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Chris Carroll, P.Eng., Manager Wastewater Services Division City of Winnipeg 109-1199 Pacific Avenue Winnipeg MB RE3 3S8 ccarroll@winnipeg.ca

Dear Chris Carroll:

## Re: South End Water Pollution Control Centre (SEWPCC) - Environment Act Licence No. 2716 RR - Notice of Alteration Approval

Thank you for your notice of alteration, dated November 29, 2021, in accordance with Section 14 of The Environment Act, for the South End Water Pollution Control Centre (SEWPCC) operating under Environment Act Licence No. 2716 RR (licence).

The notice provides background information regarding issues that have impacted the critical path to timely completion of the SEWPCC upgrade project. It provides an updated commissioning sequence based on the current status. It also outlines the following revised critical milestones:

- start date of January 10, 2022 for the Biological Nutrient Removal (BNR) demonstration testing and seeding
- end of March 2022 for compliance with the licence limit for total phosphorous under average flow conditions
- period between March and June 2022 for compliance with the licence limit for total nitrogen under average flow conditions
- end of July 2022 for compliance with all licence effluent limits for all flow conditions
- date of January 31, 2023 for full licence compliance

Pursuant to section 14(2) of The Environment Act, I hereby approve implementation of the proposed alteration subject to the following conditions:

1. The City of Winnipeg (City) shall continue to submit short monthly email progress reports outlining the milestones achieved, and any setbacks experienced with explanation referencing the task list specified in the November 29, 2021 notice of alteration, the current status, and the proposed activities for the next month until the commissioning of the completed facility. The City shall continue submitting the

monthly progress report via email to the director of Environmental Compliance and Enforcement (ECE), at <a href="mailto:ECEBranch@gov.mb.ca">ECEBranch@gov.mb.ca</a> and to the director of Environmental Approvals Branch (EAB), at <a href="mailto:EABDirector@gov.mb.ca">EABDirector@gov.mb.ca</a> and copy Yvonne Hawryliuk, Provincial Manager at <a href="mailto:Yvonne.Hawryliuk@gov.mb.ca">Yvonne.Hawryliuk@gov.mb.ca</a>, and Siobhan Burland Ross, Engineering Manager of Industrial and Wastewater Section at <a href="mailto:Siobhan.BurlandRoss@gov.mb.ca">Siobhan.BurlandRoss@gov.mb.ca</a>.

- 2. The City shall notify the directors of ECE and EAB immediately if any further delays are to be expected or there is indication that delays may occur. Following notification, the City shall develop a plan to mitigate or avoid any anticipated delay.
- 3. The City shall continue to file quarterly progress reports to the undersigned until the commissioning of the completed facility. The quarterly progress reports shall summarize the monthly reports for the previous three months and will be posted to the public registry. The next report is due January 31, 2022 and must include a summary of progress made in the months of October, November, and December 2021.
- 4. The City shall, upon request from Conservation and Climate, meet with department representatives to discuss the progress of the development.

In consultation with the director of water protection under The Water Protection Act, the notice of alteration is accepted as an approved phosphorous compliance plan in accordance with Section 9 of the Manitoba Water Quality Standards, Objectives and Guidelines Regulation.

Should you have any technical questions regarding this approval, please contact Bereket Assefa, Senior Environmental Engineer, Environmental Approvals Branch, at 204-330-4613 or <a href="mailto:Bereket.Assefa@gov.mb.ca">Bereket.Assefa@gov.mb.ca</a>. Should you have any questions about the stipulated compliance schedule, please contact me directly at 204-227-3124 or <a href="mailto:Laura.Pyles@gov.mb.ca">Laura.Pyles@gov.mb.ca</a>.

Sincerely,
Original Signed By:
Siobhan Burland Ross

for Laura Pyles
Acting Director

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