

## **SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PROPONENT:** Highways and Transportation  
**PROPOSAL NAME:** Provincial Road 262  
**CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT:** 2  
**TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT:** Transportation  
**CLIENT FILE NO.:** 4446.00

### **OVERVIEW:**

The Environment Act Proposal was dated and received on June 30, 1999. The advertisement of the Proposal read as follows:

“A Proposal has been filed by Manitoba Department of Highways and Transportation to upgrade PR 262 in the R.M. of Clanwilliam from the western boundary of Section 13-18-18W to 200 m east of the western boundary of Section 18-18-17W, a distance of 1.8 km. It is proposed to relocate this portion of PR 262 to eliminate existing substandard horizontal curves in Sections 13-18-18W and 18-18-17W. A new structure over Harrison Creek is proposed at the new location north of Section 12-18-18W.

The Manitoba Department of Highways and Transportation will proceed with finalizing project design details and acquire the additional right-of-way once all Provincial and Federal government agencies' requirements have been met.”

The Proposal was advertised in the Minnedosa Tribune on Monday, July 12, 1999. The Proposal was made available for public review at registries located at the Centennial Public Library, R.M. of Park Office and the R.M. of Clanwilliam Office. It was also distributed to the "Transportation" TAC members for comment. Comments were requested by August 6, 1999.

### **PUBLIC RESPONSE:**

No public response was received as a result of the Environment Act advertisement of the Proposal.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:**

**Natural Resources** - Design plans for the Harrison Creek crossing should accommodate fish passage and should be submitted to MNR for review and comment as the project proceeds. Construction of the new crossing and the diversion should be carried out between June 15 and September 15, under low flow conditions and should follow MNR stream crossing guidelines.

A removal/rehabilitation plan for the existing bridge and the abandoned right-of-way should be completed and submitted to MNR for information/comment as part of the overall project. The existing bridge should be completely removed and the banks sloped and stabilized as necessary in accordance with MNR stream crossing guidelines.

Prior to initiating crossing/diversion activities a Work Permit should be obtained from the MNR district office in Neepawa. A final site inspection is to be completed by MNR district staff prior to the contractor leaving the site.

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There is potential for groundwater seepage at the Harrison Creek bridge site during and after construction due to high artesian head. Design and construction techniques should be selected to minimize the potential for seepage to occur.

Disposition: MNR comments can be accommodated as conditions of Licencing.

**Historic Resources** - No concerns with regard to the project's potential impact on Historic Resources.

**Mines Branch** - No concerns.

**Rural Development** - No concerns.

**Health** - Inclusion in the Licence of the proposed environmental management practices as presented in the Proposal should prevent or mitigate potential health related impacts.

Disposition: The Licence will require that the Licencee adhere to the environmental protection measures as outlined in the Proposal.

**Environment (Water Quality)** - Part of the new roadway will encroach on the south bank of Harrison Creek. The contractor should ensure that no damage to the bank occurs. Recommend that the contractor adhere to the MNR Stream Crossing Guidelines including the use of silt fences, rip-rap, and erosion straw blankets during construction and seeding of erosion prone areas following construction. Recommend that any treated timbers removed from the old roadway crossing of Harrison Creek should be disposed of at an approved landfill site.

Disposition: WQM comments can be accommodated as conditions of Licencing.

**Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency** - Fisheries and Oceans require that an environmental assessment under *The Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* will be conducted by federal officials with respect to the project.

Disposition: CCEA notified Highways directly of this requirement.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approvals Branch concludes that environmental impacts associated with the Proposal are mitigable with the limits, terms and conditions provided in the attached Environment Act

Licence. It is further recommended that the enforcement of the Licence be assigned to the Park-West Region.

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