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Dear Susan Lambert:

Re: Portage Avenue Siphon Final Closure Report

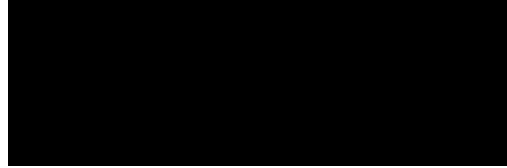
Environment, Climate and Parks acknowledges receipt of the Portage Avenue Siphon Final Closure Report, dated July 14, 2022. This report was submitted in accordance with the request made by Environment, Climate and Parks on June 14, 2022 to provide closure on the discharge incident that occurred from March 16 to March 25, 2022.

The report identifies a number of issues that contributed to the discharge event, including the delay in tendering the project, weather delays and replacement component's availability. The report also provides steps that the City of Winnipeg intends to implement to minimize the probability of such an event occurring in the future, namely:

1. Tendering the projects earlier so that there is more flexibility in the schedule to address issues that may occur in the award and pre-construction phases;
2. Changes to the clauses within the contract tender itself, including additional critical dates and liquidated damages to better address project risk at the Contractor level;
3. Implementing qualification-based tenders for high risk projects rather than low-bid award;
4. If pre-fabricated fittings are required, there may be a case for having spare fittings on site for specific projects; and
5. Examine historical and recent weather data to re-evaluate construction windows, and include specific weather-related emergency response plans for projects in some circumstances.

Environment, Climate and Parks has reviewed the above report and is satisfied with its findings and recommendations. Based on the review, the department has closed the file on this incident. If you have any questions on this matter, please contact Julie Froese, Environment Officer, Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Branch at Julie.Froese@gov.mb.ca or 204-945-7104.

Sincerely,



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