

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

PROPONENT: La Cooperative Paroissiale de St. Joseph Ltd.

PROPOSAL NAME: La Cooperative Paroissiale de St. Joseph Ltd.

CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT: One

TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT: Bulk Materials Handling Facility

CLIENT FILE NO.: 5782.00

OVERVIEW:

The Proposal was received on May 26, 2015. It was dated May 25, 2015. The advertisement of the proposal was as follows:

Notice of Environment Act Proposal

Conservation and Water Stewardship has received a proposal pursuant to *The Environment Act* regarding the following operation and invites public participation in the review process:

‘A proposal has been filed by La Cooperative Paroissiale de St. Joseph Ltd. for the construction, maintenance operation of an agrichemical warehouse and liquid fertilizer handling and distribution facility located on SW 23-2-1E in the Municipality of Montcalm. The development will consist of a large chemical warehouse (15.25 by 30.5 meters) and 16 bin tank farm for granular fertilizer.’

The Proposal was advertised in the Alonta Red River Valley Echo on July 23, 2015. A copy of the proposal was placed on the public registries at the Legislative Library, 200 Vaughan St., Winnipeg; Millennium Public Library, 4th Floor, 251 Donald St., Winnipeg; and the Online Registry. The proposal was distributed to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) on July 23, 2015. The closing date for TAC and public comments was on July 23, 2015.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No comments submitted.

COMMENTS FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Following is a summary of TAC comments received pertaining to the Proposal. Copies of the original comments from TAC are available in the Public Registry.

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Environmental Compliance and Enforcement

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Environmental Compliance and Enforcement has reviewed the Environment Act Proposal for the St. Joseph Co-op Crop Protection Warehouse Project and has the following comments:

- The development will follow AWSA warehouse standards. Submission of a completion report or audit report from AWSA auditor in the first year of operation might be considered as a clause in the licence.
- The proponent should have an emergency response plan for the development. Recommend a clause in the licence requiring the submission of this plan.
- The proponent indicated that a 1000 gallon septic tank (holding tank) will be used to collect effluent. This tank must be installed in compliance with the *Onsite Wastewater Management Systems Regulation* MR 83/2003, including registering the tank prior to installation and meeting all required setback distances.
- Any fertilizer or pesticide spills must be cleaned up as soon as possible. Any reportable spills must be reported to the Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship Environmental Emergency Response line at (204) 944-4888.

Disposition:

Comments can be addressed through licence conditions.

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Lands Branch

“Land Management & Planning Section of Lands Branch, Manitoba Conservation & Water Stewardship, has no comment as no Crown land will be impacted by the proposal.”

Disposition:

No action needed.

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Office of Drinking Water

“reviewed the above noted EAP (such as it is) and noted the proposed warehouse is approximately 2 ½ miles west of the Town of Letellier. The proposed warehouse appears to be across the road from a drainage ditch which discharges into the Morais River, which discharges into the Red River immediately east of Letellier. The Red River Regional water treatment plant of Pembina Valley Water Cooperative is located in Letellier and draws its raw water from the Red River at Letellier. As such, if a major spill of liquid material from the proposed warehouse were to enter the drainage ditch, the Morais River and then the Red River, it could potentially affect the raw water supply to the Red River Regional water treatment plant. As such, ODW recommends the proponent be required to have contact information for the Red River Regional water treatment plant as part of their Emergency Response Procedures, with instructions that, in the event of a major spill from the warehouse, the operating staff at the Red River Regional water treatment plant be contacted. Apart from this point, ODW has no further concerns with the above noted EAP or proposed development.”

Disposition:

Information forwarded to the proponent for review.

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Parks and Protected Spaces Branch

“Parks and Protected Spaces Branch has reviewed the proposal submitted pursuant to The Environment Act for the Request for review/comment - St. Joseph Co-op - CPW - File: 5782.00. The Branch has no comments or concerns to offer as it does not affect any provincial parks, park reserves, ecological reserves, areas of special interest or proposed protected areas.”

Disposition:

No action needed.

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Water Control Works and Drainage Licensing Section

“No concerns.”

Disposition:

No action needed.

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Water Use Licensing Section

“WULS has no concerns”

Disposition:

No action needed.

Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation – Environmental Services Section

“The proponent should be informed that, under the Highways and Transportation Act, any new, modified or relocated access connection onto a Provincial Road (PR) will require a permit from Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation. A permit may also be required for any construction (above or below ground level), including but not limited to signs, fencing, etc., within 38.1 m (125 ft) or for any plantings within 15.2 m (50 ft) from the edge of the right of way of the PR 201.”

Disposition:

No action needed.

PUBLIC HEARING:

A public hearing is not recommended.

CROWN ABORIGINAL CONSULTATION:

The project will be located on agricultural land in an established agricultural zoned area in The Rural Municipality of Montcalm and owned by the proponent. All surrounding land potentially affected is also privately owned land. The project will not affect resource use on land or water. There are no adjacent or nearby First Nations.

RECOMMENDATION:

The provincial TAC expressed no concerns, or concerns are addressed in the draft licence, regarding the proposal. Therefore, it is recommended that the Development be licensed 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 Central Region.

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