

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

PROPONENT: Rural Municipality of Victoria
PROPOSAL NAME: Cypress East Pipeline
CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT: Two
TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT: Transportation and Transmission -
Pipelines
CLIENT FILE NO.: 4267.00

OVERVIEW:

The Proposal was received on July 24, 1997. It was dated June 27, 1997. The advertisement of the proposal was as follows:

“A Proposal has been filed by PFRA on behalf of the Rural Municipality of Victoria to construct water supply pipelines for rural residences east of Cypress River in Townships 6 and 7, Range 12W. The project would involve the construction of 35 km of rural water pipeline located within road allowances. The pipeline diameters would range from 32 mm to 100 mm. Water for the system would be supplied from the existing Cypress River distribution system. No expansion of this system would be required to accommodate the approximately 20 additional users expected on the proposed system. Construction of the proposed system could begin in the fall of 1997, and it would be completed by August, 1998.”

The Proposal was advertised in the Glenboro Gazette on Tuesday, August 19, 1997. It was placed in the Main, Centennial, Eco-Network and Lakeland Regional Library (Killarney) public registries, as well as in the office of the R. M. of Victoria. The Proposal was distributed to TAC members on August 11, 1997. The closing date for comments from members of the public and TAC members was September 16, 1997.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No public responses were received.

COMMENTS FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Manitoba Environment - South-Central Region Some of the new distribution points should be incorporated as regular sampling locations for the monitoring of municipal water supplies.

Disposition:

This comment can be included as a licence condition.

Manitoba Environment - Water Quality Management Water Quality Management concerns appear to have been addressed by this proposal.

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Manitoba Environment - Land Use Approvals Proposals involving municipal water supplies should identify projected water use for the system and plans for water conservation measures as a standard part of each proposal. As this has not been done for the current proposal, a discussion of water use and water conservation should be requested as a licence condition.

Disposition:

This comment can be addressed as a licence condition.

Historic Resources Branch No concerns.

Mines Branch No concerns.

Community Economic Development Branch There is no development plan or zoning by-law for the R. M. of Victoria. No planning concerns with the proposal.

Medical Officer of Health - Central Region The Health Department supports the proposal where a steady safe supply of potable water is made available to rural residents.

Natural Resources If an open cut crossing is required the proponent should consult with the DNR regional fisheries manager prior to any work being carried out. As a contingency the proponent should develop a crossing plan that meets DNR specifications in advance of any crossing work. At the site where the pipeline traverses between SE 24-7-12W and SW 19-7-11W the preferred method of installation is by trenching, due to the presence of native grassland. Sod disturbance should be kept to a minimum and replaced to its original state once construction is finished. Introduced grass seed mixtures should not be used at this site. However, at other disturbed sites reseeding with native plants or their cultivars should take place. If possible, construction should not take place during the main breeding and rearing season for wildlife (May through July.) The Proponents should contact Water Resources regarding the possible need to alter their existing Water Rights Licence.

Disposition:

Most of these comments can be addressed as licence conditions. The comment respecting the possible requirement for an alteration to the Proponent's Water Rights Licence will be brought to the attention of the Proponent's consultant and the Water Resources Branch.

With respect to the concern about native grassland between SE 24-7-12W and SW 19-7-11W, maps indicated that the road allowance in this location was developed. DNR was asked to verify their concern at this location. Regional staff confirmed that the native grassland of concern was at another location, and not along the proposed route of the Development. Therefore, no licence condition is needed to address this matter.

Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency PFRA has provided notification that

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an environmental assessment under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act will be conducted. Additional information is being requested. Environment Canada, Parks Canada and Natural Resources have offered to provide specialist advice.

Fisheries and Oceans The pipeline will cross several unnamed tributaries of the Cypress River for which there are no site specific fisheries concerns. However, appropriate precautions should be taken to protect downstream fish and fish habitat. This should be accomplished provided that the crossings are constructed as specified in the proposal. If instream trenching is required, the proponent should contact the Regional Fisheries Manager for advice regarding crossing location, scheduling and erosion control. The project is not likely to result in the harmful alteration, disruption or destruction of fish habitat after taking into account the implementation of the foregoing recommendations for mitigation.

Disposition:

As it is not anticipated that open cut stream crossings will be needed, a licence condition should specify that only non-disruptive crossing techniques may be used. If an open cut crossing is required, separate approval should be obtained.

PUBLIC HEARING:

As no public concerns were identified, a public hearing is not recommended.

RECOMMENDATION:

All comments received on the Proposal can be addressed as licence conditions, or referred to the proponent's representatives for information. Therefore, 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. It is further recommended that enforcement of the Licence be assigned to the South-Central Region.

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