

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

PROPONENT: Manitoba Infrastructure
PROPOSAL NAME: PTH 100 and PR 200 (St. Mary's Road)
Interchange
CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT: 2
TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT: Two lane road at new location
CLIENT FILE NO.: 6101.00

OVERVIEW

The Environment Act Proposal for the project was dated March 29, 2021 and was received on March 29, 2021. The advertisement of the Proposal was as follows:

“An Environment Act Proposal has been filed by Manitoba Infrastructure for the construction of an interchange and re-alignment of St. Mary’s Road at the intersection of PTH 100 (South Perimeter Highway) and PR 200 (St. Mary’s Road) in the City of Winnipeg.”

The Proposal was advertised in the Winnipeg Free Press on April 10, 2021 and in the Lance, Metro, and Sou'wester on April 14, 2021. It was placed in the Public Registry as follows:

- Online: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/sd/eal/registries/6101/index.html>
- Legislative Library (Winnipeg)

The Proposal was distributed to Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) members on April 6, 2021.

Manitoba Infrastructure submitted additional information in relation to the proposal (regarding a sound barrier) on May 5, 2021.

The closing date for comments from members of the public and TAC members was May 14, 2021.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

One comment was received from the public. The comment is provided in full in the public registries.

Summary of Comment

The project will result in the destruction of a forested area and a small marsh beside the perimeter, which is the home of deer, fox and many other animals. The importance of our forests and animals should not be traded for having a perimeter with limited stop lights.

Disposition

The Manitoba government is committed to preserving forests for the ecological, social and cultural values that they provide. However, there must be a balance with respect to other core values of Manitobans such as public safety and infrastructure.

COMMENTS FROM THE 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 Technical Advisory Committee Comments

Technical Advisory Committee Member	Response Provided
Manitoba Conservation and Climate:	
Environmental Approvals Branch:	
Air Quality Management	No response
Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Branch	See below
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 response
Environmental Programs and Remediation Branch:	
Waste Diversion and Recycling Unit	No concerns
Manitoba Agriculture and Resource Development:	
Agri-Resource Branch	No response
Wildlife and Fisheries Branch (wildlife)	No response
Wildlife and Fisheries Branch (fisheries)	No response
Forestry Branch	No response
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 Branch	No response
Petroleum Branch	No response
Manitoba Sport, Culture, and Heritage – Historic Resources Branch	See below
Manitoba Municipal Relations:	
Community and Regional Planning Branch	No response
Manitoba Infrastructure – Highway Planning and Design Branch, Environmental Services	No response
Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living – Environmental Health Unit	No response
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	No response

Environmental Compliance and Enforcement (ECE) Branch, Manitoba Conservation and Climate

Summary of Comment

Environmental Compliance and Enforcement noted that they receive complaints from the public regarding interchange lighting near residential areas and requested that this issue is addressed in any future public engagement process related to the project.

Information on the following was requested:

- emergency response plans/contingency plans for construction near sewer lines;
- details of the mitigation and emergency response plans/contingency plans for accidental spills; and
- noise mitigation during construction and operation (including the sound barrier).

Disposition

Emergency Response Plan

A requirement for submission of emergency response plans related to construction near sewer lines and accidental spills to the Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Branch is included in the draft licence. A list of mitigation measures for accidental spills is provided in Table 9.1 of the proposal.

Interchange Lighting

Regarding interchange lighting, the proposal states that further engagement with the public and stakeholders will be undertaken and that the goal of the engagement will be to:

- Inform the public on the design elements of the project (roadway, active transportation infrastructure, noise mitigation strategies) and the phasing and timing of construction; and
- Consult with stakeholders to identify any potential issues and concerns and provide solutions or feedback for the design team's consideration.

Noise

Regarding noise mitigation for driving piles, the proposal states that Manitoba Infrastructure's General Environmental Requirements for Noise and Noise Limitations include the following:

- All plant and equipment supplied for use on the Project shall be effectively "sound-reduced" by means of proper silencers, mufflers, acoustic linings, acoustic shields or acoustic sheds;
- Noise By-laws of the adjacent communities and municipal authorities shall be complied with; and
- Any operation of plant or equipment outside the hours as regulated by local government shall require an exemption in writing.

The additional information submitted by Manitoba Infrastructure on May 5, 2021 related to the sound barrier states: "Additional noise studies will be conducted after the project

is constructed to determine if a sound attenuation barrier is necessary. The City of Winnipeg Noise Guidelines adopted for this project indicate that outside sound level limits for residential areas adjacent to a regional transportation facility is 65 dBA Ldn. A sound attenuation barrier or similar measures will be incorporated into the project should subsequent studies support the need.”

The draft licence requires submission of a report on the results of the post-construction noise study, applicable by-laws and guidelines, and mitigation measures to be undertaken to address any exceedances of the by-laws and guidelines.

Addressing Potential Issues

The draft licence contains a requirement for the proponent to meet with the Environment Officer responsible for administration of the licence at least two weeks prior to construction to discuss the licence conditions and potential issues during construction and operation of the Development.

Historic Resources Branch, Manitoba Sport, Culture and Heritable

Summary of Comment

Heritage Resources Branch indicated that they have no concerns at this time as the Environmental Act Proposal states that a heritage resource impact assessment (HRIA) is being conducted for the project. It was noted that if at any time, however, heritage resources are encountered in association with these lands during testing and development, the Historic Resources Branch may require that an acceptable heritage resource management strategy be implemented by the developer to mitigate the effects of development on the heritage resources.

Disposition

These comments were shared with the Proponent for their information.

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 project is located in a developed area within the City of Winnipeg. As resource use is not anticipated to be affected, Crown-Indigenous consultation was not 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 Winnipeg Region of the Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Branch.

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