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Ms. Corinne Evason
Chair, Sustainable Procurement Manitoba Working Group
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Dear Ms. Evason:

Thank you for your letter dated November 6, 2015 regarding the Sustainable Procurement in Manitoba (SPM) Working Group.

The Manitoba government supports the ongoing efforts of the SPM Working Group to promote sustainability in procurement practices. Your website is a valuable source of information for individuals and organizations who are interested in purchasing sustainable goods and services. I will encourage staff in Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship, as well as my colleagues in other departments, to consult your website for more information on sustainable procurement.

As recently described in Manitoba's Climate Change and Green Economy Action Plan, the provincial government is committed to addressing its own environmental footprint by reducing emissions from government operations. Manitoba has already taken significant steps to green government, including through sustainable procurement.

The Manitoba government has sustainable development procurement guidelines in keeping with the goals of *The Sustainable Development Act*. Future efforts to enhance sustainable procurement include eliminating non-recyclable products, purchasing more recycled content and products that are less toxic to the environment, and implementing targets for the purchase of local food from Manitoba farmers and processors.

Thank you again for the update on the accomplishments of the SPM Working Group. I will share this information with staff.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tom Nevakshonoff'.

Tom Nevakshonoff
Minister

c: Honourable Greg Dewar