



# The KAP Alert

## KAP Wants YOU to Have High-Speed Internet!

KAP is undertaking a study to determine the most effective way government and internet service providers can help rural residents upgrade to high-speed internet at a reasonable cost. We need your help! Please take a few minutes to take this internet speed test and provide some information about your service.



Even if you already have "high-speed" internet, please take the test and provide us with information so we know if your service is truly high-speed, and to help out your less fortunate neighbours.

### *Just follow these easy steps:*

**Step 1.** Go to the following website - <http://speedtest.shaw.ca/speedtest/runtest/>

**KAP's 25th anniversary slideshow posted!**  
Click [HERE](#) or visit the **KAP website and click on News anytime.**

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### Activities

**Monday, June 8:** President Ian Wishart and Policy Analyst James Battershill attended a Manitoba Sustainable Agriculture Practices Program meeting on climate change.

**Wednesday, June 10:** VP Robert McLean and Policy Analyst James Battershill attended a meeting on harmonizing regulations for interprovincial shipping. Executive Member Weldon Newton attended a Tire Stewardship Manitoba meeting.

**Thursday, June 11:** Executive Member Doug Chorney attended a Manitoba Employers Council meeting.

**Step 2.** Click on the words “Click here to START THE TEST”

**Step 3.** Wait for the test to automatically run through its three stages. If you are using dial-up, this may take awhile, please be patient and let the test finish. You need this more than anyone!

**Step 4.** When the test finishes, you’ll see three numbers appear on the right side of the speedometer, Download, Upload, and Ping. Record those numbers!

**Step 5.** Now you should have all of the information needed. Please send an email to [policy@kap.mb.ca](mailto:policy@kap.mb.ca) with “Rural Internet Speed Test” as the subject line. In the body of the email, please write the following:

1. Your name
2. Where you live
3. The name of your internet service provider
4. The three numbers the test gave you as results:
  - Download
  - Upload
  - Ping
5. The time of day you took the test

**Step 6.** Email your neighbours, call them on the phone, talk to them at the coffee shop, and encourage them to take the test and pass the information on!

## **KAP Presents on Food Safety Bill** News Release June 10, 2009

One of the many lobbying activities KAP deals with is presenting to legislative committees on proposed changes to

**Friday, June 12:** GM Yvonne Rideout participated in a CFA Safety Nets conference call.

### **Other Events**

**June 12-21:** Red River Exhibition, Winnipeg, MB. [Website](#)

**June 13:** Foxwarren Fair

**July 13-17:** Risk Management Workshops for Swine Producers. For more information see the MPC [website](#).

**June 17-19:** Western Canada Farm Progress Show, Evraz Place, Regina, SK. [Website](#)

**June 19-20:** Pelican Lake Agricultural Fair, Ninette, MB.

**June 20-21:** McCreary Fair

**June 20-21:** Turtle Mountain Fair, Boissevain, MB.

**June 23-25:** Canada-Manitoba Crop Diversification Centre in-field potato agronomy meetings. Call Tom for more info at 745-5671.

**June 25-27:** Dauphin Fair

**June 26-27:** 127th Annual Killarney Agricultural Society Fair. [Website](#)

**July 7-8:** Canadian Swine Health

legislation and regulations affecting Manitoba farmers. The most recent Food Safety and Related Amendments Act went before committee on Thursday, June 4, 2009, and KAP was there to present.

Bill 7 essentially covers regulations to ensure the safety of food by requiring those who operate commercial premises where food is grown, produced, processed or sold to be licensed and to follow food safety standards.

"It's basically a restructuring of all food safety regulations relating to the farm into one package, and hopefully it will help make this clearer for producers," said Ian Wishart, KAP President.

President Wishart spoke in front of the committee and KAP was successful in its attempt to bring about amendments at that level. The amendments included: legal protection for owners regarding reporting food safety risks, an extension from one week to two weeks for the submission of appeals if an operator is given an order by an inspector, and requiring inspectors to issue receipts when they remove or copy information from a premise. A clarification was also made regarding a requirement that inspectors must have consent of the owner/occupant or the authority of a warrant before entering a private dwelling.

KAP would like to thank the Hon. Rosann Wowchuk, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives, and the committee for adopting the suggested amendments.



Forum, Radisson Hotel, Saskatoon, SK. [Website](#)

**July 7-10 and 13-17:** Crop Diagnostic School at the Ian N. Morrison Research Farm, Carman, MB. The School is designed to refine the diagnostic skills of agronomists, producers and people involved in field scouting and assessing crop health. A total of 6 CCA credits are available. Registration fee is \$160 per person. To register call 745-5663. [Website](#)

**July 13-16:** Canadian Special Crops Association annual convention, The Fairmont Winnipeg, Winnipeg, MB. [Website](#)

**July 15:** Manitoba holistic management summer pasture tour for managers and clubs. Call Jo-Lene at 825-3512.

## **Attention Students!**

***Apply for Canada's Outstanding Young Farmers Program Scholarship***  
***Deadline: June 30, 2009***

Canada's Outstanding Young Farmers Program is proud to introduce the OYF Memorial Scholarship, to be awarded annually to an individual pursuing post secondary education in agriculture.

**Award:** One \$1000 scholarship awarded annually.

"It shows a great responsiveness on the part of the government to make changes to ensure that the bill is more workable for producers," said Wishart.

The details of this bill will be in the regulations, and KAP calls upon the government to further consult with producers on any regulations under the act.

To view the amendments to Bill 7, please visit <http://web2.gov.mb.ca/bills/39-3/b007cs.pdf> or the bill online <http://web2.gov.mb.ca/bills/39-3/b007e.php>.

## KAP Applauds Federal Support for BTRC

News Release June 10, 2009

Keystone  
Agricultural  
Producers  
welcomes the  
federal  
government's  
announcement  
on its contribution



to the Boundary Trails Railway Company (BTRC). This new funding along with provincial support which was announced last month will go a long way to helping producers and community partners establish a short line freight railway between Manitou and Morden.

The railway company will offer farmers freight and producer-car services and shipping options to local businesses.

**Eligibility:** Open to any individual in Canada pursuing post secondary education leading to a diploma or degree in agriculture.

**How to Apply:** Each applicant will be required to fill out an application form and forward it and the other requirements to the OYF Program Manager.

For more information, [click here](#).

### Manitoba Excellence in Sustainability Awards

Celebrate sustainability champions and share their success stories!

To recognize Manitobans who embrace the spirit and principles of sustainable development, the Manitoba Round Table for Sustainable Development established the Manitoba Excellence in Sustainability Awards.

The awards recognize and honour people, projects, and ideas that successfully apply the Principles and Guidelines of Sustainable Development into concrete and lasting achievements.

Applications and nominations are being accepted for the 2009 Manitoba Excellence in

“Through support for the BTRC initiative, the federal and provincial governments have recognized the value of rail infrastructure preservation to our rural communities,” said Robert McLean, KAP Vice President.

Preserving the railway in the region will allow more dollars to stay in local communities.

“The BTRC will have a positive effect on the entire region as opportunities now exist for value-added industry to look at establishing businesses along the line,” said McLean.

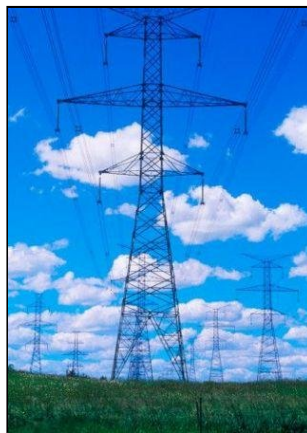
KAP commends the producers, community leaders and business leaders who have made Boundary Trails Railway Company a reality.

## Last Chance to attend Bipole III Public Open Houses

[www.hydro.mb.ca](http://www.hydro.mb.ca)

Plans are moving forward to develop a new high voltage direct current (HVDC) transmission line, known as [Bipole III](#), on the west side of the province.

**This is an opportunity for producers to provide input and voice concerns regarding access to agricultural land.**



Sustainability Awards until Friday, July 10, 2009.

For more information on how to submit an application or nomination, [click here](#).

### Request for Proposals

The Manitoba Livestock Manure Management Initiative invites individuals, partnerships, companies, and research organizations to submit proposals for innovative manure management research and demonstration projects under this [RFP](#). Deadline for submissions is June 30, 2009.

Interested parties are encouraged to contact Brandy Street (Executive Director) by phone at (204) 945-2122 or by email at [brandy.street@gov.mb.ca](mailto:brandy.street@gov.mb.ca).

### KAP in Net News

[Smaller crops in forecast for Prairie farmers](#)

Winnipeg Free Press

[Cold, wet spring hindering farmers and gardeners in Manitoba](#)

CBC.ca

[Reworked sewage rules may cost Man. farmers](#)

Grainews.ca

Identification of a route for Bipole III will be based on a Site Selection and Environmental Assessment (SSEA) process. The SSEA began in fall 2008 and is scheduled to take four years to complete. Regulatory approvals will be required to proceed with constructing the project. The project in-service date is 2017.

***Public Open Houses are being held to June 19, 2009.***

Information obtained during these consultations, including local input and Traditional Knowledge, will be built into the planning process to assist in the identification of alternative routes. The goal for this round is to narrow down a set of alternative routes by the summer of 2009.

***Sessions will be held from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.***

**Roblin: June 16 Roblin Community Centre**

**Winnipeg: June 18 Holiday Inn Winnipeg South**

Read the Bipole III newsletter [here](#).

## **Member Benefits Corner**

### ***The Value of Lease Financing***

Last week we discussed why you should consider leasing. This week we'll focus on the value of leasing and the [KAP/National Leasing Program](#).



***Lease Financing allows you to buy what you need***

[MB. farms waterlogged](#)

WinnipegSun.com

[More rain has farmers nervous](#)

Winnipeg Free Press

You may not want to use \$10,000 of your operating or capital budget to purchase the equipment that your business requires however, you may be willing to make an affordable monthly expenditure.

***Lease Financing assists in balancing your budget***

With fixed periodic payments over the term of the lease, you know what your costs will be.



***Lease Financing conserves your working capital***

Keep your working capital where it works best for you--in revenue producing activities such as inventory, wages, and advertising.

***Would you pay an employee three years salary in advance? Why pay for your equipment before it earns revenue for your business?***

***Lease Financing promotes use, not ownership***

Pay cash for what appreciates--lease what depreciates. Profits are generated by using equipment, not owning it.

***Lease Financing can be an additional source of credit***

Leasing allows you to maximize credit facilities by not affecting your borrowing power at the bank.

***Lease Financing means purchasing simplicity and convenience***

Lease terms are flexible and leasing is made easy by tailoring lease terms to suit your revenue seasons. The KAP/National

Leasing program provides you with straightforward documentation and a customer service team to assist you.

***Lease Financing pays for itself***

Revenues are generated from equipment use and can be applied directly to your lease payments.

In addition, the KAP/ National Leasing program offers 0.5% cash rebate off the total lease cost! To find out more, call Paula Hartfiel with National Leasing at 1-866-478-8293 or [email](#).

***Benefits Reminder***

**PAT Inc. /Trimble EZ Lease Program: 0% Interest**

Until the end of June, KAP members can take advantage of 0% interest under the new PAT/Inc./Trimble EZ Lease program for new equipment over \$3,000. The program allows KAP members to repay the cost of their new equipment in three equal semi-annual payments and enjoy 0% interest.

The program applies to these Trimble® Agriculture equipment in Manitoba:

- o AgGPS EZ-Guide 250 and 500 lightbar guidance systems
- o AgGPS EZ-Boom® System and AgGPS 332 receivers
- o EZ-Products and AgGPS receiver accessories and cables

For a complete list of conditions and eligibility [click here](#) or call toll free 1-866-531-2887.

For all other Member Benefits [click here](#), call 1-866-527-0123 or [email](#).

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