

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

PROPONENT: Municipality of WestLake-Gladstone
NAME OF DEVELOPMENT: Municipality of WestLake –Gladstone Land
Application of Lagoon Biosolids
CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT: Two
TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT: Biosolids Application
CLIENT FILE NO.: 135.20

OVERVIEW:

The Proposal was received on March 31, 2016. The advertisement of the proposal was as follows:

“A proposal was filed by MMM Group Limited on behalf of the Municipality of WestLake-Gladstone for the removal of biosolids and sludge solids from the three cells of the Municipality’s wastewater treatment lagoon located on portions of 29-14-11 WPM. The biosolids and sludge solids will be removed from the lagoon site, transported to privately owned farmlands, and land applied in accordance with provincial regulatory requirements. The registered land owner of the parcels of land involved has been contacted and is willing to have the biosolids and sludge solids applied to the agricultural land. The parcels of land where the biosolids and sludge solids may be applied are located within: SW 28-14-11 WPM, NW 21-14-11 WPM, and S1/2 of 21-14-11 WPM.”

The Proposal was advertised in Portage Central Plains Herald Leader on Thursday, May 5, 2016. It was also placed in the Legislative Library, the Millennium Public Library and in the online public registry.

The Proposal was distributed to TAC members on May 4, 2016.

The closing date for comments from members of the public and TAC members was June 3, 2016.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No public comments were received during the public comment period.

COMMENTS FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Manitoba Sustainable Development – Water Use Licensing Section, May 4, 2016

No concerns.

Manitoba Sustainable Development – Parks and Protected Spaces, May 5, 2016

No comments or concerns.

Manitoba Sustainable Development–Water Control Works and Drainage Licensing Section, May 9, 2016

Any water control works (drains, culverts, dykes, dams, etc.) associated with this project will require licensing under the Water Rights Act – an application is attached for the proponent’s convenience. Any inquiries in this regard may be directed to the local Water Resource Officer. Their contact information may be found at:

http://www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/waterstewardship/licensing/pdf/officer_areas_of_focus_30mar2015.pdf

Disposition: The above information was forwarded to the Project Consultant on June 24, 2016 for information purposes only.

Manitoba Sustainable Development – Wildlife and Fisheries Branch, May 11, 2016

No wildlife related concerns.

Manitoba Sustainable Development – Office of Drinking Water, May 18, 2016

No concerns.

Manitoba Sustainable Development – Environment Compliance and Enforcement, May 26, 2016.

- *“The proposal states that soil sampling will be completed and the proposed biosolids application rate will be forwarded to MCWS for review. There should be a clause in the licence requiring this to be completed.*
- *There appears to be a residence on SW 21-14-11 W that is not associated with the landowner of the proposed spread fields. Table 6.2 (page 26) includes buffer zones that will be adhered to for the spreading operations. This landowner should be contacted to address any concerns with the operation prior to spreading commencing.”*

Disposition: The draft licence incorporates the requirement to submit field-specific application rates for the lands on which the sludge solids are to be applied. The project consultant was informed by an email dated June 24, 2016 the requirement to contact the nearby landowner not associated with the proposed spread fields.

PUBLIC HEARING

No requests for a public hearing were made, and a public hearing is not recommended.

CROWN-INDIGENOUS CONSULTATION

The Government of Manitoba recognizes that it has a duty to consult in a meaningful way with Indigenous communities when any proposed provincial law, regulation, decision or action may infringe upon or adversely affect the exercise of the Indigenous rights of that community.

The proposal is for the removal of biosolids and sludge solids from the three cells of the Municipality's wastewater treatment lagoon located on portions of 29-14-11 WPM. The biosolids and sludge solids will be removed from the lagoon site, transported to privately owned farmlands, and land applied in accordance with provincial regulatory requirements. As the biosolids and sludge solids is proposed to be land applied by injection at the calculated prescribed agronomic rates maintaining all the setback distances in accordance with the Nutrient Management Regulation, adverse effects on surface water or habitat for wildlife or fisheries are not anticipated.

Since resource use is not adversely affected by the project, it is concluded that Crown-Indigenous consultation is not required for the project.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Development be licensed under The *Environment Act* subject to the limits, terms and conditions as described on the attached draft Environment Act Licence.

It is further recommended that enforcement of the Licence be assigned to the Central Region of the Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Branch.

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