

Thursday, May 28, 1998



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 55

FOURTH SESSION, THIRTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

PRAYERS

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

Madam Speaker having left the Chair and the House resolving itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty;

And the House continuing in Committee, the Proceedings were interrupted at 12:00 p.m. with the understanding that the Committee of Supply would resume following Routine Proceedings.

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

By leave, the House reverted to "Ministerial Statements and Tabling of Reports" and Hon. Mr. DERKACH presented:

Annual Report of The Municipal Board for the year ended December 31, 1997.
(Sessional Paper No. 200)

Pursuant to Rule 20(1), Messrs. ASHTON, PENNER, MACKINTOSH, FAURSCHOU and LAMOUREUX made Members' Statements.

And the House continuing in Committee, the Proceedings were interrupted at 5:00 p.m. for Private Members' Business.

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Mr. STRUTHERS moved:

THAT Bill (No. 301) - An Act to Amend an Act to Incorporate the Dauphin General Hospital Foundation; Loi modifiant la Loi constituant la Fondation de l'Hôpital général de Dauphin, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. STRUTHERS having spoken,

The debate was, on motion of Mr. HELWER, adjourned.

Mr. EVANS (Interlake) moved:

Resolution No. 33: Offloading of Road Maintenance

WHEREAS the current Provincial Government has made deep cuts to rural economic development initiatives and programs over the past several years; and

WHEREAS many municipalities have suffered as a result of severe cuts to operating grants, increased policing costs and the offload of responsibility for a wide variety of services and programs; and

WHEREAS rural infrastructure development has not kept pace with the need; and

WHEREAS while the Canada/Manitoba Infrastructure program was of benefit in improving municipal infrastructure, there are currently no plans for a second infrastructure program even though traditional infrastructure initiatives such as roads and bridges, as well as water and sewage facilities, need upgrading; and

WHEREAS municipalities are being called upon to maintain an ever increasing portion of provincial as well as municipal roads; and

WHEREAS this has placed an additional and increasing financial burden on local governments and municipalities; and

WHEREAS the Union of Manitoba Municipalities has recognized the decline in Provincial support for road maintenance as a problem, and has passed Convention Resolutions dealing with this issue; and

WHEREAS efforts must be made to ensure a vital rural economy and thriving communities, which requires adequate infrastructure.

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to consider funding for adequate road maintenance across Manitoba; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Assembly request that the Provincial Government stop offloading road maintenance to the municipalities.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. EVANS (Interlake), Hon. Mr. FINDLAY and Mr. STRUTHERS having spoken,

And Mr. TWEED speaking at 6:00 p.m.,

The debate was allowed to remain in his name.

The House then adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday next.

Hon. Louise Dacquay,
Speaker.