

Appendix C:
**Results of Inter-Departmental
Working Group Project Pre-
Screening**

Summary of the Pre-Licensing Interdepartmental Environmental Review Results

Proposed Upgrading of PTH 39 – 6.0 km West of PR 596 to 10.0 km East of PR 596

Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation (MIT) had undertaken a pre-licensing interdepartmental review. The following is the summary of review and comments received:

A. Manitoba Conservation

Following are the comments forwarded by the Department:

- The disposition and/ or allocation of natural resources and Crown lands must undertake the appropriate Crown consultation with the potentially impacted local First Nation or Aboriginal communities
- MIT must consult with MB Conservation in advance of any right-of-way (ROW) clearing to discuss the most appropriate means of salvaging merchantable timber within the ROW.
- Will the abandoned portion of the old highway be decommissioned and converted to Crown Land or will the ROW be maintained under the MIT? If plans are to abandon portions of the old highway and revert back to the Crown a decommissioning plan is required to be submitted and reviewed by Conservation. Decommissioning would include signage, removing culvers and reducing access.

B. Manitoba Culture, Heritage and Tourism and Sports

The potential to impact significant heritage resources is low, and, therefore, the Historic Resources Branch has no concerns with the proposed project.

If at any time however, significant heritage resources are recorded in association with these lands during development, the Historic Resources Branch may require that an acceptable heritage resource management strategy be implemented by the developer to mitigate the effects of development on the heritage resources.

If there are questions or comments, contact Mr. Gordon Hill at 945-7730.

C. Manitoba Industry, Trade & Mines

The Department noted that the road relocation right-of-way is encumbered by a valid Mineral Exploration License that is currently in good standing under The Mines and Minerals Act (with attached map). In this context, the Department requested a copy of the registered road plan once the upgrading is complete to determine if the mineral access rights need to be withdrawn in accordance with Section 144(a) of The Mines and Mineral Act.

D. Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives

No submission of comments.

E. Manitoba Water Stewardship

No submission of comments.

F. Manitoba Inter- Governmental Affairs

No submission of comments.

G. MTS Communication Inc.

No submission of comments.