

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

PROPOSAL NAME: Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation
PTH 110 Roadway Link from PR 457 to PTH 1 (Brandon Eastern Access)
CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT: Two
TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT: Transportation and Transmission – Two Lane Roads
CLIENT FILE NO.: 5392.00

OVERVIEW:

The Proposal was received on February 17, 2009. It was dated February 17, 2009. The advertisement of the proposal was as follows:

“Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation has filed a Proposal to construct a two lane roadway extension of PTH 110 from PR 457 to PTH 1.

The proposed development consists of extending PTH 110 as a two lane roadway from PR 457 to PTH 1, installing a drainage system, constructing an underpass crossing structure on the CPR mainline track and improving the PR 457/PR 110 intersection. The project also proposes to construct an at-grade intersection with PTH 1 with right and left turn lanes off PTH 1 and right turn cut off on PTH 110. The project will address the current road deficiencies, improve safety and accommodate the traffic volume on the east side of Brandon including the Brandon industrial park.”

The Proposal was advertised in the Brandon Sun on March 7, 2009. It was placed in the Main, Millenium Public Library, Eco-Network and Western Manitoba Regional Library (Brandon) public registries. The Proposal was distributed to TAC members on March 6, 2009. The closing date for comments from members of the public and TAC members was April 6, 2009.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: No public comments were received.

COMMENTS FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Parks and Natural Areas Branch No concerns.

Sustainable Resource Management Branch No concerns.

Historic Resources Branch The Historic Resources Branch has concerns with regard to this project’s potential to impact heritage resources.

Heritage resources have been recorded along the proposed route indicating a potential for intact heritage objects in the project area. Under Section 12(2) of The Heritage Resources Act, if the Minister of Culture, Heritage and Tourism has reason to believe that heritage resources are known, or thought likely to be present, on lands that are to be developed, then the owner/developer may be required to conduct at his/her own expense, a heritage resource impact assessment and mitigation, if necessary, prior to the project's start.

Table 1 of the document indicates that MIT will conduct the recommended Heritage Resource Impact Assessment in close coordination with the Historic Resources Branch. It should be a condition of the Environment Act Licence that the Heritage Resource Impact Assessment and completion of all mitigation measures resulting from the Assessment be approved by the Historic Resources Branch prior to construction.

Disposition:

Comments can be addressed via licence conditions.

Mines Branch

No concerns.

Energy, Climate Change and Green Strategy Initiatives

No concerns.

Medical Officer of Health – Assiniboine and Brandon RHAs

Concerns regarding potential health hazards from air, groundwater and surface water contamination include:

- i) any dust generated during construction
- ii) noise levels during construction
- iii) gaseous and particulate emissions
- iv) solid waste disposal
- v) accidental fuel or chemical spills onto land or water

However, inclusion in the Environment License of the proposed environmental management practices as per section 3.0 of the proposal should prevent or mitigate the above potential impacts. In addition, upgrading will generate substantial benefits from a safety perspective.

Disposition:

Comments can be addressed via licence conditions.

Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency

I have undertaken a survey of federal departments with respect to determining interest in the project noted above. I can confirm that the project information provided has been distributed to all federal departments with a potential interest. I am enclosing copies of the relevant responses for your file.

Based on the responses of the survey, Transport Canada (TC) and the Canadian Transportation Agency (CTA) have notified us that an environmental assessment under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (the Act) may be required with respect to the project. TC and the CTA have indicated that they require additional information before they can determine their environmental responsibilities for this project. TC requires the submission of an application for Approval to the Navigable Waters Protection Program. The CTA requests information on the status of any agreements Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation and Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR) have concerning the underpass crossing structure of the CPR main line and any other rail interactions. Contact information is included in the enclosures.

Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) have offered to provide specialist advice to a Responsible Authority should one be identified through this environmental assessment process. If specifically requested, Health Canada has indicated that they could provide expertise that may be relevant to the project.

Disposition:

TC, the CTA, and CEAA will be included on the TAC for the project.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Additional information was requested by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency on April 6, 2009. The requested information will be provided directly to TC and the CTA.

PUBLIC HEARING:

As no public concerns were identified, a public hearing is not recommended.

RECOMMENDATION:

All provincial comments received on the Proposal can be addressed as licence conditions, or have been forwarded to the Applicant's representative for information. Information needed to complete the federal assessment process has been requested and will be provided directly to the interested department. Therefore, it is recommended that the Development be licenced under The Environment Act subject to the limits, terms and conditions as described on the attached Draft Environment Act Licence. It is further recommended that enforcement of the Licence be assigned to the Western Region.

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