

## **SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PROPONENT:** Municipality of Hillsburg-Roblin-Shell River  
**PROPOSAL NAME:** Town of Roblin Water Treatment Plant  
Reject Water Disposal

**CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT:** One  
**TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT:** Waste Disposal - Water Treatment Plants  
(Wastewater)

**CLIENT FILE NO.:** 5451.10

### **OVERVIEW**

The Proposal was received on November 14, 2014. It was dated November 6, 2014. The advertisement of the proposal was as follows:

“A proposal has been received from the Manitoba Water Services Board on behalf of the Town of Roblin for a change in the method of disposal of reject water from the Town’s reverse osmosis water treatment system. Currently, reject water is directed to the Town’s wastewater treatment lagoon in summer months, and stored in a holding pond during winter months. The holding pond is discharged to the lagoon in the summer months. The reject water contains dissolved constituents such as iron, calcium, sulphate and magnesium removed from the Town’s groundwater supply system, and although these constituents are not removed in the lagoon, the reject water contributes to hydraulic overloading of the lagoon. The proposal involves the continued use of the holding pond, with discharges from the pond to West Goose Lake between May and October each year. West Goose Lake discharges to East Goose Lake, and then downstream to the Shell River. Discharges from the holding pond would be limited to periods when downstream flooding would not be aggravated. The project would require the construction of 423 m of 200 mm discharge pipeline to connect the holding pond to West Goose Lake, and construction would be undertaken as soon as approvals were obtained and funding was available.”

The Proposal was advertised in the Roblin Review on Tuesday, December 2, 2014. It was placed in the online public registry, the Legislative Library and Millennium Public Library (Winnipeg) public registries. The Proposal was distributed to Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) members on December 3, 2014. The closing date for comments from members of the public was January 2, 2015, and the closing date for comments for TAC members was January 9, 2015.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

No public comments were received.

**COMMENTS FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Branch**

No concerns.

**Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Lands Branch**

No concerns/comments.

**Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Parks and Protected Spaces Branch**

No comments or concerns to offer as it does not affect any provincial parks, park reserves, ecological reserves, areas of special interest or proposed protected areas.

**Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Water Science and Management Branch, Water Quality Management Section**

No problem for this file.

**Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Office of Drinking Water**

No cause for concern respecting drinking water safety or quality.

**Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Water Use Licensing**

No concerns.

**Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Water Control Works and Drainage Licensing Section**

Any water control works (drains, culverts, dykes, dams, etc.) associated with this project will require licensing under the Water Rights Act – an application is attached for the

proponent's convenience. Any inquiries in this regard may be directed to the local Water Resource Officer. Their contact information can be found at [http://www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/waterstewardship/licensing/pdf/areas\\_of\\_focus\\_jan\\_23\\_12.pdf](http://www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/waterstewardship/licensing/pdf/areas_of_focus_jan_23_12.pdf)

Disposition:

This information was provided to the Town's consultant for information.

**Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation - Highway Planning and Design Branch, Environmental Services Section**

No concern.

**Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Development – Crops Branch**

No concerns.

**Manitoba Health – Medical Officer of Health**

No further comments to add to this proposal.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

No additional information was required to address comments on the proposal.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

As no public comments were received and no requests for a hearing were filed, a public hearing is not recommended.

**CROWN-ABORIGINAL CONSULTATION**

The Government of Manitoba recognizes it has a duty to consult in a meaningful way with First Nations, Métis communities and other Aboriginal communities when any proposed provincial law, regulation, decision or action may infringe upon or adversely affect the exercise of a treaty or Aboriginal right of that First Nation, Métis community or other Aboriginal community.

The proposal involves a small change in the process wastewater disposal associated with the water treatment process, with no change in the water use, water withdrawal location or water treatment location. With the proposed change, process

wastewater stored in a pond would be discharged directly to the Goose Lakes rather than passing through the community's wastewater treatment lagoon, which does not remove any of the parameters removed in the water treatment process. Since resource use is not affected by the project, it is concluded that Crown-Aboriginal 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. This is a revision to Licence No. 2921 issued on May 18, 2010 for the Town of Roblin's groundwater supply and treatment system. The draft licence also reflects municipal amalgamation, and would be issued to the new Municipality of Hillsburg-Roblin-Shell River, which includes the former Town of Roblin. It is further recommended that enforcement of the Licence be assigned to the Western Regional office of the Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Branch.

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