



## Infrastructure

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August 28, 2017

Tracey Braun, M. Sc.  
Director, Environmental Approvals Branch  
Manitoba Sustainable Development  
123 Main St., Suite 160  
Winnipeg, MB R3C 1A5

RE: Manitoba Hydro - Poplar Bluff Transmission Project  
Client File No. 5901.00

Dear Ms. Braun:

Manitoba Infrastructure (MI) has reviewed the proposal under the *Environment Act* noted above and we do not have any concern with the proposed development. However, we would like to remind the proponent that:

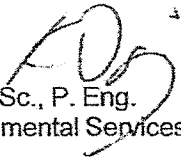
- Under the *Highways and Transportation Act* and the *Highway Protection Act*, a permit may be required from MI or the Highway Traffic Board, respectively, for:
  - any new, modified or relocated access connection onto a Provincial Road (PR) or a Provincial Trunk Highway (PTH);
  - any construction within 38.1 m (125 ft) or any plantings within 15.2 m (50 ft) from the edge of right-of-way of any PR; and/or
  - any change in land use or construction of structures within 76.2 m (250 ft) or any plantings within 15.2 m (50 ft) from the edge of right-of-way of any PTH.

Moreover, any proposed line within and/or along the right-of-way will require an agreement with MI.

Permit applications and agreement requirements can be obtained by contacting Denise Stairs, Regional Planning Technologist, at [Denise.Stairs@gov.mb.ca](mailto:Denise.Stairs@gov.mb.ca) or at (204) 871-2239.

Thank you very much for providing us the opportunity to review the proposal.

Sincerely,

  
Kimber Osiowy, M. Sc., P. Eng.  
Manager of Environmental Services

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**Dagdick, Elise (SD)**

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**From:** +WPG1212 - Conservation\_Circulars (SD)

**Sent:** August-28-17 10:49 AM

**To:** Dagdick, Elise (SD) <Elise.Dagdick@gov.mb.ca>

**Subject:** RE: Request for review/comment - MB Hydro Poplar Bluff Transmission Project File 5901.00

Good morning Elise

Lands Branch SD has no concerns/comments as regards MB Hydro Poplar Bluff Transmission Project File 5901.00

Thank you for the opportunity to review

**Winifred Frias**

Crown Land Programs Administrator

Lands Branch

Department of Sustainable Development



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DATE: August 25, 2017

TO: Elise Dagdick  
Environmental Approvals Branch  
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FROM: Jay Rackham, P.Ag.  
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Sustainable Development  
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**SUBJECT:** MB Hydro Poplar Bluff Transmission Project File 5901.00

Environmental Compliance and Enforcement, Portage la Prairie Office, has reviewed the Environment Act Proposal for MB Hydro Poplar Bluff Transmission Project File 5901.00, following are our comments:

- The Biosecurity Protocols should be implemented as per the Environment Act Proposal for MB Hydro Poplar Bluff Transmission Project, or as otherwise required by the Director.

DATE: 2017-08-23

**TO:**

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**SUBJECT: Request for review/comment - MB Hydro Poplar Bluff Transmission Project  
File 5901.00**

**HRB File: AAS-17-12072**

No concerns at this time.

Further to your inquiry regarding the Poplar Bluff Transmission Project Environment Act Proposal, the Historic Resources Branch has examined the final preferred route in conjunction with Branch records for areas of potential concern. The potential to impact significant heritage resources has been deemed low throughout this area; therefore, the Historic Resources Branch has no immediate concerns with the project.

The Historic Resources Branch is satisfied with the information regarding heritage resources as outlined in section 5.2.1 and Appendix F of the submitted Environment Act Proposal.

If at any time, however, heritage resources are encountered in association with these lands during testing and development, the Historic Resources Branch must be immediately contacted if an archaeological site is encountered 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.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact the Branch as above.

Archaeological Assessment Services Unit  
Manitoba Historic Resources Branch

**Dagdick, Elise (SD)**

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**From:** Kiss, Brian (SD)

**Sent:** July-25-17 2:26 PM

**To:** Dagdick, Elise (SD) <Elise.Dagdick@gov.mb.ca>

**Subject:** RE: Request for review/comment - MB Hydro Poplar Bluff Transmission Project File 5901.00

Hi Elise,

The Wildlife component of the Wildlife and Fisheries Branch has review the Poplar Bluff Transmission Project proposal and would like to submit the following question:

**5.1.6.2 Birds**

*“The largest concentration of birds was found in a large wetland complex east of PTH 305, south of road 62N. A large wetland complex at this site was supporting tundra swans, Canada geese, and other waterfowl.”*

Has Manitoba Hydro considered deploying bird strike diverters along the line northwest of this site to lessen the potential impacts to waterfowl and other birds? Has Manitoba Hydro established a minimum distance to staging wetlands where diverters are installed as a standard mitigation tactic for other recent transmission projects (e.g. MMTP, Bipole III)?

-Brian Kiss

**Dagdick, Elise (SD)**

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**From:** Nimetz, Debby (OFC)

**Sent:** July-25-17 1:59 PM

**To:** Dagdick, Elise (SD) <Elise.Dagdick@gov.mb.ca>

**Subject:** RE: Request for review/comment - MB Hydro Poplar Bluff Transmission Project File 5901.00

Hello Elise,

The OFC has no comments or concerns. Transmission Lines are not regulated under The Building and Mobile Homes Act.

Regards,

*Debby Nimetz*

*Administrative Assistant*

*Office of the Fire Commissioner*