

A Partnership for the Future

**Putting the Pieces
Together in the
Manitoba Capital
Region**

**Final Report
of the
Regional Planning Advisory
Committee**

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A Message from the Regional Planning Advisory Committee

Since September 2001, the seven members of the RPAC, women and men from different professional backgrounds, experiences and parts of the Capital Region, have worked together on this Report which is meant to provide policy advice to the Government of Manitoba and serve as the basis for action in the immediate future.

Our public hearings and private meetings have convinced us that the Manitoba Capital Region has great attractions and strengths in all its parts. There is pride, passion, and commitment concerning the Region and its future vitality among all the individuals and organizations that we met. We thank them for their insights on making their individual communities and the Region as a whole, better places to live and work.

This report encourages the leaders to work together within a regional context to decide on the major issues that affect every part of the Region with a view to assuring its harmonious development and thus improving the standard of living of its citizens. The result will be a balanced planning and development approach within the region, the creation of a

positive climate for economic growth, preservation of the environment, and enhancement of the assets of the region.

This Report contains numerous recommendations for institutional, procedural and substantive reforms to the planning and growth management efforts of all governments in the Capital Region. However, RPAC wishes to state emphatically in the opening message that none of these reforms will succeed unless there is greater regional awareness and commitment to regional goals. Mutual understanding, respect, and trust among the governments, communities, and citizens who comprise the Region is a crucial requirement for the future economic, social, environmental and even the political health of the Region. We are calling for strength on two levels: municipalities prepared to share ideas and to collaborate with one another, and committed policy leadership and support from the Provincial Government.

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