

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

PROPOSER: Infrastructure and Transportation
PROPOSAL NAME: PTH 10 (18th St. Brandon) Bridge
Over the Assiniboine River
CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT: 2
TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT: Transportation
CLIENT FILE NO.: 5259.00

OVERVIEW:

The Environment Act Proposal was dated March 29, 2007 and received on April 2, 2007. The advertisement of the Proposal read as follows:

“A Proposal has been filed by the Department of Infrastructure and Transportation to upgrade one kilometer of Provincial Trunk Highway (PTH) 10 in Brandon, also known as 18th Street, from a two lane to a four lane divided highway facility at the Assiniboine River. The project involves the construction of a new two lane bridge over the Assiniboine River, adjacent and to the east of the existing two lane bridge. The existing bridge is to be demolished and replaced once the proposed new bridge is open to traffic. The new bridges will be 2.5 m higher than the existing bridge, designed to pass 1:100 year flood flow estimates. The new bridges will feature protected pedestrian/bicycle walkways. Construction is scheduled to begin during the summer of 2007 and is targeted for completion during the summer of 2009.”

The Proposal was advertised in the Brandon Sun on April 2, 2007. Copies of the Proposal were placed in the Main Registry, the Manitoba Eco-Network, the Millennium Public Library, and the Western Regional Library in Brandon. It was also distributed to the “Transportation” Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for comment. All comments were requested by May 14, 2007.

PUBLIC RESPONSE

No public response was received.

COMMENTS FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Conservation (Sustainable Resource Management Branch) No concerns were noted.

Agriculture and Food and Rural Initiatives No objections

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

Mines Branch No concerns.

Health No specific health concerns identified.

Water Stewardship

- Aquifers underlie the Assiniboine River which provide a backup water supply to local industries. The movement of surface and groundwater along the sides of the bridge pier piles should be prevented.
- A Live Fish Handling Permit (LFHP) is required for the proponent to transfer any fish trapped within the drawdown area. Mussels affected by the construction should also be relocated to similar habitat under the LFHP.
- DFO's no net loss policy will satisfy provincial fisheries management interests.
- Water intakes near the project area should be identified and mitigation measures specified to ensure drinking water quality is not degraded.

Disposition: Comments can be accommodated as conditions of licensing.

RECOMMENDATION:

A public hearing is not recommended. The TAC comments can be accommodated as conditions of licencing for the project as noted above. 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 Conservation Western Region.

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