

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

PROPONENT: Rural Municipality of Morris
PROPOSAL NAME: Lowe Farm Domestic Wastewater Treatment Lagoon
CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT: 2
TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT: Wastewater Treatment Lagoon
CLIENT FILE NO.: 2494.10

OVERVIEW:

Manitoba Sustainable Development received a Proposal on March 4, 2016 filed by AECOM Canada Ltd. on behalf of the Rural Municipality of Morris for an expansion of the Lowe Farm Domestic Wastewater Treatment Lagoon located on the W1/2 5-5-1 W in the Rural Municipality of Morris. The proposed expansion consists of the construction of a new secondary lagoon cell that will be located adjacent to the existing wastewater treatment lagoon.

The Department, on March 26, 2016, placed copies of the Proposal in the Public Registries located at Legislative Library (200 Vaughan Street), the Winnipeg Millennium Public Library and online at <http://www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/eal/registries/2494.1lowe/index.html>. Copies of the Proposal were also provided to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) members. A notice of the Environment Act proposal was also placed in the Portage la Prairie Daily Graphic on March 29, 2016. The newspaper and TAC notifications invited responses until April 26, 2016.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No Comments.

SUMMARY Of COMMENTS FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

No	Technical Advisory Committee Member	Response Provided
1	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency	Not participating
2	Manitoba Agriculture – Land Use Branch	No response
3	Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship–	
	▪ Compliance and Enforcement Branch	No concern
	▪ Wildlife and Fisheries Branch	No concern
	▪ Parks and Protected Spaces Branch	No concern
	▪ Forestry Branch	No response
	▪ Aboriginal Relations Branch	No response
	▪ Community and Regional Planning	No comment
	▪ Lands Branch	No comment
	▪ Groundwater Management Section	No response
	▪ Office of Drinking	No concern
	▪ Water Use Licensing Section	No concern
	▪ Water Control Works Licensing Section	Response provided below
	▪ Regional Services Branch	No response
4	Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation	No concern
	▪ Flood Forecasting Branch	No response
	▪ Highway Planning and Design Branch	No response
5	Office of the Fire Commissionaire	No response
6	Manitoba Municipal Government	No response
7	Manitoba Health – Environmental Health Unit	No response

A copy of the responses and the additional information provided can be viewed at the following link: <http://www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/eal/registries/2494.1lowe/index.html>

COMMENTS FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Manitoba Sustainable Development– Water Control Works Licensing Section

Any water control works associated with this project will require licensing under the Water Right Act, proponent should contact a local Water Resource Officer.

PUBLIC HEARING:

A public hearing is not recommended.

CROWN-INDIGENOUS CONSULTATION:

The Government of Manitoba recognizes that it has a duty to consult in a meaningful way with Indigenous communities when any proposed provincial law, regulation, decision or action may infringe upon or adversely affect the exercise of the Indigenous rights of that community.

This proposed facility will be located on a cultivated agricultural land. There would be no infringement of Indigenous rights under Section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982. Therefore, it is concluded that Crown-Indigenous consultation is not required for the project.

RECOMMENDATION:

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 retained by the Environmental Approvals Branch until construction of the wastewater treatment lagoon expansion is completed. Enforcement of the licence then should be assigned to the Central Region of the Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Branch.

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