

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

PROPONENT: Rural Municipality of Springfield
PROPOSAL NAME: Rural Municipality of Springfield - Regional Wastewater Treatment Lagoon Expansion
CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT: 2
TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT: Waste Treatment and Storage – Wastewater Treatment Lagoons
CLIENT FILE NO.: 4929.20

OVERVIEW

The Proposal was received on March 11, 2021. It was dated March 9, 2021. The advertisement of the Proposal was as follows:

“An Environment Act Proposal has been filed on behalf of the Rural Municipality of Springfield for the expansion of its wastewater treatment lagoon. The expansion would involve three additional secondary cells in SE 11-11-5E, immediately south of the existing facility. Treated effluent would continue to be discharged to the Cooks Creek Diversion. The expansion would provide treatment capacity for the municipality until approximately 2032. Construction would occur in the summer/fall of 2021.”

The Proposal was advertised in the Beausejour – Lac du Bonnet Clipper on Thursday, April 8, 2021, and in the Winnipeg Lance on Friday, April 9, 2021. It was placed in the Public Registry as follows:

- Online: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/sd/eal/registries/4929.2/index.html>
- Legislative Library (Winnipeg)

The Proposal was distributed to Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) members on March 25, 2021.

The closing date for comments from members of the public and TAC members was May 9, 2021.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No public comments were received.

COMMENTS FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) responses are summarized in Table 1 below. TAC comments are provided in full in the public registries.

Table 1 Rural Municipality of Springfield - Regional Wastewater Treatment Lagoon Expansion
 Technical Advisory Committee Comments

No	Technical Advisory Committee Member	Response Provided
1	Manitoba Conservation and Climate	
	Environmental Approvals:	
	Water Power Act Licensing	No response
	Air Quality Management	No response
	Onsite Wastewater Management Program	Not applicable
	Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Branch	No response
	Office of Drinking Water	No concerns
	Environmental Programs and Remediation Branch	No comments
	Drainage and Water Use Licensing Branch:	
	Water Use Licensing Section	No response
	Water Control Works and Drainage Licensing Section	No response
	Climate Change and Clean Technology	No response
	Parks and Protected Spaces Branch	No response
2	Manitoba Agriculture and Resource Development	
	Agri-Resource Branch	Not applicable
	Wildlife and Fisheries Branch (wildlife)	No wildlife concerns
	Wildlife and Fisheries Branch (fisheries)	No response
	Forestry and Peatlands Branch	No concerns
	Lands Branch	No response
	Regional Land Manager / Integrated Resource Management Team	No concerns
	Water Branch:	
	Water Quality Management Section	No response
	Groundwater Management Section	No response
	Mines	No response
	Petroleum	No concerns
3	Manitoba Sport, Culture, and Heritage – Historic Resources Branch	No response
4	Manitoba Municipal Relations:	
	Community Planning Branch	No concerns
	Inspection and Technical Services Branch	No response
5	Manitoba Infrastructure – Highway Planning and Design Branch, Environmental Services	No response
6	Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living – Environmental Health Unit	No response
7	Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	Not applicable

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information was not required to address Technical Advisory Committee comments.

PUBLIC HEARING

As no requests were received for a public hearing, a public hearing is not recommended.

CROWN-INDIGENOUS CONSULTATION

The Government of Manitoba recognizes 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 involves the expansion of an existing wastewater treatment lagoon on agricultural land that is already owned by the municipality. The operating pattern of the facility would not be changed. As resource use would not be affected, Crown-Indigenous consultation would not be 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. Administration of the Licence should be assigned to the Central Region of the Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Branch.

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