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A city committee has voted to sell the John Blumberg Golf Course and lease four other city-owned courses to an Ontario company. The matter moves to the executive policy committee on May 22.

# Golf course advocates see red after meeting

Debate on sale of city-owned greens not extended

By Bartley Kives

WINNIPEGGERS who wanted to share their views on golf greens wound up seeing red after an abbreviated debate over the city's embattled plan for five of its courses.

City council's alternate service delivery committee voted Friday to approve a plan to sell the John Blumberg Golf Course and lease four other city-owned sets of links to an Ontario firm. Committee chairman Russ Wyatt (Transcona) and St. Charles Coun. Grant Nordman both voted to sell the 81-hectare John Blumberg property and lease courses at Kildonan Park, Harbour View, Crescent Park and Windsor Park for 20 years to Golf-North Properties, a Conestoga, Ont. operator.

Nordman said operating golf courses is not a core city responsibility and suggested proceeds from the Blumberg sale could finance repairs to the Sherbrook Pool. Wyatt praised the leasing component of the plan as a means of saving \$759,000 a year for the city, citing a figure a number of other councillors have questioned as artificial, given the way funds are transferred between city departments.

Tempers flared before the vote, when five delegates who wished to address the committee were denied. While it's customary for committees to suspend their rules and allow delegates to speak even if they had not registered in advance, Wyatt declined to support a Nordman motion to do so.

As a result, delegates such as Charleswood-Tuxedo Coun. Paula Havixbeck and Mike Davidson, the president of the city's largest union, were not able to raise their concerns about the plan.

"This is an erosion of our democratic process," said Davidson, president of the Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 500. "This is disgraceful what took place here today."

Wyatt said Davidson and Havixbeck are free to address executive policy committee on May 22 and council as a whole on May 29, when the golf-course plan moves forward.

Wyatt also continued to defend the \$90,000 Responsible Winnipeg ad campaign, which a third of council has condemned as a waste of public funds. The print, radio, transit-bus and web campaign initially urged Winnipeggers to contact their councillors in the hopes they will support the golf-course plan.

That component of the campaign was deleted Thursday amid howls of outrage. "I thought it was the best part of it," Wyatt quipped, coyly stating he wasn't sure whose idea it was to use public funds to lobby his fellow councillors. "I like to hear feedback from constituents on issues like this."

**■ MORE ROOM FOR CABS:** The City of Winnipeg plans to test out a few ways to make life easier for taxicabs, who've complained about traffic-violation crackdowns outside downtown nightclubs. On Wednesday, city council's executive policy committee will consider a proposal to allow cabs to wait in downtown and Exchange District loading zones between 10 p.m. and 3 a.m. — and create five new taxi stands downtown on an interim basis. If approved by EPC and council, the pilot projects will be tested out and the results will be reviewed by council no later than September 2015.

**■ NEW POLICE-BOARD APPOINTEE:** Best Sleep Centre president David Keam is city council's latest nominee to sit on the new Winnipeg Police Board. Keam will replace Superblinds president Glenn Karr, who withdrew his own nomination in March. The appointment faces executive policy committee approval on Wednesday.

Wyatt also suggested a CUPE 500 television-ad campaign against the proposed sale or lease of golf courses in 2012 was also financed by taxpayers.

"The union members are paid by you and me, the ratepayers," he said. "They have a large war chest, because they obviously charge their individual members too much in union dues to be able to fund their massive advertising campaigns."

Several councillors were also upset the first batch of Responsible Winnipeg advertisements appeared to be the work of an external organization. Wyatt said he approved the campaign materials as part of a group that also included Mayor Sam Katz and chief administrative officer Phil Sheegl.

Winnipeg marketing company Direct Focus ran the campaign. For the second straight day, the firm did not respond to interview requests.

In an embarrassment for the mayor, a Responsible Winnipeg advertisement appeared on an electronic message centre on the property of Shaw Park, where the Katz-owned Winnipeg Goldeyes play.

Katz spokeswoman Rhea Yates said that ad buy was a mistake and insisted no city advertising dollars will flow to the Goldeyes or Riverside Park Management, the non-profit organization that sublets Shaw Park to the baseball club.

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## An Invitation to Attend



Hydropower Limited Partnership



### Keeyask Public Involvement Program: Round Three

The Keeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership is proposing to develop the Keeyask Generation Project, a 695-megawatt hydroelectric generating station at Gull Rapids on the Nelson River in northern Manitoba.

Round Three of the Public Involvement Program has been planned to provide information about the format and content of the Environmental Impact Statement, discuss how input received to date influenced the Project assessment, communicate any supplemental information since the filing of the Environmental Impact Statement with regulators in 2012, and document what is heard. You are invited to attend an open house in Winnipeg.

The third round of the Keeyask Public Involvement Program is underway. An open house is planned for Winnipeg:

#### WINNIPEG OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, May 23 (4:00-8:00 pm)  
at the Norwood Hotel  
at 112 Marion Street in Winnipeg

For more information about the Public Involvement Program please contact Manitoba Hydro at (204) 360-3473 or email Keeyask@hydro.mb.ca

For more information about the project, please visit:  
The Keeyask Project website: [www.Keeyask.com](http://www.Keeyask.com)

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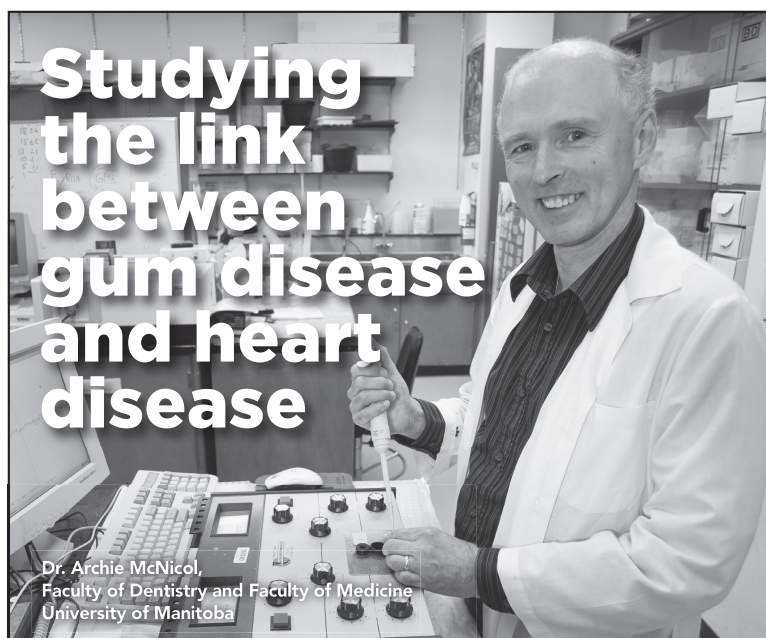
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Dr. Archie McNicol's research is examining the role blood platelets play in the link between these bacteria and

cardiovascular disease. Dr. McNicol's study hopes to determine how bacteria and the stress hormone adrenaline play a role in activating platelets in the blood, leading to heart disease or stroke. If successful, his work may lead to further studies that address differences in individual responses to bacteria, helping to determine who is at increased risk of developing heart disease or stroke.

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**CITY OF THOMPSON**

**OPEN HOUSE**

**PROPOSED KEYASK GENERATING STATION PROJECT  
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT  
PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM  
ROUND THREE**

**May 16, 2013 @ 4:00 pm**

Name (Print)	Signature	Affiliation
Judy Kolada	<i>Judy Kolada</i>	City of Thompson
Verna Beardy	<i>V. Beardy</i>	Thompson resident
Joey Lagimodier	<i>J. Lagimodier</i>	cc cc
Erin Hogan	<i>Erin Hogan</i>	Public
Usabil	<i>TED BLAND</i>	YFFN
Mark McDelland	<i>Mark McDelland</i>	Vale
Wayne Redhead	<i>Wayne Redhead</i>	YFFN
Jacqueline Blum	<i>Jacqueline Blum</i>	KTC
Sandra Ross-Hitch	<i>Sandra Ross-Hitch</i>	Calm Air
Brook Weir	<i>Brook Weir</i>	Calm Air.
Obediah West	<i>Obediah West</i>	YFFN
Kevin Dick	<i>Kevin Dick</i>	RSE

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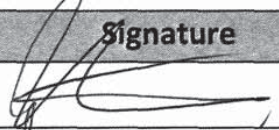

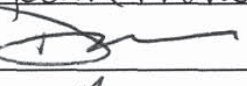








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Name (Print)	Signature	Affiliation
JAT Schultz		Royal Bank
PJ Molloy		Public Citizen
Fawn Morales	Fawn Morales	Pub MIT
Dorothy FEOMA		Maritima Conservation
Rick Leber		Mystery Country Outposts
Jim Davidson	Jim Davidson	Public Citizen
M. McDonald		Public
P. PRITCHARD		Public
K Moore		Public
W Little	W Little	Public
Ben Craig		
DR. PETER AARINOLA		PUBLIC
KEVIN CAROLINO		PUBLIC
Peggy Symons	P Symons	TCN
Don Cook		PUBLIC



## Round Three PIP - Proposed Keeyask Generation Project:

### Thompson Open House

### Final Meeting Notes

**Date of Meeting:** May 16, 2013; 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm

**Location:** **Thompson, Manitoba**  
**Thompson Regional Recreation Centre, Multipurpose Room**

<b>In Attendance:</b>	Bill Kennedy	Cree Nations Partners Advisor
	Rita Spence	Fox Lake Cree Nation
	Martina Saunders	York Factory First Nation
	Ted Bland	York Factory First Nation
	Wayne Redhead	York Factory First Nation
	Obediah Wastesicoot	York Factory First Nation
	Mark Manzer	Manitoba Hydro
	Marc St. Laurent	Manitoba Hydro
	Wil DeWit	Manitoba Hydro
	Bill Henderson	Manitoba Hydro
	Karin Johansson	Manitoba Hydro
	Friederike Schneider-Vieira	North/South Consultants
	Rob Berger	Wildlife Resource Services
	Nancy LeBlond	InterGroup Consultants
	Harv Sawatzky	InterGroup Consultants

**Attendance from Community:** **See sign-in-sheet**

## PURPOSE OF MEETING

The purpose of the open house was to:

- Discuss the format and content of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS);
- Discuss how the Round Two input was used in the EIS;
- Communicate supplemental information; and
- To document what is heard.

The open house is part of the third and final round in the Keeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership Keeyask Generation Project Public Involvement Program (PIP) being held with communities in the Churchill-Burntwood-Nelson area as well as communities, organizations, and other Aboriginal groups that

may be potentially affected by or interested in the Project. This last round of public involvement activities will be documented and submitted as supplemental information for the regulatory process related to the Project prior to the Clean Environment Commission hearings planned for late 2013.

## MEETING PROCESS

The open house was held in Thompson, Manitoba at the Thompson Regional Recreation Centre in the Multipurpose Room. Attendees at the open house were encouraged to sign-in and speak to representatives of the environmental assessment (EA) Team representatives about any perspectives/issues they might have about the Project. Each attendee was provided a copy of the Round Three PIP newsletter, a copy of the EIS Executive Summary, and if requested a DVD containing the video *Keeyask: Our Story*, and a digital copy of the EIS. The video, *Keeyask: Our Story* was shown and questions about the Project were answered. If questions were raised that could not be addressed at the session they were recorded by an EA Team member, forwarded to the appropriate person to respond to the information request, and followed up as required. In total, 27 attendees signed-in at the session. The following are highlights of the open house and are intended to capture the key points that were raised or presented. They are not presented in the sequence that they were raised at the meeting, nor are they a detailed or verbatim transcription of what was said.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF INFORMATION SHARED BY PARTICIPANTS

### Project Description and Physical Environment

- There was a discussion about how Manitoba Hydro designs a new project.
  - It was explained that the design might start from a previous design but it would be optimized for factors such as size, efficiency, and changes in technology. In particular, the project would be designed for conditions at the specific project location.
- There was a discussion about how new generation projects are constructed to meet the growing energy markets in Manitoba.
  - Initially the domestic demand will be less than the capacity of the generating station and the surplus power will be available to be sold into the export market. Over time the domestic energy demands will increase so that more of the power generated at Keeyask will be used locally and the energy available for export will decrease.
- There was a discussion about the principal structures including the earth dykes and dams, and the concrete powerhouse and spillway structures.
- Two participants mentioned that they were pleased that there is a reservoir clearing plan.
- A participant thought that there was going to be a bridge put across the river beside the dam to keep people off the dam for security purposes.
  - It was explained that the road was going to be incorporated into the structures themselves and that there would not be a bridge.
- A concern was expressed about water level fluctuations in the winter that could cause problems for resource users crossing the ice.
  - It was explained that the Waterways Management Program, which is part of the Joint Keeyask Development Agreement, includes provisions for a winter ice-trail crew. This crew will mark out designated safe trails and crossing areas in the winter time.

- An individual inquired about mineral resources in the Project area.
  - It was explained that mineral resources in the region are all mapped and registered with the Manitoba Government's department of Innovation, Energy and Mines.

### **Aquatic**

- There was a discussion about fish passage for the Keeyask Project.
  - It was explained that habitat will be available to support fish populations upstream and downstream of the generating station so fish do not necessarily need to move to access habitat. However, the Project will include contingencies for including fish passage and, if monitoring plans demonstrate that this is needed, would work with Fisheries and Oceans Canada and Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship to identify the best approach to fish passage.

### **Caribou**

- There was a discussion about the caribou in the study area.
  - There are barren-ground caribou from the Beverly-Qamanirjuaq herd, coastal caribou from the Cape Churchill and Pen Island herds and some summer resident caribou that move in and out of the Project region.
- There was a discussion about the effects of the Project on caribou.
  - It was explained that the effect on the caribou populations is small given the large range of caribou and the small area that is affected by the Project.
- A participant expressed an interest in the caribou and moose maps in the EIS. The participant was provided with a digital copy of the EIS which includes the maps.

### **Socio-economic (including Employment and Training)**

- There was a discussion about the economic benefits that the Project will have on the local economy, including the recent experience with the Wuskwatim Project.
- A concern was expressed about worker interaction issues in Thompson.
- Interest was expressed in the potential economic benefits and spin-offs for the City of Thompson.
- There was an inquiry about how workers would be transported to the construction site.
- An employee of the Keewatin Tribal Council spoke with an EA Team member about an employer survey that the Keewatin Tribal Council is conducting in the Thompson region. An employer survey was provided to the EA Team member who then forwarded it to Manitoba Hydro.
- There were discussions about employment opportunities associated with the Keeyask Project, as well as with the Keeyask Infrastructure Project that is currently under construction.
  - These discussions included information about timelines, projected workforce, types of jobs, potential barriers to employment, business opportunities, and the Job Referral Service system.
- There was a discussion with a local outfitter about concerns related to offsetting programs included in a Keeyask Adverse Effects Agreement.

### **Other**

- There was discussion about the Bipole III Transmission Project.
- A participant expressed an interest in the Needs for and Alternatives process.

- Two participants requested copies of aerial photographs of the Keeyask Infrastructure Project.
  - An EA Team member indicated that they would follow up on this.
    - Follow up: Copies of three aerial photographs were sent by mail on June 4, 2013.
- A participant mentioned that it was positive to see First Nation involvement in the Project.