

## MANITOBA ECO-NETWORK

June 2019 Update

Since 1984, the Manitoba Eco-Network (MbEN), formerly known as the Manitoba Environmental Network, has worked towards educating Manitobans, raising public awareness about environmental issues, and supporting the work of local environmental organizations. During the past 35 years, MbEN has evolved to become an organization providing a range of environmental programs and services. MbEN currently manages the Manitoba Eco Centre, publishes the Manitoba Eco Journal, provides referral and support services to its membership, and acts as a central hub for environmental work in Manitoba.

In February 2019, MbEN hired Glen Koroluk as Executive Director. He brings with him considerable skill and experience in the environmental and not-for-profit communities. In addition to previously acting as a MbEN board member and Water Caucus Coordinator, Glen has experience as a community organizer, housing coordinator and program manager. The Board of Directors is excited to be working with Glen and is confident that he will strengthen MbEN and its services over years to come.

Since 2002, MbEN's operation included Climate Change Connection and the Water Caucus. As of April 1, 2019, these components of our organization now operate independently as part of Tides Canada. MbEN continues to support their work and wishes them ongoing success. Consequently, MbEN is in the process of developing a new strategic plan that will guide us in our ongoing evolution. As part of that process, we will engage a professional consultant to assist with strategic planning and consultation with our members, funders/donors, and other supporters.

The next few years will present both challenges and opportunities for MbEN, but this is an exciting time for our organization! Interest in environmental issues is growing. More than ever, Manitoba needs a strong collective voice advocating for progressive action on environmental issues and promoting sustainable living with governments, business, and the general public.

We are asking supporters to join us in planning for the next phase of MbEN by renewing your membership and/or making a donation. For information on how to do so, visit the MbEN web site ([mbeconetwork.org](http://mbeconetwork.org)), contact us by e-mail ([info@mbeconetwork.org](mailto:info@mbeconetwork.org)), or give us a call (204 -947-6511). We look forward to hearing from you and working together toward a greener future here in Manitoba!