

## **SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PROPONENT:** Cascades Canada ULC.  
**PROPOSAL NAME:** Corrugated and Boxboard Manufacturing Facility  
**CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT:** 2  
**TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT:** Manufacturing – Industrial Plants  
**CLIENT FILE NO.:** 6151.00

As part of the [environmental assessment and licensing process](#), the purpose of this document is to summarize comments received from the public and government's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), and how they are addressed. It includes a recommendation to inform the director's licensing decision.

### **INTRODUCTION**

Cascades Canada submitted a proposal dated February 13, 2023, and additional information on May 2, 2023 and September 29, 2023 for a continued operation of a corrugated and boxboard manufacturing facility at 680 Wall Street in the City of Winnipeg, Manitoba. If approved, they will manufacture single and double walled cardboard.

The proposal was advertised in the Winnipeg Free Press on July 21, 2023. It was placed in the online Public Registry as follows: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/sd/eal/registries/6151/index.html>.

The proposal was distributed to Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) members on July 21, 2023

The closing date for comments from members of the public and TAC members was August 21, 2023.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

The department did receive one public comment. The following summarizes the comments:

The proposed site is not properly zoned, Volatile Organic Compounds and Hazardous Air Pollutants emission to the neighborhood, public health impacts, proximity of the operation to residents, traffic impacts, and wastewater discharge.

#### **Disposition:**

The proponent provided additional information addressing the concerns. The facility utilizes chemicals with low volatile organic compounds. The area is zoned for manufacturing. Wastewater is discharged to the City of Winnipeg or picked up by a licensed third party for proper disposal. The potential air emissions, noise and volatile organic compounds related issues are addressed through clauses 7, 8, 9 and 10 of the draft Environment Act licence while issues related to wastewater are addressed through clauses 20 to 21 of the draft licence. In the event air emission becomes an issue clause 16 of the draft licence addresses requirement of air emission sampling and analysis.

## **COMMENTS FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) responses are listed in Table 1 below. Substantive comments and their dispositions follow the table. TAC comments are provided in full in the public registries at <https://www.gov.mb.ca/sd/eal/registries/6151/index.html>.

Table 1 Cascades Canada ULC. – Corrugated and Boxboard Manufacturing Facility  
Technical Advisory Committee Comments

| <b>No</b> | <b>Technical Advisory Committee Member</b>                  | <b>Response Provided</b> |
|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
|           |                                                             |                          |
| <b>1</b>  | <b>Environment and Climate Change</b>                       |                          |
|           | Environmental Approvals Branch                              |                          |
|           | • Air Quality Management                                    | August 14, 2023          |
|           | Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Branch             | July 28, 2023            |
|           | Office of Drinking Water                                    | July 24, 2023            |
|           | Environmental Programs and Remediation Branch               | No response              |
|           | Drainage and Water Rights Licensing Branch                  |                          |
|           | • Water Use Licensing Section                               | August 18, 2023          |
|           | • Drainage and Water Rights Licensing Section               | July 26, 2023            |
|           | Water Science and Watershed Management Branch               |                          |
|           | • Water Quality Management Section                          | No response              |
|           | • Groundwater Management Section                            | No response              |
|           | Climate Change and Clean Technology                         | August 22, 2023          |
| <b>2</b>  | <b>Natural Resource and Northern Development</b>            |                          |
|           | Parks Branch                                                | No response              |
|           | Wildlife and Fisheries Branch (wildlife)                    | No response              |
|           | Wildlife and Fisheries Branch (fisheries)                   | No response              |
|           | Forestry and Peatlands Branch                               | July 21, 2023            |
|           | Lands and Planning                                          | No response              |
|           | Crown Land Specialist                                       | No response              |
|           | Mines Program                                               | August 11, 2023          |
|           | Petroleum Program                                           | August 18, 2023          |
| <b>3</b>  | <b>Manitoba Sport, Culture, and Heritage – Historic</b>     | August 11, 2023          |
| <b>4</b>  | <b>Manitoba Municipal Relations</b>                         |                          |
|           | Community Planning Branch                                   | No response              |
| <b>5</b>  | <b>Manitoba Labour, Consumer Protection and</b>             |                          |
|           | Inspection and Technical Services                           | July 27, 2023            |
| <b>6</b>  | <b>Manitoba Transportation Infrastructure –</b>             | August 16, 2023          |
| <b>7</b>  | <b>Manitoba Health – Winnipeg Regional Health Authority</b> | July 25, 2023            |

### **Air Quality Section – Environmental Approvals Branch**

Air Quality Section provided the following comments:

- There will be no significant impact on ambient air quality provided that the facility is equipped with dust collection system to control potential of dust emission.
- It is suggested the licence include requirements regarding noise and odour nuisance.

#### **Disposition:**

Clauses 7 to 9 of the draft licence address air emissions, odour, and noise, respectively.

### **Drainage and Water Rights Licensing Branch - Water Use Licensing Section**

The following Water Use Licensing Section comment was forwarded to the proponent:

Water source for this project is unknown. If the water is provided by a well this proponent is required to apply for a Water Rights Licence under The Water Rights Act. An application can be submitted via our online portal – [www.manitoba.ca/waterlicensingportal](http://www.manitoba.ca/waterlicensingportal). If the water is provided by a municipal supply, a Water Rights Licence is not required.

#### **Disposition:**

The proponent provided additional information that the water source is the City of Winnipeg water supply and there is no water well on the property.

### **Manitoba Sport, Culture, and Heritage, Historic Resources Branch**

The Historic Resource Branch provided a comment that the potential for impact to heritage resources is believed to be low. Based on analysis of current data and evaluated by the type of action proposed, the branch has no concerns with the proposed project at this time.

However, if at any time 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:**

The comment was forwarded to the proponent. In addition, clause 3 of the draft licence requires the licensee to comply with the requirements of The Heritage Resources Act.

### **Manitoba Health – Winnipeg Regional Health Authority.**

Winnipeg Regional Health Authority provided comments that:

- More detail required on the impacts on ambient air quality due to the VOC and HAP emissions from the solvents used and whether those would be within current emission standards.
- Would there be any odour detectable from the outside of the building?
- Any mitigation in place for any possible air quality and odour impacts on the nearby residents?
- Any comment on noise generated from the facility that could impact neighboring residents?

#### **Disposition:**

The proponent provided additional information and Winnipeg Regional Health Authority reviewed and has no further concerns. In addition, clauses 7 to 10 of the draft licence address the issues related to air emissions, odour, noise, and VOCs, respectively.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

The branch requested additional information on September 29, 2023, and received a response on September 29, 2023. Responses were satisfactory.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

As the public concerns are addressed through the additional information and terms and conditions of the draft licence, a public hearing is not recommended.

## **CROWN-INDIGENOUS CONSULTATION**

The Government of Manitoba recognizes that 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 Initial Assessment conducted for this project has concluded that the licensing decision does not have the potential to adversely affect the exercise of an Aboriginal or Treaty right. Crown-Indigenous consultation will not be undertaken for the Cascades Canada licensing decision. The project is an existing operation on privately owned land that is currently zoned for Manufacturing in the City of Winnipeg.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Comments received have been addressed through the provision of information and licence conditions. I recommend that the development be licensed under The Environment Act subject to the specifications, limits, terms, and conditions as described on the attached draft Environment Act Licence. I also recommend assigning the administration of the licence to the Winnipeg Region of the Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Branch.

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