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Municipality of Boissevain-Morton
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Dear Leo Poulin:

Re: Boissevain – Aerated Wastewater Treatment Lagoon With Nitrification – Environment Act Proposal

During the public review period of the environmental assessment and licensing process for the Boissevain wastewater treatment lagoon proposal, comments/concerns were received from the public.

The comments received raised concerns regarding the location selected for the lagoon, lack of consultation and transparency regarding the location, who would pay for the project, and a need for a public hearing. Most of the concerns are matters to be addressed by the municipality and will be forwarded to you for information.

The comment regarding the location being a wetland will be verified and addressed through the environmental assessment and licensing process. There is opportunity through the licensing process to include conditions in the licence to ensure all environmental concerns will be fully addressed during the construction and operation of the lagoon.

The Environment Act includes provisions that a proposal could be referred to the Clean Environment Commission to conduct a hearing to facilitate additional public participation to identify any additional unknown environmental effects. The potential environmental effects and potential mitigation strategies of a lagoon are well understood. In addition, comments received from the public contributed to our understanding of local concerns with the proposal. It is unlikely a hearing would add additional information in that regard. Therefore, this letter is to inform you that I have decided not to recommend to the Minister of Environment, Climate and Parks that a Clean Environment Commission hearing be held. The decision is based on the information provided in the Environment Act proposal and the ability, through the established environmental assessment and licensing process, to address environmental concerns.

This decision will be communicated to the public who participated in the environmental assessment and licensing process and, as per The Environment Act, may be appealed within 30 days.

If you have any questions, please contact Bereket Assefa, P.Eng., Senior Environmental Engineer, Environmental Approvals Branch at Bereket.Assefa@gov.mb.ca or 204-330-4613.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by

Laura Pyles
Acting Director

- c. Siobhan Burland Ross, Bereket Assefa – Environmental Approvals Branch
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