

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

PROPOSER: MR. JOSEPH WURTZ
PROPOSAL NAME: OAK RIVER COLONY FARMS LTD.
o/a WESTERN HARVEST FLOUR
CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT: 1
TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT: FOOD PROCESSING - FLOUR MILL
SEED STORAGE
CLIENT FILE NO.: 4872.00

OVERVIEW:

On November 26, 2002, Manitoba Conservation received a Proposal dated September 23, 2002, to construct and operate a flour mill, a bulk seed storage, and distribution facilities to be located on the W¹/₂ 23-13-22 WPM in the Rural Municipality of Blanshard. The proponent intends to construct a mill room approximately 60' x 30' within an existing machine storage building to house a floor mill, sifter, storage bins, washroom and office. The machine storage portion of the building will also contain a vacuum system for dust control and electrical controls. The normal hours of operation will be from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm.

No public concern was received in response to the advertisement of this proposal in the Hamiota Echo published on Saturday December 2, 2002. The proposal was placed in the Public Registries at the Centennial Public Library, the Manitoba Eco-Network, the Western Manitoba Regional Library and the Conservation Library (Main). The proposal was distributed to TAC on December 2, 2002, with the closing date for TAC and Public comments on January 6, 2003.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No public responses were received.

COMMENTS FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Health concerns with this proposal are sound and dust emission control and monitoring and if products other than grain will be used or generated.

Disposition:

The concerns are addressed in the draft licence.

Sustainable Resource Management state the proposal has been reviewed and produced no concerns.

Community Planning Services state that under the R.M. of Blanshard Zoning By-law No. 2001-2, Part 4 - Table 4.1, the proposed agricultural machinery storage shed/flour processing building may be considered to be an "Accessory Use" and "Accessory Building" to a permitted agricultural operation. Further, under Part 6, section 6.7 of the by-law, if food products being produced in the proposed permitted accessory building are to be sold off the farm, the flour processing operation may also be considered to be a home based business.

Disposition:

The concerns are addressed in the draft licence.

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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