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Janice Lukes

Dear Ms. Lukes:

As Minister of Conservation I would like to express my sincere thanks to Manitoba's Active Transportation Advisory Group for developing your report entitled *Greater Strides: Taking Action on Active Transportation*. The report is well researched and presents relevant, practical and cogent recommendations that will help guide the provincial government as we continue to improve human-powered transportation options in Manitoba. I am aware that my predecessor, Minister Blaikie, accepted your report in June of last year. By accepting this report we are now able to formerly relieve you of your duties.

As you know, during the election our government committed to moving forward on key recommendations contained in your report. We are already looking at developing a provincial Active Transportation (AT) policy to support and encourage AT, appointing a provincial director responsible for AT, and establishing an on-going public stakeholder advisory committee.

During the election our government also committed to building a separate AT crossing at the Perimeter Hwy, connecting the well-used North East Pioneers Greenway to East St. Paul and Birds Hill Provincial Park. This major investment will add to Winnipeg's emerging AT network and greatly enhance existing trail infrastructure along the Winnipeg Floodway and at Birds Hill Park. I am pleased to report that progress is already being made on this project, with the Department of Infrastructure and Transportation taking the lead.

Let me join my colleagues in thanking you for your hard work in preparing this report; and for your leadership on active transportation generally. As indicated above, we are committed to creating a new body with diverse representation that will advise the government on matters related to AT as we move forward.

Lastly, I would like to ensure that copies of *Greater Strides* are fully released to the public. Christina McDonald, Chief Operating Officer of Green Manitoba, will work with you to complete this task.

Yours sincerely,

Dave Chomiak
Minister

cc: Christina McDonald