

## SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

**PROPONENT:** MS. CANDA CHAFE  
**PROPOSAL NAME:** PARKLAND BIOFIBRE LTD.  
**CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT:** 1  
**TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT:** BULK HANDLING -  
HEMP FIBRE PROCESSING FACILITY  
**CLIENT FILE NO.:** 5091.00

### OVERVIEW:

On April 8, 2005, Manitoba Conservation received a Proposal dated February 10, 2005, to construct and operate a Hemp Fibre Processing Facility, storage warehouse and distribution facilities to be located on the NE¼ 16-25-19 WPM in the Rural Municipality of Dauphin/City of Dauphin Industrial Park. Parkland Biofibre is a start up venture to process raw industrial hemp fibre into a number of value added products. The facility will be comprised of a 36,000 square foot building to house the processing equipment and office, with a second 58,000 square foot storage for bales of raw fibre and finished product. A grain cleaning operation may be added at a future date. The proponent claims to have a zero waste process and at 24 hour per day full capacity will process 36,000 tonnes of raw fibre per year employing approximately twenty persons.

No public concerns were received in response to the advertisement of this proposal in the Dauphin Herald, published on Tuesday April 26, 2005. The proposal was placed in the Public Registries at the Manitoba Eco-Network, the Dauphin Public Library, the St. James-Assiniboia Public Library and the Conservation Library (Main). The proposal was distributed to TAC on April 19, 2005, with the closing date for TAC and Public comments on May 24, 2005.

### COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No public responses were received.

### COMMENTS FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Sustainable Resource Management Branch requested further information regarding “filter banks” or filtration systems. They also supplied addition information regarding the reduction of green house gases and biomass burning.

#### Disposition

The request and information has been provided to the proponent for response. Additional information was supplied. Concerns are addressed in the draft licence.

Historical Resources Branch state they have no concerns with regard to this project’s potential to impact heritage resources.

**Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency** state that based on their staff survey, application of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* with respect to this proposal is not required.

**Parkland Regional Health Authority** health concerns include licence clauses to deal with dust emissions (particulate matter which could impact human health), inventory of all chemicals used in the plant and development of an emergency response plan.

Disposition

The concerns are addressed in the draft licence.

**Transportation & Government Services** state that the development is adjacent to Provincial Road (PR) 362 and subject to their statutory regulations. Any drainage from the site will require their approval.

Disposition

The information was provided to the proponent.

**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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