

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

PROPONENT: Highways and Transportation
PROPOSAL NAME: Birdtail Sioux First Nation Access Road
CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT: 2
TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT: Transportation
CLIENT FILE NO.: 4284.00

OVERVIEW:

The Proposal was dated and received on November 27, 1997. The advertisement of the Proposal read as follows:

"A Proposal filed by the Manitoba Department of Highways and Transportation to reconstruct the Birdtail Sioux First Nation Access Road from Provincial Trunk Highway 83 in the Rural Municipality of Miniota westerly for approximately 8.3 km to the Birdtail Indian Reserve No. 57. The proposed reconstruction will meet Provincial Highway standards. The work consists of acquiring additional right-of-way, improving curve alignments, widening the existing grade and future asphalt paving. The project is cost shared between The Manitoba Department of Highways and Transportation and the Birdtail Sioux First Nation outside the reserve boundary. The Birdtail Sioux First Nation will fund all costs within the reserve boundary. The Manitoba Department of Highways and Transportation will proceed with finalizing project design details and land acquisition once all Provincial and Federal government agencies' requirements have been met."

The Proposal was advertised in the Birtle Eye Witness on Monday, December 8, 1997. It was made available for public review at registries located at the Manitoba Eco-Network, the Centennial Public Library, the Border Regional Library in Virden. It was also distributed to the "Transportation" TAC members for comment. All comments were requested by January 6, 1997.

PUBLIC RESPONSE

No public comments were received in response to the Environment Act advertisement of the Proposal.

COMMENTS FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Natural Resources No concerns.

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

Mines Branch

No concerns.

Rural Development

No planning comments.

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Health

The proposed environmental management practices as documented in the Proposal should prevent or mitigate potential health hazards from air, groundwater and surface water contamination.

Disposition: The licence will require that the licensee construct, operate and maintain the Development in accordance with the Proposal which includes the proposed environmental management practices.

Environment (Water Quality Management)

The proposed environmental management practices as documented in the Proposal should provide adequate protection of surface water quality.

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(**Park West Region**) No concerns.

Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA)

Indian Affairs and Northern Development will be conducting an environmental assessment of the project under *The Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*. Environment Canada, Fisheries and Oceans and Natural Resources have offered specialist advice in accordance with Section 12(3) of the Act. Fisheries and Oceans recommend that the erosion control measures for the development be designed and implemented in accordance with the "Manitoba Stream Crossing

Guidelines for the Protection of Fish and Fish Habitat" (1996).

Recommendation

Public hearings on the Proposal are not recommended. It is recommended that the Proposal be Licenced under the Environment Act as proposed and in accordance with the limits, terms and conditions as noted in the attached draft Environment Act Licence.