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FLOODWAY AUTHORITY UNVEILS **"2008 ACCESS TO EARTH INITIATIVE"**

Program Improvements to Provide More **Opportunity For Public to Obtain Clay Fill**

Again this summer, the Manitoba Floodway Authority (MFA) is inviting the public to obtain earth (clay fill) from the floodway as part of the 2008 Access to Earth Initiative.

"In response to public requests, we are again pleased to provide an opportunity for the public to obtain floodway earth through the Access to Earth Initiative," said Ernie Gilroy, CEO of the MFA. "Building on the successes of previous years, this year's program includes a number of improvements which will better meet the needs of the public."

Improvements to this year's program include an earlier opening date, extending the program from a two to a three month period and increasing the number of days that a loader will be available for the public from three to four days. As a result, a backhoe will be available to assist the public in loading small trucks and trailer on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. On other days, the public is responsible for loading their own vehicles.

Two earth depot locations will be established (see attached map). Weather permitting, each depot will be open from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm between the specific dates below:

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| Section 1 | St. Mary's Road Bridge Depot
<i>Located just south of the St. Mary's Road Bridge that crosses the floodway</i> | Thursday, July 3 to Friday, August 1 |
| Section 3 | Dunning Road Depot
<i>Site access off Dunning Road at PTH202 (Depot will be closed on Monday, September 1)</i> | Thursday, August 7 to Sunday, September 28 |

As in previous years, MFA is providing the earth free of charge but the public is responsible for all transportation costs. **The public is reminded that the earth available is clay fill and not topsoil.**

All those interested in obtaining earth require an **ACCESS PASS** which can be obtained by completing a **Confirmation of Registration and Waiver Form** and registering with the MFA. To obtain the form, please visit the MFA website at www.floodwayauthority.mb.ca or contact the MFA at 945-4900 or toll free 1-866-356-6355. Please note that a separate ACCESS PASS is required for each depot location.

Over the last two summers, more than 5000 loads of earth in the amount of approximately 60,000 cubic metres of earth, has been obtained by the public through the Access to Earth Initiative.

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