

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

PROPONENT: Highways and Transportation
PROPOSAL NAME: Provincial Road 354 (from the Norman Elevator to PTH 24 – R.M. of Blanshard)
CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT: 2
TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT: Transportation
CLIENT FILE NO.: 4402.00

OVERVIEW:

The Environment Act Proposal was dated November 20, 1998 and was received on November 26, 1998. The advertisement of the Proposal read as follows:

“A Proposal has been filed by Manitoba Department of Highways and Transportation to upgrade PR 354 from the Norman Elevator to PTH 24, a distance of 8.2 km. The road will be upgraded to meet current Department of Highways and Transportation standards by increasing road surface to 8.4 m and by removing a speed restricted s-curve immediately south of the PTH 24 junction. An additional 7.4 m of right-of-way is required from either side of the existing 30 m right-of-way. Upgrading of the roadway will involve removing unsuitable embankment material from the existing grade and replacing it with suitable material excavated from within the expanded right-of-way or from borrow areas located within 800m of the right-of-way. Manitoba Highways and Transportation will finalize roadway design details and proceed with acquisition of additional right-of-way once all government agencies’ requirements have been met.”

The Proposal was advertised in the Hamiota Echo on Monday, December 14, 1998. It was made available for public review at registries located at 123 Main Street, Union Station, Winnipeg, the Centennial Public Library, R.M. of Blanshard municipal office and was distributed to the "Transportation" TAC members for comment. Comments were requested by January 14, 1999.

PUBLIC RESPONSE

No comments were received from the public in response to the Environment Act advertisement of the Proposal.

COMMENTS FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Natural Resources - DNR is pleased with the quality and the content of the Proposal. Request that the Regional Wildlife Manager be provided with the construction schedule and notified when critical wildlife habitat areas may be disturbed as a result of construction. The Regional Wildlife Manager should also be consulted with regard to the selection and rehabilitation of borrow areas.

Disposition:

Recommendations can be accommodated as conditions in the Licence.

Environment (Water Quality) - Provided that drainage patterns are not altered and appropriate erosion control measures are put in place, as outlined in the Proposal, WQM does not have any concerns.

Environment (Park-West Region) - Licencing conditions routinely applied to this type of development should adequately address parameters of concern to the Region.

Disposition:

The Licence will require that the Licencee adhere to the environmental protection measures as outlined in the Proposal.

Historic Resources - No concerns with regard to the project's potential to impact heritage resources.

Mines Branch - No concerns.

Rural Development - No planning concerns.

Health - The proposed environmental management practices outlined in section 1.9 of the Proposal should prevent or mitigate potential health related impacts.

Disposition:

The Licence will require that the Licencee adhere to the environmental protection measures as outlined in the Proposal.

Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CCEA) - Based on responses from reviewing federal departments and agencies, application of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* will not be required.

Recommendation

Public hearings on the Proposal are not recommended. It is recommended that the development be licenced under The Environment Act in accordance with terms and conditions described in the attached draft Environment Act Licence. It is further recommended that enforcement of the Licence be assigned to the Park-West Region.

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