

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

# **ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE APPROVAL**

NUMBER 5985-CQJKDU Issue Date: May 25, 2023

Nevin Morrissey Dunn and Phoebe Latner

376 Russel Hill Road, City of Toronto, Ontario, M2V 2V2

Site Location: 2904 - 2907 Bayview Drive,

Township of Ramara, County of Simcoe

Ontario, L0K 1B0.

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:

the establishment of Works for the treatment of sanitary sewage and subsurface disposal of treated effluent from Nevin Morrissey Dunn new Residence and a Carriage House (bunkie) located on the other side of the municipal road, rated at a Maximum Daily Flow of 4875 litres per day, consisting of the following:

# **Proposed Works:**

- **1. Sewage Pump tank:** One (1) new precast reinforced concrete single chamber tank having a capacity of approximately 4500 Litre, collecting wastewater from the Residence complete with access risers, high level alarm and a 1/2 hp submersible sewage pump rated 75 gpm at 10 feet TDH to discharge via a 50 mm diameter PE pipe under the Bayview Drive into a septic tank as described below:
- **2. Septic Tank:** One (1) new precast reinforced concrete two chamber septic tank having a capacity of approximately 11,365 Litres, complete with access risers, one effluent filter to collect sewage from the carriage house by gravity and discharge effluent by gravity into an adjacent pump chamber as described below:
- **3. Effluent Pumping Chamber:** One (1) new precast reinforced concrete 6,800 Litre capacity tank equipped with one (1) submersible sewage effluent pump, rated at 1/2 hp, 40 gpm at 16 feet TDH to dose at 305 litres at every 90 minutes via a 50 mm diameter forcemain into a polylock distribution box to discharge into an absorption bed as follows:
- **4. Proprietary Absorption Bed:** one (1) Eljen GSF A42 absorption bed consisting of 56 modules in 8 rows having 7 modules in a row complete with plastic core wrapped in geotextile fabric on a System Sand bed 330 mm deep on an area of 614 square metres (23.2 m X 27.7 m) of 800 mm thick imported septic sand (with T value 6-10 minutes/cm);

all other controls, electrical equipment, instrumentation, piping, pumps, valves and appurtenances essential for the proper operation of the aforementioned Works;

all in accordance with the submitted supporting documents listed in Schedule A.

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. "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;
- 3. "District Manager" means the District Manager of the Barrie District office;
- 4. "EPA" means the Environmental Protection Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.E.19, as amended;
- 5. Legal Description of Properties: Include all properties and their legal descriptions in the "Site Location" section of the ECA and include "Site" definition in definitions:
- 6. "Site" means the properties listed in the Site Location section of this Approval;
- 7. "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;
- 8. "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;
- 9. "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;
- 10. "Owner" means Nevin Morrissey Dunn and Phoebe Latner and its successors and assignees;
- 11. "OWRA" means the Ontario Water Resources Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.40, as amended;
- 12. "Proposed Works" means those portions of the Works included in the Approval that are under construction or to be constructed;
- 13. "Works" means the approved sewage works, and includes Proposed 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 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:
  - d. change of name of the corporation and a copy of the most current information filed under the *Corporations Informations Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. C39 shall be included in the notification.
- 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.
- 3. The Owner shall ensure that all communications made pursuant to this condition refer to the number of this Approval.

## 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 Works are constructed such that minimum horizontal clearance distances as specified in the OBC are satisfied.
- 3. The Owner shall ensure that the **Eljen GSF A42** treatment system is installed in accordance with the manufacturer's installation manual.
- 4. 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 the Licensed Engineering Practitioner or Licensed Installer for the percolation time (T) prior to delivering to the site location and the written records are kept at the site.
- 5. Within **six (6) months** of the Works being Commissioned, the Owner shall prepare a statement, certified by a Licensed Installer or 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.
- 6. Within **six** (6) **months** of the Works being Commissioned, 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 AND MAINTENANCE

- 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 prepare an operations manual within **six (6) months** of the introduction of sewage to the Works, that includes, but not necessarily limited to, the following information:
  - a. operating procedures for routine operation of all the Works;
  - b. inspection programs, including frequency of inspection, for all the Works and the methods or tests employed to detect when maintenance is necessary;
  - c. repair and maintenance programs, including the frequency of repair and maintenance for all the Works; copies of maintenance contracts for any routine inspections & pump-outs should be included for all the tanks and treatment units:
  - d. procedures for the inspection and calibration of monitoring equipment;
  - e. a spill prevention control and countermeasures plan, consisting of contingency plans and

- procedures for dealing with equipment breakdowns, potential spills and any other abnormal situations, including notification of the Spills Action Centre (SAC) and District Manager; and
- f. procedures for receiving, responding and recording public complaints, including recording any follow-up actions taken.
- 3. The Owner shall maintain an up to date operations manual and make the manual readily accessible for reference at the Works for the operational life of the Works. Upon request, the Owner shall make the manual available to Ministry staff.
- 4. The Owner shall, upon the construction, prepare and make available for inspection by Ministry staff, a maintenance agreement with the manufacturer for the treatment process/technology or its authorized agent. The maintenance agreement must be retained at the site and kept current for the operational life of the Works.
- 5. The Owner shall ensure that all septic tanks are pumped out every 3-5 years or when the tank is 1/3 full of solids and the effluent filter 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(s), 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 Works are located for break-out once every month during the operating season.
- 8. In the event a break-out is observed from a subsurface disposal bed, the Owner shall do the following:
  - a. sewage discharge to that subsurface disposal system 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.
- 9. The Owner shall employ for the overall operation of the Works a person who possesses the level of

training and experience sufficient to allow safe and environmentally sound operation of the Works.

10. 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 operations 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) made under the EPA, the Owner shall, within **fifteen (15) days** of the occurrence of any reportable spill as provided in Part X of the EPA and O. Reg. 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.
- 3. The Owner shall, upon request, make all manuals, plans, records, data, procedures and supporting documentation available to Ministry staff.
- 4. The Owner shall prepare and submit a performance report, on an annual basis, within **ninety** (90) days following the end of each operational season to the District Manager. The first such report shall cover the first annual period following the commencement of operation of the Works and subsequent reports shall cover successive annual periods following thereafter. The reports shall contain, but shall not be limited to, the following information:
  - a. a review and assessment of the performance of the Works, including all treatment unit and propreitary subsurface disposal beds;
  - b. a description of any operating problems encountered and corrective actions taken at all Works located at the property;
  - c. a record of all maintenance carried out on any major structure, equipment, apparatus, mechanism or thing forming part of all Works located at the property including but not limited to: records of maintenance inspections for the treatment system, records of septic tank effluent filters cleaning, records of septic tank pump-outs, records of sludge pump-outs accumulated from the treatment system pipes, records of visual inspections of all disposal systems;
  - d. a summary of any complaints received during the reporting period and any steps taken to address the complaints;
  - e. a summary of all spill or abnormal discharge events;

f. any other information the District Manager requires from time to time;

# 7. DECOMMISSIONING OF UN-USED WORKS

- 1. The Owner shall properly abandon any portion of unused 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 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.

# 8. CERTIFICATE OF REQUIREMENT

1. Pursuant to Section 197 of the Environmental Protection Act, no person having an interest in the Property, shall deal with the Property in any way without first giving a copy of this Approval to each person acquiring an interest in the Property as a result of the dealing.

## 2. The Owner shall:

- a. within sixty (60) days of the date of the issuance of this Approval, submit to the Director for their review, two copies of a completed Certificate of Requirement and a registerable description of the Properties; and
- b. within ten (10) calendar days of receiving the Certificate of Requirement authorized by the Director, register the Certificate of Requirement in the appropriate Land Registry Office on title to the Properties and submit to the Director the duplicate registered copy immediately following registration.
- 3. For the purposes of this condition, Property shall mean the properties located at Dunn-Latner Cottage 2904 & 2907 Bayview Drive, Part lots 5 & 6, R- Plan 409 Township of Ramara, Ontario L0K1B0.

*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. As well, the inclusion of an operations manual, maintenance agreement with the manufacturer for the treatment process/technology and a complete set of "as constructed" drawings governing all significant areas of operation, maintenance and repair is prepared, implemented and kept up-to-date by the owner and made available to the Ministry. Such information is an integral part of the operation of the Works. Its compilation and use should assist the Owner in staff training, in proper plant operation and in identifying and planning for contingencies during possible abnormal conditions. The manual will also act as a benchmark for Ministry staff when reviewing the Owner's operation of the work.
- 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.
- 8. Condition 8 is included in order to require the Owner to give notice of this Approval to potential future owners of the property before the property is dealt with.

# Schedule A

1. Application for Environmental Compliance Approval submitted by Eric Gunnell, P.Eng. of Gunnell Engineering Ltd. on dated December 20, 2022 and received on February 6, 2023, for the proposed Sewage Works, including Design Report, final plans and specifications.

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.

and

# This Notice must be served upon:

Registrar\*
Ontario Land Tribunal
655 Bay Street, Suite 1500
Toronto, Ontario
M5G 1E5
OLT.Registrar@ontario.ca

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

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 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 25th day of May, 2023



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 Barrie Eric Gunnell, Gunnell Engineering Ltd.