

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

PROPONENT: Lafarge Canada Inc.
PROPOSAL NAME: Lafarge Dawson Road Ready Mix
CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT: 1
TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT: Manufacturing – Concrete Batch Plants
FILE NO.: 6175.00

OVERVIEW

The Proposal was dated and received on January 24, 2023. The advertisement of the Proposal was as follows:

“Lafarge Canada Inc. filed an Environment Act Proposal to continue running a concrete batch plant at 210 Dawson Road in the City of Winnipeg. The plant serves the City of Winnipeg and the surrounding area. It produces a maximum of 120 m³ of concrete per hour and has tools to manage and control dust emissions.”

The Proposal was advertised in the Winnipeg Free Press on Saturday March 4, 2023. It was placed in the Online Public Registry at:

<https://www.manitoba.ca/sd/eal/registries/6175/index.html>

The Proposal was distributed to Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) members on March 3, 2023.

The closing date for comments from members of the public and TAC members was April 3, 2023.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Five public comments were received from which two are supporting the project while three are opposing it. The following summarizes the comments received.

1. Carolyn Kwiatek, Barb Markusa, and DR G HABECK

They are opposed to the project due to concern of carbon emission, dust, toxic release, and concern that public health will be compromised. They requested the facility to relocate outside Winnipeg.

2. Ernie Cooper and Abe Neufeld

They indicated support for the continued operation of the concrete batch plant.

Disposition:

The draft licence terms and conditions address issues related to air emissions that address the concerns raised.

COMMENTS FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) responses are listed in Table 1 below. Substantive comments are provided following the table. TAC comments are provided in full in the public registry.

Table 1 Lafarge Canada Inc. - Lafarge Dawson Road Ready Mix
Technical Advisory Committee Comments

No	Technical Advisory Committee Member	Response Provided
1	Manitoba Environment and Climate:	
	Environmental Approvals Branch	
	Energy Program	No response
	Air Quality Management	March 28, 2023
	Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Branch	March 30, 2023
	Office of Drinking Water	March 6, 2023
	Environmental Programs and Remediation Branch	No response
	Drainage and Water Rights Licensing Branch	No response
	Water Use Licensing Section	No response
	Drainage and Water Rights Licensing Section	No response
	Water Quality Management Section	No response
	Groundwater Management Section	No response
	Climate Change and Clean Technology	No response
2	Natural Resource and Northern Development:	
	Parks Branch	March 13, 2023
	Wildlife and Fisheries Branch (wildlife)	April 5, 2023
	Wildlife and Fisheries Branch (fisheries)	No response
	Forestry and Peatlands Branch	March 20, 2023
	Lands and Planning	No response
	Crown Land Specialist	No response
	Mines Program	March 15, 2023
	Petroleum Program	March 17, 2023
3	Manitoba Sport, Culture, and Heritage – Historic Resources Branch	March 22, 2023
4	Manitoba Municipal Relations:	
	Community Planning Branch	No response
5	Manitoba Labour, Consumer Protection and Government Services	
	Inspection and Technical Services	March 13, 2023
6	Manitoba Transportation Infrastructure – Environmental Services and Consultation Branch	March 24, 2023
7	Manitoba Health – Winnipeg Regional Health Authority	March 22, 2023

Manitoba Environment and Climate – Air Quality Management Section

Air Quality Section provided the following comments:

- No significant impact on air quality since the plant is equipped with engineered control and dust suppression equipment.
- Suggested to include a licence clause regarding noise nuisance.

Disposition:

Clauses 8 and 9 of the draft licence address issues related air emissions while clause 10 addresses noise concerns.

Manitoba Environment and Climate – Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Branch

Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Branch provided the following comments:

- Please provide more information on the design specifications of the large washout area on the property and how it will be utilized.
- Please provide more information on the proposed admixtures (e.g., MSDS) that reduce liquid discharge and how they are used on site.

Disposition:

The proponent provided the requested information. The Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Branch reviewed the additional information had no further comment.

Manitoba Health – Winnipeg Regional Health Authority

Due to the proximity of the facility to Dufresne neighborhood, Winnipeg Regional Health Authority provided a comment with respect to noise impact. Winnipeg Regional Health Authority requested whether a noise impacts assessment considering cumulative impacts from the Mission Industrial area is performed.

Disposition:

The proponent provided the information. The Winnipeg Regional Health Authority reviewed the information and had no further question.

Natural Resource and Northern Development - Forestry and Peatlands Branch

Forestry and Peatlands branch requested information regarding the source of aggregate.

Disposition:

The proponent provided the requested information. Forestry and Peatlands branch reviewed the information and had no further question.

Manitoba Sport, Culture, and Heritage – Historic Resources Branch

Based on current data the branch has no concern. However, if at any time heritage resources are encountered in association with these lands during testing and development, the Historic Resources Branch may require that an acceptable heritage resource management strategy be implemented by the developer to mitigate the effects of development on the heritage resources.

Disposition:

The comment was forwarded to the proponent for information and compliance. In addition, clause 3 of the draft licence requires the licensee to comply with the requirement of The Heritage Resources Act.

PUBLIC HEARING

The proposal received support for and against from the public. Those opposed raised concerns of air emissions that compromise public health. The public concerns are addressed through the licence terms and conditions; therefore, a public hearing is not recommended.

CROWN-INDIGENOUS CONSULTATION

The Government of Manitoba recognizes it has a duty to consult in a meaningful way with Indigenous communities when any proposed provincial law, regulation, decision, or action may infringe upon or adversely affect the exercise of the Indigenous rights of that community.

The proposed plant is an existing operation located on private property within the City of Winnipeg zoned for industrial use. In addition, the initial assessment indicated that no effects on Indigenous rights are anticipated; therefore, Crown-Indigenous consultation is not required.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the development be licensed under The Environment Act subject to the limits, terms, and conditions as described on the attached draft Environment Act licence. Administration of the licence should be assigned to the Winnipeg Region of the Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Branch.

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