

**Dagdick, Elise (CWS)**

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**From:** Matthews, Rob (CWS)

**Sent:** June-16-14 3:04 PM

**To:** Dagdick, Elise (CWS)

**Subject:** RE: Review and comments request - MB Hydro - Pointe du Bois File: 5716.00

No concerns.

Rob Matthews, Manager, Water Use Licensing Section.

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**From:** Roberts, Dan (CWS)

**Sent:** July-02-14 2:28 PM

**To:** Dagdick, Elise (CWS)

**Subject:** Review and comments request - MB Hydro - Pointe du Bois File: 5716.00

On behalf of the *Water Control Works and Drainage Licensing Section*, there are no concerns.

**Dan Roberts**

Water Resource Officer

Water Control Works and Drainage Licensing Section

Conservation and Water Stewardship

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**Infrastructure and Transportation**

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July 2, 2014

Tracey Braun, M. Sc.  
Director, Environmental Approvals Branch  
Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship  
123 Main St., Suite 160  
Winnipeg, MB R3C 1A5

RE: MB Hydro - Pointe du Bois Transmission Project  
Client File No 5716.00

Dear Ms. Braun:

Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation (MIT) has reviewed The Environment Act Proposal noted above and we have the following comments:

- Under *The Highways and Transportation Act* and *The Highway Protection Act*, permits are required from the MIT or the Highway Traffic Board (HTB) for:
  - any new, modified or relocated access to a Provincial Road (PR), Access Road or Provincial Trunk Highway (PTH);
  - any structures (including signs, wells, septic fields, etc.) on, under or above the ground within the 38.1 meter (125 ft) Controlled Area adjacent to a PR or PTH;
  - any plantings placed within 15.2 metres (50 feet) of the edge of right-of-way of a Limited Access Highway, PTH, PR, or Access Road; and
  - discharging into a ditch of a Limited Access Highway, PTH, PR or Access Road.
- Crossing agreements will be required for any lines or towers within MIT's right-of-way and/or Controlled Areas. Please submit a letter of request with the plans for the transmission lines and towers.

For more information on crossing agreements and permits, please contact Murray Chornoboy, Regional Planning Technologist, at (204) 346-6287 or at [Murray.Chornoboy@gov.mb.ca](mailto:Murray.Chornoboy@gov.mb.ca).

Thank you very much for providing us the opportunity to review the proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Coulter", is written over a faint, larger version of the signature.

Ryan Coulter, M. Sc., P. Eng.  
Manager of Environmental Services

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## Memorandum

**Date:** July 3, 2014

**To:** Elise Dagdick  
Climate Change and Environmental  
Protection Division  
Environmental Approvals Branch

**From:** Kevin Jacobs  
Water Quality Management Section  
Manitoba Conservation and Water  
Stewardship

<http://www.gov.mb.ca>

**Subject: MANITOBA HYDRO - POINTE  
DU BOIS TRANSMISSION  
PROJECT - FILE: 5716.00**

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Hello Elise,

Please find below comments regarding Manitoba Hydro's proposed Pointe Du Bois transmission project on behalf of the Water Quality Management Section of Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship.

The mitigation measures identified in the proposal should provide a reasonable level of protection to water quality in the vicinity of the project.

The proposal notes there are numerous proposed water crossings. As identified in the proposal potential impacts from construction activities could include damage to the riparian areas, release of sediment, or other contaminants into water bodies, and potential effects from spills of fuels, coolants and other petroleum hydrocarbons.

Effects during maintenance operations could include accidental herbicide release into water bodies and nutrient loss from upland areas to surface water. Should vegetation control be required, we recommend manual grubbing in areas adjacent to water crossings instead of chemical application.

~~We recommend utilizing to the extent practicable existing right of ways and infrastructure in the area such as forestry roads and existing water crossings instead of clearing new right of way.~~

The practice of maintaining machine free zones adjacent to water crossings is encouraged. As discussed to in the proposal reference to these zones can be found in the Forest Management Guidelines for Riparian Management Areas developed by Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship. Should soils in riparian areas be disturbed they should be immediately stabilized with biodegradable erosion control materials and then re-vegetated using a seed mix native to the area. If work is required in areas with erodible soils, unstable banks, or wet areas, work should be performed over frozen conditions, or use manual clearing as opposed to heavy equipment.

Brush piles should be placed such that no wood residue leachate is permitted to enter water courses.

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Standard conditions such as fueling equipment a minimum of 100 metres distance from water, and prevention of uncured concrete or wash-water from entering water courses are recommended as license conditions.

It is not known if blast rock will be required for construction of the proposed transmission lines. Should blast rock be required the proponent should ensure that any rock utilized for the proposed road is of a quality such that it is not acid generating. The proponent will also have to ensure that if ammonium based explosives are used, residual ammonia from blasting operations does not leach into surface water.

Concerning insulating oils and other hydrocarbons at transformer sites, as noted in the proposal it is agreed that these areas should be fitted with secondary containment and oil water separators. The proponent shall ensure there are materials on site to respond to accidental spills and malfunctions and there is adequate capacity in containment areas to account for additional water from precipitation, or fire suppression.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above telephone number.

Kevin Jacobs  
Water Quality Management Section

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**From:** Kelly, Jason (CWS)

**Sent:** July-08-14 8:37 AM

**To:** Dagdick, Elise (CWS)

**Subject:** RE: Review and comments request - MB Hydro - Pointe du Bois File: 5716.00

Parks and Protected Spaces Branch has reviewed the proposal submitted pursuant to the *Environment Act* for MB Hydro – Pointe du Bois File: 5716 offers the following comments:

Please be advised that a portion of the proposed transmission line falls inside Recreational Development and Resource Management Land Use Categories (LUC) within Whiteshell Provincial Park and also falls within Recreational Development LUC of Whitemouth Fall Provincial Park.

- During construction of the Development within Whiteshell and Whitemouth Falls provincial parks, the proponent shall limit construction activities to times determined by District Park Staff for the appropriate park and as outlined in the Park Permit.
- Timber and slash is not to be left on site but is to be disposed of in an appropriate manner and an appropriate location.
- Approval from the of the Director of the Parks and Protected Spaces Branch of is required for any use of pesticides within Whiteshell and Whitemouth Falls provincial parks. Pesticide application shall comply with the requirements of Manitoba Regulation 94/88R, or any future amendment thereof, respecting Pesticides.
- Areas disturbed by the construction of the Development that were vegetated prior to construction shall be revegetated. Revegetation shall not be required for areas to be used for ongoing access such as roads and parking areas. Revegetation shall be accomplished with native species typical of the area, and revegetation plans shall be approved by the Parks and Protected Spaces Branch. Approved revegetation plans may be included in the Environmental Protection Plan.

Jason Kelly, M.N.R.M.

Ecological Reserves and Protected Areas Specialist

Parks and Protected Spaces Branch

Conservation and Water Stewardship

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**From:** Stibbard, James (CWS)  
**Sent:** July-16-14 10:46 AM  
**To:** Dagdick, Elise (CWS)  
**Subject:** Re: 5716.00 Mb. Hydro, Point du Bois Transmission Line EAP

Ms. Dagdick,  
Office of Drinking Water has no concerns with the above noted EAP respecting drinking water quality or safety.  
If you have any questions, please call.  
Regards,

**James Stibbard P. Eng.**  
Approvals Engineer  
Office of Drinking Water

DATE: 15 July, 2014

TO: Elise Dagdick  
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Conservation and Water  
Stewardship  
160-123 Main Street, Winnipeg

FROM: Muntaseer Ibn Azkar  
Air Quality–Environmental Programs  
& Strategies  
Conservation and Water Stewardship

**SUBJECT: Manitoba Hydro – Pointe du Bois Transmission Project (File. 5716.00)**

Air Quality Section has reviewed the above proposal and provides the following comments:

- The proposal is not expected to have a significant impact on air quality provided that the measures cited are implemented.
  - The noise clause is suggested to be included in the License (for potential noise nuisance during construction).
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## **Dagdick, Elise (CWS)**

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**From:** Wilson, Brian (MAFRD)

**Sent:** July-17-14 10:30 AM

**To:** Dagdick, Elise (CWS)

**Subject:** RE: Review and comments request - MB Hydro - Pointe du Bois File: 5716.00

I have reviewed the Environment Act Proposal submitted by Manitoba Hydro on Pointe du Bois File 5716 on behalf of the Manitoba Agriculture Food and Rural Development.

The Environmental Proposal does indentify that there is agriculture land in the study area, however, the proposal does not provide any information on the crops grown in the area and does not discuss at all about any possible impacts on agriculture operations. While the majority of this project is not adjacent to agriculture land there does appear so to some agriculture land located adjacent to where construction is proposed.

Our department has indentified that biosecurity is an issue and that the movement of soils, which can result in the movement of soils borne diseases is a risk that must be mitigated. The movement of soils can happen during surveying, construction and maintenance operations. Our department is aware that Manitoba Hydro is working to develop and implement operating procedures to address this issue.

Since this issue was not identified in the EAP, we do want Manitoba Hydro to acknowledge that biosecurity is indeed a risk to the adjacent agriculture land and that they will follow procedures to minimize this risk.

Brian Wilson

[Brian.Wilson@gov.mb.ca](mailto:Brian.Wilson@gov.mb.ca)

Soils Suitability Specialist

Crops Branch

Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Development

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**From:** Vivekananda, Prashanna (MMG)  
**Sent:** July-17-14 2:48 PM  
**To:** Dagdick, Elise (CWS)  
**Subject:** MB Hydro - Pointe du Bois File: 5716.00

Community and Regional Planning has no concerns.

**Prashanna Vivekananda**  
Community Planner  
Community and Regional Planning - Beausejour Regional Office  
Manitoba Municipal Government

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**From:** Kaita, Adara (CWS) **On Behalf Of** +WPG1212 - Conservation\_Circulars (CWS)  
**Sent:** July-28-14 1:39 PM  
**To:** Dagdick, Elise (CWS)  
**Subject:** EA Proposal - MB Hydro - Pointe du Bois - File: 5716.00

Hi Elise,

Sorry for the late comments...

Lands Branch has no concerns with EA proposal and notes that consultation may be required before a license is issued. Manitoba Hydro has applied for Crown land tenure for this project under Easement #68880.

Thank you for the opportunity to review.

**Adara Kaita**  
Crown Land Programs and Policy Manager  
Lands Branch | Conservation and Water Stewardship