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## Appropriation 3 (e) – Land Use Planning

The primary objective of the Land Use Planning and Policy Knowledge Centre is to support and protect Manitoba's agricultural land use and farm operations. This is to ensure a viable agricultural land base exists for present and future food production and diversification opportunities through sustainable land use planning, the agricultural Crown land management program, and the Technical Review process for livestock operations.

The Land Use Planning and Policy Knowledge Centre is required to provide consistent positive planning and support to municipalities, planning districts and agri-industry by providing preliminary technical assessments, land use policy, and technical information on livestock operations. Also, the Centre is responsible to Chair and update the Technical Review Process, including terms of reference, report guidelines, applicant information forms and to coordinate multi-departmental input. Development of a new Land Use Planning and Policy Knowledge Centre has evolved, incorporating the need to develop knowledge and communication support that fosters awareness of issues and opportunities related to land use planning.

Consistent with overall policy, the Centre was responsible for the following activities and land use actions:

- Land Use supported over 700 land use proposals and 2500 leases on more than 2.4 million acres of Crown land.
- Technical Review Committees reviewed over 30 proposals for new or expanding livestock operations.
- The Knowledge Centre was responsible for the development of seamless program delivery in cooperation with the newly developed Crown Lands and Property Agency.
- *The Planning Act* (newly implemented) includes changes to assist planning for livestock, and requires development plans, zoning by-laws, and livestock operation policies within two years
- *The Technical Review Process Act* was incorporated in *The Planning Act* detailing specific requirements. Departments were required to consider the resource needs of the new Act.
- The Knowledge Centre also makes decisions on land uses that compete and create land use conflict with agriculture opportunities in the present and future, including; hobby farms, rural residential and large lot subdivisions.
- Multi land use planning initiatives, including the potential allocation of land to resource users, i.e. forestry, agriculture, and parks.
- Agricultural Livestock Diversification: a broader maintenance of agriculture visibility for both present and future.

### Land Use Acts, Regulations & Policy

The Land Use Planning and Policy Knowledge Centre represents agricultural interests of:

- *The Crown Lands Act*
- *The Agricultural Crown Lands Act*
- *The Planning Act*
- The Provincial Land Use Policies Regulation
- Technical Review Process
- Development Plans
- Zoning By-Laws
- Livestock Operation Policies

The Knowledge Centre also has an indirect role in other legislation, which includes:

- *The Environment Act*
- *The Water Protection Act*
- The Water Quality Management Zones Regulation
- *The Pesticides and Fertilizer Controls Act*
- The Livestock Manure and Mortalities Management Regulations
- *Building and Mobile Home Act*
- *Farm Practices Protection Act*

## Agricultural Crown Lands

The primary objective of the Agricultural Crown Land Use section is to:

- Manage agricultural Crown lands including the determination of land use and implementation of management plans;
- Setting the rental rate on Crown land;
- Resolve land and client issues;
- Allocate available Crown lands for lease/permit;
- Promote the productivity and sustainable use of agricultural Crown lands;
- Support the Agricultural Crown Lands Appeal Board, in relation to, implementation of the Crown land planning process (including the Block Planning Process).

The Agricultural Crown Land Use Section represents the agricultural interests in Crown lands for the benefit of both lessees and the province of Manitoba. The Section implements land use actions consistent with *The Crown Lands Act*, and the Crown lands policies and procedures manual.

### Fiscal Overview

During 2006/2007, the section managed 2.4 million acres of Crown land. This included the management of:

- 2199 long-term forage leases involving 1,540,880 acres;
- 77 cropping leases involving 10,883 acres;
- Approximately 51,381 head of cattle and 1,113 horses/colts using 24 Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration (PFRA) pastures during the 2006 summer grazing season.

The remaining lands are offered for permit on a yearly basis.

Agricultural Crown Lands provides a liaison with PFRA on approximately 395,506 acres for the community pasture program that operates primarily on provincial Crown land.

Land Use staff support the land use designation and allocation of Crown lands for agriculture and other resource uses (parks, wildlife, forestry), and includes the Block Planning Committee Process.

### 3 (e) Land Use Planning

Expenditures by Sub-Appropriation	Actual	Estimate	Variance	Expl. No.
	2006/2007	2006/2007	Over/(Under)	
	\$(000s)	FTEs	\$(000s)	\$(000s)
(1) Salaries and Employee Benefits	747.1	11.00	770.9	(23.8)
(2) Other Expenditures	678.4		745.1	(66.7)
<b>Total Sub-Appropriation</b>	<b>1,425.5</b>	<b>11.00</b>	<b>1,516.0</b>	<b>(90.5)</b>