

Manitoba Clean Environment Commission

Continuation of Public Hearing

City of Winnipeg

Wastewater Collection and Treatment System

Date: April 14, 15 and (if necessary) 16, 2003

Location: Winnipeg Convention Centre, 375 York Avenue, Winnipeg

Times: 1 - 5 p.m. and 7 - 10 p.m. (April 14, 15) 9:00 a.m. (April 16)

This is a continuation of the public hearing originally convened on January 20, 2003 in Winnipeg and on January 27, 2003 in Selkirk, Manitoba. The hearing was adjourned on January 28, 2003 to provide an opportunity for the preparation of additional documentation, including an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) by the city of Winnipeg. The required documentation has now been provided and the commission is prepared to continue the hearing.

Background

In June of 1992 the Clean Environment Commission (CEC) issued a report on the "Application of Water Quality Objectives for the Watershed Classification of the Red and Assiniboine Rivers and Tributaries Within and Downstream of the city of Winnipeg". This report contained a number of recommendations that related to the city's wastewater collection and treatment systems. The Manitoba Government accepted those recommendations. Subsequently, the city in consultation with Manitoba Conservation and the scientific community, has implemented upgrades, undertaken studies and prepared plans to improve its wastewater collection and treatment systems.

In October 2003 the Manitoba Clean Environment Commission was requested by the Conservation Minister to conduct a public hearing to review and receive public comments respecting the city of Winnipeg's wastewater collection and treatment systems and to consider plans proposed by the city for its future upgrading and continued operation. At the conclusion of this review, the CEC will provide advice and recommendations to the Conservation Minister, according to the following terms:

Scope of the Review

- The reliability of the city's systems, especially the backup capability of the systems to prevent a discharge of inadequately treated sewage to the rivers during malfunctions.
- The appropriate ammonia, nutrient, combined sewer overflow and microbiological limits on effluent from the city's systems necessary to protect the aquatic environment and recreational activities, including in Lake Winnipeg.
- The current and planned effectiveness of the city's systems in treating wastewater to achieve the discharge limits.
- The adequacy of the city's plans and schedule for upgrading its systems.
- The adequacy of processes being followed in reviewing those plans and schedules.

Documentation

Information and documentation respecting the city of Winnipeg's wastewater collection and treatment system, including relevant research and study results, current and proposed programs and future development plans are available for public review at the following Public Registries 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;
- Legislative Library, 200 Vaughan St., Winnipeg;
- Selkirk and St. Andrews Regional Library, 303 Main St., Selkirk.

Or, by contacting Mike Van Den Bosch, Manitoba Conservation, at 945-7015, 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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