

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

PROPONENT: Abas Girls Inc. and Abas Girls Ranch
PROPOSAL NAME: Abas Girls Inc. and Abas Girls Ranch Wastewater Treatment Lagoon
CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT: 2
TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT: Wastewater Treatment Lagoon
CLIENT FILE NO.: 6129.00

OVERVIEW

The proposal was received on July 27, 2021. It was dated July 26, 2021. The advertisement of the proposal was as follows:

“An Environment Act Proposal has been filed by Abas Girls Inc. and Abas Girls Ranch for the construction and operation of a wastewater treatment lagoon in SW 26-12-2E in the Rural Municipality of Rosser. The facility would treat wastewater from three existing and proposed commercial facilities and a private residence near PTH 7 southwest of the proposed lagoon. Treated effluent from the lagoon would be discharged once a year to the Grassmere Drain.”

The proposal was advertised in the Stonewall Teulon Tribune on Thursday, October 21, 2021. It was placed in the public registry as follows:

- Online: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/sd/eal/registries/6129/index.html>
- Legislative Library (Winnipeg)

The proposal was distributed to Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) members on October 22, 2021.

The closing date for comments from members of the public and TAC members was November 21, 2021.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No public comments were received.

COMMENTS FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) responses are summarized in Table 1 below. Substantive comments and their dispositions follow the table. TAC comments are provided in full in the public registries.

Table 1. Abas Girls Inc. and Abas Girls Ranch – Wastewater Treatment Lagoon
Technical Advisory Committee Comments

No	Technical Advisory Committee Member	Response Provided
1	Manitoba Conservation and Climate	
	Environmental Approvals:	
	Water Power Act Licensing	No concerns
	Air Quality Management	No response
	Onsite Wastewater Management Program	Not applicable
	Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Branch	No response
	Office of Drinking Water	No concerns
	Environmental Programs and Remediation Branch	No comments
	Drainage and Water Use Licensing Branch:	
	Water Use Licensing Section	No response
	Water Control Works and Drainage Licensing Section	No response
	Climate Change and Clean Technology	No response
	Parks and Protected Spaces Branch	No response
2	Manitoba Agriculture and Resource Development	
	Agri-Resource Branch	Not applicable
	Wildlife and Fisheries Branch (wildlife)	No response
	Wildlife and Fisheries Branch (fisheries)	No response
	Forestry Branch	No concerns
	Lands Branch	No response
	Regional Land Manager / Integrated Resource Management Team	No response
	Water Branch:	
	Water Quality Management Section	November 19, 2021
	Groundwater Management Section	No response
	Mines	No concerns
	Petroleum	No response
3	Manitoba Sport, Culture, and Heritage – Historic Resources Branch	No response
4	Manitoba Municipal Relations:	
	Community Planning Branch	November 22, 2021
	Inspection and Technical Services Branch	No response
5	Manitoba Infrastructure – Highway Planning and Design Branch, Environmental Services	November 23, 2021
6	Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living – Environmental Health Unit	No response
7	Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	Not applicable

Agriculture and Resource Management – Water Branch, Water Quality Management Section

- The following effluent standards must be applied to the Abas Girls Inc. and Abas Girls Ranch, RM of Rosser, onsite private wastewater treatment lagoon as per the Manitoba Water Quality Standards, Objectives and Guidelines Regulation (196/2011).
 - BOD5 25 mg/L,
 - TSS 25 mg/L,
 - Fecal Coliforms or *Escherichia coli* 200 organisms / 100mL,
 - <1 mg/L Total Phosphorous
- The Water Quality Management Section is concerned with any discharges that have the potential to impact the aquatic environment and/or restrict present and future uses of the water. Therefore it is recommended that the license require the proponent to actively participate in any future watershed based management study, plan/or nutrient reduction program, approved by the Director.

Disposition:

These comments can be addressed as licence conditions.

Municipal Relations, Community Planning Branch

On behalf of Municipal Relations, I have reviewed this Environment Act Proposal for a wastewater treatment lagoon in SW ¼ 26-12-2E in the R.M. of Rosser. The subject lands are designated “Agricultural Area” pursuant to the South Interlake Development Plan By-law 3/10 and zoned “AG – Agricultural General Zone” pursuant to R.M. of Rosser Zoning By-law 4-21.

The subject lands are also located within the “Rockwood Sensitive Area,” which is regulated by M.R. 121/94 under The Environment Act.

Only Automotive Service Stations or Gas Bars existing as of the date of adoption of the Zoning By-law are permitted. The lagoon proposal includes a proposed expansion to include a car wash. Confirmation should be obtained from the municipality and South Interlake Planning District that intensification of the existing Automotive Service Station is permitted.

Disposition:

These comments were provided to the project consultant for information.

Manitoba Infrastructure, Environmental Services

Please see response from the following MI Branches/Sections:

- ***Water Management, Planning and Standards:***
No concern
- ***Roadside Development:***
Please be advised that any utility crossings (crossing over PTH's or PR's) requires a permit from our office and permission from the regional office in Steinbach.
- ***Capital Regional Operations:***

Based on the information provided and, on Section 9.1, "The planned lagoon and potential expansion will not result in an increased amount of runoff", no concerns from the MI road network perspective.

Please note that Appendix A is lacking specific details on the discharge location and ***if any future properties are serviced that require*** infrastructure in and around any MI roads ***approval will be required from MI.***

Disposition:

These comments were provided to the project consultant for information.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information was not required to address Technical Advisory Committee comments. Additional information in the form of a revised plan was provided on January 27, 2022 concerning a re-configuration of the two cells to facilitate more effective discharge operation.

PUBLIC HEARING

As no requests were received for a public hearing, a public hearing is not recommended.

CROWN-INDIGENOUS CONSULTATION

The Government of Manitoba recognizes it has a duty to consult in a meaningful way with Indigenous communities when any proposed provincial law, regulation, decision or action may infringe upon or adversely affect the exercise of the Indigenous rights of that community.

The proposal involves the construction and operation of a wastewater treatment lagoon on privately owned agricultural land. As resource use would not be affected, Crown-Indigenous consultation would not be required for the project.

RECOMMENDATION

Comments received have been addressed by providing information to the proponent and through licence conditions. 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. Administration of the licence should be assigned to the Central Region of the Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Branch.

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