

## **SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PROPOSER:** MR. MILTON PLETT  
**PROPOSAL NAME:** MILTON PLETT  
**CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT:** 1  
**TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT:** BULK HANDLING - GRANULAR FERTILIZER STORAGE

**CLIENT FILE NO.:** 4534.00

### **OVERVIEW:**

On July 10, 2000, Manitoba Conservation received a Proposal dated June 28, 2000, to construct/install and operate a bulk organic fertilizer storage, and distribution facilities to be located on the SE ¼ 19-23-1 EPM in the Rural Municipality of Bifrost. The proponent intends to use some existing farm buildings to store mini-bulk bags of organic fertilizer and install a hopper bottom grain bin to store additional bulk granular fertilizer. The project is a side-line business to his farming production and will require minimum hours of operation.

No public concerns were received in response to the advertisement of this proposal in the Interlake Spectator published on Monday July 17, 2000. The proposal was placed in the Public Registries at the Centennial Public Library, the Rural Municipality of Bifrost, Manitoba Eco-Network and the Environment Library (Main). The proposal was distributed to TAC on July 10, 2000, with the closing date for TAC and Public comments on August 14, 2000.

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

No public responses were received.

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

**Culture, Heritage and Recreation - Historic Resources** has no concern with regard to its potential impact on heritage resources.

**Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency** state that based on their staff survey, application of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* with respect to this proposal is not required.

**Natural Resources - Policy Coordination Branch** have reviewed this proposal and state that due to lack of information provided they could not assess the impacts of this proposal.

Disposition

Additional information regarding soil and water in the area, has been supplied by the proponent.

**Community Planning Services** state the propose site is located in an Agriculture Zone where fertilizer storage is an accessory use, they have no land use concerns.

**Highways & Government Services** state they have no concerns regarding this proposal providing the storage is located a minimum 125 feet from highway right-of-way.

**Environmental Management** Water Quality has reviewed the proposal and stress the need to clean up granular fertilizer spills to prevent material carried by water to the Islandic River which is less than a km from the municipal ditch along PR 329. Terrestrial Quality Mgt. requested further information regarding the type and characteristics of the organic fertilizer.

Disposition

Further product information was supplied by the proponent and concerns are addressed in the draft licence.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

- No public hearing will be conducted.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

TAC concerns are addressed in the draft licence.

The responsibility for enforcement of the Licence should remain with Approvals Branch until the proponent complies with Clauses 1, 12, 13, and 14.

A draft Environment Act Licence is attached for the Director's consideration.

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