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Dear Chris and Sarah

Thank you for your fax.

This is my comment

Like I have been mentioning throughout my campaign, my main item, my main objective, is “to fix the roads” and its’ relatives, back lanes, water and sewer lines, curbs and boulevards etc. In my view, and personal surveys, the public is saying -- enough with the structures and let’s fix our roads. With the other types of infrastructure needs, I will concentrate on maintenance, to keep them in tacked and running well. When the streets are well on their way to be attended to, we may consider other new types of infrastructure needs.

I will definitely need the support from the MHCA in order for this to happen. I have my own thoughts about financing, as displayed in my campaign, with an open and honest approach, but I am also open to new suggestions, as long as they follow the same line of approach. I will work with the IFC on this.

At this moment, I would like to mention that at one point of time, I did work for an engineering firm in Winkler Manitoba. This is exactly what we did, we build roads. Therefore, I do have the upper hand on this issue compared to the other candidates. I distinctly remember my second week of work. I was assigned to inspect the construction of a highway. I studied the blueprints thoroughly. After a few hours on the site, I detected that something was not correct, the wrong material for one of the bedding layers. I immediately called my boss, and he came to the site. I caught a contractor trying to save money thinking that I, being a young fellow and inexperienced, would not catch this. He was wrong.

During my campaign, I did mention a few lighter infrastructure projects. One of them is quite major, that is to take over one of the unprofitable golf courses, and transforming it into a colossal winter amusement park. This would be in partnership between the public and private sector. Both would profit on this project plus provide desperately needed employment. It is explained in Chapter 7 on YouTube.

I have a very strong mind when it comes to infrastructure. Rick and I refurbished a commercial historical building on Portage Ave, and dealt with the challenges with the City of Winnipeg and the Canada Building Codes. We definitely know that infrastructure projects do not always run smoothly, but with a strong association together with the proper manpower, materials and equipment, we can make this city shine again and move forward into the modern world.

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