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## **FLOODWAY AUTHORITY OUTLINES MITIGATION PLAN FOR LOCKPORT CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL**

### **Festival to be Temporarily Relocated South of PTH 44 Bridge**

Today, the Manitoba Floodway Authority (MFA) outlined a mitigation plan for the Lockport Children's Festival that will ensure the ongoing operation of the festival as construction of the Outlet Control Structure proceeds.

"Due to construction of the Outlet Control Structure, the Lockport Children's Festival is required to move its site for the next two years," said Ernie Gilroy, CEO of the MFA. "To limit the impact of this move, we have been working with festival organizers for some time to ensure the ongoing operation of the festival. We are pleased to support the festival as it adjusts to accommodate the construction of the Outlet Control Structure."

As part of mitigation plan, the MFA will provide \$7,000 to the Lockport Children's Festival to offset expenses related to the temporary relocation of the festival site from the north to the south side of the PTH 44 bridge including:

- 1) Transportation of festival trailers from the current storage yard to the festival site;
- 2) Provision of electricity to the festival site through the rental of generators;
- 3) Establishment of an access road from PTH 202 onto the Floodway right-of-way and to the festival site; and
- 4) Signage and Advertising to advise the public of the change of site location.

"We appreciate the floodway authority's efforts at considering the festival in their construction plans," said Richard Keller, President of the Lockport Children's Festival. "With MFA support we look forward to another exciting year for the festival."

The Lockport Children's Festival hosts a variety of activities including pony rides, snowmobile rides, sleigh rides, a petting zoo, face painting, children's entertainment and concessions stands. This year will be the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary for the festival which will be held on January 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

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