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Chief Russell Lambert and Council  
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Dear Chief Russell Lambert and Council,

I want to congratulate you for the efforts Poplar River First Nation have made with respect to land stewardship including achieving interim protection for the Poplar/Nanowin Rivers Park Reserve and completing the protection *Asatiwisipe Aki Lands Management Plan*.

I know that this has been quite a journey for you, as you first nominated the Poplar/Nanowin Rivers Park Reserve for protected area status in 1998, achieving this designation in 1999. I know you would now like permanent protection of the Poplar/Nanowin Rivers Park Reserve. I want, through this letter to confirm my support as the Leader of the Manitoba Liberal Party for permanent protection for the Poplar/Nanowin Rivers Park Reserve.

I also want to congratulate you on the efforts you have made with respect to the proposed World Heritage Site on the east side of Lake Winnipeg. As you know, the Manitoba Liberal Party was the first provincial party to call for and support the establishment of the World Heritage Site as you and others have proposed it. Permanent protection for the Poplar/Nanowin Rivers Park Reserve is an important step towards establishing the World Heritage Site. We continue to support you in the establishment of this World Heritage Site.

Yours sincerely,

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