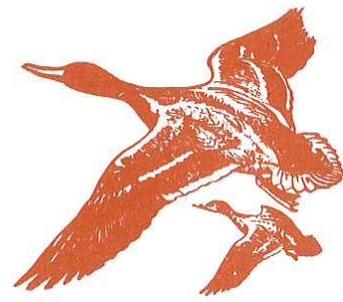




# St. Malo & District Wildlife Association



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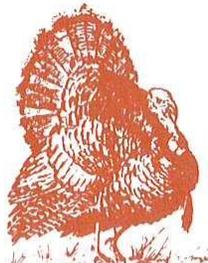
Re: Firearms Roundtable Discussion

Dear Dr. Brian Kotak and Mr. Glen Motz,

Thank you for the invitation to participate in this Round Table discussion on a very important subject. Although no one from our Board could attend, we felt it necessary to voice our support. The St. Malo and District Wildlife Association has a long history of teaching and participation in shooting and hunting skills and safety with one of our long-time members teaching many of the current members over the years at his range. We as an organization have partnered with local businesses and have invested in shooting sports, host a sporting clays event every September, and are exploring precision rimfire events as well. Gun raffles are a large part of our annual fund raising that supports our Wildlife Conservation efforts such as land that we have purchased as an organization and other smaller projects each year, this legislation will make these activities more difficult.

The Board of the St. Malo and District Wildlife Association supports the Manitoba Wildlife Federation (MWF) in collaborating with the Canadian Coalition for Firearms Rights and any other like-minded organization. This helps to ensure that the hunting, fishing and outdoors community have a larger voice when discussions on legislation are occurring. Many of our Board are members of the CCFR and continue to support their efforts. We see this legislation as being a barrier to new people entering hunting or shooting sports and that is against one of the goals of the MWF.

We like most Canadians are concerned with public safety and believe that a hard stance on crime is required. However, bad legislation is bad legislation, and we expect that if the Conservative Party is successful in the next Federal election that they will repeal and replace this legislation and not amend it. What we currently have does nothing but add red tape and targets law-abiding citizens for the purposes of votes and we hope that the Conservative Party is not also just trying to garner votes but will follow through with this task.



Our small organization has limited capacity to tackle issues such as these, but we are glad to see our parent organization seeking out partnerships, making connections and advocating for its members. The CCFR is definitely a strong partner in this advocacy work.

On behalf of the board and membership of the St. Malo and District Wildlife Association,



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