

## SUMMARY OF COMMENTS / RECOMMENDATIONS

**PROPONENT:** Swan Valley Hardwoods Ltd.  
**PROPOSAL NAME:** Swan Valley Hardwoods Ltd.  
**CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT:** CLASS 1  
**TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT:** Sawmill Plant  
**CLIENT FILE NO:** 4514.00

### OVERVIEW:

A proposal has been filed by Ms. Marilyn Potten on behalf of Swan Valley Hardwoods Ltd. for the construction and operation of a sawmill development located at NW ¼ 23-36-27 WPM in the Rural Municipality of Swan River. The development involves the manufacture of lumber from birch and aspen logs. Production process involves sawing of the logs using a portable saw powered by a 200 H.P. diesel engine. There is a potential for emissions of particulate matter and noise. Normal operation is 8 hours per day Monday through Friday, 11 months per year.

The Department provided the Technical Advisory Committee with information on the Proposal and made public notification in the Swan River Star & Times. The following summarizes the responses:

### RELEVANT COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No citizen submitted comments. *No response necessary.*

Disposition: No action needed.

### RELEVANT COMMENTS FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

1. Manitoba Culture, Heritage & Citizenship – Historical Resources Branch – has no concerns. *No response necessary.*

Disposition: No action needed.

2. Manitoba Industry, Trade and Mines – Industry Development Division – did not respond. *No response necessary.*

Disposition: No action needed.

3. Manitoba Conservation – Environmental Management Division – Water Quality Management Section – have the following comments:

- a) If after three months the Town of Swan River does not accept the waste sawdust the proponent should advise Manitoba Conservation with respect to alternative methods of sawdust disposal. *No response necessary.*

Disposition: This comment has been made a condition of the licence.

4. **Manitoba Conservation – Environmental Management Division – Air Quality Management Section** – has the following comments:

- a) What are the hours of operation?

*The hours of operation are 8h/day 5 d/week 11m/year .*

- b) Is there any intent to move the sawmill to other sites?

*The proponent may in the future relocate the mill to an adjacent property. A review would be initiated at that time.*

- c) How will the sawdust be collected from the sawmill and conveyed to the dump truck? What dust control measures are in place?

*The proponent replies that sawdust will be blown directly into a sawdust truck covered by a tarp.*

- d) Is it practical to dispose of sawdust to the landfill? In case burning is considered only appropriate combustion equipment should be used.

*No response necessary.*

Disposition: Item a) No action needed.

Item b) No action needed.

Item c) No action needed. The licence addresses fugitive dust emissions.

Item d) This comment has been made a condition of the licence.

5. **Environment Canada – Canadian Environment Review Agency** – state that the application of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* with respect to this project will not be required. *No response necessary.*

Disposition: No action needed.

6. **Manitoba Conservation – Policy Coordination Branch** – have no concerns. *No response necessary.*

Disposition: No action needed.

7. **Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs – Community Economic Development Services** – did not respond. *No response necessary.*

Disposition: No action needed.

8. **Manitoba Conservation – Environmental Operations Division – Park West Region** – has the following comments:

- a) The proponent should provide a multi optional waste management plan of all on site generated wastes of processing operations. The agreement with the Town of Swan River is for a 3 month trial and I am of the opinion that a alternate option for waste disposal should also be considered. This would be useful in the event access to the swan River site is not achievable for one reason or another . Likewise with cutoff ends and other tailings from the operation process.

*No response necessary.*

Disposition: This comment has been made a condition of the licence.

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9. **Manitoba Agriculture – Soils and Crops - Soil Resource Section** – did not respond. *No response necessary.*

Disposition: No action needed.

10. **Manitoba Highways and Transportation - Highway Planning and Design** – did not respond. *No response necessary.*

Disposition: No action needed.

11. **Manitoba Health - Public Health - Environmental Unit** – did not respond. *No response necessary*

Disposition: No action needed.

12. **Manitoba Labour - Workplace Safety and Health Division** – did not respond. *No response necessary.*

Disposition: No action needed.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Public hearings were not requested nor convened.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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 upon the completion of the construction of the Development.

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