

# Environment Act Licence

Manitoba  
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Licence No. 1445

Issue Date JANUARY 17, 1991

In accordance with the Manitoba Environment Act (C.C.S.M. c. E125)

THIS LICENCE IS ISSUED TO:

**MANITOBA DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS; APPLICANT**

Approval is hereby given for the upgrading of PTH #75 in the Morris area as follows:

1. Short term alignment

The existing alignment of PTH #75 through the Town of Morris shall be constructed in accordance with the preferred alignment described as Option #3 within the Environment Act Proposal information, filed October 29, 1990.

2. Long term alignment

The proposed by-pass around the Town of Morris shall be constructed in accordance with the preferred alignment described as Alternative 4B within the Environment Act Proposal information, filed October 29, 1990.

Larry Strachan, P. Eng.  
Director  
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Dear Mr. Romeo:

Enclosed herewith is Licence No. 1445 dated January 17, 1991 issued in accordance with the Manitoba Environment Act to the Department of Highways in connection with the construction of the short-term and long-term (by-pass) upgrading of P.T.H. #75 in the Morris area.

The Department of Natural Resources has submitted several comments regarding the proposed by-pass to this Department which require follow-up by the Department of Highways. Fisheries Branch recommends that opportunities for developing or enhancing fish habitat associated with the diversion of the Morris River and Shannon Creek be discussed with B. Howard, Regional Fisheries Manager in Brandon at 726-6449 and Joe O'Connor, Chief of Fish Habitat Management in Winnipeg at 945-7792. Wildlife Branch notes that the proposed service road construction on the east side of the P.T.H. #75 by-pass is planned for the old CNR railbed which has existing remnants of tall grass prairie. The Wildlife Branch recommends that tall grass prairie seeding should be attempted in the highway right-of-way between the existing P.T.H. and the proposed east service road. The expressway is in the historical range of tall grass prairie and there would be an opportunity to restore it for the travelling public. For further consultation in this regard please contact Dan Chranowski, Wildlife Technician in Brandon at 726-6450.

I would also draw to your attention several comments made by the Department of Rural Development concerning the need to phase in the project over a longer period of time. Municipal Planning Branch recommends that there is a need for a

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Mr. Joseph Romeo

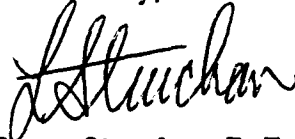
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definite decision and time schedule to provide the Town of Morris with an opportunity to plan ahead and address any issues which may result from a by-pass. Also, Municipal Planning Branch questions the rationale for delaying the by-pass construction. They suggest the delay will result in expensive short-term improvements not required for future local traffic flow through the Town of Morris. These matters should be pursued with Garry Haggerty, Municipal Planning Branch in Morden at 822-6221.

In addition to the Environmental Licencing of this development, please be informed that the Department of Highways must comply with all other applicable federal, provincial and municipal regulations.

For further information on the administration and application of the Licence, you may contact Mr. Bryan Blunt of this Branch at 945-7085.

Yours truly,



Larry Strachan, P. Eng.  
Director  
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Enclosure

cc: B. Howard  
cc: J. O'Connor  
cc: D. Chranowski  
cc: G. Haggerty