

December 5, 2019

Geoff Patton  
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**Re: July 30, 2019 Notice of Alteration to Environment Act Licence 2684 RRR**

Dear Geoff Patton:

Receipt of the Notice of Alteration (NofA), dated July 30, 2019, submitted by the City of Winnipeg for Environment Act Licence 2684 RRR issued for the North End Water Pollution Control Centre (NEWPCC) is acknowledged. The NofA requests an extension to December 31, 2021 to develop and submit an interim licence compliance plan.

The NofA was submitted in response to the department's January 23, 2019 request that the City submit a NofA for the extension of the compliance date for nutrient removal and commissioning of the upgraded NEWPCC past December 31, 2019, including the following elements:

- details of alternatives to expedite the construction schedule, including the conduct of activities in parallel rather than sequentially and interim options to expedite phosphorus removal;
- a revised implementation timeline; and
- a description of the actions taken and proposed to be taken to achieve phosphorus compliance by a specific date.

The July 30, 2019 NofA submitted by the City of Winnipeg does not meet these requirements. The Notice of Alteration is not approved.

Environment Act Licence 2684 RRR requires the City to meet nutrient limits by December 31, 2019. The City has stated that this deadline will not be met. As of January 1, 2020 the City will be out of compliance with their licence and consequently with their approved phosphorus compliance plan pursuant to The Water Protection Act.

In the absence of an approved plan, you are required to fully participate in two committees: a Project Steering Committee and a Project Advisory Committee. Membership in the Project Steering Committee, to be co-chaired by the City of Winnipeg and Conservation and Climate, will include the City, government organizations with regulatory authority, and a project lead as assigned by the City of Winnipeg. The Project Steering Committee will be responsible for the following:

1. Preparation of an interim phosphorus reduction plan by January 31, 2020 for implementation beginning February 1, 2020.

2. Preparation of an implementation plan with realistic timelines by January 31, 2020 for the complete upgrade of the NEWPCC to meet all licence conditions.
3. Submission of monthly progress reports to the Project Advisory Committee until commissioning of the completed facility. The progress reports will be posted to the public registry.

An overall Project Advisory Committee will be established and co-chaired by the City of Winnipeg and Conservation and Climate to provide ongoing advice on progress towards nutrient reductions at the NEWPCC to the Project Steering Committee. Membership in the Project Advisory Committee will include the City and provincial staff from the departments of Conservation and Climate, Agriculture and Resource Development, and Municipal Relations. At minimum, the following key stakeholders will be invited to participate as members of the Project Advisory Committee: International Institute of Sustainable Development, Lake Winnipeg Foundation, Indigenous representatives, and the South Basin Mayors and Reeves.

The province recognizes that the City has been engaged in ongoing activities related to both interim phosphorus reduction and implementation of the full upgrades of the facility. All current related activities being undertaken by the City must continue and a progress report on current activities is to be submitted to the Project Steering Committee by December 31, 2019 in order to inform the planning process. The progress report will be posted to the public registry.

Should you have any questions regarding the foregoing, please contact Siobhan Burland Ross at [Siobhan.BurlandRoss@gov.mb.ca](mailto:Siobhan.BurlandRoss@gov.mb.ca) or 204-945-7015.

Yours sincerely,

*“Original signed by”*

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