

## **SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PROPONENT:** James J. Berscheid  
**PROPOSAL NAME:** Berscheid Meats  
**CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT:** Class 1  
**TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT:** Meat Processing  
**CLIENT FILE NO.:** 4204.00

### **OVERVIEW:**

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

The Proposal is to construct and operate a meat processing plant at The Pas, which would also serve as the retail outlet, for meat that would originate from the proponent's proposed slaughterhouse which is located elsewhere outside of The Pas and is being addressed as a separate Development. The phasing in of this proposal would coincide with the phasing out of the meat processing activities presently being carried out at the site of the proposed slaughterhouse.

All wastewater is proposed to be collected in two holding tanks, with regular pump-outs hauled to the Town of The Pas sewage lagoon. All waste animal parts are proposed to be stored in bins in a freezer and either sold privately or picked up by a rendering company. The proponent also proposes to produce smoked meat products on-site. This activity could result in the release of odours. Potential noise emissions from cooling system compressors were not addressed in the proposal since they were considered not to pose any threat. It may, however, be advisable to address odours and noise in the Licence in the event that other commercial enterprises want to locate near the Development in the future.

Whereas the Development is proposed to be constructed on Crown land which is zoned for highway commercial use and is in the process of being subdivided, the proponent has received a General Permit issued by Crown Lands, and 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.

**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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