

## **SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PROPONENT:** Rural Municipality of Gimli  
**PROPOSAL NAME:** Wastewater Evaporation Pond  
**CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT:** 2  
**TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT:** Wastewater Treatment Lagoon  
**CLIENT FILE NO.:** 6090.00

### **OVERVIEW**

The Proposal was received on November 17, 2020. It was dated November 10, 2020. The advertisement of the Proposal was as follows:

“An Environment Act Proposal has been filed for construction of a three cell evaporative pond on portions of SW10-21-3 EPM in the Rural Municipality of Gimli in order to manage the dry house cleaning wastewater and annual maintenance shutdown wastewater generated from Diageo Gimli plant. The wastewater in each cell will be managed in rotation and each cell will accept wastewater for one year followed by two years of natural and/or active supplemental evaporation. The wastewater will not be discharged into the environment.”

The Proposal was advertised in the Gimli Express News Weekly on Thursday, March 25, 2021. It was placed in the Public Registry as follows:

- Online: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/sd/eal/registries/6090/index.html>
- Legislative Library (Winnipeg)

The Proposal was distributed to Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) members on April 20, 2021.

The closing date for comments from members of the public was April 22, 2021, and for TAC members was May 7, 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. Substantive comments and their dispositions follow the table. TAC comments are provided in full in the public registries.

Table 1 Rural Municipality of Gimli Wastewater Evaporation Pond  
 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	May 7, 2021
	Office of Drinking Water	No concerns
	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 concerns
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 response
	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 concerns
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 concerns
6	Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living – Environmental Health Unit	No response
7	Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	Not applicable

## **Manitoba Conservation and Climate – Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Branch**

Diageo's dry house cleaning wastewater and annual maintenance shutdown wastewater were previously treated by the Gimli Waste Water Treatment Plant, which contributed to odour issues. As such, Manitoba Conservation and Climate, Environmental Compliance and Enforcement, recommends the proponent conduct an odour impact study to determine any odour concerns that may develop at the site.

The proponent should develop a complaint response plan in order to respond should odours become a concern at the site.

We also recommend the proponent develops a contingency plan in the event the evaporation pond's wastewater and precipitation capacity exceeds its rate of evaporation.

Disposition:

These comments can be addressed through licence conditions.

### **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 construction of a wastewater evaporation pond on land already owned by the municipality and with an adjacent biosolids storage facility. As resource use would not be affected, Crown-Indigenous consultation would not be required for the project.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Comments received have been addressed through licence conditions. 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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