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Subject: RM of Ste. Anne Wastewater Treatment Lagoon - Licence Compliance
Client ref.: 4095.10 – EAL No. 2849 R

Dear Mr. Webb:

The following letter and enclosed Report are submitted on behalf of the Rural Municipality of Ste. Anne (RM) to satisfy the requirements of Clauses 6 and 7 of their current Environment Act Licence (EAL).

BACKGROUND

The RM has an existing two-cell wastewater treatment lagoon, originally constructed in 1997. In 2006, J. R. Cousin Consultants Ltd. (JRCC) completed a Wastewater Management Study that looked at a regional lagoon concept for the RM, which included the LUD of Richer and piped services along PR 207. An Environment Act Proposal (EAP) was submitted in 2007, and on September 23, 2008 the Province issued EAL No. 2849. However, the proposed lagoon expansion never materialized, essentially leaving the RM without a relevant EAL because the new Licence lacked transition clauses.

In 2015, a new EAL was issued by Manitoba Sustainable Development (MSD) to remedy the situation. WSP Canada Inc. (WSP) was subsequently retained by the RM to fulfill the requirements of Clauses 6 and 7 of that EAL. Specifically, Clause 6 details the need for an engineering report that either confirms or updates the lagoon organic and hydraulic loadings proposed in the JRCC EAP submission. If the updated loadings resulted in a revision to the lagoon expansion plan, new drawings were to be submitted to MSD to satisfy Clause 7.

LICENCE COMPLIANCE

The enclosed WSP Report entitled *Lagoon Assessment & Expansion Options Final Report* (dated March 19, 2019) reviews the current and proposed lagoon loadings and provides two (2) expansion options for the RM's consideration. This Report satisfies the requirements of Clause 6.

Of the two (2) options proposed, the RM has elected to modify Option 1 (see Appendix A of the Report) to better suit the available land. The drawing (enclosed) details the proposed expansion layout. This drawing satisfies the requirements of Clause 7.

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In brief, the proposed development is to include the following:

- Construction of a new facultative primary cell.
- Conversion of the existing primary cell into a secondary cell.
- Construction of a new wetland cell (functional design by Native Plant Solutions) to meet the phosphorus limit requirement.
- Inter-cell piping and new discharge structure.
- A new dual truck dump station.

WATER QUALITY SAMPLING

The construction of a wetland cell will prompt inclusion of the associated sampling clauses in the revised EAL. Since the wetland cell is strictly used for phosphorous polishing, proposed are sampling parameters, locations and frequencies to suit. Table 1 (enclosed) outlines the requested sampling.

CLOSING

In closing, the RM is now in full compliance with the existing EAL, satisfying the outstanding requirements of Clauses 6 and 7. We await further correspondence on the matter and we request the opportunity to review a draft version of the EAL. We anticipate that construction will occur in the year 2020.

Kind regards,

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Table 1: Proposed water quality sampling criteria for the RM of Ste. Anne Wastewater Treatment Lagoon and Wetland Cell Expansion

Parameter	Location	First Year of Discharge	Long-Term Monitoring			
Total phosphorous	Wetland outlet	-prior to discharge -weekly, during continuous summer discharge	-prior to discharge -every 2 weeks during continuous summer discharge			
Unionized ammonia	Secondary cell		-prior to discharge -monthly, during continuous summer discharge			
Carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand						
Total suspended solids						
Fecal coliforms						
Total coliforms			-prior to discharge -monthly, during continuous summer discharge	-not applicable		
<i>Escherichia coli</i>						
Total ammonia nitrogen						
Nitrate + nitrite						
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen						
Dissolved phosphorous						
Biochemical oxygen demand						
Acute toxicity					-prior to discharge	
Chronic toxicity					-quarterly, during continuous summer discharge	