

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

PROPOSAL NAME: Department of Highways
Upgrading of PTH 23 (PTH 5 to PR 342)
R.M. of Argyle

CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT: 2

TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT: Transportation

CLIENT FILE NO.: 4202.00

OVERVIEW:

The Proposal was received on August 30, 1996. The Proposal was dated August 27, 1996. The advertisement of the Proposal read as follows:

"A Proposal has been filed by the Department of Highways to upgrade Provincial Trunk Highway #23 in the Rural Municipality of Argyle beginning at the junction of PTH #5 and continuing in an easterly direction for 16 km to the junction of PR #342. The upgrade consists of excavating the existing saturated subgrade and constructing berms to prevent future saturation of the new subgrade. Water levels in wetlands adjacent to PTH #23 will be maintained. Additional embankment material will be obtained from borrow areas located outside the existing right-of-way. The upgraded roadbed will accommodate a 7.4 m asphalt or bituminous travel surface and 0.8m wide shoulders within the existing right-of-way. The development will be scheduled for construction once all government agencies' requirements have been met."

The Proposal was advertised in the Baldur Gazette News on Tuesday, September 17, 1996. It was placed in the Main Registry, the Manitoba Eco-Network, the Centennial Public Library, and the Lakeland Regional Library. It was also distributed to the "Transportation" TAC members for comment by October 7, 1996.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No public responses to the advertisement were received.

COMMENTS FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Manitoba Natural Resources Mention that DNR considers the proposal to be excellent. Suggest that the proponent time major construction near wetlands and productive wildlife habitats to avoid the May through July breeding season. Suggest that the proponent plant appropriate native species and/or cultivars to stabilize erosion prone areas.

Disposition:

Comments can be accommodated as licence conditions.

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Manitoba Environment - Water Quality Note that Water Quality Management concerns with regard to potential impacts on wetlands and Dry Creek have been addressed in the proposed environmental management practices section of the Proposal.

Disposition: The comments can be accommodated as a general condition of the licence by requiring that the proponent construct the development in accordance with the Proposal which documents the proposed environmental management practices.

Manitoba Environment - South - Central Region Recommend that prior to starting construction all contractors and subcontractors should be made aware of the contents of the Environment Act Licence and the Environment Act Proposal document. Recommend that proponent be required to adhere to the current Manitoba Temporary Batching Plant Siting Procedures/Guidelines. Request that all construction debris and rubbish be disposed of at the Baldur WDG (NE 5-2-13W) after obtaining approval from the local authority. Note that water required for dust control not be taken from the Baldur waste water treatment facility because the lagoon licence does not permit this form of effluent discharge/disposal.

Disposition: Comments can be accommodated as Licence conditions.

Historic Resources No concerns with regard to the project's impact on heritage resources.

Manitoba Energy and Mines No concerns

Health Note that inclusion of the proposed environmental management practices in the licence should mitigate or prevent health related concerns with respect to dust, noise, emissions, solid waste disposal and hazardous waste spills.

Disposition: The comments can be accommodated as a general condition of the licence by requiring that the proponent construct the development in accordance with the Proposal which documents the proposed environmental management practices.

Fisheries and Oceans Recommend that all works associated with the project follow the appropriate mitigation methods as outlined in the Manitoba Stream Crossing Guidelines. DFO concludes that the proposed works will not result in the harmful alteration, disruption or destruction of fish habitat.

Disposition:

Comments can be accommodated as licence conditions.

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing is not recommended for this project as no public concerns were identified.

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RECOMMENDATION:

The comments and concerns identified by the TAC can be accommodated as conditions of licencing for the project. Therefore, it is recommended that the Development be licenced under The Environment Act subject to the limits terms and conditions as described in the attached Draft Environment Act Licence. It is further recommended that enforcement of the Licence be assigned to the Manitoba Environment South-Central Region.

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