

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

PROPONENT: Rubber Ducky Resort and Campground Ltd.
PROPOSAL NAME: Wastewater Holding Tank System
CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT: 1
TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT: Wastewater
CLIENT FILE NO.: 5589.00

OVERVIEW:

On November 7, 2012 the Department received an Environment Act Proposal (EAP) from Rubber Ducky Resort and Campground Ltd. for the construction and operation of an expanded wastewater collection system and wastewater holding tank system that would service the seasonal resort and campground located in NW 26-13-1 WPM in the Rural Municipality of Woodlands. Wastewater collected and stored in the wastewater management system would be pumped out of the holding tank system and trucked by licensed haulers to the Rural Municipality of Woodlands – Warren wastewater treatment lagoon that operates under Environment Act Licence No. 1714.

The Department, on January 14, 2013, placed copies of the EAP report in the Public Registries located at 123 Main St. (Union Station), the Millennium Public Library, the Rural Municipality of Woodlands, and the Manitoba Eco-Network and provided copies of the EAP report to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA) and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) members. As well, the Department placed public notifications of the EAP in the Stonewall Argus and Teulon Times on Thursday, January 17, 2013. The newspaper and TAC notifications invited responses until February 15, 2013.

The TAC submitted several comments and inquiries while there were no comments from the public.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

There were no comments from the public.

COMMENTS FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Infrastructure and Transportation

- *No concerns.*

Conservation and Water Stewardship – Central Region IRMT

- *No concerns.*

Local Government

- *No concerns subject to adequate capacity in the Warren lagoon.*

Conservation and Water Stewardship – Environmental Programs and Strategies Branch – Air Quality

- *No comments.*

Conservation and Water Stewardship – Fisheries Branch

- *Given the location and nature of this proposal, as long as there is not persistent leaking and/or the tanks are serviced regularly, there should not be any fisheries concerns.*

Disposition:

- The draft Environment Act Licence contains clauses that require that the proponent operate and maintain the Development such that it effectively provides the service for which it was designed and undertake a regular program of maintenance that includes inspections to assess the integrity of the wastewater collection system and to determine if the holding tanks are watertight.

Conservation and Water Stewardship – Parks and Natural Areas Branch

- *No concerns.*

Conservation and Water Stewardship – Sustainable Resource and Policy Management Branch and Lands Branch

- *No concerns.*

Conservation and Water Stewardship – Water Science and Management Branch

- *Installing water saving devices like low-flow shower heads, and low flow toilets reduces the amount of liquid in wastewater collection systems and increases efficiency in wastewater systems. Where applicable, recommend that the proponent install water saving devices to help maintain the health of Lake Winnipeg.*
- *Has the Proponent ensured that the Warren Lagoon is capable of accepting the additional waste from the expansion of the campground?*

- *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:

- The draft Environment Act Licence contains a clause that requires that the proponent enter into a service agreement(s) with a service provider(s) for receiving and providing treatment of the sewage and wastewater from the holding tanks of this Development at an off-site wastewater treatment facility operating under the authority of a Licence issued under *The Environment Act*.

The Rural Municipality of Woodlands has entered into an agreement with Rubber Ducky Resort for disposal of septic tank waste at the Warren wastewater treatment lagoon. The owners are required to submit weekly reports indicating the amount of septic waste disposed of at the lagoon. Currently, the municipality does not limit the amount of waste Rubber Ducky Resort disposes in the lagoon.

- The Development does not discharge to the environment as the Licence requires that all sewage and wastewater that is generated at the resort and campground and is to be disposed of at the resort and campground be directed toward the Development, followed by pumping and hauling from the Development by registered haulers to an off-site wastewater treatment facility operating under the authority of a Licence issued under *The Environment Act*. Participation in any watershed based management study, plan/or nutrient reduction program is most often included as a requirement for the Licencee of the off-site wastewater treatment facility receiving the truck hauled sewage and wastewater.

Conservation and Water Stewardship – Water Use Licensing Branch

- *The development may eventually require licensing under The Water Rights Act. As it stands now they do not use enough water in a 12 month period for us to require them to be licensed but once they are fully built out and if they operate flat out for 6 or more months of the year they are likely to exceed the licensing threshold under The Water Rights Act.*
- *We note that they have installed a water meter and we would recommend that they mail in their annual water usage to us at the end of each calendar year until it becomes apparent if they need or do not need a licence.*

Disposition:

- This information has been forwarded to the Licencee as information and for their attention.

COMMENTS FROM FEDERAL REPRESENTATION:

Environment Canada

- *No comments.*

Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency

- *The proponent is responsible for confirming its federal regulatory responsibilities associated with its project. In your response to the proponent, please advise it to review the noted regulations (<http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SOR-2012-147/index.html>) and contact the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency if its proposal includes any activity described.*

Disposition:

- This information has been forwarded to the Licencee as information and for their attention.

PUBLIC HEARING:

A public hearing was not requested.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Proponent should be issued a Licence for the construction and operation of the Development, being an expanded wastewater collection system and a wastewater holding tank system, which will service the seasonal resort and campground, located in NW 26-13-1 WPM in the Rural Municipality of Woodlands subject to the specifications, limits, terms and conditions of the Licence. The Licence should be jointly enforced by the Environmental Approvals Branch and the Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Branch until installation of the proposed wastewater holding tank system is completed. Once the installation is satisfactorily completed and any required inspections by

Environment Officer have been undertaken, the licence should be transferred to the Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Branch for enforcement.

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