



To: Manitoba Sustainable Energy Association Members  
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To all Friends and Supporters of ManSEA

It is now three going on four years since we established the Manitoba Sustainable Energy Association.

In this period, I believe our association has been an effective rural voice in renewable energy development. We have achieved recognition from the Canadian Wind Energy Association that we speak for people in rural Manitoba. We have also established good connections with the Keystone Ag Producers during this time as well.

For our members, we have been an effective organization to assist them with gaining access to research and development funding resources. Over the last three years, we have been partners in successful research funding projects with over \$500,000 of total investment.

We also initiated a series of conferences and workshops during these three years that has connected with several hundred people interested in renewable energy throughout the province. By my last count, our conferences and workshops have attracted nearly 1,000 people to learn about renewable energy development issues over the last 3 to 4 years.

Our association has also achieved its goals with respect to policy development efforts. We have enjoyed excellent access to Government officials as well as politicians from all three political parties. Through these communications, I hope that we have conveyed why rural Manitobans believe that renewable energy development is an important component in our future economic development directions.

Our association has really benefited from the enthusiasm and volunteer contributions of members over this time. We could not have achieved our results without this dedicated effort of members.

In looking to the future, I believe it is time to pass the baton onto a new group of people to lead ManSEA into an even more successful future. I have really enjoyed this effort, but I do believe that it is time for new people and new ideas to be embraced by this association.

I hope that you will step forward and accept the baton of leadership to move Manitoba towards a more sustainable energy future.

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