

December 14, 2021

The Honourable Sarah Guillemard
Minister of Conservation and Climate
Room 344 Legislative Building
Winnipeg, MB R3C 0V8

Dear Minister:

In your letter of Nov. 15, 2021 to the Clean Environment Commission (CEC) requesting a public hearing regarding the Proposed CanWhite Sands Corp. Silica Sand Extraction Project, you noted that the CEC may ask for clarification on this request at any time.

The CEC wishes to bring to your attention a scheduling issue regarding the public hearing.

In preparation for the hearing, it has come to our attention that the deadline of March 15, 2021 to complete the project will be difficult to meet while ensuring a complete technical review of the proposal as well as accommodating full public participation.

Although the CEC is currently undertaking preparation for the hearing, we are awaiting the completion of the departmental environmental review process before officially commencing the public hearing process. Completion of the departmental review is dependent upon the Proponent satisfying the information requirements as set out in The Environment Act.

It is our estimation that the technical review and hearing process will take approximately six months, once it begins. The start date will coincide with notification of the completion of the departmental environmental review and will progress in a timely manner in accordance with our *Process Guidelines Respecting Public Hearings*. A final report will be provided to you as soon as possible after the completion of the hearing.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter and please contact me should you require further clarification.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Serge Scrafield". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Serge" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Scrafield".

Serge Scrafield
Chair