

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Ministère de l'Environnement, de la Protection de la nature et des Parcs

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE APPROVAL

NUMBER 5265-C9GU38 Issue Date: December 14, 2021

79681 Bluewater Investments Inc.67 Frid Street, Unit 12Hamilton, OntarioL8P 4M3

Site Location: Bluewater Village Trailer Park 79681 Bluewater Highway (Highway 21) P.O. Box 491, RR #2, Goderich Part of Lot 9, Concession 1 Municipality of Central Huron, County of Huron N7A 4C7

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

upgrades to the existing sewage Works for the treatment and subsurface disposal of domestic sewage, rated at a maximum design capacity of 46,750 Litres per day (L/day), to service the existing seasonal Bluewater Village Trailer Park consisting of eighty (80) existing serviced trailer sites and thirty (30) future serviced trailer sites, located at 79681 Bluewater Highway (Highway 21), in the Municipality of Central Huron, consisting of the following:

- four (4) existing two-compartment precast concrete septic tanks, two (2) septic tanks receiving raw sewage from twenty one (21) existing trailers, one (1) septic tank receiving raw sewage from twenty (20) existing trailers and one (1) septic tank receiving raw sewage from eighteen (18) existing trailers, each septic tank having a minimum working capacity of 18,000 L and complete with two (2) access risers to grade and one (1) effluent filter (Polylok Model PL-525 or Equivalent Equipment) installed on the outlet pipe, all septic tanks discharging to a balancing tank/pump chamber;
- one (1) two-compartment precast concrete septic tank receiving raw sewage from thirty (30) future trailers, having a minimum working capacity of 35,000 L, complete with two (2) access risers to grade and one (1) effluent filter (Polylok Model PL-525 or Equivalent Equipment) installed on the outlet pipe, discharging via a 100 mm diameter gravity sanitary sewer to a balancing tank/pump chamber;
- one (1) one-compartment precast concrete balancing tank/pump chamber receiving effluent from five (5) septic tanks, having a minimum working capacity of 40,000 L, housing two (2) submersible effluent pumps (Liberty Model FL150 or Equivalent Equipment), each pump rated at 4.4 L/s at 18.8 m THD, complete with

a vented riser cover complete with a charcoal filter, an access hatch, liquid level float switches, including a high liquid level audible and visual alarm system, discharging via two (2) 75 mm diameter forcemains, each forcemain delivering approximately six (6) cycles per day of an approximate volume of effluent of 3,900 L/dose/cycle to one (1) zone of a fully raised absorption trench leaching bed;

- one (1) approximately 90 m by 130 m fully raised absorption trench leaching bed located in the north-central area of the site, rated at a maximum design capacity of 46,750 L/day, consisting of two (2) four-outlet distribution boxes and two (2) independently dosed zones of distribution piping, each zone consisting of four (4) cells and each cell consisting of eleven (11) runs of 27 m long absorption trenches for a total length of 297 m per cell, 1,188 m per zone and 2,376 m in the leaching bed of 75 mm diameter perforated distribution piping installed in clear stone trenches, spaced 1.6 m apart from centre to centre, installed within a layer of imported sand fill material having a percolation time (T) of 6 min/cm to 10 min/cm, with the bottom of the absorption trenches at least 900 mm at all points above the high groundwater table, rock or soil with a percolation time (T) more than 50 min/cm, including a minimum 250 mm thick imported sand fill material having a percolation to 10 min/cm mantle extending approximately 48 m beyond the outermost distribution pipes in the easterly direction which effluent will move laterally in the soil away from the leaching bed, all in accordance with the OBC requirements;
- all other controls, electrical equipment, instrumentation, piping, pumps, 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 document and any schedules attached to it, and the application;
- 2. "Director" means a person appointed by the Minister pursuant to section 5 of the EPA for the purposes of Part II.1 of the EPA;
- 3. "District Manager" means the District Manager of the Owen Sound District Office;
- 4. "EPA" means the Environmental Protection Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.E.19, as amended;
- 5. "Equivalent Equipment" means a substituted equipment or like-for-like equipment that meets the required quality and performance standards of a named equipment;
- 6. "Licensed Engineering Practitioner" means a person who holds a licence, limited licence or temporary licence under the *Professional Engineers Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.28;
- 7. "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;
- 8. "OBC" means the Ontario Building Code, Ontario Regulation 332/12 (Building Code) as amended

to January 1, 2015, made under the Building Code Act, 1992, S.O. 1992, c. 23;

- 9. "Owner" means 79681 Bluewater Investments Inc. and its successors and assignees;
- 10. "OWRA" means the Ontario Water Resources Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.40, as amended;
- 11. "Rated Capacity" means design daily sanitary sewage flow for which the Works are approved to handle;
- 12. "Works" means the sewage works described in the Owner's application, this Approval and in the supporting documentation referred to herein, to the extent approved by this Approval.

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. The approval issued by this Approval will cease to apply to those parts of the Works which have not been constructed within five (5) years of the 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 30 days of the change occurring:
 - a. change of address of Owner;
 - b. change of Owner, including address of a 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; or

- 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 Engineering Practitioner.
- 2. The Owner shall ensure that the Works are constructed such that minimum horizontal clearance distances as specified in the OBC are satisfied.
- 3. The Owner shall ensure that an imported soil that is required for construction of any subsurface disposal bed as per this Approval is tested and verified by a Licensed Engineering Practitioner for the percolation time (T) prior to delivering to the site location and the written records are kept at the site.
- 4. Upon construction of the Works, the Owner shall prepare a statement, certified by a Licensed Engineering Practitioner, that the Works are constructed in accordance with this Approval, and upon request, shall make the written statement available for inspection by Ministry staff.
- 5. 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, AND RECORDING

- 1. The Owner shall ensure that, at all times, the Works and the related equipment and appurtenances used to achieve compliance with this Approval are properly operated and maintained. Proper operation and maintenance shall include effective performance, adequate funding, adequate staffing and training, including training in all procedures and other requirements of this Approval and the OWRA and regulations, adequate laboratory facilities, process controls and alarms and the use of process chemicals and other substances used in the Works.
- 2. The Owner shall ensure that the septic tanks are pumped out every 3-5 years or when the tank is 1/3 full of solids and the effluent filters are cleaned out at minimum once a year (or more often if required).
- 3. The Owner shall ensure that grass-cutting is maintained regularly over the absorption trench

leaching bed, and that adequate steps are taken to ensure that the area of the underground works is protected from vehicle traffic.

- 4. The Owner shall visually inspect the general area where sewage Works are located for break-out once every month during the operating season.
- 5. In the event a break-out is observed from the absorption trench leaching bed, the Owner shall do the following:
 - a. sewage discharge to the absorption trench leaching bed shall be discontinued;
 - b. the incident shall be immediately reported verbally to the Spills Action Centre (SAC) at (416) 325-3000 or 1-800-268-6060;
 - c. submit a written report to the District Manager within one (1) week of the break-out;
 - d. access to the break-out area shall be restricted until remedial actions are complete;
 - e. during the time remedial actions are taking place the sewage generated at the site shall not be allowed to discharge to the environment; and
 - f. sewage generated at the site shall be safely collected and disposed of through a licensed waste hauler to an approved sewage disposal site.
- 6. The Owner shall maintain a logbook to record the results of Operation and Maintenance activities specified in the above sub-clauses, and shall keep the logbook at the site and make it available for inspection by the Ministry staff.
- 7. The Owner shall employ measurement devices to accurately measure quantity of effluent being discharged to the absorption trench leaching bed, including but not limited to water/wastewater flow meters, event counters, running time clocks, or electronically controlled dosing, and shall record the daily volume of effluent being discharged to the absorption trench leaching bed.
- 8. The Owner shall ensure that the flow of effluent discharged into the absorption trench leaching bed does not exceed 46,750 L/day.
- 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 Operation and Maintenance 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.
- 2. In addition to the obligations under Part X of the EPA and O. Reg. 675/98 (Classification and Exemption of Spills and Reporting of Discharges), the Owner shall, within fifteen (15) days of the occurrence of any reportable spill as provided in Part X of the EPA and Ontario Regulation 675/98, submit a full written report of the occurrence to the District Manager describing the cause and discovery of the spill, clean-up and recovery measures taken, preventative measures to be taken and a schedule of implementation.

7. DECOMMISSIONING OF UN-USED SEWAGE WORKS

- 1. The Owner shall properly abandon any portion of unused existing sewage works, as directed below, and upon completion of decommissioning report in writing to the District Manager.
 - a. any sewage pipes leading from building structures to unused sewage works components shall be disconnected and capped;
 - b. any unused septic tanks, holding tanks and pump chambers shall be completely emptied of its content by a licensed hauler and either be removed, crushed and backfilled, or be filled with granular material;
 - c. if the area of the existing leaching bed is going to be used for the purposes of construction of a replacement bed or other structure, all distribution pipes and surrounding material must be removed by a licensed hauler and disposed off site at an approved waste disposal site; otherwise the existing leaching bed may be abandoned in place after disconnecting, if there are no other plans to use the area for other purposes.

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 of 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 provide a performance record for future references, to ensure that the Ministry is made aware of problems as they arise, and to provide a compliance record for all the terms and conditions outlined in this Approval, so that the Ministry can work with the Owner in resolving any problems in a timely manner.
- 7. Condition 7 is included to ensure that any components of un-used works are properly decommissioned.

Schedule A

- 1. Application for Environmental Compliance Approval submitted by Brian Zingula, Environmental Technologist, R.J. Burnside & Associates Limited, dated April 23, 2021 and received on May 13, 2021.
- 2. The design report titled: "Sewage System Design Brief, Application to ECA Replacement Sewage System, Bluewater Village, 79681 Bluewater Village, Lot 9, Concession 1, Municipality of Central Huron" dated May 2021, including engineering drawings and specifications, all prepared by R.J. Burnside & Associates Limited.
- 3. All additional documentation provided by R.J. Burnside & Associates Limited.

In accordance with Section 139 of the *Environmental Protection Act*, you may by written notice served upon me, the Ontario Land 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 ("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:

Registrar* Ontario Land Tribunal 655 Bay Street, Suite 1500 Toronto, Ontario M5G 1E5 OLT.Registrar@ontario.ca	and	The Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks 777 Bay Street, 5th Floor Toronto, Ontario M7A 2J3	and	The Director appointed for the purposes of Part II.1 of the <i>Environmental Protection Act</i> Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks 135 St. Clair Avenue West, 1st Floor Toronto, Ontario M4V 1P5
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* Further information on the Ontario Land Tribunal's requirements for an appeal can be obtained directly from the Tribunal at: Tel: (416) 212-6349 or 1 (866) 448-2248, or www.olt.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 14th day of December, 2021

Fariha Parnu.

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, MECP Owen Sound District Office

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