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The KAP Alert

February 5, 2010

KAP Annual Meeting



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Membership renewals for 2010 have been sent out and we encourage members to pay. You may now pay using a credit card on the KAP website using [**PayPal**](#).

Looking for your EFP

Certificate?

If you are a producer who has misplaced your Environmental Farm Plan Statement of Completion and you need another copy, please contact Christine at KAP at 697-1140 or kap@kap.mb.ca.

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KAP Delegates Set Direction for 2010

Release: February 1, 2010

Keystone Agricultural Producers' farmer delegates from across the province gathered last week to discuss relevant and timely agricultural issues, and to set the direction for the organization for the year ahead. The following resolutions were debated at the annual meeting and have become KAP policy:

ENVIRONMENT



Activities

Monday, February 1:

VP Doug Chorney attended the launch of Phase II of Canada's Economic Action Plan in Selkirk. VP Rob Brunel participated in a Producer Payment Security Mechanism conference call. President Ian Wishart and GM Yvonne Rideout met with Anita Neville, MP for Winnipeg South Centre to discuss farm income, rail line preservation, ecological goods and services, alternate energy and environment issues.

Tuesday, February

2: GM Yvonne Rideout met with the Workers Compensation Board of Manitoba to discuss future branding of the WCB.

Wednesday,

February 3: The Management Team

Beneficial Management Practices Cost Share Limits

- o **THAT** KAP lobby the provincial government to change the Manitoba Sustainable Agricultural Practices Program and Environmental Farm Action Program to reduce the cost share limit to levels similar to the Canada-Manitoba Farm Stewardship Program; further,

THAT KAP lobby the provincial government to be open and transparent with its intentions to target specific Beneficial Management Practices and regions of the province.

Beneficial Management Practices Funding Applications

- o **THAT** KAP lobby MAFRI to provide all Manitoba Sustainable Agricultural Practices Program and Environmental Farm Action Program applicants with a confidential, written explanation of why their application was rejected or accepted.

Beneficial Management Practices Funding

- o **THAT** KAP lobby the provincial and federal governments to increase funding for the Manitoba Sustainable Agricultural Practices Program and the Environmental Farm Action Program so that more farmers may implement Beneficial Management Practices on their farms.

Beneficial Management Practices Funding Program Development

- o **THAT** KAP lobby the provincial government to invite Keystone Agricultural Producers to have a more complete and involved role in the future development of Beneficial Management Practices funding programs.

Beneficial Management Practices Application Assistance

- o **THAT** KAP lobby MAFRI to instruct its GO office staff to assist

met at the KAP office. Communications Officer Kristen Lucyshyn attended an Ag in the City planning meeting. President Ian Wishart and VP Doug Chorney attended the GrowCanada Reception.

Thursday, February

4: VP Doug Chorney and Executive Member Chuck Fossay participated in the Canadian Agricultural Human Resource Council Identifying On-farm Occupations Focus Group hosted in Regina to work on identifying occupations and the classification of work in the on-farm sector.

Friday, February 5:

GM Yvonne Rideout attended a National Food Strategy Working Group meeting in Toronto.

Events

applicants to the Manitoba Sustainable Agricultural Practices Program and the Environmental Farm Action Program in properly filling out applications so that projects can be chosen based on environmental benefit rather than procedural details.

Crop Residue Burning Permitting

- o **THAT** KAP lobby the provincial government to revise the crop residue burning permitting process to be based on seasonal conditions rather than calendar dates.

Onsite Wastewater Management Systems and Property Value Assessments

- o **THAT** KAP encourage all rural Manitobans with sewage ejectors as their onsite wastewater management systems to appeal their property tax assessment to reflect the devaluation associated with the forced replacement of these systems at the time of property transfer.

Onsite Wastewater Management Systems Regulations

- o **THAT** KAP work with the Association of Manitoba Municipalities to develop a site specific approach to deal with onsite wastewater disposal that allows for continued use of ejectors in suitable locations.

Sewage Infrastructure and Regional Expansion

- o **THAT** KAP lobby the Government of Manitoba to encourage the City of Winnipeg to suspend all urban expansion until the planned expansion of the city's wastewater treatment infrastructure is complete; further,

THAT KAP lobby the Government of Manitoba to encourage the City of Winnipeg to place a levy on property transfers within the city limits to pay for the expansion of the sewage treatment systems.

February 10 - 11:

Manitoba Special Crops Symposium, Winnipeg Convention Centre, Winnipeg. Featuring speakers on corn, sunflowers, edible beans and soybeans, a tradeshow and 2010 Annual General Meetings for MCGA, NSAC, and MPGA. [Website](#)

February 25 – 27:

The 9th Prairie Conservation and Endangered Species Conference, Patterns of Change: Learning From Our Past To Manage Our Present And Conserve Our Future, Winnipeg Convention Centre, Winnipeg. One of the most important gatherings devoted to landscape and wildlife conservation in western Canada. The conference will bring together decision-makers, researchers and community and grass-roots groups along with farmers, ranchers, Aboriginal groups and other

Drainage Work

- o **THAT** KAP work with Manitoba Water Stewardship to clearly define what work is allowed under drainage licenses, with a view of having agriculture's needs as a higher priority.

Funding for Regulatory Compliance

- o **THAT** KAP lobby the Minister of Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives to introduce programs to provide financial assistance to producers to comply with changes to environmental regulations.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE



Hunting on Leased Agricultural Crown Lands

- o **THAT** KAP work with the MCPA to lobby for changes to the Crown Lands Act that will empower the leasee of agricultural Crown lands with definitive authorization on who will be permitted to enter leased agricultural Crown lands, rather than the province.

Liability of Off-Road Vehicles on Agricultural Land

- o **THAT** KAP lobby the provincial government to change the Occupiers' Liability Act to protect agricultural landowners from threats of liability created by trespassers on their land.
Emergency Response Helicopter
- o **THAT** KAP lobby the Manitoba government to provide a helicopter for emergency response and public health and safety in Manitoba.

Biomass Energy Production

private citizens who have an abiding interest in sustaining prairie land, water, plants and animals.
[Website](#)

April 16-18: Equine Educational Weekend Horse3 (Head*Heart*Hooves), Keystone Centre, Brandon. [Website](#)

Check out these upcoming Value Chain Manitoba Events!

Module 5: Understanding Category Management

February 18, 2010
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Various rural video conference locations available.

Module 6: Product Development: Are You Market Ready?

March 18, 2010
Time: 9:00 a.m. to

- o **THAT** KAP lobby the provincial and federal governments to develop policy and programs that will encourage the use of agricultural waste and other appropriate feedstocks for biomass power generation.

First Responders and Rural Addresses

- o **THAT** KAP lobby the provincial government and AMM to develop and harmonize an information system for residents and a training program for first responders to ensure site location and route information is easily accessible.

LIVESTOCK AND FOOD SAFETY

Value Chains



- o **THAT** KAP work with and support the initiatives of the Manitoba Cattle Producers Association and the Canadian Cattlemen's Association to return value chain dollars back to primary producers.

Predator Control

- o **THAT** KAP lobby for improved government policy, focused on preventative measures to avoid animal losses to predators including, but not limited to, municipal bounties on predator animals.

Removing the Ban on New Hog Operations

- o **THAT** KAP lobby the provincial government to amend The Environment Act to remove the current ban on new hog operations, which affects all or parts of 35 municipalities in Manitoba.

BUSINESS RISK MANAGEMENT

Interest on Outstanding MASC Claims



4:00 p.m.

Various rural video conference locations available.

Registration is free for all workshops. For more information or to download a registration form visit www.valuechainmb.ca or call 1-800-216-9767.

- o **THAT** KAP lobby for changes to Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation's (MASC) policy where in the case of outstanding producer claims, interest equal to that which MASC charges on producer debt is calculated and paid on the outstanding balance as a part of the final producer payment.

Interlake and AgriRecovery

- o **THAT** KAP lobby the federal and provincial governments for an AgriRecovery program to be developed to provide sufficient assistance to suffering north Interlake producers for the 2009 crop year.

Manitoba Forage Restoration Assistance Program

- o **THAT** KAP lobby the provincial government to extend the 2009 Forage Restoration Program to the 2010 crop year.

GRAINS, OILSEEDS AND PULSES

Flax and Farm Saved Seed



- o **THAT** KAP lobby the federal and provincial governments, and the flax industry to preserve the right of farmers to save their seed if it passes necessary purity tests.

WORKPLACE AND EMPLOYMENT

Drivers License for Temporary Foreign Workers



- o **THAT** KAP lobby Manitoba Public Insurance for a review of current policies and consider extending driver's licenses for temporary foreign workers for the duration of their work permit.



OTHER

The Canadian Wheat Board (CWB) and the World Trade Organization (WTO)



o **THAT** KAP lobby the federal government to have trade negotiators reinstate the square brackets around Article 3.a.iv in Annex K of the December 2008 revision of the WTO draft modality on Agriculture, regarding the use of state trading enterprises; further,

THAT KAP lobby the federal government to oppose any change to the Canadian Wheat Board's single desk marketing system until western Canadian farmers are consulted and a majority of western Canadian grain producers agree to a change.

	<p>KAP will be at Agriculture in the City at The Forks Market, March 19-21, 2010 See you there!</p>	<p>CLICK for event info!</p>	
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KAP Team for 2010

Release February 2, 2010

Keystone Agricultural Producers (KAP) is pleased to announce the re-election of its President and one Vice President, and welcomes a new Vice President following its annual meeting January 27 to 29.

Ian Wishart was elected to his third term as President, after having served four years in the position of Vice President. He runs a mixed farm operation near Portage la Prairie. His areas of interest and expertise



include environmental issues, education finance, and business risk management.

Rob Brunel, a grain and oilseeds farmer from Ste. Rose du Lac, was elected to his third term as Vice President. He currently chairs KAP's Young Farmers committee and has been active on the Environment and Grains, Oilseeds, and Pulses committees.



Doug Chorney was elected to his first term as Vice President after serving on the KAP Executive since 2005. He farms in East Selkirk and produces cereal, oilseed and forage seed crops as well as vegetables.



Doug has served as chair of the Workplace and Employment and Rural Development and Land Use committees. **Photo above: Doug Chorney on his first day as Vice President.**

For full biographies, please go to our website.

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Join the Manitoba Farm & Rural Stress Line for its series of free workshops on men and depression.

Learn the signs and symptoms of depression, treatment options, and where to go for help. Learn to live a healthier, more balanced life and/or help someone you love. There is hope and there is help available.

Dates:

February 16 or February 18: 1:30 p.m.- 4:30 p.m., Provincial Building, Room B8 (basement), 340 Ninth Street, Brandon, MB.

February 22: 1:30 p.m.- 4:40 p.m., Southern Manitoba Convention Centre, Morris, MB.

February 23: 1:30 p.m. - 4:40 p.m., Arborg/Bifrost Recreation Centre, Arborg, MB.

For more information call 1-877-367-3276 (toll free) or email info@ruralstress.ca.

Ship Grain by Rail?

Federal Rail Freight Service Review

KAP is preparing a submission for the Federal Rail Freight Service Review and we would like input from members. The service review submissions are intended to identify the nature and extent of service issues with CN and CP.



We are also being encouraged to offer recommendations for possible solutions to the ongoing issues. While it is typically the elevator that deals with the railways directly, KAP wants to hear two things from producers:

1. How have issues at the elevator with poor rail service (cars not arriving on time, not being delivered on time, not being properly maintained) affected your business as a farmer? Any specific examples are welcome.
2. For any producers who have shipped producer cars in the past three years, what issues have you come across in dealing directly with the railways?

Please get in touch with James Battershill ASAP at the KAP office either by phone at 697-1140 or by email policy@kap.mb.ca.

KAP On the Air

Tune in to news for and about farmers from Keystone Agricultural Producers. It's called the **KAP Minute** and you can hear it every Thursday on 3 stations in Manitoba!

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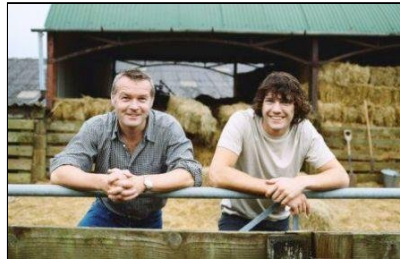


880 CKLQ Today's Best Country in
Brandon
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Member Benefits Corner

Is Your Farm Estate Plan Up-to-Date?

There is a Free Farm Estate DVD available for KAP members. You can order your free DVD by calling 1-866-787-2826 or [email](#).



For information on any of our benefits programs, call our Member Benefits line at 1-866-527-0123, or go to our [website](#), or [email](#) us.

By participating in these programs, KAP members provide further strength to KAP by improving its benefits programs for farmers.

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