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Dear Tim Shanks:

RE: North End Water Pollution Control Centre – Environment Act Licence No. 2684RRR – 2025 Upgrade Plan Update - Revised

The City of Winnipeg's February 28, 2025, submission of an updated NEWPCC upgrade plan (the "Upgrade Plan Update") has been received. We also acknowledge receipt of your subsequent submission June 23, 2025, which provides further detail and clarification regarding the proposed implementation schedule including stage gates and milestones that we requested (the "Design and Construction Schedule").

Manitoba Environment and Climate Change (ECC) reviewed both submissions in the context of the regulatory requirements set out in *The Environment Act* and *The Water Protection Act*. The submitted plan outlines details of the project risks and how those risks will impact the project schedule. Based on the analysis in the Upgrade Plan Update, the City of Winnipeg is requesting an extension to the completion date of NEWPCC upgrade project from 2030 to 2032 with no additional interim nutrient reduction beyond that already implemented and operating.

ECC accepts the Upgrade Plan Update and Design and Construction Schedule as an updated compliance plan, including Alternative 5 as the selected project alternative, to be completed by 2032, subject to the following conditions and adjustments:

- A) The following project stage gates (as further described in the Upgrade Plan Update and Design and Construction Schedule) must be achieved by the following deadlines:
 - 1. Headworks Facilities
 - a) Odour control system, install – April 1, 2026
 - b) Headworks Building, Complete – March 31, 2026
 - c) Commissioning – July 24, 2026
 - d) Substantial Completion – August 31, 2026

2. Biosolids Facilities
 - a) Development Phase Agreement Stage Gate 3 – Intermediate Period – June 22, 2026
 - b) Contract award of design build agreement – September 18, 2026
 - c) Substantial Completion – December 31, 2030
 3. Nutrient Removal Facilities
 - a) Post Request for Proposal Step 2 – January 16, 2026
 - b) Contract Award of Development Phase Agreement – October 16, 2026
 - c) Contract Award of Design Build Agreement – March 1, 2028
 - d) Substantial Completion – December 31, 2032
 4. Ancillary Projects
 - a) DCS Migration – Substantial Completion – Q4 2027
 - b) Primary Clarifier Upgrade – Substantial Completion – Q2 2027
 - c) UV Upgrade – Substantial Completion – Q4 2026
- B) The City must provide detailed schedules and milestones for the periods of 2026 – 2030 for Phase 2 and 2028 – 2032 for Phase 3 forthwith once the Design Build Agreements are awarded for each of those phases.
- C) The City must advise ECC not less than 30 days in advance if they cannot meet a stage gate or milestone, along with an explanation for the delay.
- D) The City is required to provide the following reports to ECC:
- 1) Notification when any of the above listed stage gates are complete.
 - 2) Semi-annual updates to surrounding communities on the progress of the upgrades.
 - 3) Monthly updates on project progress through the monthly dashboard. This should include information on all three project phases including, but not limited to project status, project health, trends in performance, financial and schedule information, top risks, status of areas and subprojects, and quality and safety statistics.

ECC may take enforcement action under The Environment Act if the conditions above are not met, including if a stage gate or milestone is not met by the dates outlined above.

If you have any additional questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please contact me, at ECEBranch@gov.mb.ca or 204-945-5305.

Sincerely,



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Director

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