

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

PROPONENT: MR. MURRY DEAN TEMPLE
PROPOSAL NAME: TEMPLE ENTERPRISES LTD
CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT: 1
TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT: AGRICULTURAL -
GRAIN ELEVATOR/DRYER
CLIENT FILE NO.: 5044.00

OVERVIEW:

On June 2, 2004, Manitoba Conservation received a Proposal dated July 7, 2003, to renovate/construct and operate a grain elevator and dryer and distribution facilities located at Lot DES Plan 691 on land leased from the Canadian Pacific Railway in the Town of Hartney. The proponent is currently operating a grain elevator and intends to replace the grain dryer with a new more efficient model. In addition two 50,000 bushel storage bins will be added to the south edge of the property and 10 bins with approximately 48,500 bushel capacity adjacent to the dryer. The normal hours of operation will be from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm during the winter months and 7:00 am to 11 pm in the summer and fall.

Several public concerns were received in response to the advertisement of this proposal in the Souris Plaindealer, published on Saturday June 26, 2004. The proposal was placed in the Public Registries at the Manitoba Eco-Network, the Border Regional Library, the St. James-Assiniboia Public Library and the Conservation Library (Main). The proposal was distributed to TAC on June 17, 2004, with the closing date for TAC and Public comments on July 22, 2004.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Bertha & Gordon Grierson expressed concerns including increased dust and noise from the proposed grain dryer.

Claris & Jack Isabey were concerned about increased traffic, noise pollution and dust levels.

Kim & Chris Dooley were also strongly opposed to this proposal because of constant dust and noise from the grain dryer.

Judy & Laurence Reid concerns included continuous noise levels from the fans and dryer, dust pollution and rodents becoming a problem. They were also concerned about increased traffic becoming a safety factor for children.

COMMENTS FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency state that based on their staff survey, application of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* with respect to this proposal is not required.

Sustainable Resource Management Branch concern is that dust emissions from the facility are controlled.

Disposition

The concerns are addressed in the draft licence.

Assiniboine and Brandon Regional Health Authority concerns include licence clauses to address the potential health hazards identified by the proponent including dust and noise generated during operation.

Disposition

The concerns are addressed in the draft licence.

Community Planning Services Branch state they have reviewed the proposal and have no objections to the project. Because of the location of this proposal close proximity to residents they suggest consideration be given to appropriate measures to maintain noise and dust emissions.

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The concerns are addressed in the draft licence.

Agriculture, Food & Rural Initiatives state they have no concerns with this proposal from an agricultural perspective.

Transportation & Government Services state they have reviewed the proposal and have no concerns as the project does not appear to have any direct impacts on the provincial highway system.

PUBLIC HEARING:

No public hearing will be conducted.

RECOMMENDATION:

TAC concerns are addressed in the draft licence.

The responsibility for enforcement of the Licence should remain with Approvals Branch until the proponent complies with Clauses 1, 2, 3, and 12.

A draft Environment Act Licence is attached for the Director's consideration.

PREPARED BY:

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