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## **WNV strategy**

On April 23, the Province announced a \$5.8 million strategy to address the threat of West Nile virus. The four-pronged strategy includes surveillance, source reduction, personal protection, and insect control measures. A total of \$3.6 million has been earmarked to cost share municipal larviciding and adulticiding on a 3:1 funding ratio, with municipalities contributing 25%.

## **Sustainable development grants**

The Sustainable Development Innovations Fund supports the development, implementation and promotion of environmental innovations and sustainable development projects. Priority areas include regional waste management, environmental technology innovation and demonstration; northern community development and environmental issues; sustainable community development; sustainable agriculture practices; eco-system conservation; understanding the

environment; eco tourism and water.

Remaining application deadlines are July 15, September 15, November 15 and January 15. Contact Manitoba Conservation for more information.

## **Road investment**

Manitoba is now in its second year of a five-year highways capital program. The Province announced the major highway construction projects for 2003-2004 on April 25, including work on PTH 1, PTH 16, PTH 3, PR 248, PTH 59, PR 210, PTH 101, PTH 100, PR 227, PR 329, PTH 83, PTH 6 and PR 374.

## **Rural community projects**

The Canada-Manitoba Infrastructure Program will contribute \$1 million in literacy, youth, wellness and recreation infrastructure, the Province announced on April 25. This money will contribute to the feasibility of six regional community projects in rural Manitoba. Libraries, wellness and recreation infrastructure projects are the principle beneficiaries, and eight municipalities will share in the social spin-off of this investment.

## **Infrastructure funds go north**

The Province will invest \$15 million to improve transportation infrastructure access for northern communities. These funds are to promote economic opportunities in the north through a well-developed highway infrastructure system.

## **Ethanol moving along**

On April 24, the Province proposed legislation to mandate 10% ethanol blends by 2005 and to establish a fund to provide financial support for ethanol manufacturing in Manitoba. The AMM expects this legislation will be re-introduced when the Legislature is sitting again. It is hoped that increased use of ethanol will allow Manitoba crops to be processed and used at home – a Manitoba solution. The Province has accepted all 32 recommendations of the Manitoba Ethanol Advisory Panel.

## **Gateway to the north**

On April 30, the Federal and Manitoba governments committed \$2.2 million to ensure a sustainable economic future for the Port of Churchill and the Hudson Bay Railway. Funds will be directed to port enhancements, Bay Line improvements and enhanced marketing efforts.

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### **Floodway expansion**

The two senior levels of government have committed to a \$160 million expansion of the Red River Floodway. The April 3 announcement should help to mitigate the effects of flooding in the Red River valley and prevent the damage that was experienced in 1997.

### **High-speed Internet**

On April 1, the Province announced that **I-NetLink** had received a \$225,000 loan under the Manitoba Industrial Opportuni-

ties Program to help facilitate high-speed Internet expansion into another 22 communities in southwest Manitoba.

### **Libraries get fund increase**

Libraries in rural and northern Manitoba will benefit from a 13% increase of \$2.9 million. Funds will help to finance book purchasing programs and general library services.

### **Congrats Beausejour!**

Beausejour has been selected as the site of the **2006 Manitoba Winter Games** provincial finals. ●

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