

## **SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PROPONENT:** Manitoba Hydro  
**PROPOSAL NAME:** Pointe du Bois Vehicle Access Bridge  
**CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT:** 2  
**TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT:** Water Development and Control  
**CLIENT FILE NO.:** 5419.00

### **OVERVIEW:**

The Environment Act Proposal was dated July 20, 2009 and received on July 21, 2009. The advertisement of the Proposal read as follows:

“A Proposal has been filed by Manitoba Hydro to construct a temporary vehicle access bridge over the Winnipeg River at the site of the Pointe du Bois Hydroelectric Generating Station in Whiteshell Provincial Park. The bridge would provide heavy equipment access for maintenance of deteriorating structures, in the event of an emergency situation, and for potential modernization of the station. Construction is scheduled to begin in the fall of 2009. The bridge would be decommissioned when no longer required.”

The Proposal was advertised in the Lac du Bonnet Leader on July 31, 2009. Copies of the Proposal were placed in the Main Registry, Millennium Public Library, Manitoba Eco-Network, Brokenhead River Regional Library, and in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet Municipal Office. It was also distributed to the “Transportation” Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for comment. All comments were requested by August 31, 2009.

### **PUBLIC RESPONSE**

No public response was received.

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

#### **Manitoba Conservation - Sustainable Resource and Policy Management Branch**

No concerns.

#### **Manitoba Conservation – Parks and Natural Areas Branch**

No concerns.

#### **Manitoba Conservation – Environmental Services**

One of the mitigation strategies under 4.1 Aquatic Effects and Mitigation (page 23) mentions that “All hazardous materials will be handled and stored in accordance with M.R. 188/2001 Storage and Handling of Petroleum Products and Allied Products Regulation”. Other

regulations under The Dangerous Goods Handling and Transportation Act may also be relevant with respect to the management of any hazardous waste.

*Disposition:* Comments will be forwarded to the proponent for information.

### **Manitoba Conservation – Wildlife & Ecosystem Protection Branch**

No concerns.

### **Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation – Highways Planning and Design Branch**

1. The proposed development is located near Provincial Road (PR) 313. If the west bridge approach will be tied into PR 313, an access permit will be required from Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation (MIT). A permit will also be required for any construction (above or below ground level) within 38.1 m (125 ft) or for any plantings within 15.2 m (50 ft) from the edge of the right-of-way of PR 313.
2. Ensure that truck traffic remains within the vehicle weight limits for PR 313.

*Disposition:* Comments will be forwarded to the proponent for information.

### **Culture, Heritage, Tourism and Sport - Historic Resources Branch**

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

If at any time however, significant heritage resources are recorded in association with these lands during development, the Historic Resources Branch may require that an acceptable heritage resource management strategy be implemented by the developer to mitigate the effects of development on the heritage resources.

*Disposition:* Comments will be forwarded to the proponent for information.

### **Mines Branch**

No concerns.

### **Manitoba Water Stewardship (Ecological Services Division)**

- *The Water Rights Act* indicates that no person shall control water or construct, establish or maintain any “water control works” unless he or she holds a valid licence to do so. “Water control works” are defined as any dyke, dam, surface or subsurface drain, drainage, improved natural waterway, canal, tunnel, bridge, culvert borehole or contrivance for carrying or conducting water, that temporarily or permanently alters or may alter the flow or level of water, including but not limited to water in a water body, by any means, including drainage, OR changes or may change the location or direction of flow of water, including but not limited to water in a water body, by any means, including drainage. If a proposal advocates any of the aforementioned activities, an application for a Water Rights Licence to Construct Water Control Works is required. Application forms are available from any office of Manitoba Water Stewardship.

- The proponent needs to be informed that if the proposal in question advocates any construction activities, erosion and sediment control measures should be implemented until all of the sites have stabilized.

*Disposition:* Comments can be accommodated as conditions of licensing.

### **Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA)**

The *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* will apply to this project. Transport Canada must complete a federal environmental assessment pursuant to the Act since the project requires approval under the *Navigable Waters Protection Act*. A Fisheries Act authorization is also required for the project. Health Canada has indicated that they possess specialist advice that may assist in the environmental assessment of the proposed project, if requested.

*Disposition:* Federal comments have been forwarded to the project proponent for consideration and follow-up, as appropriate.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

A public hearing is not recommended. No public input was received in response to the project advertisement, and the TAC comments can be accommodated as conditions of licensing or forwarded to Manitoba Hydro as information, as noted above. It is recommended that the Development be licensed under The Environment Act subject to the limits, terms, and conditions as described in the attached Environment Act Licence. It is further recommended that enforcement of the Licence be assigned to the Manitoba Conservation Eastern Region.

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