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Attention: Cory Switzer, P. Eng.
Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship

Re: Request for approval of a 3-year 'Temporary Composting License' for the R.M. of De Salaberry

Dear Madam:

Please accept this letter as our formal application for approval from Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship to receive and process compost materials at the R.M. of De Salaberry composting facility, under a 3-year temporary license beginning on the date of license issue.

Since 2011, the R.M. of De Salaberry has committed itself to improving the quality of life of its residents and significantly reducing the area's waste output to the local landfill. To date, the investments made toward this project are as follows:

Site set-up	\$350,000
Scale	\$75,000
Site Engineering	\$35,000
Promotion	\$1,000
Materials (bins, etc.)	\$30,000
Central Depot	\$4,000

The expected environmental outcomes/benefits of this project are the following:

- Collection of enough organic materials to achieve an overall diversion (from landfill)

- rate of 50% of residual materials;
- A reduction of local/regional greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions;
 - Extension of the life span of the regional landfill and a reduction of that facility's operating and maintenance costs, as well as a lessening of its impact on the surrounding environment;
 - Creation of new local curbside pick-up/voluntary drop-off programs for household/yard waste;
 - Establishment of best practices in this area that could be studied and used by other Manitoba municipalities who may want to launch a similar undertaking within their jurisdiction.

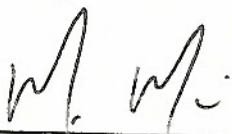
During the past few years, the RM of De Salaberry has collaborated with the Village of St-Pierre-Joly as well as with the CDEM/Eco-West in order to obtain funding from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Green Municipal Fund to implement a field test that aims to assess the viability and environmental impacts of a municipal composting service in a rural setting (see attached document, 'Municipal Composting Initiative Field Test'). Now that the project is well under way, other communities in the surrounding region have expressed an interest in joining the initiative, including the Town of Morris and the RM of Hanover.

Once its 3-year pilot project is completed, the RM of De Salaberry will notify your department of the options at its disposal at that time, which will be as follows:

- Option 1 -** If overall results are found to be positive and financially satisfactory, the RM and the Village would rebuild the existing composting pad to all government specifications, in accordance with license # 41984 by December 31, 2019.
- Option 2 -** If overall results are found to be unsatisfactory and the facility to be financially unsustainable, the RM and the Village would agree to dispose of all compost/organic materials at a provincially licensed composting facility and assume all costs and liabilities.

In closing, I trust that this letter has provided you with all the needed information to process and approve a 3-year temporary composting license. If any additional information is required on your part, please do not hesitate to contact our office at (204) 433-7406.

Sincerely,



Marc Marion
Reeve, RM of De Salaberry