

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE APPROVAL

NUMBER 9933-BYDLJ5
Issue Date: March 4, 2021

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Thunder Bay, Ontario
P7B 3P6

Site Location: 227 Ishkibible Beach Road
Municipality of Shuniah
District of Thunder Bay
P7A 0N8

You have applied under section 20.2 of Part II.1 of the Environmental Protection Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E. 19 (Environmental Protection Act) for approval of:

sewage works for the treatment and subsurface disposal of domestic sewage, with a daily sanitary sewage flow of 1,600 litres per day to service a 3-bedroom dwelling, located at the above Site Location, and consisting of the following:

Septic Tank

- one (1) Infiltrator septic tank (IM-1060 or Equivalent Equipment) having a working capacity of 4,141 litres, equipped with an OBC approved effluent filter and two (2) access risers fitted at inlet and outlet of the tank to grade with watertight and lockable covers, receiving domestic sewage from the existing 3-bedroom dwelling and discharging effluent via a 4 inch (101.6 millimetre) diameter gravity pipe to the pump chamber described below;

Pump Chamber

- one (1) PTE pumping station (PSA-240 or Equivalent Equipment) having a working capacity of 240 litres, equipped with 0.4 horsepower demand dose effluent pump, audio and visual alarm system, discharging effluent to Ecoflo Biofilter Treatment Unit described below via a 1.5 inch (38.1 millimetre) diameter pipe;

Ecoflo Biofilter treatment system

- one (1) open bottom Fiberglass Ecoflo Biofilter treatment unit (Premier Tech Aqua Model ST-500 or Equivalent Equipment), having a minimum treatment capacity of 1,600 litres per day, installed directly on the subsurface disposal bed described below; and

Subsurface disposal bed

- one (1) subsurface disposal bed constructed as Type A dispersal bed, having a minimum treatment capacity of 1,600 litres per day, consisting of a stone layer having a minimum area of 22 square metres, a minimum thickness of 200 millimetres and protected with a permeable geo-textile fabric, overlying a sand layer having a minimum area of 28 square metres and extending 15 metres beyond the treatment unit in direction that effluent entering soil will move horizontally, a minimum thickness of 300 millimetres and percolation rate of 6 to 10 minutes per centimetre, constructed on native soil with percolation time of 15 minutes per centimetre or less and the bottom of stone layer is 600 millimetres above the high groundwater level, rock or soil with a percolation time of 1 minutes or less or great than 50 minutes;

including all other controls, electrical equipment, instrumentation, piping, valves and appurtenances essential for the proper operation of the aforementioned sewage works.

all in accordance with supporting documentation submitted to the Ministry as listed in the **Schedule A** in this Approval.

For the purpose of this environmental compliance approval, the following definitions apply:

1. "Approval" means this entire Approval document and any Schedules to it, including the application and Supporting Documentation;
2. "CBOD₅" means five day carbonaceous (nitrification inhibited) biochemical oxygen demand measured in an unfiltered sample;
3. "Director" means a person appointed by the Minister pursuant to Section 5 of the EPA for the purposes of Part II.I of the EPA;
4. "District Manager" means the District Manager of the appropriate local district office of the Ministry where the Works is geographically located;
5. "EPA" means the Environmental Protection Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.E.19, as amended;
6. "Equivalent Equipment" means a substituted equipment or like-for-like equipment that meets the required quality and performance standards of a named equipment;

7. "Licensed Engineering Practitioner" means a person who holds a licence, limited licence or temporary licence under the PEA;
8. "Licensed Installer" means a person who is registered under the OBC to construct, install, repair, service, clean or empty on-site sewage systems;
9. "Ministry" means the ministry of the government of Ontario responsible for the EPA and OWRA and includes all officials, employees or other persons acting on its behalf;
10. "OBC" means the Ontario Building Code;
11. "Owner" means Todd Hutchinson and Geraldine Watkins and its successors and assignees;
12. "OWRA" means the *Ontario Water Resources Act* , R.S.O. 1990, c. O.40, as amended;
13. "PEA" means *Professional Engineers Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.28;
14. "Supporting Documentation" means the documents listed in Schedule A of this Approval;
15. "Works" means the approved sewage works.

You are hereby notified that this environmental compliance approval is issued to you subject to the terms and conditions outlined below:

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. The Owner shall ensure that any person authorized to carry out work on or operate any aspect of the Works is notified of this Approval and the terms and conditions herein and shall take all reasonable measures to ensure any such person complies with the same.
2. The Owner shall design, construct, operate and maintain the Works in accordance with the conditions of this Approval.
3. Where there is a conflict between a provision of any document referred to in this Approval and the conditions of this Approval, the conditions in this Approval shall take precedence.

2. EXPIRY OF APPROVAL

1. This Approval will cease to apply to those parts of the Works which have not been constructed within **five (5) years** of the issuance date of this Approval.

3. CHANGE OF OWNER

1. The Owner shall notify the District Manager and the Director, in writing, of any of the following changes within **thirty (30) days** of the change occurring:
 - a. change of address of Owner;
 - b. change of Owner, including address of new owner;
 - c. change of partners where the Owner is or at any time becomes a partnership, and a copy of the most recent declaration filed under the *Business Names Act* , R.S.O. 1990, c.B17 shall be included in the notification to the District Manager;
 - d. change of name of the corporation where the Owner is or at any time becomes a corporation, and a copy of the most current information filed under the *Corporations Information Act* , R.S.O. 1990, c. C39 shall be included in the notification to the District Manager;
2. In the event of any change in ownership of the Works, other than a change to a successor municipality, the Owner shall notify in writing the succeeding owner of the existence of this Approval, and a copy of such notice shall be forwarded to the District Manager and the Director.

4. CONSTRUCTION

1. The Owner shall ensure that the construction of the Works is supervised by a Licensed Installer or a Licensed Engineering Practitioner.
2. The Owner shall ensure that the Ecoflo Biofilter Treatment system is installed in accordance with the Manufacturer's Installation Manual.
3. Upon construction of the Works, the Owner shall prepare a statement, certified by a Licensed Engineering Practitioner or Licensed Installer, that the Works are constructed in accordance with this Approval, and upon request, shall make the written statement available for inspection by Ministry staff.
4. Upon construction of the Works, the Owner shall prepare a set of as-built drawings showing the works "as constructed". "As-built" drawings shall be kept up to date through revisions undertaken from time to time and a copy shall be retained at the site for the operational life of the Works and shall be made available for inspection by Ministry staff.

5. OPERATIONS, MAINTENANCE, MONITORING AND RECORDING

1. The Owner shall ensure that at all times, the Works and related equipment and appurtenances which are installed or used to achieve compliance with this Approval are properly operated and maintained.
2. The Owner shall sign a service and maintenance agreement with the manufacturer or approved agent of the Ecoflo Biofilter treatment system (or Equivalent Equipment). The maintenance agreement must be retained at the site for as long as the Works are in operation, kept current and made available for inspection by the Ministry staff.
3. The Owner shall receive from the manufacturer or distributor of the Ecoflo Biofilter treatment system (or Equivalent Equipment) printed literature that describes the unit in detail and provides complete instructions regarding the operation, servicing, and maintenance requirements of the unit and its related components necessary to ensure the continued proper operation in accordance with the original design and specifications.
4. The Owner shall ensure that the treatment system is at minimum inspected annually by the Ecoflo Biofilter treatment system (or Equivalent Equipment) authorized personnel, and maintained according to the manufacturer's recommendations including minimal yearly effluent sampling for CBOD₅ and Total Suspended Solids to ensure that it meets design objectives of 10 mg/l for both CBOD₅ and Total Suspended Solids in a grab effluent sample before discharge to the subsurface disposal bed;
5. The Owner shall ensure that the septic tank(s) is pumped out every 3-5 years or when the tank is 1/3 full of solids and the effluent filter(s) is cleaned out at minimum once a year (or more often if required);
6. The Owner shall ensure that grass-cutting is maintained regularly over the subsurface disposal bed, and that adequate steps are taken to ensure that the area of the underground works is protected from vehicle traffic.
7. The Owner shall visually inspect the general area where sewage works are located for breakout once every month during the operating season. In the event a break-out is observed from the subsurface disposal bed, the Owner shall ensure that the sewage discharge to the bed is discontinued and the incident immediately reported verbally to the District Manager, followed by a written report within seven (7) days. The Owner shall ensure that during the time remedial actions are taking place the sewage generated at the site shall not be allowed to discharge to a surface water body or to the environment, and safely collected and disposed of through a licensed waste hauler to an approved waste disposal site.
8. The Owner shall maintain a logbook to record the results of operation and maintenance activities specified in the above subclauses, and shall keep the logbook at the site and make it available for inspection by the Ministry staff.
9. The Owner shall retain for a minimum of five (5) years from the date of their creation, all

records and information related to or resulting from the monitoring activities required by this Approval.

6. REPORTING

1. One week prior to the start up of the operation of the Works, the Owner shall notify the District Manager (in writing) of the pending start up date of the Works.

The reasons for the imposition of these terms and conditions are as follows:

1. Condition 1 is imposed to ensure that the Works are built and operated in the manner in which they were described for review and upon which approval was granted. This condition is also included to emphasize the precedence of Conditions in the Approval and the practice that the Approval is based on the most current document, if several conflicting documents are submitted for review. The condition also advises the Owners their responsibility to notify any person they authorized to carry out work pursuant to this Approval the existence of this Approval.
2. Condition 2 is included to ensure that, when the Works are constructed, the Works will meet the standards that apply at the time of construction to ensure the ongoing protection of the environment.
3. Condition 3 is included to ensure that the Ministry records are kept accurate and current with respect to the approved works and to ensure that subsequent owners of the Works are made aware of the Approval and continue to operate the Works in compliance with it.
4. Condition 4 is included to ensure that the Works are constructed, and may be operated and maintained such that the environment is protected and deterioration, loss, injury or damage to any person or property is prevented.
5. Condition 5 is included to require that the Works be properly operated, maintained, and equipped such that the environment is protected.
6. Condition 6 is included to ensure that the Ministry records are complete.

Schedule A

1. Application for Environmental Compliance Approval submitted by Trenton Richards of Gordon Richards Sales Ltd. received on Nov 23, 2020 for the proposed Ecoflo Septic System, including design worksheet, final plans and specifications.

In accordance with Section 139 of the Environmental Protection Act, you may by written Notice served upon me, the Environmental Review Tribunal and in accordance with Section 47 of the Environmental Bill of Rights, 1993, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, within 15 days after receipt of this Notice, require a hearing by the Tribunal. The Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks will place notice of your appeal on the Environmental Registry. Section 142 of the Environmental Protection Act provides that the Notice requiring the hearing shall state:

- a. The portions of the environmental compliance approval or each term or condition in the environmental compliance approval in respect of which the hearing is required, and;
- b. The grounds on which you intend to rely at the hearing in relation to each portion appealed.

The Notice should also include:

1. The name of the appellant;
2. The address of the appellant;
3. The environmental compliance approval number;
4. The date of the environmental compliance approval;
5. The name of the Director, and;
6. The municipality or municipalities within which the project is to be engaged in.

And the Notice should be signed and dated by the appellant.

This Notice must be served upon:

The Secretary*
Environmental Review Tribunal
655 Bay Street, Suite 1500
Toronto, Ontario
M5G 1E5

AND

The Minister of the Environment,
Conservation and Parks
777 Bay Street, 5th Floor
Toronto, Ontario
M7A 2J3

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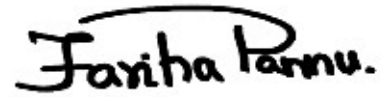
The Director appointed for the purposes of
Part II.1 of the Environmental Protection Act
Ministry of the Environment,
Conservation and Parks
135 St. Clair Avenue West, 1st Floor
Toronto, Ontario
M4V 1P5

*** Further information on the Environmental Review Tribunal's requirements for an appeal can be obtained directly from the Tribunal at: Tel: (416) 212-6349, Fax: (416) 326-5370 or www.ert.gov.on.ca**

This instrument is subject to Section 38 of the Environmental Bill of Rights, 1993, that allows residents of Ontario to seek leave to appeal the decision on this instrument. Residents of Ontario may seek leave to appeal within 15 days from the date this decision is placed on the Environmental Registry. By accessing the Environmental Registry at <https://ero.ontario.ca/>, you can determine when the leave to appeal period ends.

The above noted activity is approved under s.20.3 of Part II.1 of the Environmental Protection Act.

DATED AT TORONTO this 4th day of March, 2021



Fariha Pannu, P.Eng.

Director

appointed for the purposes of Part II.1 of the
Environmental Protection Act

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c: District Manager, DWECD, MECP Thunder Bay - District
Trenton Richards, Gordon Richards Sales Ltd.