


DATE: October 30, 2025

TO: Public Registry

FROM: Desalegn Edossa
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SUBJECT: File 6247.00 – Centra Gas Manitoba Inc.– Dominion City to Altona Gas Transmission Pipeline

Please find attached the public and TAC correspondence related to Centra Gas Manitoba Inc. – Dominion City to Altona Gas Transmission Pipeline (file 6247.00) for distribution to the public registries. The documents included are:

No.	Public Comment	Response
1		February 27, 2025

No	Technical Advisory Committee Member	Response Provided
1	Environment and Climate Change	
	Environmental Approvals Branch	
	• Air Quality Management	No response
	Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Branch	
	• ECE – Branch	No response
	• ECE – Provincial Manager	No response
	• ECE – Regional/Portage	April 2, 2025
	Office of Drinking Water	March 12, 2025
	Drainage and Water Rights Licensing Branch	
	• Drainage and Water Rights Licensing Section	March 25, 2025
	• Water Use Licensing Section	March 21, 2025
	Water Science and Watershed Management Branch	
	• Water Quality Management Section	No response
	• Groundwater Management Section	No response
	Climate Action and Energy Innovation Division	April 10, 2025
	Parks and Trails	March 21, 2025
	Aquatic Invasive Species	No response
2	Natural Resources and Indigenous Futures	
	Wildlife and Fisheries Branch (wildlife)	August 27, 2025
	Wildlife and Fisheries Branch (fisheries)	April 3, 2025
	Forestry and Peatlands Branch	March 20, 2025
	Lands and Planning	April 7, 2025
	Crown Land Specialist	No response
3	Business, Mining, Trade and Job Creation	
	Mines	March 24, 2025
	Petroleum	March 14, 2025
4	Sport, Culture, Heritage and Tourism -	
	Historic Resources Branch	April 2, 2025
5	Municipal and Northern Relations	
	Community Planning Branch	No response
6	Transportation and Infrastructure	
	Highway Operations Region	May 7, 2025
	Roadside Development	No response
	Hydrologic Forecasting & Water Management, Technical Services & Operations	April 4, 2025
7	Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care -	
	South Central Region – Regional Health Authority	April 7, 2025
8	Environment and Climate Change Canada	
	Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	No response

COMMENT FROM THE PUBLIC

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: February 27, 2025 5:15 AM
To: Wood, Bryce <Bryce.Wood@gov.mb.ca>
Subject: Centra application to expand gas network

Dear Mr. Wood,

I have recently learned of an application submitted by MB Hydro on behalf of Centra to expand/upgrade certain parts of its gas distribution grid.

Will this application be going to a hearing?

Regards,

[REDACTED]

COMMENTS FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Branch

From: Whiter, Mariah <Mariah.Whiter@gov.mb.ca>

Sent: April 2, 2025 10:39 AM

To: Wood, Bryce <Bryce.Wood@gov.mb.ca>

Subject: RE: Please comment on the Dominion City to Altona Pipeline Project - File 6247.00

Hi

Environmental Compliance and Enforcement has no comments or concerns at this time.

Thank you

Mariah Whiter

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Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Branch

Environment and Climate Change

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Office of Drinking Water

From: +WPG569 - Drinking Water - Approvals <drinkingwater.approvals@gov.mb.ca>
Sent: March 12, 2025 11:47 AM
To: Wood, Bryce <Bryce.Wood@gov.mb.ca>
Subject: RE: Please comment on the Dominion City to Altona Pipeline Project - File 6247.00

No concerns.

Office of Drinking Water (ODW)

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Drainage & Water Rights Licencing Branch

From: Osborne-Anderson, Daniel <Daniel.Osborne-Anderson@gov.mb.ca>

Sent: March 25, 2025 9:10 AM

To: Wood, Bryce <Bryce.Wood@gov.mb.ca>

Subject: RE: Please comment on the Dominion City to Altona Pipeline Project - File 6247.00

Good Morning,

On behalf of the Drainage & Water Rights Licencing Branch – Drainage Section, there are no concerns and no requirement for an authorization under the Water Rights Act as it appears there are no new water control works proposed. If water control works are proposed that are not part of the Environment Act Licence, an authorization under the Water Rights Act is required. If any proposed Water Control Works are authorized within the Environment Act Licence, they are exempt from the requirement to obtain an authorization under the Water Rights Act.

Note #1 - Any filling or draining of regulated wetlands (Class 3, 4 or 5) constitutes the construction of water control works.

Note #2 – Class 6, 7 and Unimproved organic soils (ag capability) cannot be drained.

Thank you,

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Water Use Licensing Section

From: Wai, Callan <Callan.Wai@gov.mb.ca>

Sent: March 21, 2025 10:43 AM

To: Wood, Bryce <Bryce.Wood@gov.mb.ca>

Cc: Butterfield, Tamara <Tamara.Butterfield@gov.mb.ca>

Subject: RE: Please comment on the Dominion City to Altona Pipeline Project - File 6247.00

Hi Bryce,

The Water Use Licensing Section (of the Drainage and Water Rights Licensing Branch) has no concerns with the project as proposed. If dewatering activities, or any use of water, is required we request that the applicant contact this Section at wateruse@gov.mb.ca or 204-945-3983 to discuss licensing, permits or approvals that may be required under The Water Rights Act.

Thanks,

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Climate Action and Energy Innovation Division (CAEI)

From: Rempel, Roger <Roger.Rempel@gov.mb.ca>

Sent: April 10, 2025 9:10 AM

To: Wood, Bryce <Bryce.Wood@gov.mb.ca>

Cc: +WPG725 - Climate and Green Initiatives Info <ccinfo@gov.mb.ca>

Subject: COMMENTS - Dominion City to Altona Pipeline Project EA File 6247 - Due April 10.

Good Morning Bryce,

Re: review and commentary for Dominion City to Altona Pipeline, due for April 10.

The Environment Act Proposal “*Dominion City to Altona Gas Transmission Pipeline*” submitted on December 20, 2024, by Manitoba Hydro was reviewed by CAEI. The GHG assessment within the proposal includes foundational life-cycle accounting, but does not yet meet best practices regarding transparency, policy alignment, mitigation planning or resilience integration. Addressing these issues will support infrastructure development that is low-carbon and resilient to existing and emerging climate impacts.

1. GHG Inventory Gaps.

The estimation of GHGs in Section 13.2 is insufficient. The project estimates total life-cycle emissions at 13,998 tCO₂e over 50 years, broken down across construction and operation phases of the project. Market response emissions are acknowledged but are assessed only qualitatively. A gap also exists through omissions of emissions associated with natural gas production, processing, and transmission before reaching Manitoba Hydro’s system.

Recommendation: Include upstream emissions using ECCC’s National Inventory Report and account for fugitive methane emissions.

2. Lack of Alignment with Net-Zero Pathways

The assessment lacks analysis of how the project aligns with Manitoba or Canada targets for net-zero emissions by 2050.

Recommendation: Provide scenario analysis showing compatibility with 2050 emissions reduction goals.

3. No GHG Mitigation Strategy In Place

No measures are currently proposed to mitigate emissions during construction or operation.

Recommendations: Commit to specific low-carbon practices, including potential for renewable diesel or electric construction equipment, optimised transportation logistics, low-emission valves and fittings, integration of internal carbon pricing or offsetting.

4. Incomplete Climate Resilience Assessment

Climate risks including flooding, altered freeze-thaw cycles and extreme heat are not integrated into pipeline design or adaptive planning.

Recommendation: Conduct a project-specific climate risk and resilience assessment. Adapt trenching depth, corrosion protection and valve placement to account for extreme weather events and long-term shifts in operating environment conditions.

5. Lack of Benchmarking and GHG Intensity Metrics

GHG intensity is not benchmarked against other pipelines or infrastructure standards.

Recommendation: Report GHG emissions as tonnes CO₂e per GJ delivered. Compare to Canadian benchmarks for natural gas transmission.

Parks

From: +WPG137 - Parks Circulars <ParksCirculars@gov.mb.ca>

Sent: March 21, 2025 2:30 PM

To: Wood, Bryce <Bryce.Wood@gov.mb.ca>

Subject: RE: Please comment on the Dominion City to Altona Pipeline Project - File 6247.00

Hello,

Parks Branch has reviewed Dominion City to Altona Pipeline Project - File 6247.00 and has no comments to provide.

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Wildlife Branch

From: +WPG569 - Wildlife Circulars <wildlifecirculars@gov.mb.ca>
Sent: August 27, 2025 2:33 PM
To: Wood, Bryce <Bryce.Wood@gov.mb.ca>; Zbigniewicz, Maria <Maria.Zbigniewicz@gov.mb.ca>
Cc: +WPG569 - Wildlife Circulars <wildlifecirculars@gov.mb.ca>
Subject: RE: Please comment on the Dominion City to Altona Pipeline Project - File 6247.00

Hello Bryce,

Thanks for the opportunity to review this proposal.

Where vegetation clearing is required, (e.g., adjacent woodlots, or other areas of perennial herbaceous or woody vegetation), clearing and stripping of vegetation should occur outside the breeding bird window for this area, namely April 15th to August 31st inclusive, unless a bird nest and nesting activity survey is completed within seven days of the work and no nests or nesting activity is found.

Topsoil removed for construction should be replaced and re-contoured to the original slopes upon completion of construction.

Care should be taken not to introduce or spread noxious species, as per the Noxious Weeds Act 5(1), by keeping equipment transported from other sites clear and free of soils and any plant materials.

Sincerely,

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Fisheries

From: Kroeker, Derek <Derek.Kroeker@gov.mb.ca>
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Subject: RE: Please comment on the Dominion City to Altona Pipeline Project - File 6247.00

Hello Bryce,

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project proposal.

Fisheries staff have reviewed this proposal and are satisfied with the mitigation measure to cross waterbodies that may contain fish and fish habitat – namely directional drilling under these watercourses. Fisheries would like to emphasize proper erosion and sediment control in any area where water could flow into municipal drainages and then into creeks and drains that are fish bearing, or possess seasonally used fish habitat.

We have no further comments or suggestions at this time.

Thank you.

Derek

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Forestry and Peatlands

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Sent: March 20, 2025 11:33 AM
To: Wood, Bryce <Bryce.Wood@gov.mb.ca>
Subject: RE: Please comment on the Dominion City to Altona Pipeline Project - File 6247.00

Forestry and Peatlands has no concerns.

Jane



Memorandum

DATE: April 7, 2025

TO: Bryce Wood
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SUBJECT: Dominion City to Altona Pipeline Project – File 6247.00

The Lands and Planning Branch of Manitoba Natural Resources and Indigenous Futures has reviewed the Dominion City to Altona Pipeline Project and has the following comments:

- Where the proposed route for the transmission pipeline crosses private lands, Lands and Planning Branch does not have related comments.
- The Crown land area west of, and adjacent to, the Red River is under the administration and control of Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure. If not already contacted for review and comments, MTI should be invited to comment on the proposal and able to assist with related Crown land authorizations.

Patrick Watson
A/Manager

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Mines Branch

From: +WPG1195 - Mines Regulatory <MinesBr_Regulatory@gov.mb.ca>
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Subject: RE: Please comment on the Dominion City to Altona Pipeline Project - File 6247.00

Good morning,

No concerns from Mines branch.

Regards,

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Petroleum Branch

From: Leonen, Leonardo <Leonardo.Leonen@gov.mb.ca>
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Subject: RE: Please comment on the Dominion City to Altona Pipeline Project - File 6247.00

Good afternoon Bryce,

The proponent needs to obtain written consent or crossing agreement with Imperial Oil Limited & TransCanada Pipelines Limited. Looks like this pipeline will be constructed and operated under The Gas Pipeline Act –if I'm not mistaken, the proponent may require a permit or licence from Public Utilities Board and/or ECC Minister pipeline construction permit (if different from EA Licence).

Thank you.

Leo

Historic Resources Branch

From: +WPG574 - HRB Archaeology <HRB.archaeology@gov.mb.ca>
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Subject: RE: Please comment on the Dominion City to Altona Pipeline Project - File 6247.00

Good afternoon,

Historic Resources Branch (HRB) has reviewed the Dominion City to Altona Gas Transmission Pipeline Environmental Assessment Report and find ourselves in general agreement with the findings of the proponent's heritage consultant – namely, that a heritage resource impact assessment (HRIA) will be necessary in order to mitigate the potential effects of the project on heritage resources, with the terms of that HRIA to be decided in consultation with HRB in advance of ground disturbing activities.

We have just a couple of minor adjustments to suggest for the language used in Section 6.1.2.1 (report page 134). When listing the types of sites that HRB tracks, the provided list fails to mention palaeontological sites and also does not mention abandoned cemeteries and historical burials not associated with cemeteries. As well, it should be noted that both provincial and municipal sites must undergo a formal designation process before they are actually protected as part of the registry.

As such, HRB would suggest the following revisions to the list of site types in Section 6.1.2.1 (with proposed changes highlighted in red):

“This registry includes the following categories:

- Archaeological sites
- Palaeontological sites
- Designated provincial sites
- Designated municipal sites
- Commemorative plaques
- Cemeteries, including abandoned historical cemeteries and other burial sites”

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out at any time.

Kind regards,

Gordon Wallace

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Highway Operations

From: DiNella, Jeff <Jeff.DiNella@gov.mb.ca>

Sent: May 7, 2025 10:58 AM

To: Wood, Bryce <Bryce.Wood@gov.mb.ca>

Subject: RE: Please comment on the Dominion City to Altona Pipeline Project - File 6247.00

Hi Bryce

Sorry for the late response. Please find below our comments:

- Any proposed increased easement that will move the transmission line closer to highway right of way and within highway controlled area will require review from the Department
- Existing gate station 7.5km east of Dominion City:
 - o any expansion within highway controlled area or changes to accesses with controlled area will require a permit from Highway Access Management
 - o Any gate valves or 'pig launchers' within highway controlled area will require a permit from Highway Design – Access Management
 - o No gate valves will be allowed within highway right of way
- Highway Crossings:
 - o PTH 75: a utility permit application/ review/ approval will be required from the Capital Region prior to finalizing alignment design and issuing approval to construction. This section of pipe to be installed by directional drilling.
 - o PR 200: a utility permit application/ review/ approval will be required from the Capital Region prior to finalizing alignment design and issuing approval to construction. This section of pipe to be installed by directional drilling.
 - o Main Drain (NW 16-2-3E): please note that a shoofly detour is being constructed at this location and coordination of construction activities may need to be coordinated
 - o PTH 30: a utility permit application/ review/ approval will be required from the Capital Region prior to finalizing alignment design and issuing approval to construction. This section of pipe to be installed by directional drilling at 90 degree (preferred)

Reviewed map 11-1 (page 343 of 622)

- No x-section provided, so can't verify that preferred route shown in GREEN (south of PR 201) would fall in MTI ROW or in controlled area. I agree we should verify this as we have construction planned on PR 201 to upgrade the highway loading in this area. On map 2-1 it looks like the proposed gasline is within its own ROW or easement area outside of ours but that it is likely within the controlled area.

Jeff DiNella

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Hydrologic Forecasting & Water Management



Memorandum

DATE: April 4, 2025

TO: Bryce Wood
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SUBJECT: Proposed Subdivision
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RM of Roland
EAP 6247.00
Centra Gas Manitoba Inc.

The applicant proposes to install an 8-inch steel gas transmission pipeline and associated above-ground control structures.

The proposed route would cross provincial water infrastructure in a number of locations, including a crossing on Harlow Drain, Main Drain, Marais River and possibly Dominion City Community Dike. In addition, it appears the proposal may include a section which would be parallel to Dominion Ancillary Drain (1). These waterbodies are designated provincial water infrastructure. Designated provincial water infrastructure are subject to section 15.2(1) of the Water Resources Administration Act which states:

Unless the minister has issued a permit for the activity, a person must not do any of the following:

- a. construct, or otherwise place or establish, any works or structures on, over, under, through or across provincial water infrastructure;*
- b. place material on, or remove material from, provincial water infrastructure;*
- c. perform any activity on or near provincial water infrastructure, or use the provincial water infrastructure in a manner, that*
 - i. affects or has the potential to affect its structural integrity,*
 - ii. degrades or has the potential to degrade its vegetation cover or any other covering material intended to limit erosion, or*
 - iii. has the potential to impair its function.*

A Provincial Water Infrastructure Permit must be obtained prior to the commencement of any construction or activity along provincial water infrastructure.

A Provincial Water Infrastructure Permit can be applied for at: <https://forms.gov.mb.ca/pww/>.

Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure does **not** typically allow utilities to be installed parallel to provincial water infrastructure. We would recommend that the portion of the line proposed to be parallel to Dominion Ancillary Drain (1) be kept well out of the right-of-way of the provincial water infrastructure.

The proposed project is within the Red River Valley Designated Flood Area and is subject to [Section 17 of the Water Resources Administration Act](#) and the [Designated Flood Area Regulation](#). Above-ground infrastructure may be at risk of flooding. We recommend that above-ground infrastructure be built to withstand flooding either via construction or by building to appropriate flood protection levels.

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY
Angela Howells

Regional Health Authority

From: Benoit, Peter <Peter.Benoit@gov.mb.ca>
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Subject: RE: Please comment on the Dominion City to Altona Pipeline Project - File 6247.00

Good morning Bryce,

I have reviewed this project and I have no specific concerns.

Thank you,

Peter

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