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Manitoba Water Stewardship is committed to ensuring sustainable water management in our province. We encourage interested Manitobans to participate in the development of regulations under *The Red River Floodway Act* and will be holding public meetings and workshops in your area this month.

We invite you to come and discuss your ideas and concerns and help guide the province in drafting regulations under this important act.

Community	Date	Time	
		Open House	Workshop
St. Adolphe Club Amical	March 4	10:00 – 11:00	11:00 – 2:00
Howden Community Centre 1078 Red River Drive	March 6	5:00 – 6:00	6:00 – 9:00
Ste. Agathe Community Hall	March 11	10:00 – 11:00	11:00 – 2:00

*The Red River Floodway Act* was proclaimed in June, 2005. It provides compensation for Manitobans who have been affected by artificial flooding caused by the opening of the floodway to manage spring run-off. While the act requires the government to operate the floodway during spring flooding, some individual property can be damaged in the process and cause some economic losses. The act also requires the provincial government to prepare a report on floodway operation and its effects by June 30 of each year the floodway is used to manage river levels.

The two regulations we would like to get your input on are:

1. the regulation on compensation for damages caused by artificial spring flooding
2. the regulation outlining the information that is to be included in the *Floodway Operations Report*

A *Background Paper* on the floodway is enclosed to give you more detailed information on the concepts and ideas that will be contained in the regulations. Also enclosed is a sheet of frequently asked questions and answers about the act. A complete copy of the *The Red River Floodway Act* is available by calling 945-8961 in Winnipeg; 1-800-282-8069 extension 8961 toll free; or by visiting <http://web2.gov.mb.ca/laws/statutes/ccsm/r032e.php>.

Participants who wish French translation at these workshops or have any questions, please contact Lorna Hendrickson at 945-7733 in Winnipeg; 1-800-282-8069 extension 7733 toll free; or email [lhendricks@gov.mb.ca](mailto:lhendricks@gov.mb.ca).

I look forward to meeting you and working with you on these important regulations.

Sincerely,

Lorimer Thompson