

MSSAC CHRONOLOGY OF ACTIVITIES

The members of the Municipal Silica Sand Advisory Committee (MSSAC), being the rural municipalities of Tache, Ste. Anne, La Broquerie, Hanover, Brokenhead, Reynolds, St. Clements and the City of Steinbach, have met seven times since the MSSAC was formed in September 2021, to stay on top of the two proposals submitted by Sio Silica Corporation (formerly CanWhite Sands Corp.) for their processing facility and extraction process. The Provincial Environment Act Proposal processes are proceeding and the MSSAC has been actively engaging the Province.

The MSSAC activities over the last few months include the following highlights (for activities from inception of MSSAC in September 2021, please see earlier posted Chronology of Activities):

- On March 25, 2022, e-mailed the Participant Request Form to the Manitoba Clean Environment Commission for participation in the Public Hearing for the Vivian Silica Sand Extraction Project.
- Received a letter from the Manitoba Clean Environment Commission on May 16, 2022, granting Participant Standing to the MSSAC.
- On May 25, 2022, received a list of all contacts approved as Participants to date. This list will be updated as additional Participants are approved. From this point forward, any correspondence directed to/from Participants and the CEC, must be shared with all Participants.
- On June 24, 2022, e-mailed a letter to the CEC and all Participants requesting clarification on when the Hearings would be held (and suggested after Fall municipal elections) and when the report of the CEC technical advisors would be available.
- In June and July 2022, received supplemental information from Sio Silica Corporation.
- On July 7, 2022, received a letter from the CEC in response to the MSSAC letter dated June 24, 2022, stating that “the technical review report is in preparation and is expected to be available by early August. The members of the technical team will be provided on completion of the technical review.”
- On July 19, 2022, received a letter from the CEC stating “The Clean Environment Commission technical advisors continue to work on the technical review that is expected to be available in early August. In the covering e-mail, the CEC also advised Participants that an in-person pre-hearing meeting is being scheduled in Winnipeg for August 16, 2022.
- On August 5, 2022, the CEC issued an e-mail to all Participants advising that the in-person pre-hearing meeting scheduled in Winnipeg for August 16, 2022 will be postponed, and no new date was provided.
- On August 19, 2022, received a letter from Jeff Wharton, Minister of Environment, Climate and Parks, dismissing the MSSAC appeal of the issuance of Environment Act Licence No. 3667 for the silica sand processing facility near Vivian, Manitoba.

- On September 16, 2022, received a letter from the CEC advising that the Pre-Hearing Meeting with the Commission, Proponent and Participants is scheduled for October 4, 2022 at the RBC Winnipeg Convention Centre.
- On September 26, 2022, the CEC distributed two technical review reports: one from geotechnical experts and one from hydrogeological experts, along with the CVs of the experts.
- The Pre-Hearing Meeting on October 4 was restricted to process issues only and it set out the rules, procedures and the expected schedule going forward. The Hearing is tentatively scheduled to occur in late January/early February 2023 over the course of two weeks and will be held in the vicinity of the proposed processing facility.
- Questions on the two technical reports are due by October 11, 2022 and KGS Group is working diligently on compiling a list of questions.

For information on the Environment Act Proposals and public comments, go to:

<https://www.gov.mb.ca/sd/eal/registries/6057canwhite/index.html> (Processing Facility)

<https://www.gov.mb.ca/sd/eal/registries/6119/index.html> (Extraction Project)

For information on the CEC public hearing process, including the Hearing Directive, go to:

<http://www.cecmanitoba.ca/cecm/>

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