

DATE: June 3, 2015

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SUBJECT: Manitoba Hydro Harrow to Bishop Grandin
HRB Review and Comments

HRB FILE: AAS-15-9223

Further to your memo requesting a heritage screening for Manitoba Hydro's proposed Harrow Station to Bishop Grandin Blvd. Transmission Project (Planned Area), the Historic Resources Branch (HRB) has examined the applicable areas proposed for development in conjunction with the Branch's records for areas of potential concern, and can advise you that HRB has no concerns with the project at this time.

However, please be advised that if any heritage resources are encountered in association with the Planned Area during development, the Developer is required to notify HRB and HRB may require that a heritage resource management strategy be implemented to mitigate the effects of development on the heritage resources.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact the undersigned at the above noted address, phone number, or e-mail.

Christina Nesbitt

DATE: 29 May, 2015

TO: Darrell Ouimet
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Conservation and Water Stewardship
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FROM: Muntaseer Ibn Azkar
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**SUBJECT: Manitoba Hydro-Harrow Station to Bishop Grandin Transmission
Project (File 5766.00)**

Air Quality Section has reviewed the above proposal and provides the following comments:

- It is expected that the proposal has no significant impact on air quality (as well as noise) provided that the control measures cited are implemented.
- The noise clause is suggested to be included in the License.

Ouimet, Darrell (CWS)

From: Wilson, Brian (MAFRD)
Sent: May-27-15 2:22 PM
To: Ouimet, Darrell (CWS)
Subject: RE: EAP Review and comments - MB Hydro Harrow to Bishop Grandin TL - File: 5766.00

No concerns.

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Cc: Ouimet, Darrell (CWS)
Subject: EAP Review and comments - MB Hydro Harrow to Bishop Grandin TL - File: 5766.00

Your review and comments would be appreciated for the attached Proposal submitted pursuant to *The Environment Act*:

<http://www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/eal/registries/5766mbhydroharrow/index.html>

The contact person assigned to co-ordinate review and assessment of the Proposal is:

Darrell Ouimet @ 204-803-1389. Email replies are programmed to automatically deliver to darrell.ouimet@gov.mb.ca

Please indicate to the contact person if you are unable to review the proposal. A non-reply will be considered as indicating your department has reviewed the proposal and has no concerns.

Any comments you have on the Proposal should be emailed by **June 1, 2015**.

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Thank you.

Ouimet, Darrell (CWS)

From: Sigurdson,Shauna [CEAA] [Shauna.Sigurdson@ceaa-acee.gc.ca]
Sent: April-30-15 5:57 PM
To: Ouimet, Darrell (CWS)
Subject: RE: EAP Review and comments - MB Hydro Harrow to Bishop Grandin TL - File: 5766.00

Hello Darrell

The proposed project is not a designated activity under the *Regulations Designating Physical Activities* under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act 2012*. As such, the Agency will not have any comments on the proposed project.

Shauna Sigurdson

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Ouimet, Darrell (CWS)

From: Stibbard, James (CWS)
Sent: May-28-15 9:50 AM
To: Ouimet, Darrell (CWS)
Subject: Re: 5766.00 Manitoba Hydro, Harrow to Bishop Grandin UPgrade, EAP

Mr. Ouimet,

I reviewed the above noted EAP and found no cause for concern in it respecting drinking water quality or safety. If you have any questions, please call.

Regards,

James Stibbard P. Eng.
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Memo

To: D. Ouimet

From: K. Fedick

CC: Y. Hawryliuk

Date: 04/06/2015

Re: Environment Act Proposal – MB Hydro Harrow to Bishop Grandin TL. Client File: 5766.00

Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Branch has reviewed the above noted Environment Act Proposal and does not have any comments to provide.



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May 20, 2015

Tracey Braun, M. Sc.
Director, Environmental Approvals Branch
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RE: MB Hydro - Harrow Station to Bishop Grandin Blvd Transmission Project
Client File No. 5766.00

Dear Ms. Braun:

MIT has reviewed the proposal under the *Environment Act* noted above and we do not have any concern with the proposed development.

Thank you very much for providing us the opportunity to review the proposal.

Sincerely,

Ryan Coultter, M. Sc., P. Eng.
Manager of Environmental Services

Ouimet, Darrell (CWS)

From: Kelly, Jason (CWS)
Sent: May-06-15 9:12 AM
To: Ouimet, Darrell (CWS)
Subject: RE: EAP Review and comments - MB Hydro Harrow to Bishop Grandin TL - File: 5766.00

Parks and Protected Spaces Branch have no comments or concerns to offer.

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Thank you.

Sent on behalf of:

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Ouimet, Darrell (CWS)

From: Matthews, Rob (CWS)
Sent: April-30-15 7:31 PM
To: Ouimet, Darrell (CWS)
Subject: RE: EAP Review and comments - MB Hydro Harrow to Bishop Grandin TL - File: 5766.00

No concerns.

Rob Matthews, Manager, WULS, CWS.

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Quimet, Darrell (CWS)

From: Roberts, Dan (CWS)
Sent: May-04-15 9:13 AM
To: Quimet, Darrell (CWS)
Subject: EAP Review and comments - MB Hydro Harrow to Bishop Grandin TL - File: 5766.00
Attachments: Drainage Licence Application.pdf

Any water control works (drains, culverts, dykes, dams, etc.) associated with this project will require licensing under the *Water Rights Act* – an application is attached for the proponent's convenience. Any inquiries in this regard may be directed to the local *Water Resource Officer*. Their contact information may be found at:

http://www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/waterstewardship/licensing/pdf/areas_of_focus_jan_23_12.pdf

Sincerely,

Dan Roberts

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Ouimet, Darrell (CWS)

From: Kiss, Brian (CWS)
Sent: June-01-15 11:42 AM
To: Ouimet, Darrell (CWS)
Cc: Roberts, Dave (CWS); Bruce, Robert (CWS); Friesen, Chris (CWS)
Subject: RE: EAP Review and comments - MB Hydro Harrow to Bishop Grandin TL - File: 5766.00

The Wildlife Branch has reviewed the following EAP and would like to provide the following comment:

Appendix B – Table 3: Setbacks and Buffers - Active Migratory Bird Nest – 50m setback distance:

If any bird species listed provincially under the *Endangered Species and Ecosystems Act* or federally under the *Species At Risk Act* are observed in the project area, this setback distance should be increased to at least the minimum distance recommended by Manitoba's Conservation Data Centre for that species. The Wildlife Branch can provide these distances and definitions of disturbance to the proponent if needed. Furthermore, all occurrences of listed species observed during construction and monitoring activities should be reported to the CDC.

-Brian Kiss

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Thank you.

David M. Sanders, M.A., LL.B.
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June 1, 2015

Environmental Approvals Branch
Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship
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Attention: Darrell Ouimet (darrell.ouimet@gov.mb.ca)

Re: **Manitoba Hydro – Harrow Station to Bishop Grandin Blvd. 115 kV
Transmission Project
File No. 5766.00 – Class 2 Development Environment Act Proposal
Applicant/Proponent: Manitoba Hydro**

Dear Mr. Ouimet:

I am writing as a private citizen:

- a) To object to the approval of the current Harrow Station to Bishop Grandin Blvd. 115 kV Transmission Project Environmental Assessment Report, dated April 2015, and to object to the request for approval of the Class 2 Development Environment Act Proposal (EAP) submitted by Manitoba Hydro.
- b) To request that the "Environmental Assessment Report" dated April 2015 be rejected as incomplete and/or inadequate as an Environment Act Proposal (EAP) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), for the specific reasons enumerated below.
- c) To request, pursuant to section 11(9)(c) of the Act, that the Director require Manitoba Hydro to prepare and submit to the director an assessment report to include "alternatives to the proposed development processes and locations," and the "details of proposed environmental management practices to deal with the issues;"
- d) To request, pursuant to Manitoba Regulation 163/88, that the Director require Manitoba Hydro to provide a description of all previous studies and activities relating to feasibility, exploration, or project siting and prior authorization received from other government agencies, plus a description of the potential impacts of the development on the environment.
- e) To require that Manitoba Hydro conduct a proper field survey of the flora and fauna of the affected Project Study Area now, at a time of the year when at least some of them are present. KGS Group did its site visit in September 2014, when most species would have vacated the site.
- f) To request that no Harrow-Bishop Grandin Proposal be approved and licenced pursuant to *The Environment Act*, without first referring the completed EAP to the Clean Environment Commission for a public hearing and recommendation.

The Environmental Assessment Review and Report is Incomplete and Inadequate

I request that the "Environmental Assessment Review and Report" dated April 2015 be rejected as incomplete and/or inadequate as an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), for the specific reasons enumerated below, discussed in relation to the specific mandatory requirements set out in Section 1(1) of the *Licensing Procedures Regulation*, Man. Reg 163/88, and highlighted in italics below:

Manitoba Hydro has not provided:

(i) a description of all previous studies and activities relating to feasibility, exploration, or project siting and prior authorization received from other government agencies;

Manitoba Hydro has really provided only a checklist of items to be examined, and standard corporate practices which may be applied to this project. It should be required to provide specifics for this particular project, including:

(j) a description of the potential impacts of the development on the environment, including, but not necessarily limited to the following:

- (i) type, quantity and concentration of pollutants to be released into the air, water*
a) or land,
- (ii) impact on wildlife,*
- (iii) impact on fisheries,*
- (iv) impact on surface water and groundwater,*
- (v) forestry related impacts,*

The EAP states that the site visit was conducted in September, 2014; therefore, the majority of migratory wildlife species would have already left the area; the wet meadow and/or wetland areas were dry; and plants that grow and flower in the spring or early summer were not present or were in senescence. In addition, tall grass prairie is considered an endangered ecosystem. And wetlands are ecologically sensitive areas.

The EAP misleads the reader with respect to the nature of the ecosystem in the Parker Lands area when it states in section 3.18 only that:

"Mr. Chris Friesen (13), Biodiversity Information Manager, MCDC, completed a search of the MCDC rare species database and found no occurrences of federally or provincially listed species (The Endangered Species Act (Manitoba) and Species at Risk Act (Canada)) in the area (Appendix D)."

However, In Appendix D, Mr. Friesen's memo states clearly that:

"The information provided in this letter is based on existing data known to the Manitoba Conservation Data Centre at the time of the request. These data are dependent on the research and observations of CDC staff and others who have shared their data, and reflect our current state of knowledge. An absence of data in any particular geographic area does not necessarily mean that species or ecological communities of concern are not present; in many areas, comprehensive surveys have never been completed. Therefore, this information should be regarded neither as a final statement on the occurrence of any species of concern, nor as a substitute for on-site surveys for species as part of environmental assessments."

(k) a description of the proposed environmental management practices to be employed to prevent or mitigate adverse implications from the impacts identified in clause (j) having regard to, where applicable: containment, handling, monitoring, storage, treatment and final disposal of pollutants; conservation and protection of natural or heritage resources; environmental restoration and rehabilitation of the site upon protection of environmental health; and

Need for Coordination with File 5709.00 – City of Winnipeg Southwest Rapid Transit Corridor Stage 2 Project.

The Manitoba Hydro Transmission Project is being presented in part to facilitate the construction of the proposed Stage 2 of the Southwest Transitway between the Pembina Highway/Jubilee Underpass and the University of Manitoba.

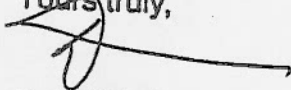
It is proposed that both projects traverse the Parker wetlands, as shown in the attached documents:

- a) Notice of Environment Act Proposal – Manitoba Hydro – File 5766.00
- b) Harrow to Bishop Grandin Transmission Project – Map - October 19, 2011
- c) April 20, 2015 letter requiring the City of Winnipeg to provide a detailed report for the approval of the EAB Director prior to construction of the Development (Transitway), on the potential effects of the project on the wetland.
- d) Environment Act Licence No. 3121 dated December 18, 2014, for the Southwest Transitway, conditional upon the conduct of a pre-construction survey in late spring within the Parker lands for Species at Risk, and approval of recommendations by the Director prior to construction.
- e) Cockburn and Calrossie Combined Sewer Relief Works – Map – January 2015
- f) Southwest Transitway – Stage 2 P3 Canada Submission – Figure 4 – Dillon
- g) City of Winnipeg Misc. Plan No 12251/13 – January 16, 2015 (showing Hydro lines crossing the proposed Parker Retention Pond).

Surely these projects should be considered together, and supported by far more factual and relevant evidence than has been presented so far.

Thank you. I look forward to your response.

Yours truly,



David M. Sanders MA LLB