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**RED RIVER FLOODWAY RECOGNIZED AS A NATIONAL
HISTORIC CIVIL ENGINEERING SITE**

Inlet Control Structure, St. Norbert, MB – Today, the Canadian Society for Civil Engineering (CSCE) commemorated the Red River Floodway and Expansion Project as a National Historic Civil Engineering Site by unveiling a plaque that pays tribute to all of the engineers, contractors and workers that have worked on this critically important flood protection project.

“As an engineering project that has protected Winnipeg, East St. Paul and West St. Paul on many occasions throughout the years, Manitobans clearly recognize the importance of the Red River Floodway,” said Premier Selinger. “For this reason, we join with the CSCE in paying tribute to the engineers, contractors and workers whose hard work has gone into improving Winnipeg’s flood protection.”

“The CSCE is very pleased to recognize the Red River Floodway as a National Historic Civil Engineering Site,” said Gordon Jin, President of the CSCE. “The floodway is more than an earthmoving project, it is a complex hydraulic and structural engineering project that continues to be studied by many other people across the globe as an innovative approach to deal with flooding.”

“Duff Roblin had the vision and foresight to construct the original floodway during the 1960s,” said Ernie Gilroy. “At the time it was the second largest earth moving project in the world and larger than the excavation of the Suez Canal. We are honoured to have been given the responsibility to expand Duff’s Ditch and build upon Mr. Roblin’s legacy to ensure that Winnipeg is protected to the 1-in-700 year flood level.”

The plaque unveiling and commemoration event is part of the 2010 CSCE Annual Conference which is being held in Winnipeg from June 9-12, 2010. The conference brings together civil engineers from academia, industry, and government to share new developments in engineering. This year’s theme is “Engineering a Sustainable World”.

Founded in 1887 by prominent Civil Engineers in Canada, the CSCE promotes the development, acquisition and exchange of professional knowledge in the field of Civil Engineering. The CSCE develops and maintains high standards of civil engineering practice in Canada, and works with sister organizations to promote and raise awareness of the civil engineering profession in Canada and abroad.

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The CSCE established the CSCE National History Committee in 1983, whose mandate is “to record and preserve whatever tangible evidence remains of the significant works of earlier generations of Civil Engineers and through suitable publications and publicity to make the general public and even engineers themselves, more aware of the importance of Civil Engineering in the historic development and welfare of Canada”.

To date, more than fifty civil engineering works of local, regional, national, and international historic significance have been dedicated as Historic Civil Engineering Sites by the CSCE National History Committee and its partners throughout Canada. Some of the distinguished sites that have been recognized in the past include the Canadian National Railway, the Lion’s Gate Bridge in Vancouver, the Jacques Cartier Bridge in Montreal, the Lethbridge Viaduct, the St. Andrews Lock and Dam, the Shoal Lake Aqueduct, the Lighthouses in Newfoundland and Labrador.

For more information on the CSCE, please visit the CSCE website at www.csce.ca

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