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Jordan Willner
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Dear Mr. Willner:

**Re: Town of Snow Lake. – Wastewater Treatment Plant
Notice of Alteration - Environment Act Licence No. 2947**

Thank you for your request, dated August 24, 2016, and the additional information received on October 20, 2016 to alter operating requirements of the above noted Licence.

The August 24, 2016 initial request is to alter the sampling frequency from 3 grab samples once a week as outlined in Clauses 22 b) and 22 c) of the operating Licence No. 2947 to 3 grab samples biweekly. You indicated that the final effluent quality since commissioning of the wastewater treatment plant consistently remained below the allowable limits stipulated in the Licence. Based on the history to date you feel that the same quality of effluent can be expected in the future and the environmental effects of the licence alteration would be insignificant. However, there is no guarantee that there would not be any system upset resulting in less than the desired effluent quality. Should there be a system upset, there is a potential for significant impact to the environment and human health that could go unnoticed for up to two weeks. The weekly sampling is in accordance with the implementation of the Canada-wide Strategy and applicable to the size of communities such as yours. As such your initial request to alter the sampling frequency is not approved.

The additional information received on October 20, 2016 is to alter the total coliform requirements of the Licence as follows:

- remove the current requirement in Clause 22. c); and
- revise the requirement in Clause 26. d) to read “have the grab samples analyzed for fecal coliform content;”

The potential environmental effects of altering the total coliform requirements are insignificant and the alteration is considered a minor alteration. Approval is hereby given pursuant to Section 14(2) of *The Environment Act* to implement only the total coliform alteration.

This approval is conditional on your acceptance of a revised Environment Act Licence to be issued in the near future. If you have any questions regarding this approval, please contact Bereket Assefa, Environmental Engineer, at (204) 945-5081.

Yours sincerely,



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Director

cc: Don Labossiere/ Tim Prawdzik/ Cristal Huculak – Environmental Compliance and Enforcement, Manitoba Sustainable Development
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