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12:00 NOON Holiday Inn South
1330 Pembina Hwy

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CWRALUNCHEON

A Review of Wetland Policy and Practice: Towards a Strategy for a Wetland Policy for Manitoba

Manitoba has one of the highest densities of wetlands in any province in Canada but does not have a wetland policy that protects these valuable ecosystems. Historically wetlands have been drained and converted to other uses with little concern for the ecological impacts this has on the landscape. Despite scientific research quantifying the essential role that wetlands play in maintaining healthy watersheds and the quality and quantity of water on the landscape, wetlands continue to be drained and degraded.

A wetland policy is needed to provide a strong voice for wetlands, raising the awareness of their importance on the landscape and recognizing the value of the ecological goods and services they provide to society. A wetland policy must recognize that there will always be conflicts between protecting natural systems and economic development. It also has to state the importance and value of these ecosystems so that development objectives do not take priority over environmental considerations.

The purpose of this project was to develop a framework for a wetland policy in Manitoba based on a case study of current wetland conservation practices in southwestern Manitoba and an assessment of wetland policies in other jurisdictions. Interviews and a workshop with experts in wetland conservation and management provided much of the data used to develop the policy framework.

This luncheon presentation is eligible for 1.0 credit hour of Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of the Province of Manitoba (APEGM) professional development. The Manitoba Association of Landscape Architects (MALA) also considers this luncheon as a continuing education opportunity.



FEATURING GUEST SPEAKER:

Rhonda Pankratz
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COST: \$15.00 CWRA Members
\$17.00 Non-Members

**Registration Deadline: 12:00 Noon
Friday, February 26th, 2010**

If after registering, you are unable to attend the luncheon, please cancel prior to registration deadline. For further inquiries please contact Norma Bentham via email or call 204-360-3754.

No shows will be charged for the cost of the luncheon