

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

PROPONENT: Thompson Golf Club Expansion
PROPOSAL NAME: Thompson Golf Club
Golf Course Expansion
CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT: 2
TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT: Recreation
CLIENT FILE NO.: 5052.00

OVERVIEW:

The Proposal was dated and received on July 26, 2004. The advertisement of the Proposal read as follows:

“A Proposal filed by the Thompson Golf Club to construct a nine hole expansion to their existing nine hole golf course. The nine hole expansion is located on adjacent lands to the south, west and north of the existing golf course in the L.G.D. of Mystery Lake. A Conceptual Plan for the development has been prepared by Grant Golf on behalf of the Thompson Golf Club. Construction is scheduled to begin in the Fall of 2004 with opening of the second nine holes targeted for August 2005.”

The Proposal was advertised in the Thompson Nickel Belt News on Monday August 9, 2004. Copies of the Proposal were placed in the Main Registry, the Manitoba Eco-Network, the St. James-Assiniboia Public Library, the Thompson Public Library and the LGD of Mystery Lake Municipal Office. It was also distributed to the "Recreation" TAC members for comment. All comments were requested by September 7, 2004.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No public responses were received.

COMMENTS FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Manitoba Conservation (Sustainable Resource Management Branch) Information for the general area around Thompson has indicated the presence of a caribou range and an occurrence of barred owl in the area. As the information is only of a general nature the proponent should inspect the site to make sure that neither species is using it prior to construction. If either species is present the proponent should contact the Biodiversity Conservation Section of the Wildlife Branch to discuss possible mitigation options.

The use of fertilizers is not mentioned but should be addressed in the Licence to prevent the potential for nutrient runoff into the Burntwood River.

Disposition: The comments regarding woodland caribou and the barred owl can be accommodated in the Licence.

The proposal notes that the existing treed buffer (approximately 1200 feet in width) will be left intact along the Burntwood River. Since the expansion area is generally away from the established golf course and proximity to the Burntwood River, residual chemical leaching from the expansion will not be significant, and therefore can be accommodated under the normal conditions related to pesticide application and management of golf course developments.

Mines Branch Note that the location of the expansion is encumbered by a valid mineral disposition issued to Inco Ltd. that is currently in good standing under The Mines and Minerals Act. Although Mines Branch has no objections to the Proposal, recommend that the proponent obtain consent for the surface land use from Inco.

Disposition: Recommendation can be included in the licence letter of transmittal.

Historic Resources Branch No concerns.

Highways and Government Services No concerns

Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA) Application of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act with respect to the project will not be required. Environment Canada would be able to provide specialist advice.

Disposition: The applicant has been advised of the comment provided as a result of the Federal review of the Proposal by the Regional CEAA office.

RECOMMENDATION

As no responses were filed by the public in response to the Environment Act advertisement of the Proposal, a public hearing is not recommended. It is recommended that the Development be licenced under The Environment Act subject to the terms and conditions described in the attached draft Environment Act Licence. It is further recommended that enforcement of the Licence be assigned to the Manitoba Conservation Northeast Region.

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