



IMMEDIATE NEWS RELEASE

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### **General Manager Announced**

BRANDON, MB – Brent McCannell, Chairman of Keystone Board, announced today that Mr. Neil Thomson, from Westman Communications Group will be joining the Keystone Centre management team as the new General Manager.

“Following a wide advertising campaign that resulted in a lot of candidate interest in the position the Executive committee with the Keystone Centre screened the candidates to six that were interviewed and then screened to two final candidates with Neil Thomson being the committees final selection” said McCannell.

“Neil brings many years of experience in management as he has been with Westman Communications Group since 1991, most recently as Director of Marketing and Sales. In addition to his work experience Neil is a long term Brandon resident and is very actively involved in the community. He has been a long serving Director with the Provincial Exhibition, one of the Keystone Centers key stakeholders, and is currently serving as the organizations President. He also is a Keystone Centre Board Director appointed to the Board by the Provincial Exhibition so is very familiar with the Keystone Centre” added McCannell. In addition Neil was also a Director of the Brandon Area Community Foundation

Mr. Thomson will follow Dan Robertson as General Manager who left the organization in March to take a position with the Workers Compensation Board of Manitoba. He will assume his new responsibilities September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011

#### **About the Keystone Centre**

The Keystone Centre strives to be the premier service oriented, multi-functional, community minded facility in Manitoba, hosting sporting and entertainment events, fairs and agricultural exhibitions, conferences and conventions, clubs and community activities.

To learn more about the Keystone Centre visit [www.keystonecentre.com](http://www.keystonecentre.com)

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