



MANITOBA ASSOCIATION OF COTTAGE OWNERS Inc.
P.O. Box 281, Station Main Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 2G9

July 18, 2011

Official Flood Statement From MACO Inc.

Whereas The Province of Manitoba has made numerous decisions this year to affect the direction and volume of floodwaters in Manitoba, the Manitoba Association of Cottage Owners Inc. (MACO Inc.) would like to make public a statement with regards to the disastrous outcome of these decisions and the negative effect it has had on thousands of Manitoba Residents.

At our regular meeting of June 21, 2011, we discussed the level of damage, lack of preparation time, and losses that residents around Lake Manitoba are experiencing. It is evident that there are a large number of residences that will not be repairable or even have properties left when the lake returns to a normal level. We examined statistics involving the use of flood control structures, and have concluded that these were intentionally operated well beyond their design and engineered intentions, which has resulted in historical lake levels that have combined with natural weather conditions to cause further destruction to much of the area surrounding Lake Manitoba.

As a result, MACO Inc has passed the following resolutions:

MACO Inc. recommends to government that:

- 1. There be equitable treatment for all property owners**
- 2. Immediately declare the flood a Provincial State of Emergency in Manitoba**
- 3. They address short-term and long-term flood mitigation solutions**

Until these resolutions are acted upon, Manitoba will not qualify for maximum financial assistance, and does not recognize the level of damage and plight incurred by thousands of Manitobans. Many more people are yet to experience the wrath as the flood migrates, and repeats flooding on communities already devastated.

Manitoba residents and members of MACO Inc. all deserve the same treatment. Many residents will not be able to afford recovery, and some have lost their properties forever. It is only reasonable to afford them the same protection and assistance of every other resident of Manitoba in a fair and equitable manner under the same conditions. MACO Inc hope that these resolutions are acted upon quickly and appropriately with effective solutions and protections for the future by working with the residents.

MACO Inc. is directly involved in many groups impacted by the current flooding.

Dave Crabb
President,
Manitoba Association of Cottager Owners Inc.
<http://www.macoman.com>
maco@mts.net