

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

PROPONENT: Department of Highways
PROPOSAL NAME: Upgrading of PR 354 (from the west limit
of Sec. 32-19-19W to PR #250)
CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT: 2
TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT: Transportation
CLIENT FILE NO.: 4006.00

OVERVIEW:

The Proposal was received on May 8, 1996. The Proposal was dated May 6, 1996. The advertisement of the Proposal read as follows:

"The Department of Highways and Transportation has filed a Stage 2 revised Proposal to upgrade Provincial Road #354 from the west limit of 32-19-19W to Provincial Road 250 in the L.G.D. of Park. A Manitoba Environment Act Licence No. 2144 was issued for Stage 1 from the west limit of 32-19-19W to Provincial Road 270 in December of 1995. The Stage 2 upgrade consists of grade widening, granular base course and an asphalt surface. Three crossings over Wasamin Creek will be reconstructed with culverts. Detours will be constructed to accommodate traffic while work on the creek crossings is underway. The Department of Highways and Transportation will proceed with finalizing project design details once all government agencies' requirements have been met."

The Proposal was advertised in the Minnedosa Tribune on May 21, 1996. It was placed in the Main Registry, the Manitoba Eco-Network, the Centennial Public Library, and the Dauphin Public Library. It was also distributed to the "Transportation" TAC members for comment by June 14, 1996.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No public responses to the advertisement were received.

COMMENTS FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Manitoba Natural Resources Mention that the replacement culverts proposed may cause some channel reduction and increased velocities which may impede fish passage. Recommend that prior to project start-up the proponent consult with the regional fisheries manager to mitigate this concern. Request that p.8-9 & p. 12-17 of the document Fish Protection Procedures for Stream Crossings in Manitoba be followed and no-stream work should begin before July 1 to minimize impact to fish and fish habitat. Rehabilitation

measures are recommended for the detour areas and for borrow pit sites when completion of the project is near. Consultation with MNR regional staff is recommended. Recommend that off-site land clearing not take place while the project is underway.

Disposition:

The comment can be accommodated as a licence conditions

Manitoba Environment - Water Quality Note that Water Quality Management concerns have been addressed in the Proposal. Recommend that the treated bridge timbers be disposed of at a designated landfill site or in a manner otherwise approved of by Manitoba Environment.

Disposition: Recommendation for treated timber disposal can be accommodated as a condition of licencing.

Manitoba Environment - Park-West Region No concerns

Historic Resources No concerns with regard to the project's potential to impact heritage resources.

Mines Branch No concerns. Note that a portion of the request falls on an aggregate deposit.

Health Note that the inclusion in the Environment Act Licence of the proposed environmental management practices described in the Proposal are expected to prevent or mitigate potential health hazards from the project.

PUBLIC HEARING

No public concerns were received in response to the Environment Act advertisement of the Proposal. A public hearing is not recommended for this project.

RECOMMENDATION:

The comments and concerns identified by the TAC can be accommodated as conditions of licencing for the project. Therefore, it is recommended that the Development be licenced under The Environment Act subject to the limits terms and conditions as described in the attached Draft Environment Act Licence. It is further

recommended that enforcement of the Licence be assigned to the Manitoba Environment Parkwest Region.

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