

## MANITOBA FORESTRY ASSOCIATION

### MANITOBA ENVIROTHON

#### 1997-98 FINAL REPORT

Meetings of the Volunteer Steering Committee were held at regular intervals throughout the winter, and once a week as the Provincial Envirothon approached. The Committee was responsible for all aspects of the competition, including test writing, designing and ordering of t-shirts, food, transportation, working with Canadian Forces Base Shilo to provide accommodation and food and as the site for the Orals, booking Spruce Woods Provincial Park for the trail testing component, making certain all permits were in order, and finding volunteers for the multitude of jobs to be undertaken on the day of the event.

The volunteer involvement was outstanding, and a very big thank-you is directed to all those who worked on the steering committee/sub-committees (site, test writing, fund raising, school material preparation, school coordination, food, and accommodation), and all those who came out during the actual event to help on the trails, to judge the orals, to cook and clean, and to generally assist where needed.

The test writing team were at Spruce Woods Provincial Park on Thursday, May 28th setting up the test trails. A large tent was put up at Marshs Lake, which became home base for the trail testing.

Registration and welcome took place on the evening of Thursday, May 28th at Canadian Forces Base Shilo. Speakers included Base Commander Wilson, Environmental Officer Garnet Shearer and MFA President, Jim Potton. Refreshments were provided. Seven schools (Edward Schreyer School, Beausejour; Fort Richmond Collegiate, Winnipeg; Gimli High School, Gimli; Neelin High School, Brandon; Shaftesbury High School, Winnipeg; Swan Valley Regional School, Swan River; and Vincent Massey Collegiate, Winnipeg) registered for the competition.

Following breakfast on the Base on Friday, May 29th the students boarded a highway bus to transport them to Spruce Woods Provincial Park, and others proceeded in cars and vans. At approximately 10 a.m. students and teachers participated in training stations at Marshs Lake during which they received information on various aspects of the Envirothon topics: forestry, soils, water, aquatics and watershed management. Trail testing began at 11 a.m. with 7 school teams and 2 teams composed of alternates. Trail captains and their assistants were responsible for keeping time and assisting, drivers transported the groups to and from the trail sites, and Cpl Dorinda Decker, a first aid volunteer from CFB Shilo, was on hand should an emergency arise. As soon as test papers were available, the test committee began the task of checking the answers. Trail testing continued after a box lunch was provided at Marshs Lake.



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**SHAFTESBURY HIGH SCHOOL, WINNIPEG**



**NEELIN HIGH SCHOOL, BRANDON**



**GIMLI HIGH SCHOOL, GIMLI**



**EDWARD SCHREYER SCHOOL, BEAUSEJOUR**



During the afternoon teachers participated in a workshop on "Envirothon: Process and Community Involvement Activities". This resulted in a good discussion and some helpful hints for Envirothon organizers.

Dinner on Friday was a barbecue (courtesy of Manitoba Pork) at the Base Country Club, followed by a presentation by Bob McNabb on the state of the Environment.

Breakfast on Saturday, May 30th was on the Base. Instructions concerning the Oral Testing were given to the competing teams. The 7 competing teams were then sequestered in the Crerar Building to prepare their presentations. During this time teachers and alternates were invited to tour the Base Museum.

Judges arrived and were briefed by John Sinclair. Teachers and alternates met with Dan Bulloch for a workshop on "Test Evaluation" and Dan received valuable feedback, which will be of assistance in preparing for next year's testing.

Study materials were collected from the teams at 11:30 a.m. and a schedule of presentation times were handed out. Each team had the opportunity to review their notes, etc. for 1/2 hour prior to their presentation. A panel of five judges and a small audience of MFA staff and others listened as one team after the other presented information on the special environmental topic: **Watershed Management**. Alternates were not allowed to sit in on the presentations (this will be reviewed for next year), and some teachers were either asked by the team or chose not to be present. Teams were limited to 10 minutes, during which time all team members were required to participate in the presentation. An additional 5 minutes at the end was devoted to questions from the judges.

The oral testing was followed by dinner in the All Ranks Dining Facility. The testing committee and judges completed their final tallies, and determined the winner of the Provincial Competition. Fort Richmond Collegiate took third place, Swan Valley Regional School placed second, and Vincent Massey Collegiate was the overall winner and will represent Manitoba at the National Envirothon in Lansing, Michigan. Second and third place teams received silver and bronze medallions respectively. One of the teams of alternates had placed 4th on the trail testing and each member received a Shilo key chain in recognition of this achievement. The tree trophy was presented to the winning team, and individual team members received a smaller version.

The event received coverage from CKX-TV, Brandon. Maria Berry, Glenboro Gazette was present throughout Friday at Spruce Woods Provincial Park and produced an article for Spirit '98, a tabloid newspaper which is distributed all summer to those visiting the Park. Dawn Clarke wrote an article which appeared on the front page of The Lance, June 17th edition. The entire event was video-taped by Stan Kaczanowski and a short promo will be produced. Sponsors were listed on t-shirts provided to all participants and volunteers.

We acknowledge, with much appreciation, the sponsors of the *Manitoba Envirothon* 1997-98 program, including: **Canadian Forces Base Shilo; Louisiana-Pacific Canada; Manitoba Model Forest/Canadian Forest Service; Manitoba Go for Green !; Manitoba Hydro; Manitoba Natural Resources; Manitoba Pork; Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration; Shell Environmental Fund; Sustainable Development Innovations Fund; TetrES Consultants Inc.;**



**VOLUNTEERS MAKE THE ENVIROTHON PROGRAM WORK**



**BOB McNABB of MINNEDOSA PRESENTS A TALK  
ON ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS**





**STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN TRAIL TESTING  
AT SPRUCE WOODS PROVINCIAL PARK**







**STUDENTS LEARN BY DOING AS THEY ANSWER QUESTIONS  
AT SOIL PIT AND EPINETTE CREEK**







**BOB MacKENZIE PRESENTS THIRD PLACE AWARD  
TO SWAN RIVER TEAM**



**ROY BUKOWSKY, MANITOBA HYDRO, PRESENTS AWARD TO TEAM  
OF ALTERNATES WHO PLACED 4th DURING TRAIL TESTING.  
MR. BUKOWSKY WAS ONE OF FIVE  
VOLUNTEER JUDGES FOR THE ORAL COMPETITION.**



**Tolko Manitoba Inc., and The Winnipeg Foundation.**

A sincere thank you to all those in Manitoba who volunteered many hours to *Manitoba Envirothon*, and particularly Jim Potton, MFA President and Chair of the Envirothon Steering Committee and the Fund Raising Committee; Dan Bulloch, Chair of the Test Writing Committee; Brendan Carruthers, Chair of the Site Selection, Accommodation and Vehicle Co-ordination Committee; and John Towle and his committee for undertaking the major job of assembling material for the schools on Watershed Management, as well as participating throughout the preparation and delivery of the event.

Attachments: *Manitoba Envirothon* Program

Financial Summary

Newspaper clippings

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## Financial Summary

January 1 to June 26, 1998

### Receipts, 1998

Louisiana-Pacific Canada	2,000.00
Manitoba Go For Green (\$1,000 rec'd - Legacy Project)	2,000.00
Manitoba Hydro	5,000.00
Manitoba Model Forest	5,000.00
PFRA	192.94
Shell Environmental Fund (1997-98 binders)	3,350.00
Sustainable Development Innovations Fund (\$10,000 total)	5,000.00
Tetres	200.00
Tolko Manitoba Inc.	125.00
The Winnipeg Foundation (folders)	1,225.00
School registration	<u>700.00</u>
Total Receipts, 1998	\$ 24,792.94

### Disbursements, 1998

School information packages for 1998	2,438.70
Envirothon folders	1,225.00
Expenses pertaining to Montana Envirothon (J. Potton)	278.86
Dues for 1998 National	284.40
Travel to National Competition (Vincent Massey Collegiate)	2,000.00
Registration for National Competition (including Baker/Beaven)	1,790.66
Expenses pertaining to National Competition (Baker - <b>estimated</b> )	500.00
Accommodation, CFB Shilo	534.81
Food, CFB Shilo	1,175.12
Supplies for Provincial Competition	1,121.87
T-shirts for Provincial Competition	1,190.16
Legacy Project	1,000.00
Awards for Provincial winners	416.30
Bus (Shilo to Spruce Woods and return)	615.25
Mileage	267.52
Miscellaneous, including postage and colour copies	228.24
Administration/staff time	<u>4,200.00</u>
Total Disbursements, 1998	\$ 19,266.89
Balance	\$ 5,526.05*

\* will be used towards preparation of school information packages for 1998-99