

## Notice of Environment Act Proposal

Manitoba Sustainable Development has received a proposal pursuant to The Environment Act regarding the following operation and invites public participation in the review process:

### **MANITOBA INFRASTRUCTURE – LAKE MANITOBA AND LAKE ST. MARTIN OUTLET CHANNELS – FILE: 5966.00**

A proposal has been filed by Manitoba Infrastructure for the construction and operation of two permanent flood control channels to reduce the effect of flooding on Lake Manitoba and Lake St. Martin. A new diversion channel from Watchhorn Bay on Lake Manitoba to Birch Bay at the south end of Lake St. Martin would provide additional outlet capacity for Lake Manitoba, supplementing the existing Fairford River outlet. A new diversion channel from the northeast end of Lake St. Martin to south of Willow Point on Lake Winnipeg would provide additional outlet capacity for Lake St. Martin, supplementing the existing Dauphin River outlet. Both channels would have control structures to regulate flows. Three other bridges would be constructed along the Lake Manitoba outlet channel, and a portion of Provincial Road 239 would be re-routed. An access road and power distribution line would be constructed to the Lake St. Martin outlet channel. In combination with the existing outlets, the new channels would be used to maintain the present target ranges of levels on both lakes. These ranges are 247.0 – 247.7 metres above sea level for Lake Manitoba, and 242.9 – 243.8 metres above sea level for Lake St. Martin. Construction of the channels and associated works is anticipated to occur in the period 2019 – 2023.

The proposal information includes a project description (January, 2018) and an Environmental Assessment Scoping Document (March 2018). The scoping document outlines proposed content for an environmental impact statement for the project that will be made available for review when completed.

**Anyone likely to be affected by the above operation and who wishes to comment on the proposal should contact Bruce Webb, Environmental Engineer, in writing or by email at [bruce.webb@gov.mb.ca](mailto:bruce.webb@gov.mb.ca), not later than June 19, 2018. Further information is available from the Online Public Registry: [www.manitoba.ca/sd/eal/registries/index.html](http://www.manitoba.ca/sd/eal/registries/index.html)**

Information submitted in response to this proposal is considered public information and will be made available to the proponent and placed on the public registry established in accordance with Section 17 of The Environment Act.

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