

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS / RECOMMENDATIONS

PROPONENT: Brian and Carol Buchberger
PROPOSAL NAME: Buchberger Custom Cuts
CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT: Class 1
TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT: Meat Processing Plant
CLIENT FILE NO.: 5372.00

OVERVIEW:

On October 27, 2008 Manitoba Conservation received an Environment Act Proposal from Brian and Carol Buchberger to construct and operate a meat processing plant at the Town of The Pas,

On November 5, 2008, copies of the Proposal were sent to the applicable members of the inter-departmental Technical Advisory Committee, and to interested federal departments via the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA), for their review and comment. As well, copies of the Proposal were placed into the Main Registry at the Union Station (Main Floor) in Winnipeg, and also sent to Manitoba Eco-Network.

On November 14, 2008, the Proposal was advertised in the The Pas OPASQUIA TMES, and also posted on MB Conservation's Environmental Assessment and Llicencing 's web-site.

The closing date for comment from the TAC and the public s was set at Friday December 12, 2008.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No comments or inquiries were received from the public in response to the advertisement.

COMMENTS FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE & CEAA:

Sustainable Resource Management of Manitoba Conservation commented that they had no concerns with the Proposal.

Environmental Services of MB Conservation commented that they identified no concerns.

Pollution Prevention Branch did not express any concerns w.r.t. the smoker unit, but did recommend that a general nuisance clause be included in the Licence.

Disposition:

A standard odour nuisance clause has been included in the draft Licence.

Manitoba Agriculture Food and Rural Initiatives commented that they have no objections or concerns with respect to the Proposal.

Parks and Natural Areas Branch of Manitoba Conservation commented that they have no comments to offer the Proposal.

Intergovernmental Affairs commented that the property of the proposed meat cutting and smoking facility is zoned "Residential", but that the facility may be operated under "Home Occupation" so long as the applicant receives and complies with the R.M. of Kelsey's Home Occupation requirements, and receives an approved Conditional Use Order.

Disposition:

This information was conveyed to the Proponent. On December 13, 2008, the Proponent provided the EAL Branch with a copy of an approved Conditional Use Order No. CO-6/08, dated Dec. 10, 2008.

The Northern Region of Manitoba Conservation expressed no concerns with regard to the Proposal.

Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation commented that they had no concerns with the proposed project.

Manitoba Water Stewardship Department (WSD) raised no concerns but offered advice and guidance in the event that any on-site construction projects were to be undertaken at some future date.

Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA) coordinated federal responses to the Proposal, and determined that, based on the federal responses to the Proposal, the application of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act would not be required for this project. In that respect, CEAA determined and responded that an environmental assessment under the federal Act would not be required.

RECOMMENDATION:

Given that no concerns have been raised by the local public, and no concerns remain with the TAC, I recommend that an Environment Act Licence be issued to the Proponent. To that effect, attached is a draft Environment Act Licence for consideration and approval.

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