

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

PROPONENT: Rural Municipality of Roland
PROPOSAL NAME: Rural Municipality of Roland -
Rural Water Pipelines
CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT: Two
TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT: Transportation/Transmission - Pipelines
CLIENT FILE NO.: 4634.00

OVERVIEW:

The Proposal was received on June 14, 2001. It was dated June 12, 2001. The advertisement of the proposal was as follows:

“A Proposal has been filed by the Manitoba Water Services Board on behalf of the Rural Municipality of Roland to construct water supply pipelines throughout the municipality. Approximately 130 km of pipeline would be installed on provincial and municipal road allowances or on easements. Pipeline sizes would range from 150 mm to 50 mm. Water for the system would be supplied from the Pembina Valley Water Cooperative regional treatment plants in Morris and Stephenfield. The southern portion of the municipality would be serviced from the existing pipeline from Morris to Winkler. The northern portion of the municipality would be serviced from the Stephenfield plant through the R.M. of Dufferin supply system. Annual water use for the system is estimated to be 75 cubic decametres or 61 acre-feet. Construction of the project is proposed to begin in 2001. Construction would continue over several years as funding becomes available.”

The Proposal was advertised in the Morden Times, the Winkler Times and the Carman Valley Leader, all on Monday, June 25, 2001. It was placed in the Main, Centennial, Eco-Network and South Central Regional Library (Morden) public registries. The Proposal was distributed to TAC members on June 18, 2001. The closing date for comments from members of the public and TAC members was July 5, 2001.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No public comments were received.

COMMENTS FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Manitoba Conservation - Sustainable Resource Management - No work should be conducted at water crossings prior to June 15 of any year. If open trench crossings are required environmental mitigative procedures must be used to minimize damage during construction and to restore habitat after construction. Procedures to be followed are described in Canadian Pipeline Water Crossing Committee 1999, Water Crossings, Second Edition. If open trench crossings are used, prior approval of the Director of

Environmental Approvals will be required. The Manitoba Conservation Regional Fisheries Manager should also be contacted.

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Any work done on or near stream/drain banks should include measures to minimize potential for deleterious substances such as silt, oil and gas entering the water. If banks must be disturbed, erosion control and rehabilitation measures such as use of silt fences, straw mulch, and seeding should be employed. The Manitoba Stream Crossing Guidelines for the Protection of Fish and Fish Habitat should be used in this regard.

Disposition:

These comments can be addressed through licence conditions.

Historic Resources - No concerns.

Mines Branch - No concerns.

Highway Planning and Design - The following comments/concerns are submitted for consideration:

- Waterline agreements will be required for placing the waterline adjacent to, on, or across all provincial rights-of-way. Detailed drawings shall be forwarded to our Regional Office for formal approval.
- The applicant shall install the works through road embankments by boring, tunneling or jacking. All pressurized lines crossing PTHs and PRs are required to be sleeved.
- Please ensure all affected rights-of-ways that are disturbed during construction are restored to an acceptable condition and the RM accepts responsibility for a two year period following installation. Drainage should be restored and all affected areas reseeded.
- The MTG contact person is the A/Technical Services Engineer in the South Central Region.

Disposition:

These comments have been forwarded to the proponent for information.

Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency - An environmental assessment under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act will be required. The contact will be with PFRA, Environment Canada, the Canadian Coast Guard, and Health Canada have offered to provide specialist advice. Comments from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans were outstanding as of July 11, 2001. (The Canadian Coast Guard indicated a desire to participate in the provincial review of the project.)

Disposition:

A copy of the project summary and licence for the project will be provided to PFRA for use in the federal screening of the project. The Coast Guard had later reported to the Proponent that it had no further interest in the project. Any potential DFO concerns should be addressed through standard licence conditions, as there are no significant open cut water crossings or other potential fisheries impacts.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

No additional information is required to address the comments received.

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PUBLIC HEARING:

As no public concerns were identified, a public hearing is not recommended.

RECOMMENDATION:

All comments received on the Proposal can be addressed as licence conditions. Therefore, it is recommended that the Development be licensed under The Environment Act subject to the limits, terms and conditions as described on the attached Draft Environment Act Licence. It is further recommended that enforcement of the Licence be assigned to the Red River Region.

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