

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

PROPONENT: Rural Municipality of Morris
PROPOSAL NAME: Rural Municipality of Morris
Rural Water Supply Pipeline
CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT: Two
TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT: Transportation/Transmission - Pipelines
CLIENT FILE NO.: 4451.00

OVERVIEW:

The Proposal was received on July 5, 1999. It was dated June 30, 1999. The advertisement of the proposal was as follows:

“A Proposal has been filed by PFRA on behalf of the Rural Municipality of Morris to construct additional water supply pipelines to supply all remaining interested rural residences which have not been previously serviced. The community of Sperling would be serviced with water from the R. M. of Dufferin water supply system. The source of supply for all other proposed pipelines would be the Morris Water Treatment Plant. All pipelines would be located on road allowances and easements. Construction of the pipelines is proposed to begin in the summer of 1999 in the Sperling area and continue in future years through the rest of the municipality as funding becomes available.”

The Proposal was advertised in the Altona Red River Valley Echo and in the Carman Valley Leader on Monday, July 26, 1999. It was placed in the Main, Centennial, Eco-Network and South Central Regional Library (Morden) public registries. The Proposal was distributed to TAC members on July 21, 1999. The closing date for comments from members of the public and TAC members was August 20, 1999.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No public comments on the Proposal were received.

COMMENTS FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Manitoba Environment – Water Quality Management - No major concerns with the 1999 proposed construction as long as precautions outlined in the Proposal are undertaken. No creeks will be crossed for the 1999 construction. The Proposal shows future water lines which will involve stream crossings. Although it is indicated that disruption to aquatic species should be minimal, Environment and/or Natural Resources should be notified when this will take place. This would provide the opportunity for review. Chlorinated water released from pipeline flushing should not be released into water bodies or areas where it can reach a waterbody unless the chlorine (total residual) is 0.01 mg/L and not 0.1 mg/L as indicated on page 8 of the report.

Disposition:

Notification prior to construction can be accommodated as a licence condition. With respect to the discharge of chlorinated water from pipeline flushing, the limit of 0.1 mg/L which is referenced in the Proposal is taken from previous proposals and licenses. This

limit was selected rather than the ambient water limit of 0.011 mg/L since 0.1 mg/L is the lowest concentration which can readily be measured in the field.

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Historic Resources - No concerns.

Highway Planning and Design - The proponent is expected to meet or exceed certain standards when working adjacent to a provincial road or highway. For example, highway traffic control standards, waterline crossings of PTHs and PRs must be sleeved, and rights-of-way, ditches and drainage patterns must be restored to satisfactory condition. An underground agreement is required for placing any waterlines on or adjacent to rights-of-way. The Sperling Access (a municipal road from PTH No. 3 to Station Street) is currently being reconstructed by the Department.

Disposition:

The requirement for an agreement can be addressed as a licence condition. A contact for the department will be forwarded to the Proponent.

Community Economic Development Branch - No planning related concerns.

Medical Officer of Health – Central Region - Manitoba Health supports proposals that increase accessibility of potable water to rural residents.

Natural Resources - In situations where trenching across waterways may be necessary, DNR Fisheries Branch and the Regional Fisheries Manager should review construction plans well in advance of any work being carried out. These plans should include the proposed crossing method, timing of construction, potential impacts and mitigation measures to be employed.

Disposition:

These comments can be addressed as licence conditions.

Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency - PFRA will conduct an environmental assessment under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, and is requesting additional information. Environment Canada has offered to provide specialist advice.

PUBLIC HEARING:

As no public concerns were identified, a public hearing is not recommended.

RECOMMENDATION:

All comments received on the Proposal can be addressed as licence conditions. 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 South-Central Region.

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