

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

PROPONENT: MR. STEWART FLOYD
PROPOSAL NAME: FLOYD FARMS INC.
CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT: 1
TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT: BULK HANDLING -
CROP PROTECTION WAREHOUSE -
CLIENT FILE NO.: 5278.00

OVERVIEW:

On July 16, 2007, Manitoba Conservation received a Proposal undated, for the operation and construction of a crop protection products warehouse, seed cleaning/storage and distribution facilities to be located on the SE¼ 25-23-1 EPM in the Rural Municipality of Bifrost. The proponent intends to install an approximately 28' x 35' portable steel building c/w steel welded floor with 6" containment curb meeting the Agricultural Warehousing Standards. This is in addition to the existing seed plant and seed storage. The proposal states there will be external containment around the chemical storage. The normal hours of operation will be followed from April to November with extended hours during spring/fall farm operations.

No public concerns were received in response to the advertisement of this proposal in the Interlake Spectator published on Monday July 16, 2007. The proposal was placed in the Public Registries at the Millennium Public Library, the Manitoba Eco-Network, the Selkirk-St. Andrews Regional Library, the R. M. of Bifrost and the Environment Library (Main). The proposal was distributed to TAC on July 20, 2007, with the closing date for TAC and Public comments on August 31, 2007.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No public responses were received.

COMMENTS FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Historic Resources Branch has no concern with regard to its potential impact on 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.

Water Stewardship-have concerns regarding the source of water supply if chemicals are to be mixed on site. They also have concerns regarding potentially contaminated water draining to the Icelandic River.

Disposition:

The concerns have been passed to the proponent and are addressed in the draft licence.

Sustainable Resource & Policy Management Branch has reviewed this proposal and state that the loading area should be a slight curb to contain potential spills along with a sump to clean up spills. They suggest roofing over the loading pad to reduce the amount of runoff requiring treatment if it becomes contaminated. They also point out that the mines and mineral rights are owned by the Crown.

Disposition:

The concerns are addressed in the draft licence.

Intergovernmental Affairs Community Planning Services state that the area is designated “Agricultural Area” under the Eastern Interlake Planning Development Plan. The area is zoned “AG” Agricultural General under the RM of Bifrost Zoning By-law. Chemical storage is a conditional use in this zone.

Disposition:

The information has been 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 remain with Approvals Branch until the proponent complies with Clauses 1, 2, 11, 13, 14, 15, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23.

A draft Environment Act Licence is attached for the Director's consideration.

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