

## **SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PROPONENT:** Department of Highways  
**PROPOSAL NAME:** Upgrading of PR 373 ( from 12.6 km. east of PTH 6 to Sipiwesk Lake Access Road)  
**CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT:** 2  
**TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT:** Transportation  
**CLIENT FILE NO.:** 4161.00

### **OVERVIEW:**

The Proposal was received on April 4, 1996. The Proposal was dated March 27, 1996. The advertisement of the Proposal read as follows:

"A Proposal has been filed by the Department of Highways and Transportation to upgrade a section of Provincial Road #373 beginning 12.6 km. east of PTH 6 to the Sipiwesk Lake Access Road. The proposed development consists of grade widening and construction of a two lane all weather road to accommodate future asphalt treatment. The proposed upgrade will be accomplished within the existing right-of-way except where a minor relocation is required at the junction of PR 373 and the Sipiwesk Lake Access Road. The development will be scheduled for construction once all government agencies' requirements have been met.

The Proposal was advertised in the Thompson Nickel Belt News on April 22, 1996. It was placed in the Main Registry, the Centennial Public Library, the Eco-Network and the Wabowden Community Town Office. It was also distributed to "Transportation" TAC members for comment on April 19, 1996. Comments from the TAC and the public were requested by May 16, 1996.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

No public responses to the advertisement were received.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:**

**Manitoba Environment - Northern Region** No specific concerns. With regard to construction camps recommend that Department of Highways comply with Manitoba Regulations 335/88R ( Construction camp), 95/88R( Sewage disposal ), 92/88R and 150/91 ( Solid waste disposal ). Drinking water for the construction camp shall be

obtained from an approved source. Untreated surface water is not an approved source. Note that soils which do not meet the Department of Highways specifications are termed waste soils and should be disposed of in an environmentally sound manner. Recommend that waste soils without significant hydrocarbon contamination may be deposited in abandoned sub-base (clay or glacial till ) borrow pits. Waste soils with excessive organic

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content should not be deposited in abandoned sand or gravel pits. Recommend that wherever feasible, existing borrow pits for base and sub-base material should be utilized rather than establishing new borrow pits. Destruction of vegetation should be minimized as much as possible. The storage and handling of petroleum products and other dangerous goods must conform with *The Dangerous Goods Handling and Transportation Act and MR 97/88R*.

Disposition:

The comments can be accommodated as conditions of licencing.

**Manitoba Environment - Water Quality** Note that Water Quality Management concerns have been addressed in the Environment Act Proposal including mention that the stream crossing on Clark Creek will be constructed in accordance with guidelines in the *Recommended Fish Protection Procedures for Stream Crossings in Manitoba*. Recommend that precautions be taken to prevent erosion and sedimentation.

Disposition:

The recommendation to prevent and control erosion can be accommodated as a conditions of licencing.

**Manitoba Natural Resources** Recommend that the proponent contact the regional office of the Department of Natural Resources in Thompson concerning the use of Crown mercantable softwood. Also recommend that the proponent contact the DNR Crown Lands Branch concerning reservation requirements for the additional right-of-way. b Suggest that borrow pit locations be reviewed in consultation with the regional IRMT to avoid impacting established plantations. Recommend that abandoned grades be reclaimed where possible.

Disposition:

The comments can be accommodated as licence conditions.

**Manitoba Energy and Mines** No concerns

**Community Economic Development** No land use or development concerns.

**Historic Resources** No concerns with regard to the project's impact on heritage resources.

**Health** No concerns

**Fisheries and Oceans Canada** DFO is satisfied that the proponent has included their recommendations in the Environment Act proposal which were provided by DFO during Highways interdepartmental screening of the proposal. DFO concludes that the proposed work will not result in the harmful alteration, disruption or destruction of fish habitat. As such, an Authorization under Section 35(2) of the Fisheries Act will not be required and DFO is therefore not a responsible authority pursuant to the CEAA.

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**Indian and Northern Affairs Canada** Note that no First Nations or their lands will be adversely affected by the Proposal. DIANA has forwarded a copy of the Proposal directly to the Norway House and Cross Lake First Nations as information.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

A public hearing is not recommended for this project as no public concerns were identified.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The comments and concerns identified by the TAC can be accommodated as conditions of licencing for the project. Therefore, it is recommended that the Development be licenced 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 assigned to the Manitoba Environment Northern Region.

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