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**MANITOBA LAUNCHES CONSULTATIONS
ON ENERGY AND WATER EFFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS IN BUILDINGS**

The Manitoba government has announced a stakeholder consultation on the following three key questions:

1. What should be the minimum required level of energy efficiency in buildings and houses in Manitoba, and how should the requirements be met?
2. Taking into consideration the existing standards and technologies, how should water efficiency measures be incorporated into the plumbing code?
3. Do the existing building, plumbing and fire codes create barriers for the implementation of green building practices or to greener building technologies and products?

The province invites you to share your views before June 30, 2008. You can learn more about the proposed energy and water efficiency requirements by downloading a copy of the Stakeholder Consultation Discussion Paper and provide your comments online at: www.manitoba.ca/labour/ofc/codeconsultations.

As part of the consultation process, the Office of the Fire Commissioner will be hosting a series of consultation sessions in Winnipeg, Brandon, and Thompson between April 17 and April 24, 2008. The specific dates, times, and locations for each community are as follows:

THOMPSON

Thursday, April 17
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Burntwood Hotel
146 Selkirk Ave
Nickel Room

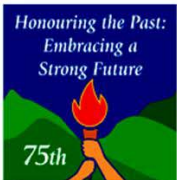
BRANDON

Tuesday, April 22
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Keystone Centre
#1 – 1175 18th ST
Salon A

WINNIPEG

Wednesday, April 23
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 24
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Delta Winnipeg
350 St. Mary Ave.
Campaign B

If you have questions about the consultation process, please contact the Building Policy and Sustainability Unit of the Office of the Fire Commissioner by e-mail at codeconsultations@gov.mb.ca, by phone at 204-945-3322 or by mail at 508-401 York Avenue, Winnipeg, MB, R3C 0P8.



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