



**Conservation and Water Stewardship**

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Mr. Ron Lussier  
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Email: [ron@urbanmine.ca](mailto:ron@urbanmine.ca)

Dear Mr. Lussier:

**Re: Urbanmine Inc. – Environmental Act Proposal – Public Consultation**

Thank you for your letter dated August 15, 2014 in which you responded to comments and concerns raised by the Technical Advisory Committee and the Public during the Environmental Act Proposal review period. We have reviewed your response and a response provided by your lawyer Daniel J. Sherbo on September 8, 2014 to address concerns raised by Bryan R. Gray on behalf of a resident in the neighbourhood near your facility.

In addition we have attended a community hall meeting held on September 10, 2014 to listen directly to the public's concerns. At the meeting, attendees raised questions about impacts to them from Urbanmine's operation. Specifically, concerns were focused on noise, particulate emissions, vibration, hours of operation, lighting, explosions and fire risk.

To address these concerns in a timely and transparent way, you are hereby requested to hold a facilitated public meeting at a location nearby (e.g., the Caboto Center, a school, etc.). Staff advise me that through discussions with Urbanmine representatives, October 23, 2014 would be an acceptable day. Please confirm, as soon as possible, the location, time and date along with a draft meeting agenda for our review.

The facilitated public meeting process should include, as a minimum, the following:

- a third-party facilitator;
- an agenda that clearly addresses the list of public concerns as noted above and as may be provided within two weeks of this letter;
- two weeks advance notice to the public and the Environmental Approvals Branch;
- personal notice to Mr. John Pavao, Residents Coordinator;
- general notice to the public that have interests in the immediate vicinity and environs;
- presentation at the meeting of the Environment Act Proposal;

- an opportunity for those in attendance to ask questions on the reports and other related matters and to state their concerns;
- a response to questions and concerns presented; and
- a written report to Environmental Approvals Branch, within two weeks of the meeting which summarizes the presentation, the questions, and concerns presented and the responses to the questions and concerns.

Compliance with these conditions will assist the Environmental Approvals Branch with the consideration of this Environment Act Proposal. Staff from Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship will attend the meeting, primarily as observers and to answer questions related to the assessment and licensing process.

If you require further information regarding this matter, please contact Eshetu Beshada at (204) 945-7023 or [Eshetu.Beshada@gov.mb.ca](mailto:Eshetu.Beshada@gov.mb.ca).

Yours truly,

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