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TRAFFIC ADVISORY

Courchaine Road Closure to Begin As Early as Friday, September 4, 2009

The Manitoba Floodway Authority (MFA) is advising the public that Courchaine Road from Turnbull Drive to St. Mary's Road will be closed as early as Friday, September 4, 2009 and will remain closed until Wednesday, March 31 2010 for construction related to the Red River Floodway Expansion Project. Between Monday, November 2, 2009 and Wednesday, March 31, 2010, the MFA has arranged to keep the road periodically open as construction work permits.

During this period the MFA will be undertaking hydraulic improvements to the Inlet Control Structure as well as reconstructing Courchaine Road to provide greater flood protection. During construction no traffic will be allowed entry onto Courchaine Road from either St Mary's Road or Turnbull Drive.

Courchaine Road was scheduled to be closed earlier this week but was postponed due the closure of the Pierre Delorme Bridge near St. Adolphe. Subsequently, MFA, after consulting with Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation, the Department of Intergovernmental Affairs, Manitoba Emergency Measures Organization, Office of the Fire Commissioner, Manitoba Health and Healthy Living and the Rural Municipality of Ritchot, determined that the impact of the closure of Courchaine Bridge would be minimal. Arrangements have been made to ensure emergency services are maintained for local residents.

The public is advised that the Ste. Agathe Bridge is the alternative bridge crossing to the south, PTH 59 is the alternative route to the east, and the Perimeter Highway (PTH 100) and Bishop Grandin Boulevard are alternative crossings to the north. For more information, please visit the MFA website (www.floodwayauthority.mb.ca) or contact the MFA at (204) 945-4900 or toll free at 1-866-356-6355.

The MFA would like to thank the public for their co-operation and understanding as the Red River Floodway Expansion Project proceeds.

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Courchaine Bridge Closure - Alternative Routes

Courchaine Bridge Closed from September 4, 2009 to March 31, 2010

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Bishop Grandin Boulevard Bridge Alternative Route

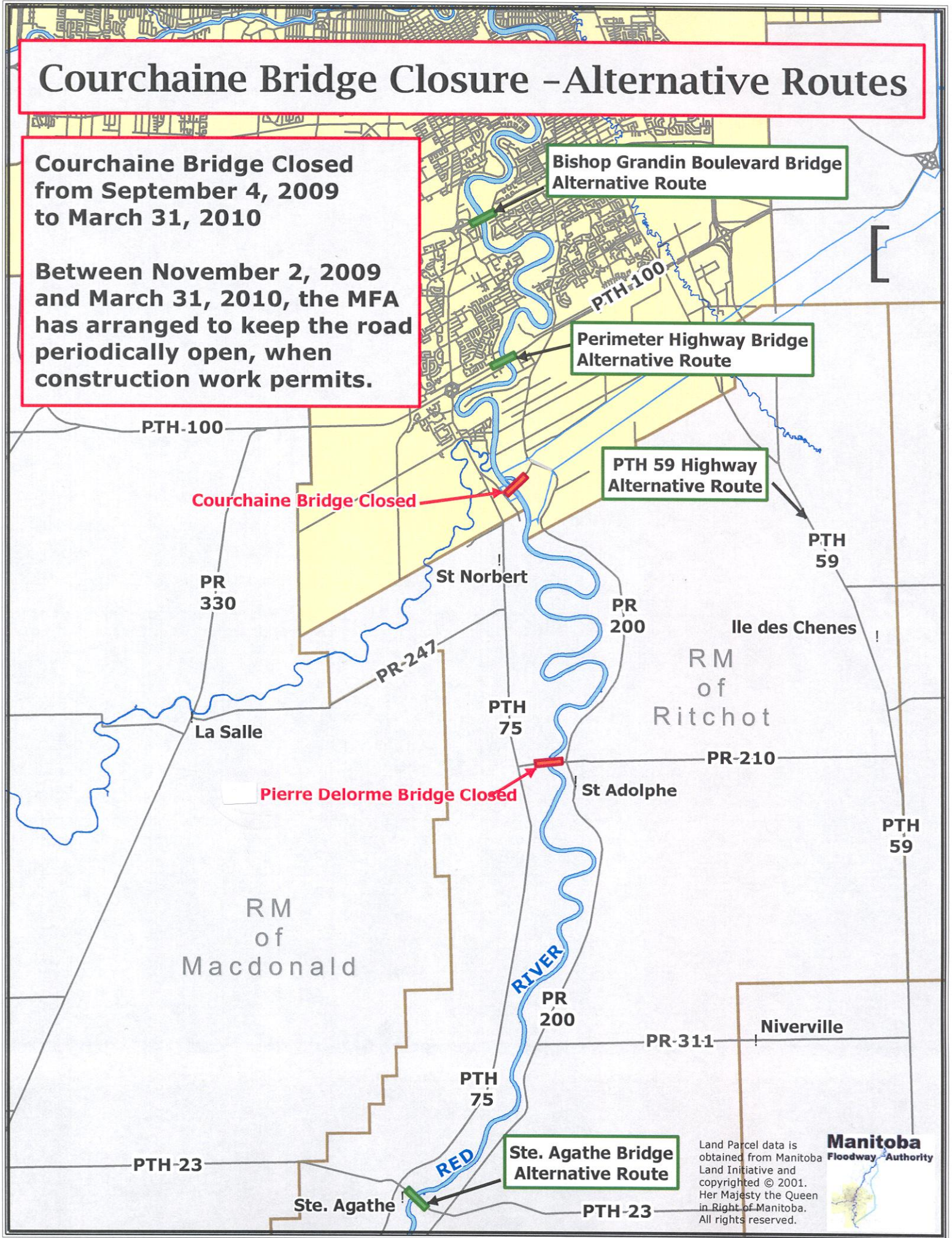
Perimeter Highway Bridge Alternative Route

PTH 59 Highway Alternative Route

Courchaine Bridge Closed

Pierre Delorme Bridge Closed

Ste. Agathe Bridge Alternative Route



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