SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

PROPONENT: Lowe Farm Co-op Services (1959) Ltd.

PROPOSAL NAME: Lowe Farm Co-op Services (1959) Ltd. - Crop Protection

Warehouse

CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT: 1

TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT: Bulk Materials Handling Facility

CLIENT FILE NO.: 5842.00

OVERVIEW:

Manitoba Sustainable Development received a Proposal on June 14, 2016 for the continued operation of the Development being a crop protection products warehouse and seed treatment facility, and the construction and operation of a Development being a bulk fertilizer storage site located at 1 CNR NW 31-4-1W in the Rural Municipality of Morris. The development will consist of an existing 9.1 meter by 15.2 meter crop protection products warehouse, seed treater and bins, and the construction and installation of six 150 metric tonne granular fertilizer hopper bins and horizontal rotary blender pad.

The Department, on July 21, 2016, placed copies of the Proposal in the Public Registries located at Legislative Library (200 Vaughan Street), the Winnipeg Millennium Public Library and online at http://www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/eal/registries/index.html. Copies of the Proposal were also provided to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) members. A notice of the Environment Act proposal was also placed in the Winkler Morden Voice on July 21, 2016. The newspaper and TAC notifications invited responses until August 19, 2016.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No Comments

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

No	Technical Advisory Committee Member	Response Provided
1	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency	No response.
2	Manitoba Agriculture – Land Use Branch	No response.
3	Manitoba Sustainable Development –	-
	Compliance and Enforcement Branch	No concern.
	Climate Change and Air Quality Branch	No impact.
	Wildlife and Fisheries Branch	No concerns.
	 Parks and Protected Spaces Branch 	No comments/concerns.
	Forestry Branch	No response.
	Indigenous Relations Branch	No response.
	Lands Branch	No comment.
	Water Quality Management Section	No response.
	Groundwater Management Section	No response.
	Office of Drinking Water	No concerns.
	Water Use Licensing Section	No response.
	 Water Control Works Licensing Section 	No response.
	Regional Services Branch	No response.
4	Manitoba Sport, Culture and Heritage – Historic Resources	No response.
	Branch	
5	Manitoba Growth, Enterprise and Trade –	
	Energy Development Branch	No response.
	Petroleum Branch	No response.
6	Manitoba Infrastructure	
	Highway Planning and Design Branch	August 29, 2016
7	Manitoba Indigenous and Municipal Relations	No response.
8	Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living –	No response.
	Environmental Health Unit	
9	Office of Fire Commissioner	No response.
10	Work Place Safety & Health	No response.

A copy of the responses and the additional information provided can be viewed at the following link:

http://www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/eal/registries/___/index.html

COMMENTS FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Manitoba Infrastructure

Manitoba Infrastructure (MI) is concerned with the potential change in flow rates (i.e. post development flow will be higher than pre-development flow) into the adjacent ditches because of proposed development/construction of concrete pads and internal road work. A hydraulic study prepared by a Professional Engineer should be provided to MI for review and approval.

Disposition: Proponent provided additional information to the satisfaction of Manitoba Infrastructure. The request for a hydraulic study is withdrawn, however if expansion of the site is proposed in the future this may be required.

PUBLIC HEARING:

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.

This proposed facility will be located on a private agricultural land. There would be no infringement of Indigenous rights under Section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982. Therefore, it is concluded that Crown-Indigenous consultation is not required for the project.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Proponent should be issued a Licence for the construction and operation of a bulk material handling facility in accordance with the specifications, terms and conditions of the attached draft Licence. Enforcement of the Licence should be assigned to the Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Branch of Manitoba Sustainable Development.

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