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February 28, 2020

Robert Wheeldon
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Dear Dr., Wheeldon:

RE: MMTP and Monitoring at the Parkland Mews

Manitoba Hydro is contacting you to further discuss monitoring of the potential effects of the Manitoba-Minnesota Transmission Project (MMTP) on the Parkland Mews - Peregrine Falcon Conservation Centre. As discussed in our previous correspondence dated August 25, 2016, and outlined in the MMTP Environmental Monitoring Plan, Manitoba Hydro would like to support post-construction monitoring of peregrine falcon flights in relation to the Project.

Manitoba Hydro has a long history of supporting Parkland Mews and peregrine falcon conservation in Manitoba. At this time however, we are looking to focus the monitoring on the potential effects of MMTP on otherwise normal peregrine falcon flying activities carried out at your facility. As outlined in the MMTP Environmental Monitoring Plan, this is focused on tracking movements of peregrine falcons around your facility to better understand flight distances, perching sites, and project crossing rates. Further details can be found on pages 82 and 119 of the MMTP Environmental Monitoring Plan here:

https://www.hydro.mb.ca/projects/mb_mn_transmission/pdfs/epp_environmental_monitoring_plan.pdf.

As outlined in our letter dated August 25, 2016, Manitoba Hydro has already supplied the necessary GPS tracking equipment and received pre-construction data reports from you describing peregrine falcon flight movements. In order to compensate Parkland Mews for the necessary time and effort to conduct this post-construction tracking and data sharing in 2020, Manitoba Hydro is prepared to provide up to \$5,000 in funding. This funding would compensate for the labor and incidental expenses related to gathering peregrine falcon tracking data from otherwise normally scheduled or planned peregrine falcon flights at Parkland Mews. Incidental costs would include items such as replacement transmitters or batteries. Manitoba Hydro would only require a single data submission in fall 2020, however, we would request any information on Project interactions be reported as soon as possible.

Please advise if you are interested in continuing your efforts with Manitoba Hydro to understand the interaction of your operations with our new infrastructure. Depending on your preference we could develop a formal contribution agreement and provide funding prior to the summer, or we could arrange to expect an invoice from Parkland Mews in fall 2020.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James Matthewson'.

James Matthewson
Licensing and Environmental Assessment Department



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January 12th, 2021

Robert Wheeldon
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Dear Dr., Wheeldon:

RE: MMTP and Monitoring at the Parkland Mews

Manitoba Hydro is contacting you to follow up on our letter dated February 28th, 2020. In that letter (attached) we outlined opportunities for further monitoring the interaction of the peregrine falcons at your facility with our new infrastructure, as per the Manitoba Minnesota Transmission Project - Environmental Monitoring Plan.

We understand that health concerns and the development of the COVID-19 pandemic may have had an impact on your operations. As we did not receive a funding proposal, data submission or invoice we are uncertain if you are interested in continuing your efforts with Manitoba Hydro to understand the interaction of your operations with our new infrastructure. If you did collect movement data from your peregrine falcons in 2020, we would be open to accepting that data, and providing compensation as per a new agreement and invoice.

As supplemental information, we did not observe any interactions between peregrine falcons and the MMTP project as part of environmental inspections during the construction period.

Due to the events of 2020, Manitoba Hydro is interested in extending the opportunities as described in the February 28th, 2020 letter to Parkland Mews for its operations during the summer of 2021, please contact us if you are interested in pursuing this option.

Regards,

“original signed by”

James Matthewson
Licensing and Environmental Assessment Department

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cc: Elise Dagdick, Environmental Approvals Branch

