

Sustainable Development

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Origins of Sustainable Development

- World Commission on Environment & Development
- Canada's Response to *Our Common Future*
 - Manitoba's role
 - *The Green Report*
 - Recommendations
- Manitoba's follow up
 - Initiated SOE reporting
 - *MB Environment Act* passed
 - The MB Round Table on Environment & Economy
 - Environment factored into Cabinet decisions



Sustainable Development in Manitoba 1989-1999

- New administration embraces concept
- Round Table Confirmed
 - Supported by Sustainable Development Coordinating Unit
 - Public consultation on sector strategies
- White Paper on Legislation
- *Manitoba Sustainable Development Act*
 - Principles & Guidelines
 - Common vocabulary of SD
 - Directional not prescriptive
 - No compliance regime
- Consultation on Sustainable Development Implementation



Sustainable Development in Manitoba 1999-present

- New administration adopts same course on SD
 - Endorses COSDI wide area planning concept
 - Initiates East-Side planning process as pilot
 - Appoints new Round Table
 - No major changes to SD Act
 - SD Strategy 2000
 - SD Code of Practice 2001
- Policies developed where SD concepts can be better defined
 - Aboriginal training, employment & business development policies
 - Manitoba Energy Strategy



PUB NFAT Terms of Reference & SD

- Needs & Timing to take “into consideration”:
 - “The alignment of the plan to ... the principles of sustainable development as outlined in *The Sustainable Development Act*.”
- Whether or not plan superior to alternatives to take “into consideration”:
 - “The alignment of the plan and alternatives to ... the Principles of Sustainable Development as outlined in *The Sustainable Development Act*.”
- Wording directional not prescriptive
- Consistent with legislated direction



Manitoba Hydro Commitment to Sustainable Development

- SD Code of Practice in place since 2003
- Annual Sustainable Development Reporting
- Development of SD indicators
- Consideration of SD in present operations and future planning



Alignment of the Proposal With Principles of Sustainable Development

- Integration of Environmental & Economic Decisions
 - Process for selecting preferred alternative
- Stewardship/intergenerational equity
 - Present benefits (meeting today's needs) & future benefits (future generations meeting their needs)
- Shared Responsibility & Understanding
 - Partnership with First Nations
- Prevention
 - Smaller project reduces environmental effects; reduces direct economic benefit
- Conservation and Enhancement
 - Sturgeon stocking & habitat enhancement
- Rehabilitation & Restoration
 - Forebay clearing
- Global Responsibility
 - Greenhouse gas emission reduction



