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Anna Kessler:

Re: Engagement Requirements for the Lake Manitoba and Lake St. Martin Outlet Channel Project

Thank you for your letter of June 27, 2019 regarding the Lake Manitoba and Lake St. Martin Outlet Channel Project. The proposed Lake Manitoba and Lake St. Martin Outlet Channels project is a priority for Manitoba. When completed, the proposed outlet channels will enhance the level of flood protection to communities along Lake Manitoba, Lake St. Martin, and the Dauphin River.

Manitoba Infrastructure remains committed to engaging with Indigenous communities to provide project information and to better understand community concerns and potential impacts. Manitoba Infrastructure has been successful in connecting and directly communicating with a number of communities and Indigenous groups. Specifically, additional meetings and engagement opportunities are currently under discussion with Pimicikamak Okimawin, Tataskwey Cree Nation, York Factory First Nation, Fox Lake Cree Nation, and the Council of Chiefs of Anishishabe Agowidiwinan.

Manitoba Infrastructure looks forward to cooperatively working with these Indigenous communities, along with the other Indigenous communities and groups as the environmental impact assessment is prepared. Continued engagement throughout this process will ensure there is an opportunity for Manitoba to share information, listen to communities, and incorporate traditional ecological knowledge into the environmental impact assessment.

Sincerely,
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