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Environment and Climate Change
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Attention: Siobhan Burland Ross, Engineering Manager – Industrial and Wastewater

**RE: FORMER SLUDGE DRYING BEDS DECOMMISSIONING & ALTERNATIVE USE PLAN
DEVELOPMENT – FORMAL REQUEST FOR SUBMISSION DEADLINE EXTENSION**

This letter is in response to the work ongoing to plan for and study decommissioning requirements for the Former Sludge Drying Beds site as per Environment Act Licence No. 3377.

As this work continues, we have identified project schedule risks that may impact the project completion date of March 31st, 2025 originally proposed by the City of Winnipeg.

These risks have included:

- Resources assigned to support this project have been temporarily reassigned, on an emergency basis, to the Fort Garry-St. Vital sewer siphon river crossing failure response and ongoing operational planning.
- Delays in planning for environmental site testing occurred as a result of the former sludge drying beds land being considered as a potential location for the Prairie Green landfill search. It was recently established that Phases I and II of this search will not be occurring at the former sludge drying beds land. Should this change in the future, the overall decommissioning plan will be updated.

These project delays are ongoing and will likely result in missing favourable weather conditions for all the required environmental site testing to support the decommissioning study. This would defer some testing work to spring/summer 2025.

The City of Winnipeg Water & Waste Department would like to provide you advance notice of the issues encountered to date, and formally request a one year extension to March 31st, 2026.

This will allow sufficient time to resolve the current schedule risks, execute the site testing identified in the project plan, and compile the findings into a summary report.

Should you have any questions on this proposed project extension, please contact Jon Goodbrandson at 204-952-7258 or by email at jgoodbrandson@winnipeg.ca.

Sincerely,



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