

**Initial Draft
Meeting Notes
Manitoba Floodway Authority (MFA) Public Liaison Committee (PLC)**

Thursday, April 12, 2007
Ile Des Chenes Recreation Centre
5:30pm – 8:00pm

PLC members in attendance:

- Mr. Doug McNeil, MFA – PLC Co-Chair
- Mr. Doug Peterson, MFA
- Councillor David Menard, RM of Tache
- Ms. Patricia Nedokis, RM of St. Andrews
- Reeve Herm Martens, RM of Morris
- Mr. Alec Stuart, City of Winnipeg
- Mr. Dan Benoit, Manitoba Metis Federation
- Ms. Lorna Hendrickson, Public Member

PLC Alternates in attendance:

- Councillor Glen Basarowich, RM of St. Clements for Reeve Steve Strang
- Councillor Robert Bodnaruk, RM of Springfield for Reeve Peter Skrupski

Others in attendance:

- Mr. David Hurford, MFA Community and Government Relations

Regrets:

- Reeve Lawrence Morris, RM of East St. Paul
- Mayor David Bell, City of Selkirk
- Mr. Gary Jennings, Public Member

Absent:

- Councillor Valerie Rutherford, RM of Ritchot
- Reeve Clifford Dearman, RM of West St. Paul
- Reeve Rodney Burns, RM of Macdonald
- Ms. Melissa Hotain, Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs

Meeting Notes

PLC Co-Chair Doug McNeil called the meeting to order at approximately 5:45pm – after a light dinner was made available. Following formal introductions, attendees were invited to verify their contact information and approve the proposed meeting agenda.

MFA distributed a number of project information updates. Copies will be sent to members who were unable to attend the meeting.

Procedures

MFA representative Doug Peterson provided an overview of the PLC terms of reference and procedures. It was agreed that MFA staff would prepare and distribute a draft meeting summary within a week of each meeting – for review and comment. PLC members would have up to seven

days to suggest revisions before the summary was posted on the MFA web-site for public review. The final draft notes would be approved at the next PLC meeting and then posted on the MFA web-site.

With regard to the selection of a PLC co-chair, volunteers were invited from the attending committee members. It was agreed that absent PLC members should have an opportunity to put their name forward too. MFA will distribute an email invitation to PLC members within days. If more than one person volunteers, candidates will be invited to make presentations at the next PLC meeting. The PLC (excluding MFA members) would elect the co-chair at the next meeting.

A sub-committee has been established to review applications for the remaining two PLC public positions. The sub-committee includes:

- Mr. Alec Stuart, City of Winnipeg
- Mr. Dan Benoit, Manitoba Metis Federation
- Ms. Patricia Nedokis, RM of St. Andrews

Dan Benoit agreed to take the lead on the subcommittee.

RM of St. Clements (PLC alternate) Councillor Glen Basarowich nominated St. Clements Reeve Steve Strang to sit on the committee. MFA will confirm his interest. Application forms, selection information and applicant grid will be distributed to the sub-committee members. MFA will also facilitate meetings or conference calls – as required by the sub-committee associated with their selection process. The sub-committee will make recommendations for approval at the next PLC meeting.

Doug Peterson also distributed provincial government mileage claim forms – further to the terms of reference. He will also distribute electronic version of PLC terms of reference to members.

Project Status Report

PLC Co-Chair Doug McNeil presented an update on the project. A presentation brief was circulated in association with the presentation. PLC members were invited to ask questions and identify key project elements they wanted to hear more about in subsequent meetings.

The following is a summary of the questions from PLC members:

- What is status of other project committees?
- Is the project on-time and on-budget?
- What measures are planned to increase drainage capacity along the floodway – including “toe-drains”
- When do we plan to start working on the West Dyke this year and has its final design been completed?
- What will the water levels be in Red River Valley around Morris during the 1 in 700 year flood event?
- Can MFA explain the events surrounding possible seepage of oil into the Kildare Drain on the floodway channel?
- What are our plans associated with repairs to the low-flow channel?
- What modeling information was used in association with the decision not to expand the bridges we initially had planned? Are we sure they are accurate?
- What is MFA’s plan to facilitate increased recreation opportunities associated with the project?
- What is the status of the Aboriginal set-aside? Has it been successful?
- Are we having problems with labour shortages?

- Are there penalties for contractors who do not complete projects on time? Do you have to be in a union to work or bid on the project?
- What is our general plan to include Aboriginal groups and associations in the project?
- Has MFA looked at plans for dredging the Red River north of the floodway outlet?
- Has climate change had any impact on how flood frequency is modeled or measured?
- Do we have any plans to improve the floodway's Dunning Crossing and PTH 44 floodway bridge?
- What are we doing to keep residential roads safe near construction sites?
- What plans do we have to maintain and manage vegetation in and around the floodway channel?

MFA officials were able to answer most questions directly to the satisfaction of PLC members, however bridge construction and recreation development were identified as top priorities that require more detailed presentations at the next PLC meeting. In addition to preparing these presentations, MFA will:

- Provide PLC with projected water levels in Red River Valley for 1 in 700 year flood.
- Invite City of Winnipeg to provide information on Kildare Drain at the next PLC meeting. MFA will also report on actions taken.
- Invite KGS Group to present on the hydraulic analysis that formed the basis of the project alteration to eliminate bridges at the next PLC meeting.
- Provide PLC with overview of Aboriginal outreach program.
- Re-engage contractors regarding road safety in residential areas.
- Distribute presentation to PLC members that could not attend meeting.

Conclusion

PLC Co-Chair Doug McNeil concluded the meeting at approximately 8:00pm. It was agreed the next meeting of the PLC would take place at the same time (5:30pm – 8:00pm) on **Thursday, May 24**. MFA will confirm location and distribute notice.