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**BUDGET 2012: CROWN CORPORATIONS MERGER MOVES AHEAD  
WITH NEW BOARD AND PRESIDENT**

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**Merger to Reduce Spending,  
Enhance Front Line Services: Chomiak**

Innovation, Energy and Mines Minister Dave Chomiak, minister responsible for gaming, today announced the members for the new Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries Corporation board of directors. Chomiak is the lead minister on the merger.

“In Budget 2012, we committed to finding creative ways to reduce administrative spending and by merging two of our key Crown corporations, we will cut costs and streamline operations,” said Chomiak. “Today I’m pleased to announce the new team that will help carry that plan forward.”

Budget 2012 announced the government’s plan to merge the Manitoba Liquor Control Commission and Manitoba Lotteries.

Chomiak also announced the appointment of Winston Hodgins as president and CEO of the new Crown corporation. Hodgins has been at the helm of Manitoba Lotteries since 2000.

The minister noted that Tannis Mindell, former secretary to Treasury Board has been appointed as chair of the new corporation and that Leslie Turnbull, a former Manitoba Hydro board member and partner with Viewpoints Research, has been appointed as vice-chair. Other members of the new board include:

- Fran Frederickson, instructional designer for Manitoba Public Insurance, former vice-chair of the board of the Manitoba Liquor Control Commission;
- Jean Paul Gobeil, chartered accountant and certified management consultant, former member of the Manitoba Lotteries board;
- Bob Mayer, practicing lawyer, former vice-chair of the Public Utilities Board;
- Marion Moist, Manitoba Health employee, former vice-chair of the Manitoba Licence Suspension Appeal Board;
- Arnold Ouskan, grand chief of the Keewatin Tribal Council;
- Kevin Rebeck, president of the Manitoba Federation of Labour;
- Gerald Rosenby, chartered accountant, former member of the Manitoba Lotteries board; and
- Dave Schioler, CEO of the Insurance Brokers Association of Manitoba.

“The new board is a diverse group of people with a diverse set of experiences. Working together, we’ll modernize the way these Crowns do business and ensure Manitobans are getting the best possible value from the work the new merged corporation does,” said Chomiak.

A request for proposals has been issued for a professional consulting firm to review and provide recommendations and options on an implementation plan for the merger. Legislative changes will be proposed in the next year that would produce a new act for the corporation. Changes will also be proposed to the Gaming Control Act as liquor regulation would be transferred to the Manitoba Gaming Control Commission.

Chomiak said Manitoba Lotteries and the Manitoba Liquor Control Commission will continue to operate as they do today until the merger is completed.