

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

PROPOSER: Rural Municipality of Daly
PROPOSAL NAME: Rural Municipality of Daly - Rural Water Supply Pipelines
CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT: Two
TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT: Transportation/Transmission - Pipelines
CLIENT FILE NO.: 4543.00

OVERVIEW:

The Proposal was received on August 4, 2000. It was dated August 4, 2000. The advertisement of the proposal was as follows:

“A Proposal has been filed by the Manitoba Water Services Board on behalf of the Rural Municipality of Daly to construct water supply pipelines in the Bradwardine area. Approximately 20 km of pipeline would be installed on road allowances to service 13 residences. The source of supply for the system would be the existing R. M. of Woodworth system. Construction of the project is proposed for the fall of 2000.”

The Proposal was advertised in the Rivers Banner/Gazette Reporter on Saturday, August 12, 2000. It was placed in the Environment, Centennial, Eco-Network and Western Manitoba Regional Library public registries. The Proposal was distributed to TAC members on August 8, 2000. The closing date for comments from members of the public and TAC members was September 5, 2000.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No public comments were received.

COMMENTS FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Manitoba Conservation - Water Quality Management - Provided that the Oak River crossings are directionally bored as anticipated in the proposal then protection of surface water should be adequate.

Disposition:

This comment can be addressed as a licence condition.

Manitoba Conservation - Policy Coordination - In the event that the stream crossings cannot be carried out by directional drilling and open trenching is required, the proponent should have a contingency plan which will minimize the impact of this open trenching to the stream and fish habitat. If open trenching is necessary, the proponent should contact

regional fisheries staff as early as possible to review the methods of mitigating the environmental impacts. If directional drilling is used, the push pit locations at each crossing should be located above the high water line of the river. These sites should be leveled and stabilized following completion of the pipeline crossing.

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Disposition:

These comments can be addressed through licence conditions. Site investigations indicate that directional drilling should be feasible for all stream crossings.

Historic Resources - No concerns.

Mines Branch - No concerns.

Highway Planning and Design - The proposed development crosses and runs adjacent to PR No. 259, as such the following comments/concerns are submitted for consideration: An Underground Utility Agreement will have to be in place with MHGS prior to installation of the water line within highway right-of-way; MHGS's contact in this regard is the A/Regional Planning Technologist in Brandon.

Disposition:

This information will be forwarded to the proponent.

Community Economic Development Branch - No concerns.

Medical Officer of Health - Marquette, Brandon and South Westman RHAs - Dust, noise, gaseous and particulate emissions during construction may be a concern as may the handling of gasoline products. Overall, the development of a consistent potable water supply through an established system compliant with the Public Health Act and the Canadian Drinking Water Quality Guidelines will greatly benefit local residents.

Disposition:

The comment concerning gasoline handling can be addressed as a licence condition. Noise and emissions should not be a concern for this type of pipeline installation.

Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency - An environmental assessment under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act with respect to this project will be required. The contact will be with PFRA. Environment Canada, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, and Health Canada have offered to provide specialist advice. (No federal agencies responding to CEAA's circulation of the Proposal indicated a desire to participate in the provincial review of the project.)

Disposition:

A copy of the project summary, draft licence and final licence for the project will be provided to PFRA for use in the federal screening of the project.

Fisheries and Oceans - The project is not likely to result in the harmful alteration, disruption or destruction of fish habitat if the project is conducted as described. As such, an Authorization under Section 35(2) of The Fisheries Act will not be required. Specific mitigation required includes:

- During the directional boring operations for the two Oak River crossings, erosion control measures should be in place around the work area to reduce the potential impact to fish or fish habitat from runoff.

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- The deposit of deleterious substances into water frequented by fish is prohibited under the Fisheries Act. Appropriate precautions should be taken to ensure that deleterious substances do not enter Oak River. Refueling and servicing of construction equipment should be conducted at least 100 m from the high water mark of any waterbody.
- If directional boring at the two crossings of the Oak River is not feasible, DFO-HM should be contacted immediately with information on an alternative crossing methodology.

Disposition:

These comments can be addressed as licence conditions.

PUBLIC HEARING:

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

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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