

## SUMMARY OF COMMENTS / RECOMMENDATIONS

**PROPONENT: INTERNATIONAL FIBREBOARD INC.**  
**PROPOSAL NAME: INTERNATIONAL FIBREBOARD INC.**  
**CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT: CLASS 1**  
**TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT: MANUFACTURING AND INDUSTRIAL PLANT**  
**CLIENT FILE NO: 4306.00**

### OVERVIEW:

A proposal dated October 17, 1997, was received from Mr. Mark Smerchanski on behalf of International Fibreboard Inc. on February 20, 1998, for the continued operation of an existing fibreboard manufacturing plant located at or near 515 Munroe Avenue in Winnipeg, Manitoba. The development involves the transportation and storage of poplar cordwood and recycled paper products; the chipping of the poplar wood, refining of wood chips, combining refined wood pulp with paper fibre and binders, emulsifying with wax, dewatering and pressing into sheets, drying, cutting and trimming, and packaging and storing for later shipment. Operation will be annual, 7 days per week, 24 hours per day. There is a potential for emissions of particulates, noise, odour, condensed water vapour (as fog) and organics.

This proposal was advertised in the Winnipeg Free Press on Saturday, March 7, 1998, and was placed in the Centennial Public Library; Manitoba Eco-Network; and the Environment Library (Main). The proposal was sent to the Technical Advisory Committee on March 2, 1998. Notification was couriered to a citizen on March 5, 1998 advising of receipt of proposal and date and publication of public advertisement. The public and TAC comment closing date was April 1, 1998.

### COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (multiple submissions counted once; each residence counted only once)

80 citizens indicated support of the Development and 44 citizens indicated concerns. The breakdown of comments is as follows:

1. 13 citizens submitted individual written support for the Development.
2. 67 citizens signed a petition supporting the Development.
3. 34 citizens signed a petition opposing the current operation of the Development based on impacts to health from:
  - a) 7 days/week and 24 h/day operation;
  - b) dust emission;
  - c) noise emission; and
  - d) traffic.
4. 10 citizens submitted individual written concerns regarding the Development. Their comments are grouped as follows:
  - a) Noise - 9 concerns.  
*chipper; dogs; yard tractors; unloading logs; traffic; 24h/d 7d/w operation.*
  - b) Unkempt grounds - 5 concerns.  
*litter; decrepit buildings; traffic ruts; log storage protrudes on sidewalk; off property drainage.*
  - c) Particulates - 3 concerns.  
*dust.*

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- d) Odour - 5 concerns.  
*smoke.*
- e) Steam - 3 concerns.  
*fog on road.*

**COMMENTS FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:**

1. **Manitoba Culture, Heritage & Citizenship – Historical Resources Branch** – has no concerns.  
  
*No response necessary.*
2. **Manitoba Rural Development – Community Economic Development** – did not respond.  
  
*No response necessary.*
3. **Manitoba Environment – Management Division - Air Quality Management Branch** – has the following comments:
  - do the facility owners plan to register a greenhouse gas reduction plan with the national *Voluntary Challenge and Registry* program  
*No response necessary*
4. **Manitoba Environment – Management Division - Terrestrial Quality Management Branch** – did not respond.  
  
*No response necessary*
5. **Manitoba Environment – Management Division - Water Quality Management Branch** – did not respond.  
  
*No response necessary*
6. **Environment Canada – Canadian Environment Review Agency** – commented that based on the responses they had received that application of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act will not be required. Environment Canada and Natural Resources Canada would be able to provide specialist advice.  
  
*No response necessary.*
7. **Manitoba Natural Resources – Sustainable Development Coordination Unit** – has no concerns.  
  
*No response necessary.*
8. **Manitoba Environment - Operations Division – Winnipeg Region** – have the following comments:
  - there should be safety devices or warning systems in place to prevent product spillage (wood chips and sawdust) on the roof
  - there should be devices to control particulate emission releases to atmosphere while air is vented from storage vessels being filled with product or during normal product conveying
  - Licence should include standard clauses for noise, particulate emissions, odour and the requirements for the provision of stack sampling facilities
  - a clause to limit the operation of the chipper to between 0700h and 2200h to be consistent with the City of Winnipeg and Provincial Noise Guidelines

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- a clause to require regular maintenance of the cyclone and associated ductwork
- a clause to address the condensation of moisture to form fog which impairs visibility on streets

*These issues have been addressed in the Licence.*

9. **Manitoba Agriculture – Soils and Crops - Soil Resource Section** – did not respond.

*No response necessary.*

10. **Manitoba Industry Trade and Tourism** – did not respond.

*No response necessary.*

11. **Manitoba Highways and Transportation - Highway Planning and Design** – did not respond.

*No response necessary.*

12. **Manitoba Health - Public Health - Environmental Unit** – did not respond.

*No response necessary.*

13. **Manitoba Labour - Workplace Safety and Health Division** – did not respond.

*No response necessary.*

14. **Manitoba Urban Affairs - Urban Planning and Development Branch** - comment that they understand area residents are being impacted by noise pollution and air pollution from the plant and assumes these impacts will be addressed through mitigative measures as a condition of environmental licencing of the operation.

*These issues have been addressed in the licence.*

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Public hearings were requested by 1 respondent (area MLA).

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Although there were concerns expressed, possibly as a result of activity of both the proponent and objectors, there was only one written request for public hearings. Because of the lack of interest forthcoming for this mechanism to be implemented, the request for hearings does not appear to be justified.

It is possible that the current operation will not meet the limits, terms and conditions called for in any forthcoming Licence. The continued operation may have to be modified to meet these criteria, and the Department may possibly be required to enforce the conditions of the Licence.

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A Licence considering the above relevant concerns as well as those of the Approvals Branch be prepared and issued. Responsibility for enforcement of the Licence may be transferred to the Region.

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