

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

PROPONENT: Ducks Unlimited Canada
PROPOSAL NAME: Whitewater Lake - Cell 3
CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT: Two
TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT: Water Development and Control
CLIENT FILE NO.: 2946.10

OVERVIEW:

The Proposal was received on March 12, 1996. It was dated February 27, 1996. The advertisement of the proposal was as follows:

“A Proposal has been filed by Ducks Unlimited Canada for the construction of a third cell for the Whitewater Lake Project, located near the east side of Whitewater Lake in the Rural Municipality of Morton. The project would create a marsh cell on S 27-3-21W by dyking between the existing cell and Whitewater Lake. Ditching and control structures needed to operate the cell would also be constructed.”

The Proposal was advertised in the Boissevain Recorder on Wednesday, April 3, 1996. It was placed in the Main, Centennial, Eco-Network and Lakeland Regional Library (Killarney) public registries. It was also distributed to TAC members on March 26, 1996. The closing date for comments from members of the public and TAC members was April 25, 1996.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No public responses were received.

COMMENTS FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Manitoba Environment - Park-West Region Recommendations for licence conditions:
1. Oil products and other regulated hazardous wastes generated by the construction machinery shall be collected and disposed of in accordance with applicable Manitoba Environment and legislation requirements. 2. Fuel storage areas established for construction shall be a minimum distance of 100 metres from any waterbody, and shall comply with MR 97/88R.

Disposition:

These recommendations can be included as licence conditions.

Manitoba Environment - Water Quality Management There should not be any long term impacts to water quality. Some soil disturbance may occur during construction of dykes. Subsequent suspension in nearby water may occur, but this will be short term.

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Suspended sediment will probably be fairly localized to the construction site because of submergent weed growth. Fertilizer applications to dykes should be done with care and not applied directly to the water.

Disposition:

Fertilizer application can be addressed as a licence condition.

Historic Resources Branch No concerns.

Highway Planning and Design No concerns.

Rural Development - Community Economic Development The subject property is a 146 ha parcel located about 11 miles west of Boissevain. Access is from a municipal road. It is designated Agricultural according to the Morton-Boissevain Planning District Development Plan and is classified as "AG" Agricultural General Zone according to the R. M. of Morton Zoning by-law. Natural areas and recreational uses are allowed in the AG Zone. The proposed development represents an extension of an existing use which has been well received in the area. There are no apparent outstanding land use issues which would prevent approval of this project. RD has no concerns with the proposed development.

Medical Officer of Health - Westman Region Potential health concerns could be addressed: 1. Minimize the risk of surface water contamination by fuel or chemical spills. 2. Ensure appropriate waste disposal as per existing regulations. 3. Monitor and/or regulate dust, noise, gaseous and particulate emissions.

Disposition:

Spills and the disposal of construction machinery wastes can be addressed in licence conditions. Other waste disposal is not a concern for this project as no demolition is involved. Emissions should not be a significant concern given the type of construction and the location.

Natural Resources No concerns which would limit approval of the project.

Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency Application of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act with respect to this project will not be required.

Fisheries and Oceans The project is not likely to cause significant adverse effects on fish and fish habitat. Whitewater Lake is not a fish bearing lake, nor is it utilized by spawning fish.

PUBLIC HEARING:

As no public concerns were identified, a public hearing is not recommended.

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RECOMMENDATION:

All comments received on the Proposal can be addressed as licence conditions. Therefore, 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 Park-West Region.

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