

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

PROPONENT: Rural Municipality of Rockwood
NAME OF DEVELOPMENT: R.M. of Rockwood - Balmoral Water Treatment Plant
CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT: One
TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT: Waste Disposal (water treatment plant)
CLIENT FILE NO.: 4674.00

OVERVIEW:

The Proposal was received on June 11, 2001. It was dated June 6, 2001. The advertisement of the proposal was as follows:

"A Proposal has been filed by J. R. Cousin Consultants Ltd. on behalf of the Rural Municipality of Rockwood for the construction and operation of a water treatment plant for the community of Balmoral. The plant would be located on the eastern edge of Balmoral at the location of an existing community well and public works building. It would be supplied by the community well, and would provide nanomembrane filtration and chlorination. Membrane reject water would be discharged to the previously proposed wastewater lagoon facility. Water treatment capacity of up to 148 cubic metres per day is proposed to meet community water demands to 2020. Corresponding reject water volumes of up to 63 cubic metres per day are anticipated. Construction of the plant is proposed for the late fall of 2001 or the early spring of 2002."

The Proposal was advertised in the Stonewall Argus and Teulon Times on Monday, September 24, 2001. It was placed in the Main, Centennial, Eco-Net and Selkirk Community Library public registries. The Proposal was distributed to TAC members on September 13, 2001. The closing date for comments from members of the public and TAC members was October 23, 2001.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No public comments were received.

COMMENTS FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Manitoba Conservation – Interlake Region - No objections identified. One recommendation provided – a pesticide screen should be conducted on the well water because the site is surrounded by agricultural fields. The general chemical / mineral screen that had been done is appropriate for plants what have a low potential risk assessment.

Disposition:

This recommendation was forwarded to the Applicant.

Manitoba Conservation – Sustainable Resource Management - No concerns.

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Historic Resources Branch - No concerns.

Highway Planning and Design Branch - The proposal is adjacent to PR 236. Under the Highways and Transportation Department Act, permits are required to place any structures on, under, or above the ground within 38.1 m (125 feet) of the edge of the highways right-of-way or any plantings within 15.2 m (50 feet) of the edge of PR 236, or to discharge water or other liquid materials into a ditch on a department road (i.e. PR 236.) An agreement is required to place a waterline or pipeline adjacent to or on our right-of-way. All affected areas of Highway rights-of-way must be restored to an acceptable condition, and the licensee must accept responsibility for a two year period.

Disposition:

This information was forwarded to the Proponent's consultant.

Community Planning Services Branch - According to the South Interlake Planning District Development Plan, the land use classification of the property is an Agricultural Rural Area. Under the Rural Municipality of Rockwood Zoning By-law No. 14-85, the property is designated "AL" Limited Agricultural Zone. Sewage and waste disposal grounds are a conditional use under the "AL" Limited Agricultural Zone. It is recommended that the applicant obtain a Conditional Use approval for the new water treatment plant.

Disposition:

This recommendation was forwarded to the Applicant.

Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency Western Economic Diversification has provided notification that an environmental assessment under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act will be required. Environment Canada and Health Canada have offered to provide specialist advice. (No federal agencies indicated a desire to participate in the provincial review of the project. A copy of the project summary and Environment Act Licence for the project will be provided to PFRA, which is conducting the assessment on behalf of WED.)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

A number of items concerning system water requirements and water conservation plans which are required by the Department's supplementary guidelines for municipal water

systems were not provided in the Environment Act Proposal. Additional information on these items was requested on October 30, 2001.

A response to the request for additional information was received on November 8, 2001. The response addressed the requested items and provided some additional information concerning the relationship between this project and the community's wastewater lagoon proposal, which was recently licenced under The Environment Act.

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 have been addressed in the additional information or 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 Interlake Region.

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