SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

PROPOSED: Department of Highways

PROPOSAL NAME: Upgrading of PR 464 (from PTH 16 to 8.1 km southerly)

CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT: 2

TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT: Transportation

CLIENT FILE NO.: 4162.00

OVERVIEW:

The Proposal was received on March 25, 1996. The Proposal was dated March 19, 1996. The advertisement of the Proposal read as follows:

"A Proposal has been filed by the Department of Highways and Transportation to upgrade a section of Provincial Road #464 in the R. M. of Langford beginning at Provincial Trunk Highway #16 and extending a distance of 8.1 km. to the south. The proposed development consists of replacing the existing subgrade with suitable material and widening the existing 30 m right-of-way to 45 m. The development will be scheduled for construction once all government agencies' requirements have been met."

The Proposal was advertised in the Neepawa Banner on April 22, 1996. It was placed in the Main Registry, the Manitoba Eco-Network, the Centennial Public Library, and the Western Manitoba Regional Library. It was also distributed to the "Transportation" TAC members for comment by May 16, 1996.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No public responses to the advertisement were received.

COMMENTS FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Manitoba Natural Resources  No concerns with the project proceeding. Recommend that exposed sites be revegetated with native species.

Disposition:

The comment can be accommodated as a licence condition.

Manitoba Environment - Water Quality  Note that Water Quality Management concerns have been addressed in the proposed environmental management practices section of the Proposal. Specifically, the two watercourse crossings will be upgraded following the Recommended Fish Protection Procedures for Stream Crossings in Manitoba in order to prevent erosion and sedimentation.
Disposition:
The comments can be accommodated as conditions of the licence.

**Manitoba Environment - Parkwest Region**  No comments or concerns.

**Historic Resources**  No concerns with regard to the project's impact on heritage resources.

**Manitoba Energy and Mines**  No concerns

**Health**  Note that inclusion of the proposed environmental management practices in the licence should mitigate or prevent health related concerns with respect to dust, noise, emissions, solid waste disposal and hazardous waste spills.

Disposition: The comments can be accommodated as a general condition of the licence by requiring that the proponent construct the development in accordance with the Proposal which documents the proposed environmental management practices.

**Fisheries and Oceans Canada**  DFO concludes that the project is not likely to cause significant adverse effects on fish and fish habitat after taking into account the implementation of the following mitigation measures:

a) No instream construction shall take place between April 1 and June 15. The duration of instream construction work should be minimized as much as possible and should be halted during heavy precipitation events.

b) The extent of clearing should be minimized and erosion control measures such as matting and revegetation of disturbed areas should be implemented as soon as possible following completion of the work.

c) "Recommended Fish Protection Procedures for Stream Crossing in Manitoba" should be applied for all instream construction activities.

d) Note that the deposit of deleterious substances into waters frequented by fish is prohibited under the *Fisheries Act*. Refueling and servicing of construction equipment should be conducted at least 100m away from water courses and appropriate precautions should be taken to ensure that deleterious substances do not enter water courses.

Note that an Authorization under Section 35(2) of the Fisheries Act will not be required and DFO is therefore not a responsible authority pursuant to CEAA.

Disposition:
The comments can be accommodated as licence conditions.

**Canadian Coast Guard**  Note that the application under the Navigable Waters Protection Act (NWPA) requires stream inspection for navigability.
Disposition:
Approval under the NWPA will be handled independently through the Coast Guard.

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing is not recommended for this project as no public concerns were identified.

RECOMMENDATION:

The comments and concerns identified by the TAC can be accommodated as conditions of licencing for the project. Therefore, it is recommended that the Development be licenced under The Environment Act subject to the limits terms and conditions as described in the attached Draft Environment Act Licence. It is further recommended that enforcement of the Licence be assigned to the Manitoba Environment Parkwest Region.

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