

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

PROPOSAL NAME: Stephenfield Lake Resort Inc. – Onsite Wastewater Management System
PROPOSAL NAME: Stephenfield Lake Resort Inc.
CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT: 2
TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT: Wastewater collection and disposal field system
FILE NO.: 6145.00

OVERVIEW

The Proposal dated March 26, 2023, was received on April 17, 2023, and deemed complete on April 17, 2023. The advertisement of the Proposal was as follows:

“Stephenfield Lake Resort Inc. proposes to replace portions of an existing onsite wastewater management system at the Stephenfield Lake Resort located in NE 26-6-7 WPM in the Rural Municipality of Dufferin. The new system includes continued use of some holding tanks and an existing haul tank and the addition of new tanks and septic field.”

The Proposal was advertised in the Carman-Dufferin Standard on Thursday, June 15, 2023. It was placed in the Online Public Registry at:

<https://www.gov.mb.ca/sd/eal/registries/6145/index.html>

The Proposal was distributed to Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) members on June 12, 2023.

The closing date for comments from members of the public and TAC members was July 6, 2023.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No public comments were received.

COMMENTS FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) responses are listed in Table 1 below. Substantive comments are provided following the table. TAC comments are provided in full in the public registry.

Table 1 Stephenfield Lake Resort Inc. – Onsite Wastewater Management System

Technical Advisory Committee Comments

No	Technical Advisory Committee Member	Response Provided
1	Manitoba Environment and Climate	
	Environmental Approvals:	
	Water Power Act Licensing	June 19, 2023
	Air Quality Management	No response
	Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Branch	July 6, 2023
	Onsite Wastewater Management Program	July 6, 2023
	Environmental Programs and Remediation	No response
	Office of Drinking Water	June 19, 2023
	Drainage and Water Rights Licensing Branch:	June 13, 2023
	Water Use Licensing Section	No response
	Water Control Works and Drainage Licensing Section	No response
	Water Science and Watershed Management Branch:	
	Water Quality Management Section	July 4, 2023
	Groundwater Management Section	No response
	Climate Change and Clean Technology	No response
	Parks and Protected Spaces Branch	June 22, 2023
2	Manitoba Agriculture – Land Use and Ecosystem Resilience	No response
3	Manitoba Natural Resources and Northern Development	
	Wildlife and Fisheries Branch (wildlife)	No response
	Wildlife and Fisheries Branch (fisheries)	No response
	Forestry Branch	June 29, 2023
	Regional Land Specialist / Integrated Resource Management Team	No response
	Mines	June 30, 2023
	Petroleum	June 28, 2023
4	Manitoba Sport, Culture and Heritage – Historic Resources Branch	July 5, 2023
5	Manitoba Municipal Relations - Community Planning Branch	No response
6	Manitoba Labour, Consumer Protection and Gov't Services – Inspection and Technical Services Branch	No response
7	Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure – Environmental Services Branch	July 4, 2023
8	Regional Health Authority	July 4, 2023
9	Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	No response

Manitoba Sport, Culture, and Heritage – Historic Resources Branch

The Historic Resources Branch (HRB) has no concerns with the proposed project at this time. HRB requires that a heritage resource protection plan (HRPP) be included in planning, development, and operations, in the event heritage resources (including human remains and palaeontological resources) are accidentally encountered.

The HRPP consists of operational procedures to limit damage or destruction of heritage resources. This document assists proponents, landowners, managers, employees, and/or contractors etc. on what to do and whom to call should heritage resources accidentally be encountered when testing and development is underway on site.

Disposition:

The proponent has been notified of the requirement to develop, keep current over time, and implement a heritage resource protection plan if circumstances arise that warrant this.

Drainage and Water Rights Licensing Branch

The Drainage and Water Rights Licensing Branch has no concerns as long as the works are not outside the current licence 12-WCW-2817. This licence allows for works within NE 26-6-7W.

The proponent should be reminded that, under The Water Rights Act, a valid Water Rights Licence is required to control water or construct, establish, or maintain any water control works. Water control works are defined as any dike, surface or subsurface drain, drainage, improved natural waterway, canal, tunnel, bridge, culvert, borehole or contrivance for carrying or conducting water, that temporarily or permanently alters, or may alter, the flow or level of water, water in a water body, by any means, including drainage or changes, or may change the location or direction of flow of water by any means including drainage.

Disposition:

The proponent has been notified of this requirement.

Environmental Compliance and Enforcement (ECE) Branch

ECE notes that there may be inconsequential construction variations, and therefore, request that ECE be informed by the proponent if these are required. Upon completing construction, the proponent is requested to provide as-built notes and drawings to ECE. ECE will be contacted to observe the pressure test before the system is covered. The land to be used is not mapped as N4 land, and therefore, complies with the Nutrient Management Regulation on a normal basis.

Disposition:

This information has been conveyed to the proponent.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information was provided to address Technical Advisory Committee comments. On July 18, 2023, the proponent submitted a notice of alteration request to allow the existing tanks to remain in place and to specify final equipment selection and tank sizes as per manufacturing increments. On August 16, 2023, the proponent requested further changes to the onsite wastewater collection and disposal field system design, including a) leaving the existing tank train in place for emergency storage and shifting the proposed tank train easterly; b) proposing the pump manhole as a separate tank; c) specifying that one shallow bury switching manhole will contain the pressure activated switching valves; and d) indicating that the orifice size will

increase in lateral pipes to allow for a minimum 600-mm squirt within the disposal field sand mound.

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 identifies activities associated with the development of a new onsite wastewater collection and disposal field system on land owned by the proponent and previously developed. Since resource use is not affected by the project, it is concluded that Crown-Indigenous consultation is not required for this project.

RECOMMENDATION

Comments received have been addressed by providing information to the proponent. It is recommended that the development be licensed under The Environment Act subject to the limits, terms, and conditions as described in the attached Environment Act Licence. Administration of the licence should be assigned to the Central & Interlake Region of the Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Branch.

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