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PREMIER SELINGER ANNOUNCES NEW PRESIDENT AND CEO FOR MANITOBA PUBLIC INSURANCE

Dan Guimond will become the new president and chief executive officer of Manitoba Public Insurance (MPI), Premier Greg Selinger announced today.

"Dan brings a wealth of auto insurance experience to this position, with nearly three decades of service with MPI," said Premier Selinger. "He understands that all Manitobans own our public utilities and should benefit from them through low rates and excellent service."

Most recently, Guimond was vice-president, strategy and innovation, and chief information officer with Manitoba Public Insurance. In this role, he was responsible for the management and administration of the corporation's automobile insurance product and services.

"Manitoba's public auto insurer continues to be the model of success in the auto insurance industry and an important part of Manitoba's affordability advantage," said the premier. "An independent analysis by Deloitte has confirmed that Manitobans pay the lowest average auto insurance cost in Canada, while providing a second-to-none injury benefits plan for those Manitobans injured as result of a vehicle collision."

Premier Selinger and Justice Minister Andrew Swan, minister responsible for Manitoba Public Insurance, also thanked outgoing Manitoba Public Insurance president and CEO Marilyn McLaren for her three decades of service with MPI, the last nine years as president and chief executive officer. In that time, Manitobans have enjoyed a cumulative overall rate decrease of 14.9 per cent.

"Marilyn has been a strong leader at MPI on behalf of ratepayers," said Minister Swan. "I want to extend my thanks, especially for her work in partnership with Manitoba Justice and the Winnipeg Police Service that has reduced auto theft by over 85 per cent since 2004."

Guimond joined Manitoba Public Insurance in 1990 and has held progressively responsible positions during his career. He holds a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Manitoba, as well as an associate customer service designation from the Life Office Management Institute. In addition, he is a fellow of the Life Management Institute and completed the Queen's University School of Business public executive program in 2004.

"Throughout his career, Dan has been driven by a desire to provide Manitobans with superior and innovative insurance products and services," said Jake Janzen, board chair, Manitoba Public Insurance. "Under Dan's leadership, MPI will continue to best serve the insurance and licensing needs of Manitobans."

Guimond will begin his new role on Monday, Feb. 24.

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