

Manitoba Clean Environment Commission

Notice of Public Hearing

City of Brandon Industrial Wastewater Treatment Facility

The Manitoba Clean Environment Commission (CEC) has been requested by the Conservation Minister to convene a public hearing to review and receive public comments respecting proposed alterations to the City of Brandon Industrial Wastewater Treatment Facility and the Maple Leaf Foods Inc. Hog Processing Wastewater Pretreatment Plant in Brandon.

Date: June 25, 26 and (if necessary) 27, 2003

Location: Royal Oak Inn and Suites, 3130 Victoria Avenue, Brandon

Times: 1 - 5 p.m. & 7 - 10 p.m. (June 25 & 26) 9 a.m. (June 27)

Background

On March 19, 2003, Manitoba Conservation received an Environment Act Proposal from the City of Brandon for alterations to their existing industrial wastewater treatment facility (IWWTF) and the Maple Leaf Foods Inc. Wastewater Pretreatment Plant as well as a Notice of Alteration from Maple Leaf Foods Inc. for alterations to their existing hog processing plant in Brandon. Both having been submitted to facilitate a two-shift per day operation of the hog processing plant.

The CEC has now been requested to review the Environment Act Proposal and provide advice and recommendations to the Conservation Minister according to the following terms:

Scope of the Review

The Clean Environment Commission is to consider the Proposal and public concern, and provide a recommendation on:

- whether a revised Environment Act Licence should be issued to the City of Brandon for the proposed alterations to the IWWTF.

Should the commission recommend the issuance of a revised licence to the City of Brandon, then appropriate recommendations should be included in the report respecting:

- the potential environmental impacts of the construction and operation of the proposed alterations to the IWWTF on the:
 - biophysical environment
 - quality of the water and downstream uses of the Assiniboine River
 - the minimum instream flow needs of the Assiniboine River as a result of the projected withdrawal of water from the river to satisfy the requirements at the hog processing plant under a two-shift per day operation mode
- socioeconomic, social, cultural and health impacts directly related to the environmental impacts of the proposal
- measures proposed to mitigate any adverse impacts resulting from the proposal and where appropriate, to manage any residual adverse effects
- future monitoring and research that may be recommended in relation to the proposal

The Clean Environment Commission's recommendations shall incorporate, consider and directly reflect, where appropriate, the Principles of Sustainable Development and Guidelines for Sustainable Development as contained in Sustainable Development Strategy for Manitoba.

Documentation

Information and documentation respecting the Proposal is available for public review at the following Public Registry locations:

- Conservation Resource Library, 123 Main St. (Union Station), Winnipeg;
- Centennial Public Library, 251 Donald St., Winnipeg;
- Manitoba Eco-Network, 2nd Floor, 70 Albert St., Winnipeg;
- Portage la Prairie City Library, 40-B Royal Road North, Portage la Prairie;
- Western Manitoba Regional Library, 710 Rosser Avenue, Brandon.

It is also available by contacting Clem Moche, Manitoba Conservation, at 945-7013, in Winnipeg.

Registration

Groups or individuals intending to make a representation before the CEC should register their intentions with the commission office at least seven (7) days prior to the opening of the hearing. All presentations will be limited to 15 minutes unless prior arrangements have been made with the CEC Secretary.

Further Information

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