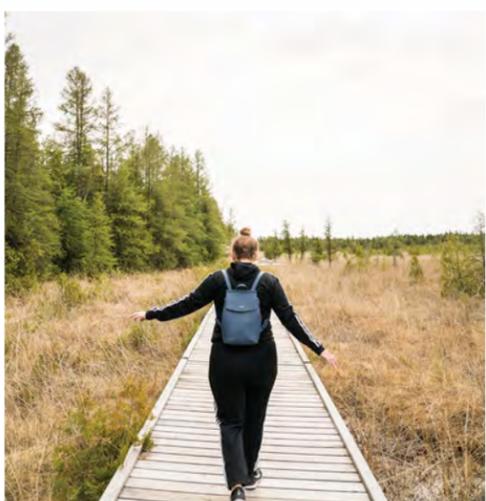
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