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Via Email and Mail

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Dear Mr. Chowdhury,

RE: RM of Woodlands Lagoon Upgrade EAP (File No: 3388.10) – Response to Comments from Manitoba Water Science and Management Branch

The following comments were provided in a May 6, 2013 Memorandum from Ms. Joy Kennedy, of Manitoba Water Science and Management Branch. The comments provided are bolded and followed by the response.

1. ***“The RM of Woodlands must define a monitoring and evaluation plan to demonstrate the effectiveness of the trickle discharge nutrient reduction strategy for phosphorous. A year-end report confirming concentration and total removal rates along the length of the municipal ditch and third order drain should be submitted by the RM of Woodlands to the Director.”***

By way of this letter response and previous correspondence with MB Conservation, the RM of Woodlands is aware that an effluent discharge monitoring plan is to be submitted to the Director of Water Quality Management Section for approval prior to the lagoon being discharged, to ensure phosphorus reduction is occurring along the proposed discharge route. The proponent is aware of the requirement for submitting a year-end report confirming concentrations and phosphorus removal rates along the length of the municipal ditch and third order drain.

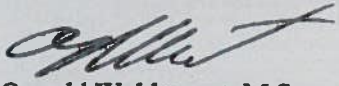
2. ***“The Water Quality Management Section is concerned with any discharges that have the potential to impact the aquatic environment and/or restrict present and future uses of water. Therefore it is recommended that the licence require the proponent to actively participate in any future watershed based management study, plan/or nutrient reduction program, approved by the Director.”***

By way of this letter response, the proponent is aware of the request to participate in any future watershed based management study, plan and/or nutrient reduction program, as approved by the Director”.

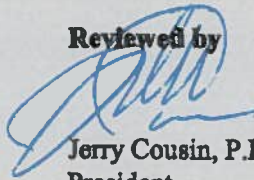
Hopefully the above responses sufficiently address your concerns regarding this project.

Sincerely,

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