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## Economic growth in 2017 strong, but will slow down

*Canada, Manitoba GDP growth remarkably strong, but sits on risky foundation*

Canada and Manitoba’s economic growth this year defied expectations with a stronger performance, but there is risk in the factors driving that surge, largely based on low interest rates and consumer confidence, a Conference Board of Canada economist cautioned Tuesday.

Canada’s GDP rose by 3.1%, initial numbers for 2017 show. Manitoba’s economy looks to be posting growth of almost 3%. Both of those numbers are higher than earlier forecasts.

Pedro Antunes, deputy chief economist of the Conference Board, said while the fact that consumer spending has supported much of the growth seen in Canada in 2016, that is not in itself a bad thing – the American economy is also rising on a similar factor.

However, in America consumer spending is supported by incomes, where as in Canada it is driven by “wealth effects” – the fact the value of their home is rising, Antunes said.

Antunes was delivering the Conference Board’s Western Business Outlook 2018: Manitoba, at a session jointly hosted by the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce.

Economic growth through the “wealth effect” is risky, he said, as it can quickly be undercut with rising interest rates, with a knock-on effect in the housing market.

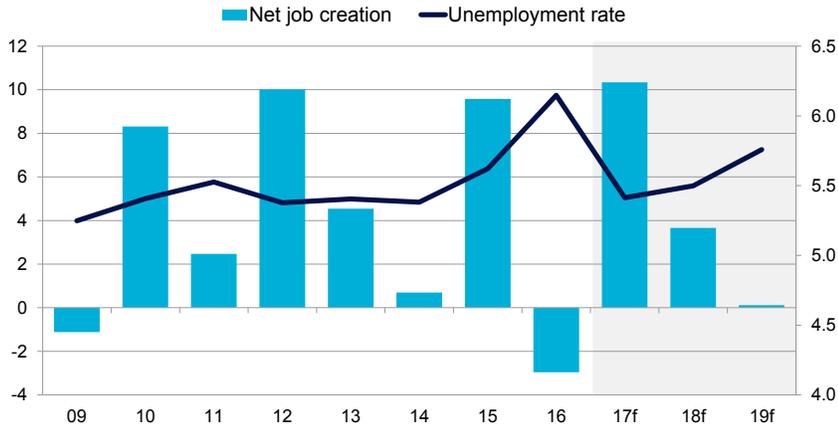


*Winnipeg Chamber President Lorne Remillard leads a panel discussion at the Conference Board’s economic update session, Nov. 7*

# Economic growth in 2017

## Manitoba: Labour Market

net job creation, left scale, 000s; unemployment rate, right scale, per cent



Sources: The Conference Board of Canada, Statistics Canada.

The Conference Board of Canada / Le Conference Board du Canada

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A real underlying concern is that Canada has not had strong private investment driving economic growth. While Canada's manufacturing sector has ramped up its capacity, there is no demand pushing growth there. The growth that has been seen has come largely from the service sector, including financial and engineering services, the economist said.

Due to the weakness in private investment, Antunes forecasted Canada's GDP to grow by about 2% in 2018.

Manitoba similarly appears bound for a slow-down, with a forecast of about 1.3% increase in real GDP. While that improves the earlier forecast for 2018, it reflects a pull-

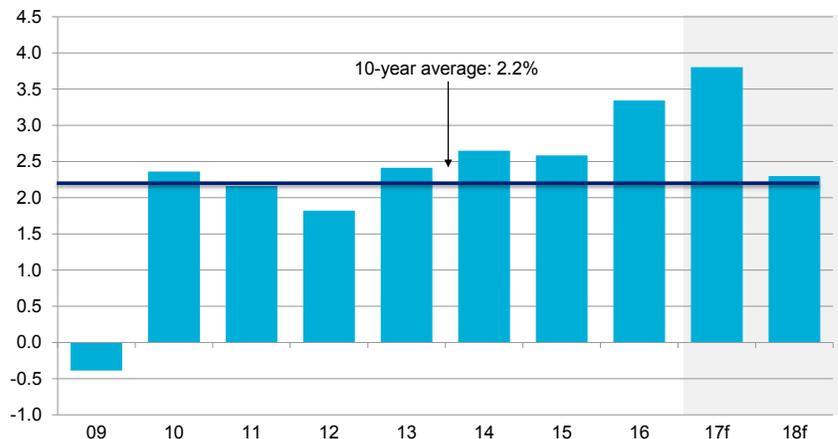
back from 2017 because of closures to come in some mining operations and because Manitoba Hydro's construction projects – Bipole III and Keeyask generating station – will near completion.

Winnipeg is expected to see GDP growth of 2.2% in 2018.

What Canada and Manitoba have on their sides is strong immigration, he noted. To gain the full effect of immigration and the population boost, the country needs to ensure that newcomers reach their potential, through good settlement programs and integration. Canada must recruit through immigration, both the professions and trades that match with demand in sectors struggling with labour shortages.

## Real GDP Growth

Winnipeg (2009-18)



Source: The Conference Board of Canada.

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## Mayor strengthens trade, friendship with Minneapolis



**M**ayor Brian Bowman put Winnipeg's trade foot forward this week, traveling to Minneapolis and St. Paul to strengthen the north-south ties that have existed for a long time between Minnesota and Manitoba.

The mayor, who met with businesses and business organizations in the state, said it is an important time to renew relationships – as friends, allies and trade partners – between Winnipeg and the American cities and our countries.

“Winnipeg has always been a trading city, and open and free trade is critically important for Winnipeg and Manitoba,” said Bowman, in a release from city hall. “Cities and businesses on both sides of the border are keenly interested in maintaining strong trade relationships that have emerged since the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) came into effect in 1994. And as NAFTA talks heat up, it is more important than ever to be advocating against protectionist policies.”

He noted that the two nations depend heavily upon our mutual prosperity and security.

In 2016, Canada-U.S bilateral trade exceeded \$635 billion, representing over \$1.7 billion worth of goods and services crossing the border every day. Canada is the largest single export market for the U.S and vice versa. Nearly nine million American jobs depend on trade and investment with Canada, and 1.9 million Canadian jobs are related to Canadian exports to the U.S.

The mayor met a number of businesses and organizations while in Minnesota from Sunday to Tuesday, including: Cargill and New Flyer, both of which also have headquarters in Winnipeg; the chambers of commerce of Minneapolis and Minnesota; and, the League of Minnesota Cities, a roundtable on trade and economic development with nine mayors from the Minneapolis-St. Paul metro area.

Recently, as well, Coun. Russ Wyatt took part in the North American Strategy for Competitiveness (NASCO) annual conference in Monterrey, Mexico. NASCO is a grassroots, continental organization focused on the competitiveness of the North American supply chain, workforce, and energy independence.

“We have seen over the last year that mayors and local officials can have an important role to play in advocating for free trade,” said Bowman. “The recent Bombardier-Boeing dispute underscored how local governments can play an important role in national issues. I look forward over the next few days to building and strengthening partnerships between businesses and government stakeholders in Winnipeg and Canada’s largest trading partner.”

## City of Winnipeg operating, capital budgets for 2018 ready for release

**T**he City of Winnipeg has announced it will release its preliminary 2018 budget on Wednesday, Nov. 22, at a special meeting of the executive policy committee.

“This is a challenging budget year but we are striving to achieve a budget that reflects the priorities of the citizens of Winnipeg,” said Coun. Scott Gillingham, chairman of city council’s finance committee.

City council’s infrastructure renewal and public works committee, chaired by Coun. Marty Morantz, will hold a special meeting Friday, Dec. 1, to hear from public delegations on the operating and capital budgets. EPC will meet December 8, to table final recommendations for the 2018 budgets. City council will meet Tuesday, Dec. 12, to pass the budgets.

The MHCA will be at the release of the budget November 22 and plans to submit its comments and recommendations to the IRPW, at EPC on Dec. 5 and then at city council Dec. 12, as well.

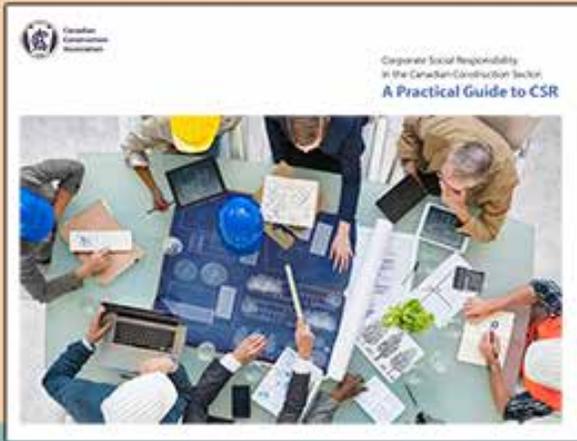
# CCA guide helps ramp up social, environmental performance

The Canadian Construction Association has prepared a guide for construction companies that see room to raise the bar on their social and environmental initiatives, beyond the requirements of regulatory codes and standards.

The CCA's new corporate social responsibility (CSR) guide lays out a variety of voluntary initiatives and practices a company can adopt for greater benefit to the communities in which it works, its employees and itself, as a business.

CSR "has been called a company's triple bottom-line, or 'people, planet, and profit,'" the association notes. "Research shows that companies do well by doing good and, over the long term, companies that have integrated CSR into their business perform better than those that have not."

The guide includes check-lists, tips, practical exercises and prompts for discussions within a company. It can be used to prepare a CSR strategy or to enhance strategies already in place.



## NEW TOOL

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## A Practical Guide to CSR

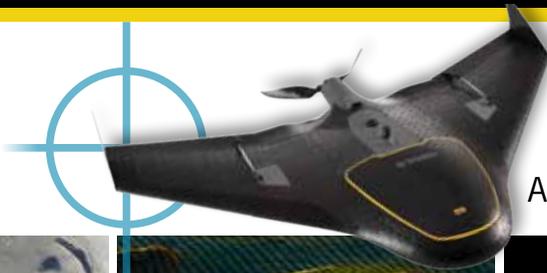
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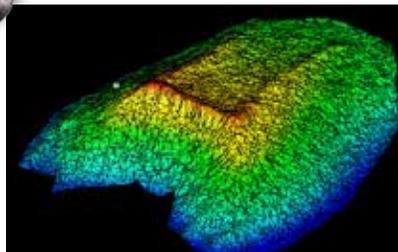
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# Massive inland port has 100 acres for sale with sewer, water

Murray McNeill, Winnipeg Free Press, November 9



Canada's first tri-modal inland port – Centre Port Canada – has marked another milestone with the announcement of its first new industrial development offering fully serviced land.

The new 100-acre development is located within the existing Brookside Industrial Park, and will be ready for development by next summer.

Unlike the other land that already has been developed on the 20,000-acre Centre Port site, the new lots can be connected to a central water and sewer system. Some of the other lots had a water hookup, but required their own septic fields, and others required both a septic field and a well.

Heidi Spletzer, vice-president of Crystal Developers – the Winnipeg company that co-developed the second phase of the Brookside Industrial Park and is the lead developer for the third phase that was to be announced today – said most of the companies that didn't require fully serviced land have already made their purchases. And the ones who do require fully serviced land have had to wait on the sidelines for several years until some became available.

Current layout of CentrePort Canada "So this is something that was needed," she said.

Centre Port president and CEO Diane Gray said the introduction of fully serviced land is an important milestone for Centre Port, and should lead to more new investment on the Centre Port site, which is located on the west side of the city and in the neighbouring Rural Municipality of Rosser.

"The park will be a major draw for companies in key sectors like advanced manufacturing, agribusiness and transportation and logistics," Gray said, noting that since 2009, 52 new businesses employing more than 1,400 people have set up shop in the port, which has direct access to truck, rail and air cargo services.

"The exciting part about this is that now that we have fully serviced industrial land available for private industries to locate on, there will be more jobs created going forward," she said.

Lee Garfinkel, deputy reeve of the R.M. of Rosser, said municipal officials have a good working relationship with Crystal Developers, and are excited to now have fully serviced land available in the municipality.

The new land is being marketed by Cushman & Wakefield Winnipeg. Associate vice-president Stephen Sherlock said new, fully serviced industrial land is hard to come by in Winnipeg, particularly in the northwest quadrant of the city.

"So this land becoming available in the Brookside Industrial Park will provide much needed inventory," Sherlock said. "With all of the pent-up demand, we anticipate this land will sell quickly."

He said they already have a conditional deal with the National Research Council (NRC) for a 9.8-acre parcel of land in the Phase III development. As earlier reported, the NRC hopes to build a \$60-million Factory of the Future research centre on the site.

Sherlock said that although Cushman & Wakefield Winnipeg is only now beginning to market the development, thanks to word of mouth, it has already been getting calls from a number of interested companies. While many of them are looking for land for their own use, it's possible some investors may be looking to buy a parcel of land with the idea of developing leasable space.

"Our vacancy rates are low, so definitely there is an opportunity for an investor to buy land... either to put a multi-tenant building on there, or a build to-suit (single-tenant building)," he said.

# WORKSAFELY™'s legalized marijuana workshop brings in supervisors, and safety personnel

## Second session a success



*Jamie Jurczak at legalized marijuana workshop, Nov. 6*

“What can I do to prepare for the legalization of marijuana?” That was the question of the day at WORKSAFELY™'s workshop on marijuana legalization, November 6. The short answer is, a lot.

The workshop, led by Joel Gervais, a substance abuse councillor/advisor at VitalLife, and Jamie Jurczak, a labour and employment law specialist at law firm Taylor McCaffrey LLP, was attended by 26 supervisors, HR and safety personnel from the heavy construction industry. The focus of the workshop was to promote education, awareness and the need for employers to develop and implement effective drug and alcohol abuse policies in their workplaces. Marijuana is scheduled to be legalized in Canada in July, 2018.

Some of the topics discussed were:

- Impairment due to the use of marijuana and other substances, and its impact on safety in the workplace
- How to detect the signs of substance abuse issues in employees
- What actions can be taken to prevent substance abuse in the workplace
- What can be done if substance abuse occurs in the workplace

Many of those in attendance found a lot of value in the workshop.

“There are more aspects to substance abuse than just smoking pot,” said Ray Bissonnette from Nelson River Construction Ltd., “and the ramifications of using drugs, even legal, on the jobsite are deeper than I thought.”

Bissonnette has been to other substance abuse workshops and education sessions this year. “You just can’t get enough information on what’s going on.”

Peter Henry, of DJN Services Ltd., echoed this statement and added, “It’s good to know what to look for, how to approach the issue and what we can and cannot do about it.”

Others, like Mike Burtnick from Maple Leaf Construction Ltd., were there to make sure their current company policies were up to date.

“It’s worthwhile getting more education on this issue, it will help modify and update our drug and alcohol policy. Some of what was said reconfirmed what we already knew, but a lot of the information will help us finalize our own policies,” said Burtnick.

The substance abuse workshop, which was the second of its kind held this month, seemed to hit the nail on the head when it came to what information employers and safety supervisors needed to know. With the success of both workshops, and the need for more information on the subject, employees in the heavy construction industry can expect to see more sessions like this from WORKSAFELY™ in the New Year.



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## Sohi says construction well underway despite planned \$2 billion spending delay

*The Canadian Press, November 3*

The federal infrastructure minister is defending a budget shift on his file, saying the planned delay in more than \$2 billion in spending has nothing to do with the program itself.

Amarjeet Sohi says the majority of the approximately 4,000 projects the government has approved for funding since November 2015 are underway, based on the information cities and provinces have provided the Liberals - even though federal payments so far are a fraction of what's budgeted.

Infrastructure Canada's website shows that as of last Friday, there was about \$20.5 billion left unspent across 13 different programs, including two set up by the Liberals.

The two Liberal funds - one for public transit projects, the other for water systems - have together doled out about \$82 million, leaving about \$5.2 billion unspent.

Sohi says the government's plan to move funding has more to do with cash flow management than it does with the state of infrastructure work.

Federal dollars only flow once project proponents submit receipts for reimbursement, often leaving a lag of weeks, months or years between when work takes place and when infrastructure money is actually spent.

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## Engine N°2 warming up

*Peter G. Hall, Vice President and Chief Economist*

Europe seems overshadowed these days by the center stage drama going on in the US. Raise Europe in casual conversation, and it elicits a picture of messy public finances, bad banks, schismatic politics and sluggish growth. Doomsayers have long since pegged Europe as the lead in the boots of the global economy, destined for “sluggish-at-best” future growth, and generally emblematic of the underwhelming performance of the world’s richer lands. Are they right, or is something changing?

What is evident is that the answer really matters. Europe packs a mighty punch in the global economy. Its long-run potential growth – estimated by some as low as 1.1% – still pulls along 22% of global GDP, just 2% less than the US economy. Knock it down and large parts of the global economy are also reeling. Europe’s growth-struggles over the past decade have definitely not gone unnoticed, with Asian economies often lamenting the weakness of European demand as one of their greater concerns. Well, that’s about to change. The US economy has for some time been firing up and pulling the rest of the world along. Engine No 2 is now warming up very nicely, and will soon be doing some pulling on its own. How can we tell?

Increasingly, key European indicators are impressing economy-watchers. Let’s start on the business side of things. Excluding construction, industrial production in August zoomed to its highest level in a decade, and the trend of the past year is more rapid than at any point following the immediate post-recession phase. Isolate manufacturing, and it’s doing even better. The August level fell just shy of the pre-recession peak, after a scorching one-year run-up.

It doesn’t stop there. Through October, buyers in European firms were in an increasingly bullish mood about both current and near-future prospects. The Markit Purchasing Managers’ Index for manufacturing hit 58.6, well ahead of the growth/decline mark. The corresponding services indicator remained close to a cyclical high in October, a sign of economic stabilization. Not surprisingly, business sentiment is running high. The Industrial Confidence Indicator produced by the EC is at a new record high for the series, a remarkable achievement given the long history of this indicator. The volume of orders has seen a particularly dramatic rise in the past 18 months.

Perhaps even more inspiring is the recent rise in construction confidence. This is one that typically takes a longer time to rise, as increased activity uses up spare capacity in the system before needing more. We have long felt that there is a large pile-up of pent-up demand for construction of new production facilities in Europe, but it now seems to be translating into action. Sentiment in Europe’s construction sector is up remarkably in the past two years, and is continuing to rise. It is responding to capacity conditions, which are rapidly tightened, and recently hit a new post-stimulus-period high.

So much for business; how about the more substantial consumer story? Hiring activity has been strong enough to drive Europe’s area-wide unemployment rate down close to cyclical lows. It’s not there yet, but the rapid descent is once again raising fears of labour shortages and escalating wages – a very good problem to have, compared to some of recent history’s more pressing woes. As such, Europeans seem to be in spending mode. The most recent flash estimate of consumer confidence has pushed it to a post-recession high, hopefully a sign that the average person is re-emerging as a force in the economy that portends well for near-term growth.

Forecasters are paying attention. European growth beat expectations by a long shot this year, and chances are very good that 2018 will be no different. Large institutions – notably the IMF and the OECD – are revising their forecasts upward, a rare about-face in recent times. With the new CETA agreement, the timing could hardly be better for Canadian exporters. The turn of events has raised key questions about the appropriateness of current ECB policy – for a change, a good problem to have.

The bottom line? Europe – global economic engine number two – is finally firing up. This has to be some of the best news the world economy has heard in a long, long time. Economies everywhere will soon be feeling the positive effects.



## Industry raises issue of safety officer expertise at COR™ meeting

WORKSAFELY™ Back to You with Don Hurst

WORKSAFELY™ held its COR™ industry meeting at Brandt Tractors on Wednesday. The annual end-of-season COR™ meeting allowed industry representatives from across the province to hear from Workplace Safety and Health and SAFE Work Manitoba.

Darren James, of Workplace Safety and Health, reported that 1/3 of all WSH inspections took place in the construction industry, including both heavy and vertical construction. A number of participants raised concerns about the lack of construction expertise of safety and health officers when dealing with heavy construction, which could affect the accuracy of orders written. This is an issue that WORKSAFELY™ has repeatedly raised with Workplace Safety and Health and the government.

Peter Malegus, of SAFE Work Manitoba, reminded industry of the SAFE Work prevention rebate coming into effect in 2018. The rebate allows eligible COR™ companies to receive a rebate of 15% of their premium, to a maximum of 75% of their assessment premium. Peter also noted that in order to qualify for this rebate, companies are required to submit their payroll annually to WCB.

WORKSAFELY™ noted in its report that it is exploring options for the establishment of return-to-work assistance that could be provided in conjunction within the COR™ program.

We would like to thank Brandt Tractor for letting us host the industry COR™ meeting at their facility. If your company would like to host the next COR™ meeting, please contact Kristen at 204-947-1379.



Peter Paulic, WORKSAFELY™ chair, addresses crowd at COR™ meeting

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# SAFETY TALK

## Slips, trips & falls on icy surfaces

As the temperature drops, the number of slips and falls rises. No matter how well the snow or ice is removed from parking lots, sidewalks and the jobsite, you will encounter slippery surfaces when walking outside in the winter.

### What's the danger?

A slip or fall will happen when there is not enough traction between the footwear and the walking surface.

Slips on ice often result in serious injury. Injuries to arms, wrists, back and head are the most common.

Snow that accumulates on the jobsite will create ruts and slippery surfaces.

Accumulation of snow and ice immediately outside of doorways can cause visitors and workers to slip and fall.

### How to protect yourself

It is important for everyone to be aware of these dangers and learn how to walk carefully on ice and slippery surfaces.

- Always look forward to assess slippery ice surfaces ahead
- Inspect all frequent travel paths and spread sand or salt to make walking safer
- Keep walkways clear of mud, snow and ice
- Use caution when getting in and out of vehicles and equipment
- Use caution when carrying heavy loads on ice
- Watch for slippery floors when entering workshops
- Remove as much snow and water from your boots as you can when entering a building

### What would you do?

What behaviours cause the greatest risk of slips, trips and falls at your work site in the winter?

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- 4 Safety Committee/Representative 1/2 day PM
- 5 Train the Trainer
- 6 ★ Ethics
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- 13 **COR™ Principles of Health & Safety Management**
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Pursuant to subsection 29(3), 30(3), Schedule B- subsection 2(2) and Schedule C- subsection 2(2) of the Vehicle Weights and Dimensions on Classes of Highways Regulation (MR 575/88), Highway Traffic Act, I order that Winter Seasonal Weights (WSW) on Manitoba provincial routes/highways will be permitted as follows:

<b>AXLE AND GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHTS</b>
<p><b>Winter Weight Premium (WWP) means:</b> 10% increase in the maximum gross axle weights-</p> <p><i>For Non-RTAC Vehicles as set out in Schedule E (MR 575/88):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) On a single axle or axle group on a class A1 highway or class B1 highway.</li> <li>b) The gross vehicle weights not to exceed the prescribed maximum for a normal class A1 highway or class B1 highway.</li> </ul> <p><i>For RTAC Vehicles as set out in Schedule H (MR 575/88):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) On a single axle on a RTAC route.</li> <li>b) On a tandem axle on a RTAC route up to but not to exceed 17,600 kg.</li> <li>c) On a single or a tandem axle on a class A1 highway or class B1 highway.</li> <li>d) The gross vehicle weights not to exceed the prescribed maximum for a normal RTAC route, class A1 highway or class B1 highway.</li> </ul> <p><b>Winter Seasonal RTAC Routes Designation means:</b> Reclassification of specific portions of class A1 highways and class B1 highways as RTAC routes-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Normal RTAC route gross axle weights on all axle units plus the allowable WWP on a winter seasonal RTAC route.</li> <li>b) The gross vehicle weights not to exceed the prescribed maximum for a normal RTAC route.</li> <li>c) Winter seasonal RTAC routes are listed in Schedule B- subsection 2(1) of MR 575/88.</li> </ul> <p><b>Winter Seasonal Class A1 Highways Designation means:</b> Reclassification of specific portions of class B1 highways as class A1 highways-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Normal class A1 highway gross axle weights on all axle units plus the allowable WWP on a winter seasonal class A1 highway.</li> </ul>

- b) The gross vehicle weights not to exceed the prescribed maximum for a normal class A1 highway.
- c) Winter seasonal class A1 highways are listed in Schedule C- subsection 2(1) of MR 575/88.

**IMPLEMENTATION DATES**

**A.** For the province of Manitoba, south of the virtual line that includes PTH 77, going easterly to include PR 513 (Gypsumville) and the northern tip of Black Island, following the eastern shore of Lake Winnipeg to the north shore of the Winnipeg River, easterly along the north shore of the Winnipeg River to PR 304 and easterly to the Ontario border (**Climate Zone 1**).

**\*Latest Start Date:** 12:00 A.M., Thursday, December 21, 2017.

**\*\*Earliest End Date:** 11:59 P.M., Tuesday, February 20, 2018.

**B.** For the province of Manitoba, north of the virtual line specified in A (above), and south of the virtual line that includes Sherridon Road (Sherridon), going easterly to include PR 393, Wabowden Access Road (Wabowden) and Sipiwesk Lake Access Road, and easterly to the Ontario border (**Climate Zone 2**).

**\*Latest Start Date:** 12:00 A.M., Tuesday, December 12, 2017.

**\*\*Earliest End Date:** 11:59 P.M., Tuesday, February 20, 2018.

**C.** For the province of Manitoba, north of the virtual line specified in B (above) (**Climate Zone 3**).

**Start Date:** 12:00 A.M., Sunday, November 12, 2017.

**\*\*Earliest End Date:** 11:59 P.M., Sunday, February 25, 2018.

*\* May start earlier depending on the weather condition.*

*\*\* May end later depending on the weather condition.*

**Please refer to website [www.gov.mb.ca/mit/wsw](http://www.gov.mb.ca/mit/wsw) for details and updates.**

Information is also available by calling the Road Information Line at 511 in Manitoba or at 1- 877- 627- 6237 outside Manitoba, and by calling Motor Carrier Permits and Development at 204- 945-3961 or toll free at 1- 877- 812-0009.

BY ORDER

Original signed by

Ron Weatherburn  
ASSISTANT DEPUTY MINISTER  
ENGINEERING & OPERATIONS

November 08, 2017



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