

## **SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PROPONENT:** MR. GARRY HALWAS  
**PROPOSAL NAME:** SUN PRIME EXTRACTS LTD.  
**CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT:** 1  
**TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT:** MANUFACTURING - FOOD PROCESSING  
**CLIENT FILE NO.:** 5358:00

### **OVERVIEW:**

On August 27, 2008 Manitoba Conservation received a Proposal dated April 21, 2008, to construct and operate an alfalfa processing plant, bulk storage, and distribution facilities to be located on the NW¼ 15-21-28 WPM in the Rural Municipality of Russell. The proponent intends to convert an approximately 182' x 330' existing steel building to house an alfalfa processing plant, which will also manufacture natural health products such as tea and functional ingredients in breads, pastries, formulations pasta, soups, gravies, etc. The plant will also product alfalfa pulp to be used for livestock feed/compost/bio-energy fuel. The mechanical process extracts raw alfalfa juice which is then filtered, centrifuged, concentrated and dried as alfalfa juice fine powder. The normal hours of operation will be continuous (24 hrs.) for an approximate 110 day season.

No public concern was received in response to the advertisement of this proposal in the Russell Banner published on Tuesday September 9, 2008. The proposal was placed in the Public Registries at the Millennium Public Library, the Manitoba Eco-Network, the Dauphin Public Library, the RM of Russell (As Registry) and the Conservation Library (Main). The proposal was distributed to TAC on August 29, 2008, with the closing date for TAC and Public comments on October 3, 2008.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

No public responses were received.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:**

**Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency** state that based on their staff survey, application of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* with respect to this proposal is not required.

**Health** concerns with this proposal are appropriate sewage disposal, fuel storage, sound and dust emission control and monitoring, adequate surface and groundwater protection and the development of an emergency response plan.

**Disposition**

The concerns are addressed in the draft licence.

**Sustainable Resource Management** has no concerns regarding this proposal.

**Manitoba Water Stewardship Branch** state their concerns include that Water Rights Licence are obtained if required. They also have concerns about the disposal of wastewater from wash down of equipment and that onsite sewage systems are installed to the minimum setback distances from water specified in MR 83/2003 and that all on-site wastewater management systems are properly registered with Regional Operations.

**Disposition**

The concerns have been provided to the proponent and are addressed in the draft licence.

**Energy Development Initiative** state they have reviewed the proposal and have no concerns.

**Agriculture & Food** state that given the proposal involves diversification of an existing agricultural business within the same footprint, they have no objections or concerns from an agricultural or agricultural land use planning perspective.

**Transportation & Government Services** state they have reviewed the proposal as requested and have no concerns related to the proposed project.

**Parks and Natural Areas Branch** state they have reviewed the proposal by Sun Prime Extracts Ltd. for a food processing plant and have no comments to offer.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

- No public hearing will be conducted.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

TAC concerns are addressed in the draft licence.

The responsibility for enforcement of the Licence should be assigned to the responsible region.

A draft Environment Act Licence is attached for the Director's consideration.

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