

3. CONCLUSION & PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

In this discussion paper the RPAC has identified a series of suggested policy directions for the provincial government on which it is seeking advice. The positions, principles and policy recommendations outlined in this paper reflect the RPAC's current thinking.

The RPAC welcomes challenges to its positions and is seeking suggestions for alternative approaches to the issues facing the Capital Region. Citizens of the Capital Region should feel free to identify other issues and possible directions and actions.

Certainly there are lessons to be learned from past actions and inactions by governments and other groups within the Capital Region. However, RPAC is expected to provide recommendations to the provincial government for future directions. Accordingly, all participants are urged to identify ways to improve policies and processes that will strengthen the Capital Region in all the respects identified in this paper.

The opportunities to 'join the debate' on developing a plan for the Capital Region are listed on the back cover of this paper. We look forward to hearing from you.

Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC)
for Manitoba's Capital Region
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DID YOU KNOW?

Over the most recent five year census period (1996-2001):

The Capital Region grew by 5,450 people, a 0.8% increase, or a 0.16% annual growth rate.

80% of the growth in the Capital Region occurred outside of Winnipeg. Winnipeg's percentage of the total population of the Capital Region declined by about 0.6% to about 87.1%.

42% of the total growth in the Capital Region occurred in two municipalities: East St. Paul and Winnipeg.

Manitoba's total population grew by 5,685 people, a 0.5% increase, or a 0.1% annual growth rate. Outside of the Capital Region, the Province's total population grew by only 235 people. This means that 96% of Manitoba's total population growth occurred in the Capital Region.

STRENGTHENING MANITOBA'S CAPITAL REGION

GENERAL PRINCIPLES AND POLICY DIRECTIONS

- A Public Discussion Paper -

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

The purpose of this Discussion Paper is to promote and structure public discussion for the development of a policy plan for land use in Manitoba's Capital Region. This Discussion Paper outlines principles and some policy options and directions for the region. The paper is addressed to all members of the public.

If you are a resident of the Capital Region, a councillor, a commuter, a business operator; if you work in the Capital Region, if you shop or make use of public services, entertainment, businesses or recreational facilities in the Capital Region; or indeed if you are simply interested in how the Capital Region works or how you think it should work, you are someone we want to hear from. Attend one of our public meetings (see box at right). The RPAC would also welcome your written comments. Send them to us at:

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Please also visit the **Capital Region Web Site** for additional information at: www.gov.mb.ca/capitalregion

Let's Talk!

The RPAC is invites you to come out and discuss Capital Region issues.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Selkirk

Salon A
Smitty's Restaurant
168 Main Street, Selkirk
Thursday, May 16, 2002
7:00 PM

Headingley

Breezy Bend Country Club
7620 Roblin Blvd, Headingley
Tuesday, May 21, 2002
7:00 PM

St. Adolphe*

Multi-Purpose Room
Ecole St. Adolphe School
444 La Seine St, St. Adolphe
Wednesday, May 22, 2002
7:00 PM

Oakbank

Upper Hall
Oakbank United Church
583 Balsam Cres., Oakbank
Thursday, May 23, 2002
7:00 PM

Winnipeg*

Great Hall
Manitoba Children's Museum
The Forks
45 Forks Market Rd, Winnipeg
Saturday, May 25, 2002
1:00 PM

Additional Meetings may be
scheduled as considered necessary.
All locations are wheelchair accessible.

* Simultaneous French translation available