

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

PROPONENT: WESTROCK COMPANY OF CANADA CORP
PROPOSAL NAME: Smurfit Westrock Winnipeg
CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT: 2
TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT: Manufacturing Industrial
CLIENT FILE NO.: 6246.00

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

WestRock Company of Canada Corp submitted a proposal, dated October 11, 2024, on November 4, 2024, to continue operating a paper packaging products manufacturing facility at 1360 Inkster Boulevard in Winnipeg, Manitoba. The facility manufactures corrugated boards or sheets using high-precision machinery and "linerboard" and "medium" grades paper that would be shaped, cut, printed, and folded to the customers' requirements.

The proposal was advertised in the Winnipeg Free Press on December 14, 2024. It was placed in the online Public Registry as follows: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/sd/eal/registries/6246/index.html>.

The proposal was distributed to Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) members on December 16, 2024.

The closing date for comments from members of the public and TAC members was January 13, 2025.

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/6246/index.html>.

Table 1 WestRock Company of Canada Corp - Smurfit Westrock Winnipeg
Technical Advisory Committee Comments

No	Technical Advisory Committee Member	Response Provided
1	Environment and Climate Change	
	Environmental Approvals Branch	
	• Air Quality Management	No Concerns
	Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Branch	No Concerns
	Office of Drinking Water	No Concerns
	Environmental Programs and Remediation Branch	No response
	Drainage and Water Rights Licensing Branch	
	• Water Use Licensing Section	No Concerns
	• Drainage and Water Rights Licensing Section	No Concerns
	Water Science and Watershed Management Branch	
	• Water Quality Management Section	No Concerns
	• Groundwater Management Section	No response
	Climate Change and Clean Technology	No response
	Parks Branch	No response
2	Economic Development, Investment, Trade and Natural Resources	
	Wildlife and Fisheries Branch (wildlife)	No Concerns
	Wildlife and Fisheries Branch (fisheries)	No response
	Forestry and Peatlands Branch	No Concerns
	Lands and Planning	No Concerns
	Crown Land Specialist	No response
	Mines Program	No Concerns
	Petroleum Program	No Concerns
	Lands Branch	No response
3	Sport, Culture, Heritage and Tourism - Historic Resources Branch	No Concerns
4	Municipal and Northern Relations	
	Community Planning Branch	No response
	Office of the Fire Commissioner	No response
5	Labour and Immigration - Inspection and Technical Services	No Concerns
6	Transportation and Infrastructure - Environmental Services and Consultation Branch	

	• Highway design - Roadside Development	No response
	• Highway Regional Operations	No response
	• Hydrologic Forecasting & Water Management	No response
7	Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care - WRHA	No Concerns

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

No additional information is requested.

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 the WestRock Company of Canada Corp - Smurfit Westrock Winnipeg Plant licensing decision. The facility is an existing operation in an industrial zoned area within 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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