SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

PROPOONENT: Rural Municipality of Macdonald
NAME OF DEVELOPMENT: La Salle Wastewater Treatment Lagoon Expansion
CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT: Two
TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT: Wastewater Treatment Lagoon
CLIENT FILE NO.: 2471.50

OVERVIEW:

The Proposal was received on February 3, 2014. It was dated January 31, 2014. The advertisement of the proposal was as follows:

“A Proposal has been filed by WSP Canada Inc. on behalf of the Rural Municipality of Macdonald for an expansion of the La Salle wastewater treatment lagoon facility. The expansion would involve the modification of the facility’s two existing primary cells into an expanded single cell and the construction of an additional secondary cell to the north and east of the existing facility in 27-8-2E, which is located southeast of the community of La Salle. Discharges of treated effluent from the facility would continue to occur between June 15 and October 31, and would continue to be made to drains leading north to the La Salle River. Construction of the expansion is proposed to take place in the late summer and fall of 2014.”

The Proposal was advertised in the Winnipeg Free Press on Saturday, February 22, 2014. It was placed in the Legislative Library and Millennium Public Library (Winnipeg) public registries and in the online public registry. The Proposal was distributed to TAC members on February 21, 2014. The closing date for comments from members of the public and TAC members was March 21, 2014.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No public comments were received.

COMMENTS FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Branch

No comments or concerns.

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Parks and Natural Areas Branch

No comments or concerns.
Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Wildlife Branch

No comments or concerns.

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Water Use Licensing Section

No concerns.

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Water Control Works and Drainage Licensing Section

No concerns.

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Office of Drinking Water

There are no licenced public or semi-public water systems which use the La Salle or Red Rivers downstream of the lagoon site as raw water sources so Office of Drinking Water has no concerns with this EAP or the proposed development.

Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation – Highway Planning and Design Branch, Environmental Services Section

No concern.

Office of the Fire Commissioner

No concerns or comments.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

No additional information was required to address comments on the Proposal.

PUBLIC HEARING

As no requests for a public hearing were made, a public hearing is not recommended.
CROWN-ABORIGINAL CONSULTATION

The Government of Manitoba recognizes it has a duty to consult in a meaningful way with First Nations, Métis communities and other Aboriginal communities when any proposed provincial law, regulation, decision or action may infringe upon or adversely affect the exercise of a treaty or Aboriginal right of that First Nation, Métis community or other Aboriginal community.

The proposal involves the expansion of an existing wastewater treatment facility on agricultural land that is currently owned by the proponent.

Since resource use is not adversely affected by the project, it is concluded that Crown-Aboriginal 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 retained by the Environmental Approvals Branch until construction of the wastewater treatment lagoon expansion is completed. Enforcement of the licence then should be assigned to the Central Region of the Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Branch.

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