

Webb, Bruce (CWS)

To: Steele, Tania (CWS)
Subject: Collins Farms Irrigation Development Project File: 5783.00

The attached material can be placed in the public registries for the above project:

Request for additional information: No additional information requested.

Public Comments on the Environment Act Proposal: (2 pages)

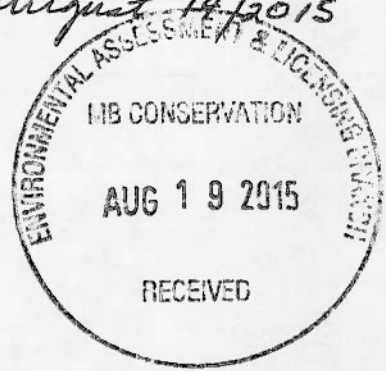
- Evelyn Odell, August 14, 2015
- Avril Mochoruk, August 21, 2015

Technical Advisory Committee Comments on the Environment Act Proposal: (10 pages)

- Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Lands Branch, August 20, 2015
- Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Parks and Protected Spaces Branch, July 29, 2015
- Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Wildlife and Fisheries Branch, August 7, 2015
- Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Office of Drinking Water, August 20, 2015
- Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Water Use Licensing Section, July 22, 2015
- Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Water Control Works and Drainage Licensing Section, July 22, 2015
- Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation – Highway Planning and Design Branch, Environmental Services Section, August 17, 2015
- Manitoba Municipal Government – Community Planning Services Branch, July 29, 2015
- Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Development - Crops Branch, August 17, 2015
- Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, July 21, 2015

Bruce.

Glenora, Manitoba
August 14/2015



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Mr Bruce Webb-

I am writing in regards to Collins Farms
Irrigation Development Project - File 5783.00 in
Argyle Municipality. I do not feel that this
should be allowed to go ahead. First it has
gone to Pilot Mound now on to Manitow and
there has not been proper testing done. The
aquifer is replenished by runoff and runoff only.
I have seen areas where there wasn't enough
runoff and the springs quit running into Rock Lake.
The question isn't "if" that will happen again but
"when". Please put this project at least on hold
until you see what is going to happen.

Yours truly,

Evelyn Odell
Box 74

Glenora, MB
R0K 0Y0.

BW
Dear Mr. Webb

Thank you for posting the Collins Farm Irrigation Development Project-File 5783.00

Although, in general, I do not object to farmers using the water under their soil to irrigate their crops (what is not needed goes back into the ground), I have some concerns about this proposed project:

My concern, in short, is that the Manitoba Government enters into agreements involving water from the Glenora Aquifer without consulting the people who would be most affected by this project- that is to say, the people currently accessing this ground water for domestic and farm purposes.

I believe the pipeline to Pilot Mound and now the drawdown from our aquifer for this new project does not take into account the possible economic and social consequences for our community in Glenora. I think more studies should be conducted before any license is granted. The Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship Board knows very little about the current users of the aquifer

- a. how many active wells
- b. how many people currently get their drinking water from it
- c. how many livestock and poultry depend on it
- d. how many fire stations and pumper trucks depend on it
- e. how this project may interfere, disrupt or compromise the quality of life for these residents

After reading the report in this file, I feel that Glenora's inhabitants are not even on your radar. There is no mention of the town and its heritage site. Could you please conduct more studies and host a public meeting to assure us that our drinking water will not be adversely affected by this project?

Thank you for reading about my concerns.
Please acknowledge that you received this e-mail.

Sincerely

Avril Mochoruk

Webb, Bruce (CWS)

Subject: FW: Request for review/comment - Collins Irrigation Project - File: 5783.00
Attachments: eap.pdf; advert.pdf

From: +WPG1212 - Conservation Circulars (CWS)
Sent: August-20-15 8:48 AM *BW*
To: Webb, Bruce (CWS)
Subject: Request for review/comment - Collins Irrigation Project - File: 5783.00

Hello Bruce,

Good morning

Lands Branch – MCWS has no comments to offer for the Collins Irrigation Project - File: 5783.00. Proposed project is under private land tenure.

Thank you for the opportunity to review

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Subject: FW: Request for review/comment - Collins Irrigation Project - File: 5783.00

From: +WPG1212 - Parks Circulars (CWS)

Sent: July-29-15 2:09 PM

To: Webb, Bruce (CWS)

Subject: RE: Request for review/comment - Collins Irrigation Project - File: 5783.00

Parks and Protected Spaces Branch has reviewed the proposal submitted pursuant to *The Environment Act* for the Request for review/comment - Collins Irrigation Project - File: 5783.00. 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.

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Subject: FW: Request for review/comment - Collins Irrigation Project - File: 5783.00

From: Kiss, Brian (CWS)

Sent: August-07-15 2:19 PM

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To: Webb, Bruce (CWS)

Subject: RE: Request for review/comment - Collins Irrigation Project - File: 5783.00

No wildlife related concerns.

-Brian Kiss

Webb, Bruce (CWS)

From: Stibbard, James (CWS)
Sent: August-20-15 10:44 AM BW
To: Webb, Bruce (CWS)
Subject: Re: 5783.00 Collind Irrigation EAP Review

Mr. Webb,

I reviewed the above noted EAP. The EAP does not mention that the new (2014) wells for the Central Water Cooperative (CWC) are located in the NE ¼, 19-3-12 WPM. These wells provide the raw water to the Town of Pilot Mound Municipal Water System and, as part of the CWC, will provide municipal water to the Town of Manitou in the near future. The Proponent should be asked to confirm by hydrogeological analysis that there will not be any interference between their proposed new wells and the existing CWC wells.

Apart from this point, ODW has no other concerns with the EAP or proposed development.

If you have any questions, please call.

Regards,

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From: Wiseman, Kylene (CWS)
Sent: July-22-15 10:17 AM *BW*
To: Webb, Bruce (CWS)
Cc: Matthews, Rob (CWS)
Subject: FW: Request for review/comment - Collins Irrigation Project - File: 5783.00

Good morning Bruce,

In Rob's absence he asked that I review this EAP for Collins Farms.

Stantec states that Collins Farms has not submitted an application for a Water Rights License to our Section. However, this is not the case – Collins Farms HAS submitted an application.

Is it possible to request that this be changed in the report?

Thank you,
Kylene

Webb, Bruce (CWS)

From: Roberts, Dan (CWS)
Sent: July-22-15 9:23 AM *BW*
To: Webb, Bruce (CWS)
Subject: Request for review/comment - Collins Irrigation Project - File: 5783.00
Attachments: Application for Licence to Construct Water Control Works.pdf

Hi Bruce,

As indicated in the report, the client is aware of the necessity to obtain a *Licence to Construct Water Control Works* for redirecting water – I've attached an application for their convenience.

Cheers,

Dan Roberts

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August 17, 2015

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RE: Collins Irrigation Project
Client File No. 5783.00

Dear Ms. Braun:

MIT has reviewed the proposal under the *Environment Act* noted above and we offer the following comments:

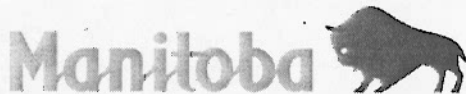
- If the proposed lines will cross under Provincial Road (PR) 253 or along PR 253 highway right-of-way, an underground utility agreement will be required.
- The proposed project may require access to PR 253. As such, the proponent should be informed that, under the Highways and Transportation Act, any new, modified or relocated access connection onto a PR will require a permit from Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation. A permit may also be required for any construction (above or below ground level) 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 PR 253.

For agreements and permit applications, please contact Ashley Beck at (204) 728-7000 or at Ashley.Beck@gov.mb.ca.

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

Sincerely,

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Manager of Environmental Services



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OUR FILE: 14-3-102-2015-0110

July 29, 2015

Bruce Webb, *BW*
Water Development and Control Assessment Officer
Environmental Approvals
Manitoba Conservation & Water Stewardship

RE: Collins Farms LTD. – Collins Farms Irrigation Development, Project File 5783.00.

I have reviewed the above referenced proposal and note the following information for your review and consideration concerning the proposed environmental impact assessment. The location of the proposed irrigation project, which is a member of the 23 West Planning District, dictates that all development is therefore subject to the policies of the district development plan in effect and may be further regulated in the 23 West District Wide Zoning By-law.

23 WEST PLANNING DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT PLAN BY-LAW

According to the 23 West Planning District Development Plan, the lands on which the irrigation pivots will reside are designated as "Rural Area."

23 WEST DISTRICT WIDE, ZONING BY-LAW NO. 19

According to the 23 West District Wide Zoning By-law, lands on which the irrigation pivots are to reside are zoned "AG" – "Agricultural General Zone."

CONCLUDING REMARKS:

I have no concerns with the proposed application as the current land use is generally consistent with the policies of the 23 West Planning District Development Plan and the 23 West District Wide Zoning By-law No. 19.

Should you have any questions regarding my comments, please call.

Please consider this a signed original copy – sent via e-mail

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
From: Wilson, Brian (MAFRD) BW
Sent: August-17-15 2:50 PM
To: Webb, Bruce (CWS)
Subject: RE: Request for review/comment - Collins Irrigation Project - File: 5783.00

I have reviewed the Environmental Act Proposal for the Collins Irrigation Project and have no concerns with the proposal.

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From: Sigurdson,Shauna [CEAA] [<mailto:Shauna.Sigurdson@ceaa-acee.gc.ca>]
Sent: July-21-15 9:53 PM 
To: Webb, Bruce (CWS)
Subject: RE: Request for review/comment - Collins Irrigation Project - File: 5783.00

Hello Bruce

I have reviewed the EAP. The proposed development is not a designated project under CEAA 2012, therefore the Agency will be commenting on the EAP nor will we be involved further in the project.

Shauna Sigurdson

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