1.0 Introduction
Manitoba Hydro is proposing to install a new transmission pressure natural gas pipeline located northwest of Winnipeg, Manitoba. The pipeline will extend the existing natural gas pipeline from the intersection of Selkirk Avenue and the Perimeter Highway, will run north to the town of Stonewall and then travel east to connect with an existing pipeline near Selkirk, Manitoba. The pipeline located from Provincial Road #321 to Stonewall will have a diameter of 6 inches and the remainder of the pipeline will have a diameter of 12 inches.

The proposed Northwest Winnipeg Natural Gas Project will provide a continual and reliable source of natural gas to customers located north of Winnipeg and operational flexibility in the Winnipeg transmission network.

A Project Map denoting the proposed route as well as the location of the above ground assemblies is provided as Appendix A.

As part of the environmental assessment process, Manitoba Hydro initiated a Public Engagement Program (PEP) to obtain feedback from the local municipalities, interested groups, landowners and the public.

2.0 Process
Manitoba Hydro undertook a public engagement program to achieve the following goals:

- inform the public regarding the project, timelines and proposed location;
- to gather feedback on the proposed location of the pipeline; and
- to provide an opportunity for the public to have questions answered and concerns addressed by Manitoba Hydro representatives.

As part of the PEP, Manitoba Hydro aimed to engage:

- Affected and adjacent landowners;
- Affected Municipalities
- Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation;
- CentrePort Canada; and
- Members of the general public.

Manitoba Hydro organized and attended Municipal council meetings and meetings with interested stakeholders, provided a contact to all interested parties through a variety of notification methods and held three public open houses to allow the public and interested parties to discuss the Project with Manitoba Hydro representatives.

3.0 Notification Methods
Manitoba Hydro utilized three (4) notification methods to ensure that the public was aware of Manitoba Hydro’s Project activities for the proposed Northwest Winnipeg Natural Gas Project in
the area which included direct mailings, unaddressed postcard campaign, newspaper advertisement and the Project website which are discussed in detail below.

3.1 Direct Mailings
Manitoba Hydro notified 194 landowners by direct letters dated January 14, 2015. These letters outlined the project details and need, regulatory requirements, and open house locations and dates, and provided Manitoba Hydro contact information. Individuals were encouraged to contact Manitoba Hydro or attend an open house to discuss any potential concerns with the Project. These direct mailings consisted of the following materials:

- Personalized letter;
- Project Newsletter; and
- Map of the proposed Project alignment.

Four (4) Rural Municipalities were notified of the Project by e-mail. The notification package contained the materials listed above and were sent to the Rural Municipalities of Rosser, St. Andrews, West St. Paul and Rockwood.

Two (2) Urban Municipality, the City of Selkirk and Town of Stonewall, were also notified of the project using the information package described above.

In addition to the local municipalities, Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation Regions 1 and 2, Cartier Water and CentrePort Canada were also notified of the project using the information package described above.

3.2 Unaddressed Postcard Campaign
As part of the PEP, Manitoba Hydro sent unaddressed postcards to inform the general public of the proposed Project. A total of 19,006 individual mailers (both residential and commercial) were sent.

These mailers were 10” x 6” (color) and included a brief project summary, a simplified map of the proposed location of the Project as well as time, date and location of the public open house. A project email address and toll free phone line was also provided on each mailer.

3.3 Newspaper Advertising
Manitoba Hydro advertised in a number of newspaper outlets to notify the general public of the public open house. These advertisements included a brief project summary, a simplified map of the proposed location of the Project as well as time, date and location of the public open house. Manitoba Hydro contact information was also provided in the newspaper advertisement.
The public open houses were advertised in the following local newspapers:

- Winnipeg Free Press (issued January 24, 2015);
- Winnipeg Sun (issued January 25, 2015);
- Canstar Weeklies (issued January 21, 2015);
  - The Times (issued January 28, 2015);
- Selkirk Journal (issued January 22 and January 29, 2015);
- Selkirk Record (issued January 22 and January 29, 2015); and
- Stonewall Argus/Teulon Times (issued January 22 and 29, 2015).

3.4 Website
Manitoba Hydro developed a website where Project information was shared with the public and updated as needed. Website content included:

- Project description and schedule;
- Public engagement goals and information;
- Environmental Assessment information;
- Contact information; and
- Document library containing:
  - Open house materials;
  - Newsletter;
  - Postcard
  - Open house advertisements
  - Map of preferred route

The notification materials, including a copy of the direct letter, postcard, mailing receipt, newspaper advertisement, advertisement purchase, and screen shot of the Project website are provided in Appendix B.

4.0 Phone Line
Manitoba Hydro provided a 1-800 phone number in all direct mailings, materials and advertisements for stakeholders to use if they had questions or required additional information regarding the proposed project. In total 19 individuals or stakeholder groups contacted Manitoba Hydro by telephone to discuss the Project. Manitoba Hydro personnel responded to all calls within 24 hours of receiving them.

5.0 Meeting
As part of the PEP, Manitoba Hydro offered meetings to discuss the Project with local municipalities and other interested stakeholders. The following summarized the meetings that were completed as well as meetings which are still outstanding.

5.1 Rural Municipality of Rosser
The Rural Municipal Council of Rosser was notified of the Project by e-mail on August 20, 2014. This email briefly described the project and included a map of the proposed alignment. A meeting was held between representatives from the RM department of public works and Manitoba Hydro
to discuss the project on September 16, 2014. The project was introduced and feedback from the RM on the proposed routes was recorded. RM representatives at this meeting indicated that given the upcoming election, a meeting should be organized with the council following the election. On January 29, 2015 a representative from the RM contacted Manitoba Hydro to arrange a follow-up meeting. This meeting was held February 10, 2015 with the newly elected council.

At the council meeting, Manitoba Hydro provided copies of the newsletter and detailed map to the councillors. Extra maps, newsletters and comment sheets were left at the front desk for public use. The Manitoba Hydro representatives provided an outline of the Project, discussed project timelines, the need for the project and topics related to design and construction. Following this discussion, a question and answer period was offered to council members.

5.2 Rural Municipality of St. Andrews
The Rural Municipal Council of St. Andrews was notified of the Project by e-mail on August 20, 2014 and invited to meet to discuss the project in more detail.

A meeting between representatives from the RM of St. Andrews and Manitoba Hydro was subsequently held on August 26, 2014. At this meeting an overview of the Project was provided. The RM indicated that they had no concerns about the proposed alignment.

5.3 Rural Municipality of West St. Paul
The Rural Municipal Council of West St. Paul was notified of the Project by e-mail on August 20, 2014 and invited to meet to discuss the project in more detail.

Manitoba Hydro met with the RM of West St Paul on September 9, 2014 to discuss the project. During the meeting a Project overview was provided, followed by discussion regarding the proposed alignment.

Manitoba Hydro contacted the RM of West St Paul on January 27, 2015 to remind them about the open house dates and locations. The RM was provided with a link to the Project website and a copy of the letter that was sent to them January 14, 2015 notifying them of the scheduled open houses. The RM responded the same day indicating that one of their representatives would be attending an open house.

5.4. Rural Municipality of Rockwood
The Rural Municipal Council of Rockwood was notified of the Project by e-mail on August 20, 2014. This email briefly described the project and included a map of the proposed alignment. A representative from the RM responded to this email on August 25, 2014 indicating that the council had no concerns about the Project at the time.

On February 10, 2015, the Transportation Manager from the RM of Rockwood contacted Manitoba Hydro with questions about the project.

At the time of writing, a meeting had not been organized with The RM of Rockwood.
5.5 City of Selkirk
Manitoba Hydro contacted the City of Selkirk by email on August 28, 2014 to notify them of the Project and invite them to meet to discuss the Project in detail. A representative from the City responded the same day indicating that at that time they had no concerns, however would like to be engaged again when more Project details were released. On January 26, 2015, a representative from the City contacted Manitoba Hydro by telephone to discuss the project and a number of questions that the City had regarding the proposed alignment.

5.6 CentrePort Canada
Manitoba Hydro contacted CentrePort by email on September 16, 2014 to notify them of the Project and invite them to meet to discuss the Project in detail. An email response was provided to Manitoba Hydro by a representative from CentrePort the same day and a meeting was subsequently scheduled for September 18, 2014.

Manitoba Hydro representatives described the project at the September 18, 2014 meeting and discussed alignment options in the CentrePort vicinity.

A representative from CentrePort contacted Manitoba Hydro by telephone on February 13, 2015. His call was returned by a Manitoba Hydro representative on February 17, 2015. During this conversation a number of infrastructure and design concerns were raised which Manitoba Hydro will investigate to determine if a change to the proposed alignment is necessary.

5.7 Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation Region 1
MIT Region 1 was notified of the Project by e-mail on August 20, 2014. This email briefly described the project and included a map of the proposed alignment. MIT Region 1 was invited to respond with questions or concerns regarding the Project.

Manitoba Hydro sent a second email to a representative from MIT Region 1 on September 19, 2014 to provide information about the Project and request a meeting to discuss the proposed alignment options in detail.

A meeting between representatives of Manitoba Hydro and MIT was subsequently held October 2, 2014. During this meeting, Manitoba Hydro provided a Project overview followed by discussions regarding alignment options.

5.8 Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation Region 2
Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation Region 2 was notified of the Project by e-mail on August 20, 2014. This email briefly described the project and included a map of the proposed alignment. MIT Region 1 was invited to respond with questions or concerns regarding the Project.

To date, MIT Region 2 had not responded with any questions or concerns regarding the Project.

5.9 Concerned Landowners
Two landowners contacted Manitoba Hydro to express concerns regarding the proposed
alignment and requested to meet with Manitoba Hydro on site to identify potential risk and mitigations.

Topics discussed at these meetings are described in Section 8.0.

6.0 Public Open House
Three (3) public open houses were held to provide project information in the form of storyboards, mapping, a construction and remediation slideshow and tangibles.

The date and location of the public open houses are as follows:

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The public could visit these venues to receive information on and discuss the Project with representatives from Manitoba Hydro. According to the open house sign-in sheets, a total of 72 people attended the open houses. A total of 27 people visited the Selkirk open house, 23 were present at the Stonewall open house and the Rosser/Gross Isle open house had a total of 22 visitors.

Manitoba Hydro focused the open houses on the following topics:

- Project description and project need;
- Pipeline safety and installation (through storyboards, construction material examples and a construction and remediation slideshow);
- Landowner compensation;
- Environmental assessment;
- Project Schedule; and
- Project Study Area topographic mapping (1:125,000 scale mapping – poster size and 11”x17”).

Participants were greeted by a Manitoba Hydro representative who toured them through the material. Comment sheets were provided to each participant as well as a Project newsletter and map.

Representatives from Manitoba Hydro were available to answer questions. Attendees from Manitoba Hydro included: staff from Licensing and Environmental Assessment, engineers related to the Project and property acquisition agents.
A comment sheet was developed for the Project to assist the Project team in collecting information from participants as well as allowing a method to track specific discussions.

Comments and concerns provided by the public were recorded on iPads during the open house sessions. Comments were also provided by the public on comment sheets. A summary and discussion of the comments and concerns received on the proposed project is provided in Section 8.0 of this report.

7.0 Materials Presented
Manitoba Hydro utilized a variety of materials to outline the Project to participants through the direct mailings and public open houses.

7.1 Newsletter
A newsletter was created for the Project that outlined the following topics:

- Project Description;
- Environmental Licensing;
- Project Schedule;
- Environmental Assessment and Public Notification;
- Design Details;
- Construction;
- Safely Living and Working Around Pipelines; and
- Maintenance and Operation

The newsletter was sent to all landowners with property in or adjacent to the RoW, stakeholders including affected municipalities, CentrePort and Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation. The newsletter was provided to all participants who attended the public open house.

The newsletter contained a contact phone number and email address for a Manitoba Hydro representative to discuss any questions or concerns regarding the Project.

7.2 Mapping & Photography
Project mapping was an important piece to the PEP. Project mapping was provided in direct mailings, in public advertising and used as a central focus at the public open house.
Project maps overlaying aerial imagery with a scale of 1:125,000 were used to represent the project alignment. Poster sized (44”x36”) mapping was placed in the center of the open house venue and 11”x17” maps were available to participants. Maps were also available for participants to mark up on iPad devices. These maps allowed individuals to situate their landholdings in relation to the proposed location of the natural gas pipeline as well as provide commentary on specific sites along the proposed route.

Manitoba Hydro utilized a construction and remediation slideshow at the public open house that assisted participants in understanding what to expect if the proposed project were to be licensed and construction undertaken. The photographs included visual representation of the following steps: surveying, trenching, welding, installation and reclamation.

7.3 Project Tangibles
At the public open house, Manitoba Hydro had tangibles on display to assist participants in understanding the materials that would be required for this project. Natural gas pipeline segments of various sizes were on display along with safety and warning signs that would be utilized for the Project.

Open house materials including a copy of the newsletter, presentation and comment sheet are provided in Appendix C.

8.0 Participant Comments

In total, meetings were held with seven stakeholder groups, 72 individuals participated in the public open house, nine individuals contacted Manitoba Hydro by e-mail, 19 calls were received by Manitoba Hydro through the phone line, and 25 comment sheets were submitted to the Project Team.

The following provides a summary of the discussions which were held with participants, the concerns raised and questions that were asked.

8.1 Municipal and Stakeholder Group Comments

8.1.1 RM of St. Andrews
A meeting was held with the RM of St. Andrews council on August 26, 2014 to discuss project routing within the RM. The RM had no concerns with the Project, however expressed a preference for a routing option along the existing RoW.

8.1.2 RM of West St. Paul
A meeting was held with the RM of West St. Paul council on September 9, 2014 to discuss routing options within the RM. Manitoba Hydro informed the RM that there was one possible route through land in the RM of St Paul. This route would run along Rushman Road. The RM informed Manitoba Hydro, that Rushman Road is the boundary between The RM of West St. Paul and RM of Rockwood. If the Project occurs on the north side of Rushman Road, it will not occur within the RM of West St. Paul.
During the meeting, the RM of West St. Paul expressed concern regarding the potential for effects to groundwater along Provincial Route 321 from Stony Mountain. The RM was also concerned about a large number of houses along Lawson and Fulsher with the potential to be impacted by one of the Project’s proposed alignment options.

8.1.3 RM of Rosser
The RM of Rosser department of Public Works met with Manitoba Hydro on September 16, 2014 to discuss routing options within the RM. Manitoba Hydro introduced three routing options with the pipeline paralleling Provincial Route 236, Summit Road and Sturgeon Road. At the time, paralleling Sturgeon Road was the preferred route. The RM informed Manitoba Hydro that CentrePort is responsible for the majority of the land within the Perimeter Highway. They discussed that a new fibre optic cable was installed along Provincial Route 236. The RM informed Manitoba Hydro that there are a number of homes along the west side of Summit Road so alignment along the east side of the road would be preferred if that route is selected. A new 20” water line was also proposed for the CentrePort area, however the route of the water line was still under discussion. The RM encouraged Manitoba Hydro to meet with Cartier Water Co-op regarding the routing.

The RM also informed Manitoba Hydro that they had an upcoming election and it would be preferred if the newly elected council was contacted regarding the Project following the election.

On February 10, 2015, Manitoba Hydro met with the newly elected RM of Rosser council to discuss the Project. Manitoba Hydro introduced the Project and offered to answer any questions the RM may have. Questions asked by the RM and Manitoba Hydro’s responses are provided in the table below.

| Q: In regards to the routing, why the zigzag at PTH 7? | A: There is electrical cable in the RoW in this area. The route selected was to avoid running along the RoW where the cable is located (for safety and space reasons). |
| Q: The RM often has problems with their ditches not being restored properly. What is Manitoba Hydro’s protocol for this? | A: The tender and contract will require the contractor to restore all areas to pre-construction conditions within 1 year of construction. The RM should contact Manitoba Hydro if they are not satisfied and Manitoba Hydro will work with the contractor to improve restoration of the ditches. |
| Q: The RM is expecting a fair bit of development in the area around PTH 6 and the perimeter in relation to CentrePort development. Will gas be available for these developments because of this Project? | A: This project is for transmission purposes only and will not allow hook-ups directly. However, there is a separate project that is planned to provide gas for development directly related to CentrePort. There would likely be the ability to extend that to RM development in the area. |
| Q: Is there the possibility for landowners in the area to hookup to this line directly. | A: No, as this is a transmission line. However, because of this project the ability for future distribution to customers in the area is likely. The gas marketing group is aware of this project and will be marketing in the area likely in the next few years. |
8.1.4 CentrePort
A meeting was held with CentrePort on September 18, 2015 to discuss routing options within the CentrePort area.

CentrePort disclosed their intent to develop an 8-12 line railway development near the intersection of Highways 221 and 101 in the vicinity of the proposed pipeline. This development has been considered in the design of the proposed alignment.

CentrePort also expressed concern regarding a number of interchange improvement initiatives and utility upgrades in the area and suggested that Manitoba Hydro contact MIT and Cartier Water Coop to discuss these proposed developments.

8.1.5 Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation
Manitoba Hydro met with MIT Region 1 on October 2, 2014 to discuss routing along MIT properties. MIT suggested that Manitoba Hydro contact the Special Projects Team to discuss future plans and MIT Region 2 to discuss routing within Region 2.

MIT Region 1 expressed no concern with the alignment along the west side of the Perimeter Highway from Selkirk Avenue up to Provincial Route 236.

MIT informed Manitoba Hydro of their intent to add lanes to Provincial Trunk Highway 9. Manitoba Hydro will work with MIT to ensure that future highway development plans are not impacted by the Project.

8.2 Landowner and General Public Comments

8.2.1 Method of Notification
From feedback on the open house comment sheets, postcard, direct letter, word of mouth and newspaper notification methods were used by those in attendance. Direct mailings and the postcard campaign were the most common methods individuals noted had informed them of the Project and the location of the open house. The website was deemed as the least common method in which attendees were informed of the Project.

8.2.2 Protection of Trees
Concerns were raised over the conservation of mature trees with the potential to be damaged by excavation activities. Landowners have requested that the pipeline is rerouted to avoid specific treelines. Manitoba Hydro has considered all requests to reroute the pipeline around the trees and has changed the alignment where possible. The location of each area of concern and description of how each concern was addressed is provided in Section 9.0.

8.2.3 Potential for Natural Gas Distribution
Enquiries were made with Manitoba Hydro representatives about the possibility of further expansion of natural gas distribution opportunities in the area. Those who expressed interest in tapping into the proposed pipeline were informed that the Project is a transmission line and cannot be used for distribution purposes. It was noted by Manitoba Hydro staff that this discussion was outside the scope of the activities being undertaken for this project; however, contact information was collected and in total four (4) individuals requested to be contacted by an appropriate Manitoba Hydro representative regarding the potential for natural gas distribution.
8.2.4 Agriculture & Compensation
Discussions were had regarding potential damages to crops during the construction phase. Potential damages discussed included loss of crop, soil disturbance, or loss of seed. It was noted that any damages caused by Manitoba Hydro activities would be compensated for (i.e., loss of seed, creation of ruts, crop damage, etc.).

Manitoba Hydro informed landowners that they will be paid 75% of market value for the easement expansion across private property as well as any potential construction related damages.

Enquiries were also made about the possibility to resume agricultural operations within the easement once the pipeline was installed.

8.2.5 Topsoil
Concerns were expressed regarding how topsoil would be stripped and restored in the Project area. Others expressed concern over soil quality and potential for erosion.

8.2.6 Access
Concerns were raised about the Project damaging or restricting access to approaches used to access homes and farm land. One individual was interested in developing a new approach to his property and was concerned that the Project may impact these plans.

8.2.7 Drainage
Concerns were raised about drainage in the easement and potential for the Project to result in further drainage issues in the area. Manitoba Hydro’s plans to ensure proper drainage during construction and operation were also discussed as well as if Manitoba Hydro would be willing to assist with drainage solutions while installing the pipeline.

8.2.8 Utility Lines
Concerns were raised regarding the potential for the Project to conflict with underground utility lines within the easement. These included existing fibre optic cable, water, telephone and electrical lines.

8.2.9 Proposed Development
Concerns were discussed regarding plans to develop infrastructure in the area that may conflict with the Project. This infrastructure includes construction of a barn on private land which occurs within the proposed Project easement.
8.2.10 Pipeline Design and Safety
Questions were asked about how the pipeline would be designed and concerns were expressed regarding the safety of the pipeline. The depth of the line was discussed to determine if it was safe for large equipment to pass over. Concerns about the risks associated with damage to the pipeline were also raised and monitoring the condition of the line frequently was suggested as a mitigation measure.

8.2.11 Environment and Climate Change
Concerns were expressed with regard to the role of the Project in the advancement of the use of natural gas which is consider to be unsustainable and harmful to the environment. The suggestion was made that the project not proceed.

8.2.12 Support for the Project
Many members of the public had no concerns regarding the project once they learned that the proposed alignment of the pipeline did not occur on their land. Many seemed surprised and relieved to learn that the pipeline would occur mostly within the existing municipal road easement.

9.0 Feedback Incorporation
Through public engagement activities to date, a number of concerns have been raised in regard to the alignment and route of the Project. Manitoba Hydro has considered all suggestions for realignment and has made changes to the design where possible. These suggestions and Manitoba Hydro’s response to the suggestions are provided in Table 1.

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<td>Manitoba Hydro concluded that altering the alignment does not seem feasible for this property; however, to avoid shelterbelt damage the construction team will use directional drilling to minimize potential damage to the shelterbelt. The road crossings on the east side of this property, both north and south of the specified location, are double the width of the crossings on the west side, and are more complicated to bore across. It is anticipated that direction drilling the line in this area will reduce root damage, thereby reducing damage to the shelterbelt.</td>
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<td>Avoid the shelter belt on sections 1 and 12-13-1-E.</td>
<td>Manitoba Hydro considered the possibility of moving the alignment from the west side of PR# 236 to the east side. It was determined by Manitoba Hydro that this option is feasible and that the line will be moved to the east side of PR 236.</td>
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<td>Move the pipeline to the west side of the Highway on section 7-13-2-E</td>
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<td>West side at this location. The pipeline must tie in at GS-010 which is on the east side of PR # 236. Avoiding this property would add two additional crossings of PR 236 to the design. Therefore the line will remain on the east side of PR 236.</td>
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<td>Avoid shelter belt on section 25-11-1-E.</td>
<td>Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation has plans for expanding the Perimeter Highway and Inkster intersection and has asked that utilities stay on the west limit of the Perimeter Highway. The current design has the proposed pipeline within the Highway right of way. Any trees that encroach onto the right of way may be affected.</td>
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<td>Shift the line to the south side of Highway 321 to avoid interaction with homes.</td>
<td>This option is not preferred as it greatly reduces constructability and adds extra road crossings. Shifting the pipeline to the south side would mean positioning the pipeline closer to hydro lines which may promote corrosion. Manitoba Hydro has decided to stay on the north side of the PTH 321.</td>
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<td>Shift pipeline to the north side of Liss Road to avoid interaction with driveways and shelter belts</td>
<td>The RM of St. Andrews has plans for a water main in this location, as such, the pipeline must remain on the south side of the road.</td>
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<td>Avoid damage to shelter belt along Highway 220 in the southwest corner of 4-13-3 E. Be aware of buried water and telephone lines in this location.</td>
<td>Manitoba Hydro investigated the location of the existing buried water and telephone lines. The proposed pipeline, as designed, is currently 5 m from the shelter belt and construction should not impact the trees. A review of this option resulted in a redesign to avoid the shelterbelt. The route will head north before the property, then cross just north of the shelterbelt.</td>
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Concerns regarding access can be addressed in detail through the property acquisition phase once the project is approved, as well as with the contractor hired to undertake the installation of the pipeline. Manitoba Hydro will continue to ensure that local individuals and communities are informed about Manitoba Hydro’s activities in relation to this Project.

Feedback collected through the public engagement program was also used to inform the environmental assessment process. Public feedback helped in the identification of environmental issues and was also helpful in the selection of valued ecosystem components. Concerns regarding effects to tree lines, soil and groundwater were addressed in the environmental assessment.
10.0 Future Follow-Up Requirements
Manitoba Hydro will continue to engage with individuals who left their contact information to discuss the feasibility of distribution to their property.
Manitoba Hydro will also continue to answer questions related to the Project on the contact information provided on all Project materials.

As part of the public engagement program, Manitoba Hydro will notify the public and stakeholders, that the environmental assessment report has been submitted to regulatory authorities (Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship) and that the assessment is available for public review and comment.

11.0 Conclusions
Manitoba Hydro undertook a public engagement program, which began August 2014, to inform the public of the activities being proposed by Manitoba Hydro. Utilizing a variety of notification methods and engagement mechanisms to discuss the Project, Manitoba Hydro received feedback regarding the project and achieved the goals which were set forth at the onset of the program. At the time of report finalization, meetings with some communities were still outstanding and Manitoba Hydro will meet with the communities to discuss the Project where there is interest.

The public engagement program indicated that some stakeholders had concerns regarding the alignment, design and safety of the proposed pipeline. Many viewed the project as having long-term potential benefits (future distribution opportunities) with some short term potential inconveniences with regards to agricultural operations such as access, soil compaction and crop loss. A small number of stakeholders declared that they were not in support of the Project given the potential for risk to the environment. Overall, the majority of stakeholders are in support of the project assuming that mitigation measures are in place and the alignment is adjusted where possible to avoid destruction of shelterbelts and infrastructure.
APPENDIX A

Project Map
APPENDIX B
Notification Materials
January 14, 2014

«Name»
«Address»
«town»
«Postal»

Dear Landowner:

Re: Proposed Northwest Winnipeg Natural Gas Pipeline Project

Manitoba Hydro would like to advise you of a proposed natural gas transmission pipeline project in your area.

To ensure a reliable and a continual source of natural gas to Manitoba Hydro customers north of Winnipeg, Manitoba Hydro is proposing to extend an existing pipeline that is located at Selkirk Avenue and the Perimeter Highway. This pipeline will travel north to increase supply in Stonewall and will then travel east to connect to an existing pipeline south of Selkirk. It is anticipated that this project will take advantage of road right-of-way and will require limited property acquisition. The proposed location of the pipeline is noted on the enclosed map.

This project requires a Class 2 Licence under The Environment Act (Manitoba) and an environmental assessment will be submitted to Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship (MCWS) as part of the approval process. Manitoba Hydro will adhere to all guidelines and licence conditions outlined by MCWS which will be specific to this project.

Manitoba Hydro will be holding drop-in Public Open Houses to share information and to address concerns with local residents. All are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served.

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Manitoba Hydro is interested in discussing the details of the Project with those in the vicinity of the proposed route. If you wish to ask any questions or would like to have your concerns or questions addressed please attend the open house or please contact me at 1-877-343-1631.

We look forward to discussing this Project with you.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Trevor Joyal
Environmental Specialist
Licensing & Environmental Assessment Department
We want to hear from you.

Northwest Winnipeg Natural Gas Pipeline
Open House

To ensure a reliable and continual source of natural gas to our customers, Manitoba Hydro is proposing to extend an existing pipeline located at Selkirk Avenue and the Perimeter Highway. The proposed pipeline will travel north to increase supply in Stonewall and then east to connect to an existing pipeline outside of Selkirk.

Manitoba Hydro will hold open houses to share information and gather feedback on the Northwest Winnipeg Natural Gas Pipeline. Feel free to drop in any time between 4 and 8 p.m. at the locations listed at right.

All are welcome to attend and refreshments will be served.

Rosser/
Grosse Isle
Tuesday, February 3
4 to 8 p.m.
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Northwest Natural Gas Pipeline Project

Project infrastructure
- Preferred route
- Existing natural gas pipeline
- Provincial trunk highway
- Community provincial road

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We want to hear from you.

Northwest Winnipeg Natural Gas Pipeline Open House

Manitoba Hydro is proposing to extend an existing pipeline located at Selkirk Avenue and the Perimeter Highway to ensure a reliable and continual source of natural gas to our customers. The proposed pipeline will travel north to increase supply in Stonewall and then east to connect to an existing pipeline outside of Selkirk.

Manitoba Hydro will hold open houses to share information and gather feedback on the Northwest Winnipeg Natural Gas Pipeline at the locations listed below.

All are welcome to attend and refreshments will be served.

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4 to 8 p.m.
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cc: Krystyl Harland - Email: kharland@hydro.mb.ca  
Brenda Comte - Email: Brenda.Comte@gov.mb.ca
Northwest Winnipeg Natural Gas Project

The proposed Northwest Winnipeg Natural Gas Project consists of a new 12- and 6 inch natural gas transmission pipeline to support and continue a reliable source of natural gas north of Winnipeg.

A preferred route has been determined and is being presented to local stakeholders, landowners, First Nations and Metis.

View a map of the preferred route. (open new window)

Current Status

- We have completed the open houses and are compiling information and feedback to determine the final placement of the natural gas pipeline.

Materials provided to the public such as the project map, comment sheet, newsletter, and storyboards are available in our document library.
APPENDIX C
Open House Materials
Project description
The proposed Northwest Winnipeg Natural Gas Project will supply a continual and reliable source of natural gas to customers located north of Winnipeg. It will also provide operational flexibility in the Winnipeg transmission network.

The Project will extend the existing natural gas pipeline at Selkirk Avenue and the Perimeter. It will then run north to Stonewall and travel east to connect with an existing pipeline near the community of Selkirk. The pipeline will run from Provincial Road 321 to Stonewall and will have a diameter of approximately 15 centimetres (cm) or six inches. The pipeline diameter for the rest of the project will be approximately 30 cm or 12 inches.

Environmental licensing
The Northwest Winnipeg Natural Gas Project will require a Class 2 Licence under The Environment Act (Manitoba). An environmental assessment will be undertaken regarding the Project and will be submitted to regulators for review.

Manitoba Hydro will adhere to all legislation and guidelines that are relevant to this project. All environmentally sensitive areas will be crossed using construction techniques that minimize surface disruption.

What is natural gas?
Natural gas, also known as methane, is a colourless, odourless fuel that burns cleaner than most other fossil fuels, such as coal or oil. It is produced by drilling into pockets of raw gas trapped in the earth by layers of impermeable rock. The raw gas is pumped to the surface and the impurities are removed. What remains is a reliable and versatile fuel that can be used for everything from heating homes to drying clothes.

Environmental assessment & public notification
Manitoba Hydro will undertake an environmental assessment of the project for submittal to Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship. The environmental assessment will;

- Identify Project components and characterize the environment;
- Identify potential effects the Project may have on the environment;
- Seek input from the public, First Nations communities and Metis;
- Determine ways to avoid or reduce potential adverse effects;
- Develop mitigation and monitoring programs.
Design details

The design details, as listed below, will meet or exceed the requirements of the Manitoba Public Utilities Board, the CSA Z662-11 Oil and Gas Pipeline Systems Code and all applicable Manitoba Hydro Gas Standards.

- The pipe will be installed one metre (m) below grade. This depth will allow for adequate protection of the pipeline if farm equipment or other large machinery travels over the pipeline.
- Isolation valves will be installed at both ends of the new pipeline to control the natural gas flow.
- Above grade piping will be installed within Manitoba Hydro owned property and protected by bollards and fencing.
- The pipeline location will be marked at each mile road and in any location where the pipeline crosses waterways or other service roads.
- Corrosion on the pipeline will be controlled through a factory pipe coating and cathodic protection.

Natural gas distribution

Manitoba Hydro is the major natural gas distributor in Manitoba. Using a vast network of transmission and distribution pipelines, we deliver natural gas to 269,800 customers in nearly 100 communities across southern Manitoba.

In an average year, about 2.1 billion cubic metres of natural gas are delivered through our system. Nearly 100 per cent of that natural gas is brought in from Alberta by a main-line transmission pipeline owned by TransCanada Pipelines Limited (TCPL).

Transmission and distribution

As a distribution company, Manitoba Hydro purchases natural gas from suppliers and delivers it to consumers. In order to move the gas to where it is needed, the utility maintains 1,741 kilometres (km) of transmission pipeline.
Construction

The pipeline will be installed to meet industry standards and Manitoba Hydro representatives will be onsite to monitor construction and installation. It is our intent to construct the pipeline in the safest manner possible and best efforts will be made to minimize the disruption to land use operations during the project. Construction activities could include:

- **Survey:** The right-of-way and pipeline alignment will be staked to ensure that the pipeline is installed as designed.

- **Topsoil removal:** On agricultural land, the topsoil will be pushed to the side of the right-of-way to prevent mixing of the topsoil with the subsoil and to minimize compaction.

- **Pipe welding:** The pipe will be welded in accordance with CSA Z662-11 and all welds will be non-destructively examined to confirm quality.

- **Trenching:** The pipeline will be installed in a trench approximately 46 to 61 cm (18 to 24 inches wide and one metre or 3.3 ft. deep using track-hoes or a large trenching machine.

- **Directional drilling:** All waterways and environmentally sensitive areas will have piping installed by directional drilling to minimize potential impacts to these areas.

- **Lowering and tie-ins:** The majority of the pipeline will be welded above grade and lowered into place.

- **Pressure testing:** Prior to putting the pipeline into service it will be pressure tested to confirm the pipeline’s strength and to ensure there are no leaks.

- **Restoration/Clean-up:** After the pipeline is operational, the topsoil will be re-spread and leveled to allow regular land use to resume.

Safely living and working around pipelines

Landowners are strongly encouraged to phone Manitoba Hydro’s Call Before You Dig line at 1-888-624-9376 prior to starting any activities such as fencing, installing drainage systems, auguring or other activities where there is a risk of impacting the pipeline.

Lighter than air, natural gas will rise and disperse into the atmosphere. Because it is odourless and colorless, Manitoba Hydro adds an odorant called mercaptan to our natural gas to give it a sulphurous odour, often described as a rotten egg smell.

Permanent structures cannot be built within the easement at any time and, for safety reasons the landowner must notify Manitoba Hydro if there are going to be any activities within the easement other than agricultural operations.

*Manitoba Hydro will adhere to all guidelines to ensure safety during construction and operation of this pipeline.*

Maintenance and operation

Once operational, the pipeline will be maintained to ensure that it is operating safely. Manitoba Hydro has a formal Integrity Management Program that will assess potential risk to the pipeline and specify programs that will be used to monitor the condition of the pipeline. Examples of these maintenance programs include:

- **Leak detection surveys:** A gas detection device is used to inspect the entire length of the pipeline to detect any natural gas leaks.

- **Right-of-way patrols:** Maintenance personnel will inspect the right-of-way for signs of damage or potential risks to the pipeline.

- **Cathodic protection monitoring:** Qualified technicians will assess the condition of the cathodic protection that is applied to the pipeline.

- **Depth of cover surveys:** Measurements of the depth of soil cover above the pipeline will be taken to ensure that the pipeline is adequately protected from potential damage.
We would like to hear from you.

Contact us with any questions, comments or concerns:
- Toll-free project information line: 1-877-343-1631
- Email Address: LEAprojects@hydro.mb.ca
- Project Web page: www.hydro.mb.ca/northwest

For more on Manitoba Hydro’s development plan visit www.hydro.mb.ca.
Northwest Winnipeg Natural Gas Pipeline Project Public Open House WELCOME
Project Description

- The Northwest Winnipeg Natural Gas Project will extend the existing natural gas pipeline at Selkirk Avenue and the Perimeter.
- The pipeline will run north to Stonewall and travel east to connect with an existing pipeline near the community of Selkirk.
- The section of the pipeline that will run from Provincial Road 321 to Stonewall will have a diameter of approximately 15 centimetres (cm) or six inches.
- The pipeline diameter for the rest of the project will be approximately 30 cm or 12 inches.
If approved this project will:

- Provide additional gas capacity in the area to meet increased natural gas usage and community growth;
- Provide reliable service to existing natural gas customers;
- Meet future needs of the surrounding area.
Pipeline safety

- Pipe installation requires a minimum soil cover of 1.0 metres (3.3 feet) over the pipeline.
- This depth will allow for farm equipment operation over the pipeline and provide adequate protection.
- Manitoba Hydro will adhere to all guidelines to ensure the safety of the public during construction and operation of this pipeline.
Pipeline safety

- **Standards** – The pipeline design, installation and monitoring conform to all guidelines to ensure safety during construction and operation.

- **Warning signs** – Installed approximately every mile typically at road crossings.

- **Protection** – The pipe is cathodically protected to prevent corrosion and monitored for the life of the pipe.
Pipeline installation

- **Monitoring** – Yearly leak surveys are conducted along all transmission pipelines.
- **Survey** – Route is surveyed to ensure proper installation.
- **Topsoil** – Stripped, stockpiled and replaced following construction on all worked fields.
- **String pipe** – The pipe is placed along the route “stringing pipe”.
Pipeline installation

- **Weld** – The pipe joints are welded together and protected with a “sleeve”.

- **Trench** – A trench is excavated along the route.

- **Drill** – All sensitive areas such as waterways are horizontally directional drilled beneath the sensitive area (if any).
Pipeline installation

- **Lowering** – The pipe is lowered into the trench along the route.

- **Tie-ins** – The pipe is tied in at locations along the route.

- **Testing** – The pipe is pressure tested (hydrostatically) to a pressure much higher than operating pressures.

- **Restoration** – Backfill, compact and restore site.
Property Acquisition

- The project will be located predominately in road right-of-way but where needed, Manitoba Hydro will enter into an easement agreement with affected landowners.
- The landowner retains property ownership of the land while the easement grants Manitoba Hydro rights to access the property to construct, maintain and operate the pipeline.
Property Acquisition

- Manitoba Hydro will pay affected landowners 75% of appraised market value for easement rights over land contained within the easement limits.

- Compensation will be paid to landowners for all construction related damages that occur during construction such as crop damage, fence damage or compaction.
Environmental Assessment Process

• The project is considered a Class 2 development under The Environment Act (Manitoba) and will require an environmental assessment report to be created and submitted to regulators.

• The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the project will include:
  - Study area characterization;
  - Public engagement program;
  - Assessment of potential environmental and socio-economic effects;
  - Assessment of cumulative effects;
  - Mitigation measures and monitoring plans; and
  - An environmental protection program.

For more information, visit www.hydro.mb.ca/mmtp or speak with a Manitoba Hydro representative.
Environmental Assessment Process

Environmental assessment generally consists of:

- Characterizing the environment.
- Identifying potential effects on people and the environment.
- Determining methods to avoid or reduce potential adverse effects while enhancing beneficial effects.
Anticipated Project Schedule

Manitoba Hydro will submit the Environmental Assessment Report in April 2015.

- **Final Design**: October 2014
- **Public Notification**: November 2014
- **Public Engagement**: Early 2015
- **Construction**: Summer 2015 to fall 2016
- **In-Service Date**: Fall 2016
Thank you for your participation.

Please complete a comment sheet and leave it with a Manitoba Hydro representative.
How did you hear about this Open House?  
☐ Postcard ☐ Letter ☐ Newspaper ☐ Word of Mouth ☐ Website ☐ Other: ____________________________

Do you have any concerns regarding the location of the proposed pipeline?  
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What are your predominant concerns regarding this Project? (Check all that apply)  
☐ Access ☐ Health/Safety ☐ Wetlands  
☐ Aesthetics/Visual ☐ Location ☐ Wildlife:  
☐ Agricultural ☐ Property ☐ Other:  
☐ Construction ☐ Reclamation ☐ Other:  
☐ Economic ☐ Vegetation ☐ Other:  

Explain:  
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Are there any sensitive sites you believe Manitoba Hydro should be aware of during the installation of this pipeline? (Please feel free to attach a map to this comment sheet if necessary)  
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Do you have recommendations for Manitoba Hydro on minimizing any potential effect of this project?  
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Please provide any feedback regarding the project

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Please return this completed comment sheet to a Manitoba Hydro representative at the Open House or please feel free to complete at home and fax or mail in your response:

If you would like to mail or fax this sheet to us, please send it to Trevor Joyal at:
Manitoba Hydro
820 Taylor (3)
PO Box 7950 Stn Main
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 0J1
Fax: 204-360-6176

If you wish to discuss the project any further please feel free to contact us at 1-877-343-1631 or by email: LEAprojects@hydro.mb.ca
APPENDIX D
Letter From the RM of St. Andrews
July 20, 2015

Mr. Trevor Joyal  
Licensing and Environmental Assessment Dept.  
Manitoba Hydro

Dear Mr. Joyal,

The R.M. of St. Andrews would like to file a formal objection to the proposed changes to the Northwest Winnipeg Natural Gas Transmission Project. We prefer the original route. The new proposed alignment has the potential to cause the municipality problems with future ditching projects as the gas line would be in our ditch along Calder Road.

The original alignment would be preferable to the Municipality as it would only cross through Calder Road minimizing any future projects. We would also ask that the pipeline be installed under Calder Road with a minimum depth of cover of 1.5 meters when crossing the ditch.

Thank You,

George Pike, Mayor  
R.M. of St. Andrews