

## **SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PROPONENT:** Monarch Holding Co. Ltd.  
**PROPOSAL NAME:** Monarch Holding Co. Ltd. - Water Supply System  
**CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT:** 2  
**TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT:** Transportation & Transmission  
**CLIENT FILE NO.:** 6179.00

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.

### **OVERVIEW**

Monarch Holding Co. Ltd. submitted a proposal dated March 8, 2023, to develop two water supply wells in NE 17-16-27 WPM and construct and operate a 17.5 km long pipeline in municipal road allowances between the wells and to the existing water treatment plant on NW 35-17-27 WPM. All project components would be located in Prairie View Municipality. The capacity of the water supply system would be 7.5 litres per second.

The proposal was advertised in the Russell Banner on April 11, 2023, and in the Shoal Lake Crossroads This Week on April 14, 2023. It was placed in the online Public Registry as follows: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/sd/eal/registries/6179/index.html>.

The proposal was distributed to the TAC members on May 1, 2023.

The closing date for comments from members of the public and TAC members was May 11 and May 22, 2023, respectively.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

The department did not receive any public comments on the proposal during the comment period.

## **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/6179/index.html>.

Table 1: Monarch Holding Co. Water Supply System Technical Advisory Committee Comments

<b>No.</b>	<b>Technical Advisory Committee Member</b>	<b>Response Provided</b>
1	<b>Environment and Climate Change</b>	
	Environmental Approvals Branch	
	• Air Quality Management	No response
	Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Branch	May 24, 2023
	Office of Drinking Water	May 2, 2023
	Drainage and Water Rights Licensing Branch	
	• Water Use Licensing Section	June 28, 2023
	• Drainage and Water Rights Licensing Section	May 2, 2023
	Water Science and Watershed Management Branch	
	• Groundwater Management Section	No response
	Climate Change and Clean Technology	No response
2	<b>Former Natural Resource and Northern Development</b>	
	Parks Branch	No response
	Wildlife and Fisheries Branch (wildlife)	May 29, 2023
	Wildlife and Fisheries Branch (fisheries)	No response
	Forestry and Peatlands Branch	May 10, 2023
	Lands and Planning	No response
	Mines Program	No response
	Petroleum Program	May 15, 2023
3	<b>Former Manitoba Sport, Culture, and Heritage</b>	
	Historic Resources Branch	May 24, 2023
4	<b>Former Manitoba Municipal Relations</b>	
	Community Planning Branch	May 12, 2023
5	<b>Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure</b>	
	Environmental Services and Consultation Branch	May 19, 2023
6	<b>Former Manitoba Health</b>	
	Winnipeg Regional Health Authority	May 2, 2023
7	<b>Environment and Climate Change Canada</b>	
	Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	May 3 & 11, 2023

## **Office of Drinking Water**

- The water system owner must contact the Office of Drinking Water (ODW) to register as a regulated water system under The Drinking Water Safety Act and related Regulations.
- Regulated water systems (under The Drinking Water Safety Act and related Regulations) require a permit to construct or alter to be issued before any work can be performed on the water system, i.e. construction or alteration of the water treatment plant, distribution system pipelines, etc.
  - A permit application form and checklist can be found on the website or can be obtained by emailing the Office of Drinking Water.
- In addition, the Office of Drinking Water has requirements for connecting raw water systems (i.e. raw water wells and associated piping) to water treatment plants.

### **Disposition:**

These comments were sent to the proponent for information. The licence includes a condition for the proponent to obtain a permit to construct or alter a public water system.

## **Wildlife Branch**

- Avoid development during the Sharp-tailed Grouse Lekking period from March 15<sup>th</sup> - May 15<sup>th</sup>, as well as the Migratory Bird period from April 15<sup>th</sup> - August 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **Disposition:**

These comments were sent to the proponent for information.

## **Historic Resources Branch**

- The branch provided a conditional approval and requires a heritage resource protection plan.
  - Manitoba's Historic Resources Branch (HRB) has examined the location in conjunction with Branch records for areas of potential concern. The potential to impact heritage resources is believed to be low based on analysis of current data, therefore, the Historic Resources Branch has no concerns with the proposed project at this time. HRB requires a HRPP be included in planning, development, and operations, in the event heritage resources (including human remains and palaeontological resources) are accidentally encountered.

### **Disposition:**

The original comments and resources were forwarded to the proponent. The licence includes a condition for the proponent to comply with the requirements of The Heritage Resources Act.

## **Community Planning Branch**

### **Municipal Approvals:**

- The proponent should obtain the approval of Prairie View Municipality for the finalized routing of those portions of the pipeline which are to be located within the rights-of-way of municipal roads and any crossings thereof, as they represent a structure located in the right-of-way which is under municipal jurisdiction. The municipality may wish to consider requiring the proponent to enter into a development agreement with the municipality that identifies roles and

responsibilities related to the installation, operation, maintenance and upgrading of those portions of the proposed development located within municipal road rights-of-way.

- The proponent should contact the Development Officer of the Mid-West Planning District and determine the need to apply for a Development Permit from the planning district for the construction of the raw water well and pump house (if so constructed) and pipeline in Prairie View Municipality.

### **Other Approvals**

- As the proposed route of the pipeline will involve portions of the pipeline being placed within and crossing portions of the provincial highway system, the proponent is advised to contact Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure to obtain any permits or approvals the authority having jurisdiction may require for those portions of the pipeline proposed to be located within or crossing the provincial highway system.
- The proponent is encouraged to also contact and determine the need for any permissions, approvals, licenses and or agreements that may be required for the development, installation, operation and maintenance of the proposed raw water well and pipeline by:
  - Manitoba Office of Drinking Water,
  - Manitoba Environment and Climate,
  - Manitoba Hydro,
  - Bell/MTS,
  - CP Rail
  - Any other known public or private utilities including but not limited to oil and gas pipeline companies and fibre optic companies with facilities in the vicinity of the proposed pipeline and the need for crossing them by the proposed pipeline.

If any portion of the proposed pipeline as finally routed crosses privately held lands, it shall be the responsibility of the applicant to obtain permission from all affected private land owners whose lands will be traversed by the proposed pipeline and enter into easement agreements for placement of the pipeline across said privately held lands.

### **Disposition:**

These comments were sent to the proponent for information. The licence cover letter requires the proponent to follow all necessary federal, provincial, and municipal regulation and by-laws. The licence includes a condition for the proponent to restrict construction and operational activities to only such lands to which the licensee possesses legal control, by ownership or by rental, lease, or other agreement.

### **Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure, Environmental Services Branch**

- A permit will be required from Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure (MTI) under The Transportation Infrastructure Act for construction activities required to construct a new access, modify an existing, intensify its use or relocate an existing access connection onto Provincial Road (PR) 568. A permit may also be required for:

- Any construction (above or below ground level) within 38.1 m (125 ft) from the edge of right-of-way of PR 568 (this would include the proposed well, electrical panel, genset and access onto the Municipal road). Information regarding control areas and circles can be found at the following link: [controlled\\_area\\_map.pdf \(gov.mb.ca\)](#);
- Any plantings within 15.2 m (50 ft) from the edge of right-of-way of PR 568;
- Discharge of water or other liquid materials into the ditch of PR 568.

Permit applications and information can be obtained at the following link: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/mit/hpd/permits.html>.

- For any Utility Installations crossing Provincial Trunk Highway (PTH) 42 and PR 568, a permission/agreement will be required from MTI before works may commence.

Permission/agreement applications and information can be obtained at the following link: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/mit/hpd/utilities.html>.

**Disposition:**

These comments were sent to the proponent for information. The licence cover letter requires the proponent to follow all necessary federal, provincial, and municipal regulation and by-laws. The licence includes a condition for the proponent to obtain all necessary approvals from Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

The department requested additional information on July 17, 2023, and received a response on August 14, 2023. A second information request was sent on October 12, 2023, and a response was received on October 16, 2023. A third information was sent on October 26, 2023, and a response was received on November 29, 2023. Responses were satisfactory.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

As no public comments were received, 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 this project’s licensing decision.

**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 Western Region of the Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Branch.

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