

## **SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PROPOSER:** James J. Berscheid  
**PROPOSAL NAME:** Berscheid Meats  
**CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT:** Class 1  
**TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT:** Slaughtering/Meat Processing  
**CLIENT FILE NO.:** 4205.00

### **OVERVIEW:**

This Proposal, dated August 30, 1996, was received by the Department on September 5, 1996.

The Proposal is to alter an existing meat processing Development by complementing it with a livestock slaughterhouse, as a separate structure, on land located southwest of The Pas. The meat processing component would be totally or partially phased out as soon as another proposed Development, being their new proposed meat processing/retail outlet plant, is constructed and set into operation at another location just north of The Pas.

Animal blood is proposed to be collected separately on the killing floor so as to keep it from entering the on-site wastewater collection facilities. Whatever blood is not used for further processing into specific meat products will be disposed of to a rendering plant. All sewage and process wastewater will be collected in holding tanks and disposed of into The Pas municipal sewage lagoon facility. All unusable animal parts are proposed to be stored indoors in freezers until disposed of to a rendering plant, while the holding pen and paunch manure will be disposed of onto personal or neighbouring land. Potential odours from the manure and potential noise emissions from cooling system compressors were not addressed in the proposal since they were considered not to pose any threat. However, it may be advisable to address these matters in the Licence in the event that other commercial or private dwellings want to locate near the Development in the future.

The proposed Development is to be constructed on land owned by the proponent. The land is zoned for Agriculture A-160 and the proponent has received a Conditional Use Permit from the LGD of Consol.

The Proposal was advertised in The Pas Opasquia Times on Wednesday, September 18, 1996, and copies of the Proposal were placed in Public Registries at: the Resource Centre of Manitoba Environment in Winnipeg; the Centennial Public Library in Winnipeg; and The Pas Public Library in The Pas. The closing date for the receipt of public comments was specified as October 11, 1996.

Copies of the Proposal were also sent to the applicable members of the interdepartmental Technical Advisory Committee for their review and comment by no later than October 11, 1996.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

On June 11, 1996, the proponent had met with the Chief and Council of the Opaskwayak Cree Nation to describe the contemplated proposal. On June 12, 1996, the Opaskwayak Cree Nation provided the proponent with a letter of support for the proposed Development.

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No comments were received from the public following the advertisement of the Proposal.

**COMMENTS FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:**

**Rural Development** commented that the proposal posed no land use or development concerns.

**Natural Resources** commented that they had no concerns.

**Highways** commented that they had no concerns with the proposed Development assuming that the proponent acquires all permits and agreements as required.

**Air Quality Management** requested additional clarification on the management of potential odours associated with the handling of manure.

Disposition:

The proponent was advised of the request and subsequently responded to the satisfaction of the Air Quality Management Section.

**Man. Environmental Operations (Northern Region)** commented they had no objection to the proposal, and offered a list of recommendations for inclusion in the Environment Act Licence. Among their recommendations was a recommendation which echoed a condition of agreement offered by the Town of The Pas to the proponent which required a confirmation of the quantity and organic strength of the wastewater proposed to be hauled to the town's sewage lagoon.

**Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency** commented that application of the Environmental Assessment Act with respect to this proposal will not be required.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

No requests or recommendations were made for a public hearing on this Proposal.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

A draft Environment Act Licence is enclosed for the Director's consideration. It is recommended that the Licence, if approved, be assigned to the Northern Region for surveillance and monitoring, ongoing compliance evaluation and enforcement responsibilities.

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