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FLOODWAY AUTHORITY TO REVIEW INPUT FROM CONSULTATION SESSION

Winnipeg, MB – The Manitoba Floodway Expansion Authority (MFEA) announced today that it will be reviewing all of the information and input received at a day long consultation meeting on the Floodway expansion project. The session was part of the ongoing public consultation process announced by MFEA last month.

“Today’s meeting emphasized the need for ongoing discussions on the floodway expansion project,” said Ernie Gilroy, CEO of the MFEA. “We are pleased that all of the groups in attendance recognized the need for continued dialogue and have committed to participate in future discussions as we proceed with this project.” Gilroy indicated that MFEA will be establishing committees in the near future to build on today’s discussions.

The three key project components discussed at today’s meeting were contract packaging, the project labour agreement, and employment training. The meeting was attended by representatives from local business, labour, Aboriginal, construction and training associations.

“We are pleased with the feedback and input received at today’s meeting,” said Gilroy. “Clearly, there is significant interest in this historic project and it is our intent to build on the information we received. In the upcoming days, we will be reviewing all of the information gathered and will be outlining next steps to ensure that the floodway expansion is completed on time.”

Gilroy expressed his gratitude to Prof. Wally Fox-Decent for agreeing to facilitate the discussion on behalf of the MFEA. “I would like to thank Prof. Fox-Decent for providing his time and expertise in facilitating the discussions.”

“Our priority for the floodway expansion project is to improve flood protection and increase security before the threat of the next big flood,” said Gilroy. “Manitobans recognize the need to expand the floodway in a timely fashion. Continued dialogue with all interested parties will help to ensure that we meet this objective.”

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