It is with profound sadness that His Honour and I learned of the passing of His Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, KG, KT, PC, OM, GBE, AC, ONZ, QSO, GCL, CC, CMM, CD, ADC(P).

Manitobans greatly admired the Duke of Edinburgh’s commitment to the Canadian Forces, His encouragement to young people and His wonderful sense of humour. We fondly remember His many visits to our province over the years, both on His own and with Her Majesty The Queen, and the special effort He made to meet with Manitobans from all walks of life who strive to make valuable contributions to their communities. We also recall, with great pride, Their Majesties, along with His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales and Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal, travelling across the province in 1970 in celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Manitoba’s entry into Confederation.

His Royal Highness will be deeply mourned by all and His legacy will continue through the thousands of young people who challenge themselves each year to achieve the Duke of Edinburgh Awards. For generations to come, Manitobans will look upon the visit of the Duke of Edinburgh in 1997, when he toured the province to survey the damage from the “Flood of the Century” as a reminder of Prince Philip’s unwavering dignity, loyalty, compassion for and service to all Canadians.

On behalf of all Manitobans, I extend my deepest sympathy to Her Majesty the Queen and all members of the Royal Family.

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