

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

PROPONENT: Village of Waskada
NAME OF DEVELOPMENT: Waskada Wastewater Treatment Lagoon
CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT: Two
TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT: Wastewater Treatment Lagoon
CLIENT FILE NO.: 124.10

OVERVIEW

The Proposal was received on August 28, 2014. It was dated August 25, 2014. The advertisement of the proposal was as follows:

“A Proposal has been filed by the Village of Waskada for the continued operation of its wastewater treatment lagoon. The facility is located in N 6-2-25W, a short distance west of the Village, and has been in operation since 1966. The only proposed change to the facility is the addition of a truck dumping facility and all weather access road to accommodate sanitary wastewater from oilfield construction activity in the area. The facility would continue to discharge treated effluent to Waskada Creek during the period May 15 – October 31.”

The Proposal was advertised in the Deloraine Times and Star and in the Melita New Era, both on Friday, September 26, 2014. It was placed in the Legislative Library and Millennium Public Library (Winnipeg) public registries and in the online public registry. The Proposal was distributed to TAC members on September 24, 2014. The closing date for comments from members of the public and TAC members was October 24, 2014.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No public comments were received.

COMMENTS FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Environmental Programs and Strategies Branch, Air Quality Section

- The proposal is not expected to have a significant impact on air quality.
- The odour clause is suggested to be included in the Licence.

Disposition

These comments can be addressed as licence conditions.

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship - Lands Branch

No concerns as there are no Crown lands impacted by the proposal.

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship - Lands Branch, Western Region

No concerns with the proposed development.

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Parks and Protected Spaces Branch

No comments or concerns to offer as it does not affect any provincial parks, park reserves, ecological reserves, areas of special interest, or proposed protected areas.

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Water Science and Management Branch, Water Quality Management Section

- The Proponent has proposed additional monitoring for ammonia and phosphorus for a two (2) year period to determine if additional mitigation measures are needed to reduce the effects of the discharge. The Water Quality Management Section recommends that during the discharge period the monitoring program include daily grab samples for ammonia, pH, temperature (field) and total phosphorus of the effluent discharge, Waskada Creek upstream of the mixing zone in, and Waskada Creek downstream of the mixing zone. The Water Quality Management Section would like the opportunity to review the monitoring program.
- The Water Quality Management Section is concerned with any discharges that have the potential to impact the aquatic environment and/or restrict present and future uses of the water. Therefore it is recommended that the license require the proponent to actively participate in any future watershed based management study, plan/or nutrient reduction program, approved by the Director.

Disposition:

These comments can be addressed through licence conditions. Because of the small size of the facility, less frequent monitoring during discharges will be satisfactory to determine the need for additional mitigation measures.

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Office of Drinking Water

No concerns.

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Water Use Licensing Section

No concerns.

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Water Control Works and Drainage Licensing Section

Any water control works (drains, culverts, dykes, dams, etc.) associated with this project will require licensing under the *Water Rights Act* – an application is attached for the proponent's convenience. Any inquiries in this regard may be directed to the local *Water Resource Officer*. Their contact information may be found at http://www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/waterstewardship/licensing/pdf/areas_of_focus_jan_23_12.pdf.

Disposition:

This information was provided to the proponent for information. Because no changes are proposed for outlet works for the facility, it is anticipated that no additional water control works will be needed.

Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation – Highway Planning and Design Branch, Environmental Services Section

MIT has reviewed the proposal under the Environment Act noted above and we would like to remind the Proponent that, under The Highways and Transportation Act, permits are required from MIT for:

- any new, modified or relocated access to a Provincial Road or Access Road;
- any structures (including advertising signs, wells, septic fields, etc.) on, under or above the ground within the 38.1 meter (125 ft) Controlled Area adjacent to Provincial Roads;
- discharging of water or other liquid materials into a ditch of a Limited Access Highway, Provincial Road or Access Road; or
- placing any trees or plantings within 15.2 metres (50 feet) of the edge of right-of-way of a Limited Access Highway, Provincial Road or Access Road.

For information on permit application, please contact Ashley Beck at (204) 726-7000 or at Ashley.Beck@gov.mb.ca.

Disposition:

This information was provided to the proponent for information. As the proposed access road for the facility will connect with a village street, it is not anticipated that approvals will be required under the Highways and Transportation Act for the project.

Manitoba Municipal Government – Community and Regional Planning Branch

As no change or expansion in use is being proposed, we have no concerns.

If any structures are being proposed as part of the truck dumping facility, we advise that the applicant should contact the RM of Waskada regarding any permits that may be required.

Disposition:

This comment was provided to the proponent for information.

Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Development - Crops Branch

No comment.

Office of the Fire Commissioner

No concerns or comments.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

No additional information was required to address Technical Advisory Committee comments on the Proposal.

PUBLIC HEARING

As no requests for a public hearing were made, a public hearing is not recommended.

CROWN-ABORIGINAL CONSULTATION

The Government of Manitoba recognizes it has a duty to consult in a meaningful way with First Nations, Métis communities and other Aboriginal communities when any proposed provincial law, regulation, decision or action may infringe upon or adversely affect the exercise of a treaty or Aboriginal right of that First Nation, Métis community or other Aboriginal community.

The proposal involves the continued operation of a small wastewater treatment facility surrounded by the village to the east and privately owned agricultural land in the other directions. Since resource use is not adversely affected by the project, it is concluded that Crown-Aboriginal consultation is not required for the project.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Development be licensed under *The Environment Act* subject to the limits, terms and conditions as described on the attached draft Environment Act Licence.

It is further recommended that enforcement of the Licence be assigned to the Western Region of the Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Branch.

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