

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)**

**DESIGNATION OF WATER PLANNING AUTHORITY**

**FOR THE CREATION OF THE**

**ALONSA WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN**

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**THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING** is between:

**GOVERNMENT OF MANITOBA**  
as represented by Manitoba Water Stewardship –  
Watershed Planning and Programs  
(hereinafter referred to as Manitoba)

and

**ALONSA CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

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**1. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this MOU is to designate a Water Planning Authority for the development of the Alonsa Watershed Management Plan.

**2. VISION**

The vision is that watershed stakeholders, municipalities and government agencies will work through the planning process cooperatively, identify the priority issues and concerns of all groups, utilize local knowledge and scientific information to develop objectives and actions, reach consensus on funding and implementation, and develop a Alonsa Watershed Management Plan.

Manitoba realizes that effective and sustainable watershed management must include local involvement in the planning and management of the natural resources and be the shared management responsibility of all stakeholders and watershed residents.

### **3. AGREEMENTS**

#### **Manitoba agrees to:**

1. Designate the Alonsa Conservation District as the Water Planning Authority for the Alonsa watershed (Figure 1), as authorized by the *Water Protection Act*.
2. Provide a Watershed Planner from Manitoba Water Stewardship – Watershed Planning and Programs to be the coordinator of the planning process.
3. Provide a watershed management plan grant of \$25,000 to the Alonsa Conservation District.
4. Provide additional in-kind financial and technical support from other provincial staff through the provision of information necessary for the development of the watershed management plan.

#### **Alonsa Conservation District agrees to:**

1. Become the Water Planning Authority for the Alonsa watershed.
2. Play the lead role in the development and implementation of the Alonsa Watershed Management Plan, with an understanding of the value in developing the plan as a document that identifies and focuses on priorities and provides direction on watershed management efforts over the next 10 years.
3. Use the watershed management plan grant of \$25,000 only for items and activities as listed in Appendix 1.
4. Commit financial and staff resources towards the planning process and the development of the Alonsa Watershed Management Plan.

#### **Both Parties agree to:**

1. Work together to develop a Terms of Reference for the development of the Alonsa Watershed Management Plan.
2. Strive to complete the Plan within two years of signing this MOU.
3. Provide watershed stakeholders with meaningful opportunities to participate in the planning process.

4. Develop the Alonsa Watershed Management Plan in accordance with the *Water Protection Act*.

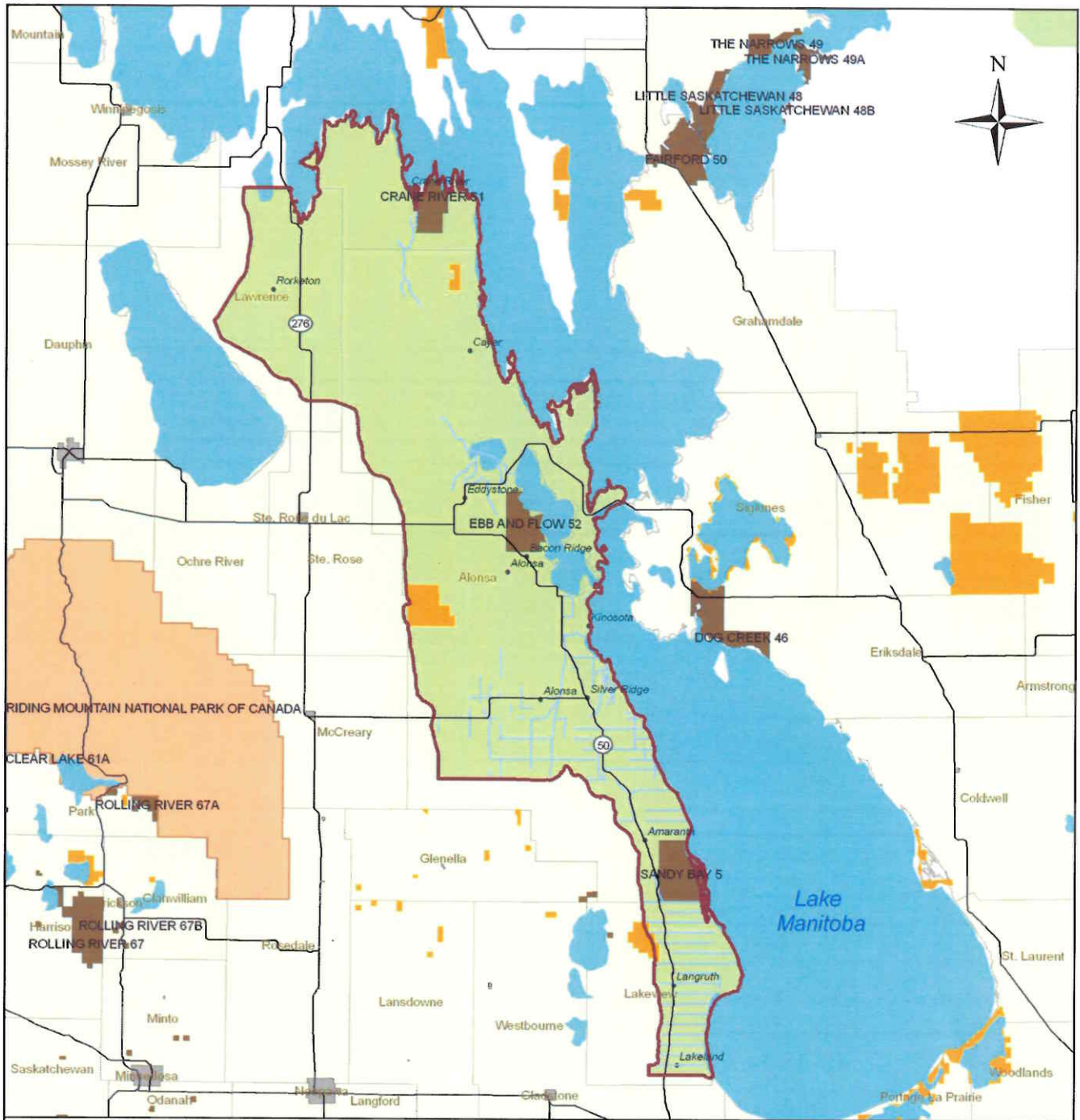
#### **4. DURATION**

This MOU becomes effective on the date of signatures below.

This MOU is ongoing unless it is terminated by either Party upon written notice to the other Party.

This MOU may be amended at any time by mutual accord.

Signed:



**TITLE** Watershed Boundaries for the Alonsa Integrated Watershed Management Plan

**LEGEND**

-  Waterways
-  lake
-  Watershed Boundary
-  National Park of Canada
-  Ecological Reserve
-  Provincial Park
-  Provincial Forest
-  Wildlife Management Area
-  Urban Areas Manitoba
-  First Nation Lands Manitoba
-  Manitoba Municipal Boundaries Manitoba

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## **APPENDIX 1**

### **Manitoba Water Stewardship - Watershed Management Plan Grant**

#### Eligible expenses:

- Advertising and promotion directly related to the completion of the plan
- Design, printing and photocopy expenses related to documents developed during the planning process and for discussion at public consultations
- Printing expenses for final plan
- Facilitator or consultant expenses
- Expenses (hall rental, refreshments) associated with hosting meetings

#### Ineligible expenses:

- Water Planning Authority, Project Management Team or Conservation District staff remuneration and salary expenses
- Administrative and operational (general office) expenses
- Assets including office or field equipment

#### Reporting:

- A summary of grant expenditures for the fiscal year must be submitted annually. The report must show all related expenses incurred as a result of the development of the Watershed Management Plan.