

June 5 2012

Reeve Donald Walsh  
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Dear Reeve Walsh,

On behalf of my colleagues on the 2011 Manitoba Flood Review Task Force, I'm writing to express our interest in gathering input and feedback from you and members of your community as we begin a process of public engagement across flood-affected areas of the province.

Engaging with communities is an important aspect of our work. Many members of our Task Force were themselves directly impacted by last year's record flood, and we are committed to ensuring Manitoba families, businesses and municipal leaders have meaningful opportunities to provide input and recommendations. We invite feedback on any aspect of our mandate, which includes evaluating flood preparedness and response, flood forecasting, public communications, operation of flood control infrastructure and flood protection.

We invite you to review our web site at [www.2011manitobafloodreviewtaskforce.ca](http://www.2011manitobafloodreviewtaskforce.ca), and to encourage flood-affected citizens in your community to participate in one or more avenues for public engagement that we are making available:

- **Public Open Houses:** Attend one of several public open houses being held in flood-affected communities;
- **Surveys:** Complete an online survey to share feedback on specific topics related to our work;
- **Online Feedback Forms:** Provide input and make recommendations on a range of flood-related topics, or send the Task Force a general message;
- **Email Updates:** Sign up on our web site to receive email updates and stay up-to-date on our work;
- **Online Open House:** Beginning in mid-June, view open house materials and then share feedback online (for those not able to attend an open house in person);
- **Letters:** Share flood experiences and input by email, or by mail.

We are committed to consulting with the public as widely as possible within the time we have available to complete our mandate. Your input, and input gathered from your constituents, will help us deliver a final report that contributes to a broader understanding

of what went right and what could have been done better in addressing last year's historic flood. Ultimately, public feedback will contribute directly to helping strengthen flood preparedness and response in future years.

I invite you to learn more about the scope of our work by visiting our web site and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Farlinger", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

David Farlinger  
Chairperson, 2011 Manitoba Flood Review Task Force