



750 -331 Smith Street  
Winnipeg, MB R3B 2G9  
Ph: (204) 947-2227 Fax: (204) 947-2446  
Toll Free: 1-800-947-6222  
E mail: [nacc@mb.sympatico.ca](mailto:nacc@mb.sympatico.ca)

## EAST SIDE PLANNING INITIATIVE

### Pine Dock, Manitoba

---

#### ISSUES IDENTIFIED & RECOMMENDATIONS

##### ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

###### (a) Water Quality

The watershed of the Broad Area Plan flows into Lake Winnipeg as does the Saskatchewan River which flows from Alberta through Saskatchewan. Lake Winnipeg has been used as a sewer dump for a long time. There is talk about building an all weather road, the hydro line and increases to tourism. With increased development on the east-side, there is danger for increased pollution of the lake and water quality can be affected. There are already changes in the pickerel. Because of conditions in the lake, there are already more pickerel than whitefish.

###### (b) Waste Management

With increased industrial development there will be population increases along with increases in the number of cottage owners and campgrounds. Waste Management is a concern.

###### (c) Spraying of Chemicals

There has been increased spraying of chemicals by outfitters to keep the mosquito population down and Hydro also sprays their transmission line. What are the implications in the long run?

###### (d) Environmental Protection

There is an ore body that runs from Flin Flon to Bisset with the potential for mining to increase. Although there are rules for the mining industry to protect the environment, rules and regulations are often broken. Industrial development and pollution affects the wildlife.

**(e) Global Warming**

There is a shorter haul now-a-days to get things in and out of the north.

<p><b>Recommendations:</b> Environmental Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The quality of the water needs to be monitored to sustain the fishing industry.</li><li>• Maintain the wildlife in the area.</li><li>• Try to keep from spraying chemicals.</li></ul>
---

**ROAD DEVELOPMENT**

In general, we support development of a road on the east side. It would have a positive impact for the northern communities by reducing transportation costs. An all-weather road could also bring in traffic all around.

A road on the east side could negatively impact the businesses and communities on the west side, however. Air lines, for example, operate because there is no road on the east side. The road on the west side needs to be widened and maintained as well.

<p><b>Recommendation:</b> Road Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• As an interim measure, build a road from Poplar River to Island Lake. Supplies/materials could be barged to Poplar River and then over to Island Lake. This approach would reduce transportation costs for the northern communities a lot sooner.</li></ul>
--

**ECONOMIC IMPACTS**

A new road on the east side will open up the whole area. What will the development be? There are problems associated with boom and bust scenarios such as happened in Uranium City, Bisset, and Lynn Lake. What effects will industrial development have on the small places? There are still a lot of questions with no answers at this point.

We are entering an era of broad industrial expansion and the danger is that small communities and their livelihoods will be affected. There could be impacts to Riverton, for example, regarding their future development. The co-op is already down 20% and Riverton is already feeling this impact.

With increased industrial development there will be population increases along with increases in the number of cottage owners and campgrounds. What control will the communities have?

There are economic spin offs because of the fishing industry. If the fishing industry is negatively impacted, the spin off businesses will be impacted as well.

**Recommendations:** Economic

- Policies should be developed where new cottage development should locate within communities that have boundaries to provide a tax base for that municipality.
- Any disposition has to be approved by community council.

## CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

There has been a lack of consultation or communication regarding any developments in the region. Communities hear about initiatives after the fact.

**Recommendation** Consultation and Communication

- Appropriate consultation needs to occur.
- Communication needs to occur on all levels, between NACC and the communities, the Ministry and the Secretariat.

## COMMUNITY BENEFIT

Hydro is planning on selling power to Ontario and the Federal Government gains revenue through GST from this area.

What control will communities have with the increased industrial development, increases in population and increases in the number of cottage owners and campgrounds?

**Recommendation:** Community Benefit

- We need to be involved and have a say.

## OTHER ISSUES

Membership on the Round Table  
Sustainable Living

**Recommendation:** Other Issues

- Communities should choose the people to sit on the round table. They should not be appointed.
- Increase understanding and promote sustainable living concepts.