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# The KAP Alert

November 27, 2009

## KAP Meets with Premier Greg Selinger

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Keystone Agricultural Producers (KAP) met with Manitoba Premier Greg Selinger to discuss issues that are important to Manitoba's farm families such as the education tax on production buildings, excess moisture assistance for the Interlake region, and Ecological Goods and Services.

"KAP is making sure Manitoba producers have every opportunity to engage the provincial government and bring the concerns of agriculture to the forefront," said Ian Wishart, KAP President.

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### BOOK YOUR HOTEL ROOM TODAY!

KAP's Annual Meeting will be held **January 27-29** at the [Delta](#) Winnipeg. We ask delegates to book their rooms *immediately* as the rooms in the block won't last long. Call toll free 1-888-890-3222 or register [online](#).

### KAP Membership

Membership renewals for 2010 have been sent out and we encourage members to pre-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



**Photo left to right: GM Yvonne Rideout, VP Rob Runel, VP Robert McLean, Premier Greg Selinger, President Ian Wishart.**

This meeting is an example of how KAP works to develop relations with key government officials on timely issues affecting individual farmers and commodity groups. Prior to the meeting KAP submitted a briefing document to the premier which focused on issues such as business risk management, environmental farm planning, retail sales tax exemptions, and upgrades to Manitoba highways.

“We’re pleased to work with the new premier and his cabinet to move these issues forward,” said Wishart.

KAP’s management team including President Wishart, Vice President Robert McLean, Vice President Rob Brunel, and General Manager Yvonne Rideout participated in the meeting with Premier Selinger and Barry Todd, Deputy Minister of Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives.

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## Activities

### **Monday, November 23:**

The KAP Executive met via conference call. President Ian Wishart, VP Rob Brunel, and GM Yvonne Rideout attended the District 5 annual meeting in Garson.

### **Tuesday, November 24:**

President Ian Wishart, VP Robert McLean, VP Rob Brunel, and GM Yvonne Rideout met with Hon. Greg Selinger, Premier of Manitoba.

### **Wednesday, November 25:**

GM Yvonne Rideout met with Bruce Cielen of the Workers Compensation Board. President Ian Wishart, VP Robert McLean, and GM Yvonne Rideout attended the District 6 annual meeting in Portage la Prairie.

## \*WEBINAR DEADLINE\* Member Benefits Corner

### Farm Estate Planning Webinar

*Registration Deadline Next Friday  
December 4!*

***Is your Farm Estate plan in  
place? Do you have all your  
farm estate planning concerns  
addressed?***



If you would like to learn more about unique strategies and options for farm estate and succession planning, [register](#) for the **Farm Estate Webinar!**

The Webinar will take place Monday, December 7, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

Presentations focusing on unique strategies to address a wide range of farm estate planning matters will be hosted by Meyers Norris Penny, Daystar Financial and The Wealth Planning Group.

The deadline for registering for the Farm Estate Planning Webinar is December 4, so [register](#) now!

For more information and to register please call 1-866-787-2826, email [kapbenefits@stratabenefits.ca](mailto:kapbenefits@stratabenefits.ca) or to register [online](#).

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### **Thursday, November 26:**

Policy Analyst James Battershill met with Jeff Clark from the Manitoba Pork Council and David Hunt of MAFRI regarding AGM presentations. Communications Officer Kristen Lucyshyn attended a planning meeting for Ag in the City. President Ian Wishart, VP Robert McLean, and GM Yvonne Rideout attended the District 3 annual meeting in Carman. President Ian Wishart, VP Robert McLean, and Policy Analyst James Battershill attended the District 10 annual meeting in Arborg.

### **Friday, November 27:**

GM Yvonne Rideout met with Dave Shambrook of the Manitoba Food Processors Association to discuss value chains. Policy Analyst James Battershill participated in a conference call regarding the U.S. Food Safety Legislation. VP Robert McLean participated in a conference call regarding genetically modified flax. GM Yvonne Rideout met with Rick McConnell via

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## KAP District Meetings Wrap Up

KAP wrapped up the final week of its annual district board meetings on Thursday, November 26 with meetings in Carman and Arborg. Producers from across the province gathered in halls and community centres to hear about the issues KAP has been working on as well as to bring forward resolutions and elect district board members.

Some of the issues covered by executive members including President Ian Wishart, Vice President Robert McLean, and Vice President Rob Brunel included canola and non-tariff trade barriers, drainage licensing, the livestock industry, environmental farm planning and BMPs, young farmer events, land restoration assistance, transportation, and the Canada Grain Act.

### Meeting Photos

*Communications Officer Kristen Lucyshyn took the following photos at meetings throughout the Parkland region.*



District 9 board members Secretary Michael Kingdon and Chair Justin Jenner talk ag in Minnedosa.

conference call on Individualized Area Based Insurance.

### Events

**To November 28:**

Canadian Western Agribition, Regina, SK.

[Website](#)

**November 30, December**

**1 - 2:** 2009 Manitoba Grazing School "On the Cutting Edge," Brandon, MB. [Website](#)

**December 2:** KAP's 6th Annual Farmer Appreciation Day.

**December 7 - 9:** The 34th Manitoba Conservation Districts Association Convention and Tradeshow, Keystone Centre, Brandon, MB. Theme: "Our Environment: The Co\$t of Doing Nothing" with a kick off on Monday evening at the Tradeshow Reception.

[Website](#)

**January 19 - 21, 2010:**

Manitoba Ag Days, Keystone Centre, Brandon. [Website](#)

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**KAP members listen in on hot topics at the District 8 meeting in Binscarth.**



**President Ian Wishart explains KAP's recent lobbying efforts to producers.**



## **Reminder: Send in your Harvest Sample program envelopes!**

Due to this year's delayed harvest, the Canadian Grain Commission is extending its deadline for the Harvest Sample program to **December 1, 2009.**

The Canadian Grain Commission's Harvest Sample program needs you to fill the postage-paid sample envelope (you may have received one in the mail) with grain from this year's crop, fill out information about the sample on each envelope, and mail the envelopes back to them.

The Canadian Grain Commission uses the samples to create information for the year's Harvest Survey and crop quality for the current year. Producer samples are also used to create composite samples to make Canadian Grain Commission tests more

District 12 members take in the presentation.



District 11 presenter CWB Farm Business Representative Bert Dupasquier explains the latest on delivery contracts programs.

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## Attend an Open House for the Bipole III Transmission Project

Manitoba Hydro is presenting the alternative routes for the Bipole III transmission project and KAP encourages producers to attend their regional Open House. Please see the schedule below. All Open Houses will be held from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.



- November 30:** NEEPAWA, Legion Hall
- December 1:** LANGRUTH, Langruth Hall
- December 2:** SHOAL LAKE, Community Hall
- December 2:** FLIN FLON, Victoria Inn
- December 3:** PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, Army & Navy Hall
- December 3:** THE PAS, Wescana Inn
- December 7:** ELM CREEK, Community Hall

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For more information  
please call 1-800-853-  
6705.

**December 8:** OAKBANK, Oakbank Baptist Church

**December 9:** STEINBACH, Steinbach Legion Community Hall

**December 10:** WINNIPEG, Holiday Inn South

**December 15:** THOMPSON, St. Joseph's Ukrainian Catholic Church

**December 16:** GILLAM, Recreation Centre

If you would like more information about Biopole III project go to [www.hydro.mb.ca/projects/bipoleIII](http://www.hydro.mb.ca/projects/bipoleIII) or email [bipole3@hydro.mb.ca](mailto:bipole3@hydro.mb.ca).

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## Order Your KAP History Book Today!

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KAP's History Book for \$75 (includes one copy of the book shipped directly to you).

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***Pre-Sales Offer: Pre-order this soft-cover book for \$25 (includes shipping).***

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