Webb, Bruce (CON)

From: Keown, Jack (MASC) [jkeown@masc.mb.ca]
Sent: January-26-11 2:37 PM
To: Webb, Bruce (CON)
Cc: 'stanstruthers@mts.net'
Subject: RE: RM of Shell River proposed effluent lagoon expansion

Thank you. I strongly object to the lagoon expansion location as proposed based on the following:
I own the SE 29-25-28 directly north of the site with a grain/livestock operation. I have a water well probably only 350 meters away and while at present it is only used for livestock, I may in fact build on the property when I retire and I am very concerned about the water quality.
I am also concerned about property devaluation from the odor and also from the point of view of passing motorists on Hwy 83 visiting our community.
I also have been renting the quarter from the Town of Roblin and this will result in fewer acres available, limited access from my yard to the property and effect the operation of the irrigation pivot as it can no longer go full circle. This irrigation system is heralded as being the only one of it's kind in Manitoba and possibly Canada for dealing with the existing lagoon effluent, so why would they want to reduce that now? A Town of Roblin Profile and Business Directory states that " absolutely no effluent is dumped into the Shell River System". The new proposal openly admits that treated effluent will be discharged down the ditch, on the far side of the gravel road past my place, by culvert under Hwy 83 and continue on via ditch for another half mile or so, to the Shell River. I also own pasture land which the Shell flows through and recently constructed about a mile of fence to keep my cattle out of the river except for one gated spot where they are allowed to drink. I have to question which is healthier for the eco system, my cattle or the effluent?
Finally, Parkland Crop Diversification, a government funded group who conduct field trials on various crops also occupy the quarter. If this expansion is allowed to proceed they will have no choice but to relocate which will be a blow to the area and local farmers who relied on their information. As well 2 full time positions and 3 part time summer students will not be required in this area.
It seems to me other options are available, but because grant money is already in place, they are not being considered.
Is this the way we want our tax dollars spent?
Thank you
Jack Keown
Box 1330
Roblin, Man.
204-937-6470

From: Webb, Bruce (CON) [mailto:Bruce.Webb@gov.mb.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 10:30 AM
To: Keown, Jack (MASC)
Subject: RE: RM of Shell River proposed effluent lagoon expansion

Anything that's convenient for you is OK for us, as long as it's in writing. So, e-mail is fine. Also, we're more interested in the content than the form, so the concerns can be noted in paragraphs, bullets, or anything that you are comfortable with.

Bruce.

From: Keown, Jack (MASC) [mailto:jkeown@masc.mb.ca]
Sent: January-26-11 10:09 AM
To: Webb, Bruce (CON)
Subject: RM of Shell River proposed effluent lagoon expansion

Hi Mr. Webb, I would like to make a representation against the above project and wondered in what form I should do this. Thanks.

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February 8, 2011

Bruce Webb, P. Eng. BW
Manitoba Conservation

RE: Lagoon Proposal, RM of Shell River

Dear Mr. Webb,

The Save the Shell group has asked for our support in requesting an extension of the comment period for the above noted proposal. They would like a 60-day extension in order that alternative proposals may be considered, citing concerns for unnecessary nutrient loading to the Shell and Assiniboine Rivers and Lake Winnipeg. This is a reasonable concern, and we support the group in their request.

Yours truly,

Anne Lindsey,
Executive Director

Webb, Bruce (CON)

From: chuck brade [karchuck@hotmail.com]
Sent: January-29-11 5:54 AM
To: Webb, Bruce (CON) BW
Subject: RM of Shell River Proposed Lagoon Expansion

Bruce,

I live on acreage, SE 20-25-28, directly south of Roblin. I strongly object to the proposed lagoon location that the R.M. of Shell River is considering. During wet years, in the past, I have had run off from the irrigation on my land. Natural drainage goes behind me house and through my back yard. I have concerns about any problems with leakage that may occur.

This lagoon would be directly over the same aquifer that I and the town of Roblin use on day to day bases. Concerns about my well water and the town's drinking water come to mind. I am puzzled that this does not concern the Town Of Roblin.

The R.M. of Shell River amalgamated with the R.M of Park North a few years ago. At the time there was discussion that there was a new lagoon being used very little just outside of San Clara. Located in the R.M. of Park North, but could be used by the R.M Shell River. How fast we forget when there is grant money to be spent.

As I drive past the proposed sight, I see the work and activity created by the Parkland Crop Diversification. They are using this land, and it would be a shame to see this asset leave our community. There would be jobs lost, all because of poor choices made by a few people.

In closing, I am very upset with the idea of having a lagoon on both sides of the highway entering our community. On the west side of Hwy 83, would all but guarantee (prevailing west winds) anyone driving past; will be greeted with the smell of the lagoons. Is that the first impression you want for the town of Roblin?

Thanks,

Chuck Brade

937-2792

Webb, Bruce (CON)

From: chuck brade [karchuck@hotmail.com]
Sent: February-02-11 3:44 PM
To: Webb, Bruce (CON)
Subject: RM of Shell River Lagoon

Hello Bruce,

Chuck Brade here again. I have recently learned today that the proposed lagoon has requirments before being dug. The lagoon cannot be located closer than 1600 meters away from a residental well. My house is located approx. 1225 meters away from this so called lagoon. I once again strongly appose the placement of the new lagoon.

I hope that you consider this in your decision making.

Looking forward to your response in this matter.

Sincerly,

Chuck Brade

937-2792

Webb, Bruce (CON)

From: clazaruk@mymts.net on behalf of Clarence Lazaruk [clazaruk@mts.net]
Sent: February-08-11 5:28 PM BW
To: Webb, Bruce (CON)
Subject: RM of Shell River Wastewater Lagoon

February 8, 2011

Dear Mr. Webb,

We object To Shell River's proposal to empty wastewatwer from the proposed lagoons into the Shell River. It is an inappropriate environmental action in this day and age.

We would also request that the deadline for making a presentation be extended so that the Save the Shell River Group can have more time to prepare a presentation.

Thanks for your consideration.

Clarence and Joyce Lazaruk

Webb, Bruce (CON)

From: Byron Gaber [byron.gaber@gmail.com]
Sent: February-07-11 5:29 PM
To: Webb, Bruce (CON)
Subject: RM of Shell River Wastewater Lagoon (File: 5500.00)

February 7, 2011.

Dear Mr. Webb:

On February 6, 2011 a Save The Shell River Group meeting was held in Inglis MB. The core group of members unanimously agreed to re-constitute the group, mobilize and prepare a strong opposition to the construction of the proposed lagoon. The Save The Shell River Group was formed approx. 30 years ago to fight a proposal put forth by the Town of Roblin to build their current lagoon. Although we were unsuccessful in our attempts to stop the lagoon construction, due to our efforts the first Municipal effluent irrigation project in the province was undertaken. Subsequent wet land treatment is also being used.

In order for us as a group of concerned stake holders, and for the community to have enough time to prepare a proper response to this proposal we ask that you extend the deadline to make a representation for or against the proposal by sixty days. An April 15, 2011 deadline should give all parties likely to be affected by this proposal enough time to prepare a proper response for your consideration.

Thank you for considerations in this matter. We do not think our request is unreasonable especially when you consider the history of the area.

Best Regards;

Byron Gaber
President
Save The Shell River Group

Webb, Bruce (CON)

From: felix gaber [felix_gaber@hotmail.com]
Sent: February-08-11 10:43 PM
To: Webb, Bruce (CON)
Subject: save the shell!

BW

Hello Mr. Webb,

i'm writing to you today to voice my concern at the prospect of sewage waste being discharged into the shell river. We have a family property that runs along the river and i'm horrified to learn that this beautiful little river may be contaminated in this way. My family (including my boys owen and eric aged 10 and 8) love to go tubing down the river every summer. I don't think this would be possible if this project were to proceed. We also love to walk along the banks barefooted and admire the myriad of native flora and fauna in this delicate ecosystem. I implore you to do everything in your power to urge the local government to find an alternative solution for the disposal of the effluent for the municipality. I hope my grandchildren can enjoy the same river my family and i have enjoyed in the future.

Sincerely, Felix Gaber.

Webb, Bruce (CON)

From: Nancy E. Newall [N_Newall@umanitoba.ca]
Sent: February-09-11 3:13 PM
To: Webb, Bruce (CON)
Subject: Shell River

Bruce Webb, P.Eng.
Water Development and Control Assessment Officer, Land Use Section Environmental Assessment and Licensing Branch
123 Main Street, Ste. 160, Union Station, Winnipeg, MB R3C 1A5

Dear Bruce Webb,

RE: Direct Discharge to Shell River

It has recently been brought to my attention that there are plans to considerably heighten the pollution in the Shell River, Manitoba. As someone who spends a great deal of time in and around the area of Roblin, Manitoba, I am writing to ask you to please re-consider these plans. I am also writing to urge you to allow more time and opportunity for community input and consultation on this decision. Making changes to the water-quality of the river has ramifications for many people in the area, as well as other animals and flora. As you know, these types of important decisions can have long-lasting and even unrepairable effects on riparian zones. I again urge you to take the time to consider what long-term effects your decisions and actions will have on the Shell River, and to develop alternative plans that would be less environmentally damaging to the river and surrounding areas.

Thank you very much for your time. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Nancy Newall, PhD
Community Health Sciences
University of Manitoba
Winnipeg, MB, R3T 2N2
Email: N_Newall@umanitoba.ca

February 10, 2011

FAXED: 204-726-6290

BW

Mr. Dick Menon, M.Eng., FEC, P.Eng.
General Manager
The Manitoba Water Services Board

RM OF SHELL RIVER PROPOSED LAGOON PROJECT

This is to advise that the Town of Roblin no longer supports the lagoon project on their property at NE 20-25-28W and has withdrawn their offer to lease the land to the RM of Shell River, in part, due to the needs of the Parkland Crop Diversification Foundation. Along with utilizing more of the San Clara lagoon, the Town does however agree that the RM could possibly consider dredging and oxygenating its existing facility to help alleviate Shell River's need for sewage disposal.

Could you please find out if any of the grant dollars would be available before we decide to proceed with the work on the Town's lagoon and also if that work would be cause for the Town's licence to be in jeopardy? Can it be determined how much extra storage would be at the Town's lagoon considering the reject water from the new water treatment plant will also be going into it?

The RM of Shell River and Town of Roblin Councils look forward to your response.

RM of Shell River

Dione Cherneski, CAO

Town of Roblin

Twyla Ludwig, CAO

pc Dave Shwaluk, Chief Engineer
The Manitoba Water Services Board
Fax: 204-726-6084

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Senior Project Manager, Stantec
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Bruce Webb, Environmental Assessment & Licensing Branch
Manitoba Conservation
Fax: 204-945-5229

February 8, 2011

RM of Shell River Council
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Roblin, Manitoba
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Dear Council:

The newly-elected council for the Town of Roblin has had the opportunity to delve deeper into the issues surrounding the RM of Shell River's proposed lagoon construction on town-owned property at NE20-25-28W. Parkland Crop Diversification Foundation (PCDF) representatives that included Board members and MAFRI reps, met with our council to express their concerns over potential lagoon construction and its effects on PCDF's ongoing research. Town Council would like to make clear our position to the Council of the RM of Shell River on this matter.

In light of the fact that PCDF is entering its 15th year of providing area producers valuable and advanced field research, we feel that we need to ensure the long-term sustainability of PCDF's operations, for the continued benefit of our community at large. The delegation covered a number of topics regarding PCDF's annual requirements for conducting specialized research. Members also made clear their desire to expand operations, as finances and available acres permit. We recognize that PCDF's work benefits local, regional – even international – ag producers as a result of their pioneering work. We also recognize the positive impact PCDF's work has in educating students – future farmers – about the ever-changing world of agriculture. The delegation clearly indicated that constructing a lagoon in such close proximity to their work site would seriously jeopardize the entire operation, not the least of which would be the very real potential for loss of jobs in our community.

In addition to our desire to preserve and strengthen our relationship with PCDF, we also deem it of great importance to actively pursue ways and means of increasing our co-operation and partnership with the RM of Shell River for the betterment of all rate payers and residents of our community, both urban and rural. To this end, we have concluded the following:

1. The proposed construction of the lagoon by the RM of Shell River would not support the long-term presence and growth of PCDF in our community; as such we cannot support this lagoon project at this location.
2. We encourage Shell River to consider the possibility that dredging and oxygenating the Town of Roblin's existing facility, combined with the available capacity of the San Clara facility, could well address Shell River's current need for sewage disposal.

3. We recognize that, at this time, the RM of Shell River is committed to funding criteria that allows for the construction of a new lagoon facility; thereby giving council the prerogative to explore any option it sees fit, including a different site for lagoon construction. We understand that the Canada-Manitoba Infrastructure Program may consider an amendment to the funding application. We would be interested in exploring this option with you if you feel that incorporating the use of the town's existing facility is a viable option.

Roblin Town Council is open to discussing the matter further with your Council as soon as possible. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Twyla Ludwig

Twyla Ludwig, CMMA
Chief Administrative Officer

pc Manitoba Conservation

Webb, Bruce (CON)

From: holroydd@mymts.net on behalf of Doug Holroyd [holroydd@mts.net]
Sent: February-13-11 9:26 PM
To: Webb, Bruce (CON) BW
Subject: Proposed sewage lagoon south of Roblin

Dear Bruce Webb,

Friends have alerted me to the fact that the possibility of allowing raw sewage to flow from a lagoon south of the town of Roblin, directly into the Shell River, is being considered. I want to add my name to the list of those who emphatically oppose this idea.

I have for several years, had the opportunity to spend time with friends who have property in the Shell Valley. This beautiful area has become one of my favourite places in the province. We enjoy long hikes through the pastures, observing wildlife and all kinds of native plants. I never miss a chance to grab an inner tube to drift down the winding river.

This area is completely quiet and peaceful, a wonderful respite from a busy city life in Winnipeg. We shouldn't risk doing anything that might ruin it. In my opinion, allowing the river to be polluted with sewage would have a disastrous effect. Please reconsider this. Let's do our best to take care of our natural gifts so that they are left unspoiled for us and future generations to enjoy.

Sincerely,

Doug Holroyd

Webb, Bruce (CON)

From: toews005@mts.net
Sent: February-13-11 9:34 PM
To: Webb, Bruce (CON)
Subject: REQUEST TO EXTEND DEADLINE TO APPOSE SHELL RIVER LAGOON

February 13, 2011.

Dear Mr. Webb:

I am requesting an extension on the deadline to assist various concerned citizens with submitting a detailed response to the proposed Shell River lagoon. I am strongly apposed to the construction of a lagoon utilizing the Shell River. Various rural residents rely on this river for irrigation and recreation and it is unacceptable that a proposal could be passed which will potentially destroy the safe use of this river. More so than ever we are in times where our environment must be given first priority when making decisions on any proposed development. I am asking for you to provide this extension so our voices, knowledge and ideas can be heard.

Thank you for considerations in this matter.

Jay-Jay Toews
Supporter For A Safe Shell River

Webb, Bruce (CON)

From: Devron & Frank [dgaber@telus.net]
Sent: February-12-11 10:13 PM
To: Webb, Bruce (CON)
Subject: opposition to plan to pour sewage into the Shell River

My name is Frank Runnels and I now live in Victoria, B.C. When I lived in Manitoba, I would spend many of my weekends and part of my summer visiting friends in the Shell Valley south of Roblin. I still go there every summer for about a month.

I have recently heard of a plan by the RM of Shell River to build a new lagoon south of Roblin and drain the overflow from the lagoon into the Shell River via a ditch. I find it hard to believe that such a lagoon and disposal method would ever be allowed by any level of government in this day and age of increasing environmental responsibility. The Shell Valley is an amazing ecosystem, and I am totally opposed to any plan to pour sewage into the Shell River. The environmental damage to the river, not to mention the impact of those who use the Shell River for recreation purposes, would be devastating.

Finally, I read in the January 25 Roblin Review that the deadline for submissions from interested parties is February 15. I believe the amount of time allowed for feedback on the sewage plan is inadequate and should be significantly increased. Thank you.

February 12, 2011

Bruce Webb, P. Eng. BW
Water Development & Control Assessment Officer
Phone No.: (204) 945-7021
E-Mail: bruce.webb@gov.mb.ca

Subject: RM of Shell River Proposed Two Cell Wastewater Lagoon

We are writing to ask for an extension on the deadline for the proposed lagoon. The two cell lagoon is taking a step back from the four cell lagoon the Town of Roblin has in place. The Town of Roblin's lagoon has been in place for 30 years and did not meet with the expectations of the Save the Shell group then. Technology has improved over the past 30 years and our expectations would be for a lagoon that meets 2011 environmental standards minimally.

Thank you for your attention to our request.

Whitney, Ava, Todd and Max Gaber

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To whom it may Concern:

Regarding file # 5500.00, Rural Municipality of Shellriver Waste Water Treatment Lagoon

I would like to express my disapproval of this project, opposing the construction of the Shell River Water treatment lagoon. My nearest farmland to the proposed site is on 30-25-28.

I have concerns regarding the logic of the project plus the environment impact to the general public, ground water and immediate neighbours.

- Shell River municipality has an existing lagoon within it boundries. This lagoon is virtually being unused. It appears this will not change in the forseable future. Distance of trucking effluent in this day & age does not pose any risk to the Environment and cannot be used as justification for this project.

- I sit on Lake of the Prairies Conservation District board and one of our concerns is the protection of groundwater. Can the R.M. ensure the public that the "treated" ~~water~~ waste water

released into the ditch flowing to the Shellriver be properly monitored, tested constantly and not release any contaminents that may affect water sources.

The lagoon adjacent to the proposed site on SW 27-25-2 requires constant maintenance with the release of it's waste water and could be out of control without constant supervision

- I understand the owners of SE 29-25-28 with an existing yard site directly across from the proposed lagoon ~~only~~ has thoughts of building a dwelling on this yard once they retire. I can only imagine this would not happen if the proposed lagoon were only a few hundred meters away.

- Manitoba Agriculture through PCDF have crop trials right where the lagoon is to be placed. They employ 3-4 individuals. These trial plots would have to move ~~with~~ and the possibility of leaving the Robin area.

- Finally we as local residents put up with the odour of the existing lagoon on SW 27-25-28 on many day as we drive up 83 highway when the wind is from the east. With the proposed site on the west site we will not be able to escape the smell whenever the wind blows. The area wants to make our area the fly fishing capital. We can use this odour as a way of welcoming the tourists to the area.

Yours sincerely

Garth Livingston
NE 12-25-29

Webb, Bruce (CON)

From: Kevin Morrall [morrallkevin@gmail.com]
Sent: February-14-11 4:01 PM
To: Webb, Bruce (CON)
Subject: re: save the shell

BW

Mr Webb,

I am emailing you to let you know that I don't agree with the proposal to build a lagoon that will empty into the shell river.

I also believe that the deadline for tomorrow that you have set should be extended as it is clearly not enough time for the proper decisions to be made.

Thank you,
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Kevin Morrall
Skype: kevinmorrall
Phone: 1.204.794.9744

Webb, Bruce (CON)

From: Devron Gaber [dgaber@bccat.ca]
Sent: February-14-11 7:16 PM BW
To: Webb, Bruce (CON)
Subject: opposition to proposed plan by RM of Shell River to drain lagoon into the Shell River

My name is Devron Gaber, and I now live in Vancouver, B.C. I am a land owner in the Shell Valley at SE 10-24-28 and SW 11-24-28. I was recently informed of a proposal by the RM of Shell River to build a lagoon south of Roblin near the existing lagoon for the purpose of collecting sewage from the cottages at the Lake of the Prairies. I also learned that the RM of Shell River plans to pump sewage effluent from the lagoon down a ditch across Route 83 highway directly into the Shell River. I am writing to express my strong opposition to this proposal. The Shell River is already a river under environmental stress because of the cattle that graze up and down the Shell Valley and because of possible effluent flow from the existing lagoon. Pumping sewage water directly into the Shell River will add significantly to the nutrient loading of the Shell River and would likely be very detrimental to wildlife and possibly plant life in the ecosystem.

I also spend time in the valley every summer and plan to spend a lot more time in the Shell Valley when I retire in 2012 as I have a home down there. I make use of the river, as do many of my friends and relatives, for tubing in the summer or for walking down the river when it's shallow to identify plant and bird species. Having a lagoon discharge directly into the river a few miles upstream would definitely have a negative impact on our use of the river, which runs right through the land that we own.

I also understand that the deadline for making a submission to your office about this proposal is February 15. I would request an extension of that deadline as I do not feel there has been adequate time for concerned individuals to state their concern about this proposal by the RM of Shell River. I have spoken to many others who are absolutely opposed to this proposal.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at this email address. Thank you.

Devron Gaber

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Webb, Bruce (CON)

From: Bill & Lloyd [fisgor1@shaw.ca]
Sent: February-28-11 6:24 PM
To: Webb, Bruce (CON) BW
Subject: Fw: Shell River

Dear Bruce,

As a property owner in the Boulton-Shellmouth municipality, I wish to add my voice to those opposed to the dumping of municipal effluent into the Shell River.

William R. Gorda
710-225 Belleville St
Victoria BC V8V 4T9

Ph. 250 294 5253