

WITH THE FORMAL CLOSING OF THE STADIUM TRANSITION NOW COMPLETE, DAVID ASPER HAS ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT TO FANS. MEDIA SHOULD FEEL FREE TO QUOTE DIRECTLY FROM THIS STATEMENT.

December 22, 2010

Dear Fans,

The transition regarding the stadium is now complete and as we close out 2010, I want to wish all of you a great holiday season and a happy new year. Ideally, 2011 will be the year that Lords Grey and Vanier return to Manitoba!

Throughout the twists and turns of the past four years, one thing has remained constant – Manitoba needs a new stadium to ensure the long-term viability of our Blue Bombers. I am very glad that the project will continue to completion and provide many added benefits for the Bisons, University of Manitoba and the entire community.

This outcome is precisely what I envisioned because the project is and always was about doing something to get a new stadium built.

There is an old saying to the effect that “you cannot plough a field by turning it over in your mind”. Someone had to actually start the process and it has been an honour to have been able to lead that charge.

I want to sincerely thank the thousands of fans who have given their support to our efforts. Even up to this day, people have continued to offer their personal encouragement and this has truly made the journey all the more worthwhile. When the project is finally completed, I know that all of us will share in the pride that it will bring to Manitoba.

I offer my sincere heartiest good wishes and encouragement to the team that will see the project through to completion. They should be commended for having the fortitude to stand up and be counted in responding to a need in this community.

Once and for all, it’s time to finally get it done!

David Asper