

**2009 MANITOBA PLANNING CONFERENCE PROGRAM**  
 Keystone Centre, Brandon, Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> to Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
**"Uncharted Territory: Planning for Change in Uncertain Times"**

*Change is affecting everything we do, especially as it relates to the vibrancy and health of the communities we live in. From a planning perspective, we are trying to deal with: unprecedented population growth in some regions due to immigration; aging and declining populations in many rural municipalities and urban centres; plant closures of major employers in communities; challenges caused by increased energy costs and the need to renew aging infrastructure; global warming resulting in real climate change; changing federal and provincial legislation and regulations; and the need to think and act GREEN.*

*Join us for a 2009 Manitoba Planning Conference that will enlighten and better prepare us to deal with change in a world full of challenges.*

TIME	WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28 <sup>th</sup>		
	Pre-Conference Workshops		
9:00-12:00 AM	<p align="center">(1)  <b>PLANNING for POPULATION AGING at the COMMUNITY LEVEL</b>                      9:00am – 6:00pm</p> <p>This day-long workshop will examine issues of aging in Manitoba's small cities and communities. While North American societies are getting older, small centres are aging faster than large cities, presenting a broad array of challenges for planners and policy-makers.</p> <p>A context for the day will be set by Gerald Hodge, PhD, who will introduce the topic and give it context based on research that lead to the publication of <i>The Geography of Aging: Preparing Communities for the Surge in Seniors</i> in 2008. This will be followed by a presentation by Dr. Bonnie Hallman from the Department of Geography at the University of Manitoba, whose research has recently focused on initiatives to create age-friendly small and remote communities. Louise Hutton from the University of Manitoba's Centre on Aging completes the introduction discussing her work consulting with communities that are working towards become age-friendly.</p>		
1:30-5:00 PM	<p>The workshop takes to the road for the rest of the day visiting the town of Gladstone and the city of Portage la Prairie MB, both of which have embraced the ideas of age-friendly communities. We will meet and talk with politicians and advocates on both places.</p> <p align="center"><b>Gerald Hodge PhD</b>                      Planning Consultant &amp; Professor Emeritus of Urban and Regional Planning at Queen's University (author of <i>The Geography of Aging: Preparing Communities for the Surge in Seniors</i> and <i>Planning Canadian Communities, 5th Edition</i>, with David Gordon)</p> <p align="center"><b>Richard Milgrom, PhD, MAA, MCIP</b>                      Head of the Department of City Planning &amp; Research Affiliate at the Centre on Aging at the University of Manitoba</p> <p align="center"><b>Dr. Bonnie C. Hallman PhD</b>                      Associate Professor in the Department of Environment &amp; Geography, Clayton H. Riddell Faculty of Environment, Earth, and Resources, University of Manitoba</p> <p align="center"><b>Louise Hutton, M.S.A.</b>                      Age-Friendly Communities Liaison for Age Friendly Manitoba &amp; CURA Age-Friendly Project at the Centre on Aging, University of Manitoba</p>	<p align="center">(2)  <b>Multifunctionality – A Review of Stewardship Models for Protecting Land</b></p> <p>Multifunctionality speaks to the range of benefits, such as clean air and clean water that rural communities provide to the rest of society. This interactive session will focus on best practices that municipalities can follow, working with local residents to protect and enhance environmental features within their community. Topics covered during the workshop will include organizing for environmental action, tools to engage the community, and getting results. Participants in the workshop will also be encouraged to share their own experience with stewardship and community action.</p> <p align="center"><b>Wayne Caldwell, PhD, RPP, MCIP</b>, Professor (Rural Planning), School of Environmental Design and Rural Development, University of Guelph</p>	<p align="center">(3)  <b>Manitoba Planning Law Refresher</b></p> <p>Manitoba Planning Law Refresher: Spend an afternoon with one of the province's foremost municipal legal authorities, for a Manitoba Planning Law Refresher - in the form of a participatory, interactive workshop. Focusing on issues in the news or on the horizon, Greg will present some topical observations and offer some general advice, with the interests of workshop attendees in mind. If you expect to attend, and would like to suggest particular topics of widespread significance that Greg could usefully address, please email him as soon as possible at &lt;<a href="mailto:gtramley@mts.net">gtramley@mts.net</a>&gt; The second half of the session will feature a Q and A period based on questions and topics nominated by workshop attendees. Come and refresh your legal self!</p> <p align="center"><b>Greg Tramley</b>  <b>McCANDLESS TRAMLEY</b>, Municipal Lawyers</p>
6:00 – 9:00 PM	Registration & Opening Reception		

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7:30 – 8:30 AM	<b>Registration</b>					
8:30 – 9:30 AM	<p>8:30 – 8:45 Conference Opening - Emcee &amp; Conference Chair – <b>Vince Barletta</b>, City of Brandon Councillor &amp; Chair, BAPD Board / Greetings</p> <p>8:45 – 9:30 <b>Opening Keynote Address – <i>Planning Great Canadian Communities</i></b>            The planning of Canadian cities and towns is rooted in the notion of “community.” Thus, our planning carries obligations for all engaged in the planning process: professionals, councilors, and citizens. One obligation is <i>participation</i> of community members, another is <i>collaboration</i> of all stakeholders, yet another – possibly it’s most important obligation – is concern for <i>people</i> in the community, people as human beings. Each obligation comes into sharp focus as we face the impending need, in communities large and small, to plan for the coming surge in seniors.            In planning for seniors it is important to involve them directly in planning the improved community environments they need. They are, after all, our oldest citizens. Because seniors’ planning involves concerns with housing, transportation, and community support services, it has a scope well beyond that of most other community planning and, thus, collaboration of public, private, and volunteer sectors must be integral. Seniors’ planning obliges us to consider the human dimensions of people in the last one-third of their lives. It requires consideration of both <i>details</i> such as stair railings and benches and such <i>general</i> aspects as the age range of seniors and the diversity in their physical competence. Planning thoughtfully for seniors will help return us to our Canadian planning roots and greater communities overall.  <b>Gerald Hodge PhD</b> is a Planning Consultant and Professor Emeritus of Urban and Regional Planning at Queen’s University (and former Director). He is author of <i>The Geography of Aging: Preparing Communities for the Surge in Seniors</i> and <i>Planning Canadian Communities, 5th Edition</i>, with David Gordon.</p>					
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<b>Session 1</b> 9:30 – 10:30 AM	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Provincial Land Use Policies</b></p> <p>How will the proposed changes to the Provincial Land Policies help you prepare for the challenges that we are currently facing? Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs has been leading the review and re-write of the Provincial Land Use Policies. One of the key goals of the review and the re-write is to address emerging issues by providing a policy framework to guide land use decisions in these changing times. Hear what is being proposed and find out how it will assist you.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Bob Grodzik</b> Acting Director, Provincial Planning Services Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Secondary or Accessory Suites – A Strategy to Support Affordable Housing</b></p> <p>The session will speak to the use of Secondary Suites to provide affordable housing options for citizens of Manitoba, an overview of the use of Secondary Suites across Canada and lessons learned and the support for Secondary Suite development in Manitoba.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Craig Marchinko</b> Executive Director, Strategic Initiatives, Manitoba Housing</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Alternative Energy: Wind Power Takes Flight</b></p> <p>This session offers a broad view of wind development from a global, North American and Canadian perspective. The presentation highlights the merits of wind from a provincial perspective with both the benefits and challenges the industry faces. The paper also provides a “current status” of wind in Manitoba.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Developing Biomass Projects</b></p> <p>Learn what you need to know to develop a biomass project in your community. Additionally, come and hear a presentation on findings of a biomass fuel heating study prepared for Manitoba Hydro by a consultant.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Rick Halas</b> Project Manager, STEM <b>Denny St George, M.Sc., P.Eng., CMVP</b> Senior Biosystems Engineer Manitoba Hydro</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Aging, Communities and Planning for the Future</b></p> <p>Aging, Communities and Planning for the Future is an overview of the demographics on seniors, immigrants, visible minorities and changes occurring in the Canadian family. Attend this session and learn more about how to help your communities, neighbourhoods, villages, towns and cities, to meet the challenges and needs arising from population aging.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>EQuilibrium™ Communities initiative</b></p> <p>The presentation will provide an overview and update on the EQuilibrium™ Communities Initiative</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>EQuilibrium™ Sustainable Housing Demonstration initiative</b></p> <p>EQuilibrium™ is a national Sustainable Housing Demonstration initiative that brings the private and public sectors together to develop homes that combine resource- and energy-efficient technologies with renewable energy technologies in order to reduce their environmental impact. The presentation will report on current status and highlights of each demonstration project.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Municipal Infrastructure Lending Program (MILP)</b></p> <p>The presentation will cover project eligibility, loan approval criteria, and application procedures for Canada’s Economic Action Plan, which provides up to \$2 billion in direct low-cost loans to municipalities.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Cam L Dupuis</b> Regional Advisor, Research and Information Transfer, Prairie &amp; Territories Business Centre, CMHC</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>One sure thing in uncertain times - let the Land Surveyor's sketch bring certainty to the planning process</b></p> <p>This Association of Manitoba Land Surveyors (AMLS) presentation is targeted towards planners, municipal councillors &amp; administrators, provincial departments and agencies involved in the planning process.</p> <p>The workshop will expand on the fact that good planning requires good information at the start of the planning process. It will show some examples of erroneous planning application sketches and outcomes and an example of a surveyor prepared sketch and how planners and others would benefit using this sketch. The presenter will discuss categories of subdivisions and under what circumstances a planner might not require a land surveyor’s sketch. It will finish off with the land surveyors digital sketch submission and how that will aid planners with electronic circulation and fit in with possible GIS initiatives. AMLS will provide an update on discussions with Land Titles on moving toward digital submission of plans.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Peter Isaac</b> Chairman Public Awareness Committee Association of Manitoba Land Surveyors</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Neighbourhood and Downtown Revitalization: Mobile Workshop</b></p> <p>How are current / emergent trends (e.g. population growth, immigration, aging population, env, etc.) beginning to shape the community and how will BNRC and RB begin to respond to these trends within their geographic boundaries? Highlighting the work of the Brandon Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation and Renaissance Brandon, this workshop will examine this question and:</p> <p>provide a brief overview of the Province’s role in supporting community development / community economic development (CD/CED) and downtown revitalization; introduce community development concepts; and share best practices, models and/or projects that could be undertaken in other communities eligible for provincial support (e.g. Neighbourhoods Alive! designated communities).</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Myra Cruz Arado</b> Senior Policy Analyst, Urban Development Branch, Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs <b>Marty Snelling</b> General Manager, Brandon Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation <b>Vince Barletta</b> Chair, Renaissance Brandon</p>
10:30 – 11:00 AM	<b>Networking Time and Trade Show</b>					
<b>Session 2</b> 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Kids on the Move: Child-and-Youth-Friendly Land-Use and Transportation Planning Guidelines Development and Dissemination</b></p> <p>The development of the Canadian Child-and-Youth-Friendly Land-Use and Transportation Planning Guidelines is a project being conducted for the Centre for Sustainable Transportation at the University of Winnipeg. The guidelines are being developed as a tool for achieving transportation and land-use arrangements which meet the needs of children and youth, and in so doing, meet the needs of all people.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Jackie Avent</b> Active and Safe Routes to School Program Coordinator; Resource Conservation Manitoba</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Why Plan</b></p> <p>Manitoba municipalities are required to have a development plan. Is your plan helping you make decisions? This session will focus on the “nuts and bolts” of planning (and, no, we’re not talking about “planners and politicians” ... much). We will sort through why development planning is just plain good business for your council and your community, and how you can tackle it in a practical and meaningful way.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Jacqueline East</b> Planner, Dillon Consulting <b>Jennifer Rogers, MCIP</b> Regional Planner, Provincial Planning Services, Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Making Stewardship Part of the Answer</b></p> <p>Environmental concerns associated with both agriculture and other land uses in the rural community point to the need to engage landowners in actions to improve the environment. This session will profile innovation in stewardship.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ian Wishart</b> Keystone Agricultural Producers <b>Wayne Caldwell, MCIP, RPP</b> Professor, (Rural Planning), University of Guelph</p>			

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12:00 – 1:30 PM	12:00 – 12:45 <b>Lunch</b> 12:45 – 1:30 <b>Plenary Address – <i>Shaping Active, Healthy Communities: The Heart &amp; Stroke Foundation of Canada's Built Environment Tool Kit</i></b> Canada's high rates of physical inactivity and obesity mean it is more important than ever to build active, healthy design into local environments. The Heart and Stroke Foundation's <i>Shaping Active, Healthy Communities</i> provides information, resources and tools to individuals and organizations interested in making their communities more health promoting. <b>Stephen Samis</b> , Director, Health Policy, HSFC, Ottawa, ON				
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<b>Session 3</b> 1:45 – 2:45 PM	<b><i>Immigration &amp; Welcoming Communities in Rural Manitoba – Brandon, Hytek Plant in Neepawa and Winkler, Morden Altona</i></b> This presentation will explore the importance of community involvement in immigration within rural Manitoba by looking at specific Manitoba rural communities. Community engagement is vital and commences with the initial community meetings to determine if immigration is a “fit” with the community and the community's economic plan. Developing attraction strategies with businesses; preparing to welcome and assist with the settlement of newcomers; developing support services and planning for growth, all require community engagement. Moderator: <b>Pam McConnell</b> , Regional Coordinator, Manitoba Labour & Immigration Panel: <b>Peter Mah, MCIP</b> , Community & Business Relations, Hytek Ltd.; <b>Hope Roberts</b> , Settlement Program Director, Westman Immigrant Services; <b>Laurie Sawatzky</b> , Executive Director, Winkler & District Immigrant Services	<b><i>OurWinnipeg Initiative – A New Approach</i></b> Official Planning processes are often viewed as a technical requirement, usually undertaken without a great deal of fanfare. While public engagement normally forms a component of such processes, it is often to seek concurrence on draft plans. The City of Winnipeg, through its <b>OurWinnipeg</b> Initiative, is stepping well outside the normal bounds of official development plan processes and inviting all Winnipeggers to participate in the creation of a new development plan – from beginning to implementation. This presentation will provide a look at the merging of marketing, social networking, traditional engagement and the challenge of planning for major growth and change that is sustainable – in an environment that is anything but certain and predictable.  <b>Michelle Richard</b> Plan Winnipeg Initiative - Coordinator Planning and Land Use Division Planning, Property and Development City of Winnipeg	<b><i>Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions in Your Community</i></b> Local communities face many economic, social and environmental uncertainties in the face of a changing climate. How we choose to manage those uncertainties today will have a major impact on community stability in the long run. By taking action now to reduce greenhouse gas emissions locally, communities stand to be more sustainable into the future. This presentation will provide ideas for what municipalities and neighbourhoods can do to reduce local emissions and improve long-term community resilience.  <b>Tom Keep</b> Community Development Coordinator, Environment, City of Brandon <b>Katy Walsh</b> Policy and Program Analyst, CLER Program, Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs	<b><i>Green Buildings and the LEED Green Building Rating System</i></b> The Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System encourages and accelerates adoption of sustainable green building and development practices through the creation and implementation of universally understood and accepted tools and performance criteria. During this training opportunity, an effort will be made to introduce attendees to the LEED process which promotes a whole-building approach to sustainability by recognizing facility and system performance in key areas of human and environmental health. Emphasis will be placed during the interactive session to comment upon the positive elements accomplished during the pre-planning, Permit issuance and construction phases for two specific projects familiar to rural Manitoba residents: the Neepawa Personal Care Home and the Gladstone Community Centre.  <b>Richard Kula</b> Sustainable Solutions Inc. <b>Rick Grimshaw CRBO</b> OFC Codes and Standards Officer, Manitoba Labour	
2:45 – 3:15 PM	<b>Networking Time and Trade Show</b>				
<b>Session 4</b> 3:15 – 4:15 PM	<b><i>Comprehensive Community Planning (CCP) with First Nations</i></b> In this session an overview of First Nation protocols, culture, governance, and administration structures will be discussed. A definition of what a CCP is and a process for completing successful CCPs will be provided. Innovative implementation techniques will be explored and best practices identified. At the end of this session we will have an interactive discussion of some of the challenges and opportunities to working with FN communities.  <b>Aaron Aubin, MCIP</b> Associate, Dillon Consulting Limited & Chair of CIP Indigenous Peoples Planning Committee	<b><i>Downtown Renewal and Heritage Planning in Small Cities and Towns</i></b> This session will discuss the challenges and opportunities available when considering heritage planning as part of downtown renewal strategies. Issues will be raise using two Manitoba examples.  <b><i>Town of Carberry Heritage District Project</i></b> In 2006 the Town of Carberry committed to the ambitious task of restoring its century-old Main Street. Two linear blocks, including 39 commercial and institutional buildings and three former building sites were designated as a Commercial Heritage Conservation District, the first of its kind in Manitoba. As the community works to preserve this architectural wonder, it continues to encounter obstacles but is driven by our successes and community pride.  <b>Michael McClelland</b> ERA Architects Inc, Toronto <b>Vince Barletta</b> City of Brandon <b>Laurie Robson</b> Economic Development Officer, Town of Carberry & RM of North Cypress	<b><i>New Directions in Wastewater Management “Wastewater Management Plans”</i></b> The proposed Provincial Land Use Policies call for the development of a “wastewater management plan” that should be coordinated with or make reference to the development plan. What is a wastewater management plan? What purpose will it serve? How will they be developed and what information will be required? This session will explore these questions and present some guidelines for developing these plans. <b><i>“Onsite Wastewater Management Systems”</i></b> Part 1: Overview of the amendments to the Onsite Wastewater Management Systems Regulation; Part 2: Secondary Sewage Treatment for Residential Applications. This session will very briefly discuss the amendments and spend more time on secondary treatment for residential dwellings.  <b>David Jopling</b> Provincial Planning Services Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs <b>Donna Smiley</b> Onsite Wastewater Management Systems Program Manitoba Conservation	<b>Tom Molinski, Ed Innes and Robert Yonza</b> Manitoba Hydro	
5:30 PM	5:30 – 6:30 <b>Cash Bar</b> 6:30 – 6:45 <b>Banquet Emcee – Vince Barletta</b> 6:45 - 7:45 <b>Dinner</b> 7:45 – 8:45 <b>Entertainment –</b> 8:45 onward <b>Networking Time</b>				

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7:30 – 8:30 AM	Registration				
8:00 – 9:00 AM	<p>8:30 – 9:30</p> <p><b>Announcements – Vince Barletta</b>  <b>Opening Keynote Address – Community Services &amp; Land Use – A Snap Shot of Who's Paying for Service</b>  Local governments across North America struggle to determine both the true cost of services and who's paying for them. Myths and half truths are far more common than fact and fact-based analyses. Red Deer County, in the face of pending major residential development, opted to get a handle on this elusive information in 2004. A research contract with the Miistakis Institute, an independent research group affiliated with the Faculty of Environmental Design at the University Calgary, allowed the County to gain a better understanding of how it's taxation policy was distributing the cost of providing all levels of municipal service.  <b>Harry Harker, MCIP, Town Manager, High River, AB &amp; former Director of Planning &amp; Development, Red Deer County</b></p>				
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<b>Session 5</b> 9:15 – 10:15 AM	<p><b>Service Sharing /Tax Sharing - Tools for Regional Action</b></p> <p>Regional development and infrastructure and service sharing is encouraged in a smartgrowth context by the new Provincial Land Use Policies or PLUP's and key to Manitoba municipalities long term sustainability. Municipal service sharing and tax sharing is a mechanism to support regional action. When used individually or together costs /benefits are matched and economies of scale and externalities are captured, ensuring all municipal partners are winners in regional development. This session will provide an overview of service sharing and tax sharing in the Manitoba context, exploring what it can achieve, when it is most effective and key considerations when developing arrangements. As well we will discuss some common development scenarios where service sharing /tax sharing is most effective and some best practices in Manitoba.</p> <p><b>Laurie Davidson</b> ADM, Provincial – Municipal Support Services</p> <p><b>Denise Carlyle</b> Director, Municipal Finance &amp; Advisory Services Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs</p>	<p><b>The Impact of Transportation Facilities in the Urban Environment</b></p> <p>Freight consolidation in transportation facilities brings particular challenges to stakeholders striving to maximize fleet efficiencies, and roadway access and mobility. This presentation acknowledges their economic benefit, and explores land use, traffic, urban form and environmental challenges arising from transportation facilities as reflected by their effect on the vitality of downtowns, inner-city neighbourhoods and suburbs.</p> <p><b>Getting around town – leaving the car keys at home</b></p> <p>Encouraging transit, pedestrian and cycling trips is a hot issue for urban municipalities today across the country. This presentation will look at the benefits of active transportation for your community and how to turn policy into action, using examples from around the province.</p> <p><b>Jairo Viafara, AICP</b> Research Associate, University of Manitoba Transport Institute</p> <p><b>Beth McKechnie</b> Resource Conservation Manitoba (RCM)</p>	<p><b>Update on the Energy and Water Efficiency Changes to the Manitoba Building and Plumbing Codes</b></p> <p>In order to satisfy a national Commitment made previously by the Council of the Federation, Manitoba will be adopting enhanced Energy Conservation measures as amendments under Part 9 of the MBC as well as improved Water Efficiency performance criteria for Plumbing fixtures and appliances in 2010. Material to be covered will attempt to describe the applicable Code revisions being considered for implementation as well as providing the history that drove the process. Also, some effort will be made to identify the impact the changes may have on the integration with the recognized Green Building credits under LEED-NC or -EB.</p> <p><b>Tammy Harper</b> Manager, Building Policy and Sustainability OFC</p> <p><b>Cindy Choy</b> Manitoba Green Building Coordination Team</p>	<p><b>Building Municipal Capacity for Affordable Housing</b></p> <p>This session will explore barriers to affordable housing and consider some tools and techniques that municipalities might use to help build community capacity. An innovative mental health housing project, based in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, will be reviewed and used as a case study for promoting community independence and reducing homelessness.</p> <p><b>David Harrison, MCIP</b> Planning &amp; Development Consultant, Leader of CIP Housing and Healthy Community Initiatives</p>	<p><b>Understanding Development Plans &amp; Zoning By-laws and Making Development Decisions</b></p> <p>An introduction to the essential "ins and outs" of development plans, zoning by-laws and the subdivision approval process.</p> <p><b>Bill Sawka</b> Eastern District Regional Manager, Steinbach &amp; Beausejour CPS Offices</p>
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<b>Session 6</b> 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	<p><b>Planning for Livestock: Best Practices &amp; Review of Interesting LOP Policies</b></p> <p>In this session, staff of MAFRI and IGA will review progress by municipalities across Manitoba in adopting livestock operation policies. Different approaches for different contexts will be presented.</p> <p><b>David Neufeld</b> Director, Community Planning Services, Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs</p> <p><b>Kari Schulz</b> Community Planner, Steinbach CPS Office</p> <p><b>Sheri Grift</b> Land Use Specialist Land Use Planning Knowledge Centre, Manitoba Agriculture, Food &amp; Rural Initiatives</p>	<p><b>Striving for Food Security through Urban Agriculture</b></p> <p>Food security is achieved when all people have access to safe, healthy and affordable food that is produced in an environmentally responsible manner. Urban agriculture is one means of increasing the level of food security for communities. Urban agriculture allows food to be grown and distributed in local areas, increasing the availability of fresh fruit, vegetables and meat to all consumers. This panel will identify how their organization has linked their community to a higher level of food security through urban agriculture practices.</p> <p>Panel: <b>Tammy Klos</b>, Coordinator of the Good Food Club; <b>Ian Barnett</b>, Social Enterprise Program Manager at FortWhyte Alive; <b>Marcia Wiebe</b>, Resource Program Coordinator for Samaritan House in Brandon</p>	<p><b>Integrated Watershed Management Plans</b></p> <p>Development plans are required to consider regulations and plans made under <i>The Water Protection Act</i>. This session will provide an overview of the Integrated Watershed Management Planning process and how IWMPs can relate to planning districts, municipalities and local land use planning.</p> <p><b>Sara Coughlin</b> Senior Watershed Planner Watershed Planning and Programs Manitoba Water Stewardship</p>		
12:00 – 1:45 PM	<p>12:00 – 12:45 <b>Lunch</b></p> <p>12:45 – 1:45 <b>Plenary Address – Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs / Manitoba Planning Excellence Awards</b></p>				
<b>Session 7</b> 1:45 – 2:15 PM	<p>1:45 – 2:00 <b>Conference Wrap Up – Ian Wight, Ph.D., MCIP</b>, Associate Professor, Department of City Planning, University of Manitoba</p> <p>2:00 – 2:15 <b>Door Prize Draws and Concluding Remarks – Vince Barletta</b></p>				