

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

PROPONENT: Transportation and Government Services
PROPOSAL NAME: PTH 16 (from PTH 10 to PTH 5)
CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT: 2
TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT: Transportation
CLIENT FILE NO.: 4802.00

OVERVIEW:

The Environment Act Proposal was dated May 20, 2002 and received on May 29, 2002. The advertisement of the Proposal read as follows:

"A Proposal filed by the Department of Transportation and Government Services to upgrade to current design standards a 28.1 km section of PTH 16 from the south junction of PTH 10 near Minnedosa to the west junction of PTH 5 at Neepawa. The proposed upgrade involves acquisition of 7.2m of additional right-of-way on both sides to accommodate grade widening for 3.7m paved travel lanes and 3.0m paved shoulders. An additional 3.0m width of right-of-way will be required at two locations to provide for the construction of safe passing lanes. The Department of Transportation and Government Services will proceed with finalizing project design details and land acquisition once all government agencies' requirements have been met."

The Proposal was advertised in the Minnedosa Tribune and the Neepawa Press on June 10, 2002. Copies of the Proposal were filed in the following Public Registries: Manitoba Eco-Network, the Centennial Public Library and the Western Regional Library. It was also distributed to the "Transportation" Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for comment. All comments were requested by July 5, 2002.

PUBLIC RESPONSE:

No public response was received.

COMMENTS FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Conservation (Sustainable Resource Management Branch) - Recommend that all solid waste should be disposed of at a registered waste disposal ground unless otherwise approved by an environment officer. Septage/sewage from on-site privy facilities shall be disposed of in accordance with MR 95/88R and the storage and handling of petroleum and allied products shall be in accordance with MR 188/2001.

Disposition:

Comments can be accommodated as conditions of licencing.

Intergovernmental Affairs - Community Planning Services Branch advised that there office does not have any land use planning concerns with regard to the proposal.

Agriculture - No concerns identified with the Proposal.

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Historic Resources - No concerns with regard to the project's potential to impact heritage resources.

Health - Inclusion of the proposed environmental management practices as per section 1.9 of the proposal should prevent or mitigate potential health hazards from air, ground or surface water.

Disposition:

The Licence will require that the environmental management practices as listed in the Proposal are followed.

Mines Branch - No concerns.

Petroleum Branch - No comments or concerns.

Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency - Transport Canada require an environmental assessment of the project under *The Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*. Transport Canada has requested additional information from the proponent for the purpose of the environmental assessment.

Disposition:

Manitoba Transportation has provided the additional information to Transport Canada to assist in completing federal requirements under CEAA.

RECOMMENDATION:

A public hearing is not recommended. The TAC comments can be accommodated as conditions of licencing for the project. It is recommended that the Development be licenced under The Environment Act subject to the limits terms and conditions as described in the attached Draft Environment Act Licence. It is further recommended that enforcement of the Licence be assigned to the Manitoba Conservation Western Region.

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