

OlyWest Hog Slaughtering / Processing Plant Chronology

As of December 15, 2006

Official Title of the Development:

“OlyWest Pork Processing Facility”

(Class 1 development under the Manitoba *Environment Act*)

Public Registry File #5155.00

Unconfirmed Deadlines

- Deadline for appeals of the Terms of Reference for the OlyWest Hearings? (We are assuming 30 days from filing (re: Section 27(1) of *Environment Act*), which would be September 30th, if filed on August 30th, as per list on Environmental Assessment and Licensing Branch web page for OlyWest
<http://www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/envapprovals/registries/olywest/index.html>)
- Deadline for appeals of amount of funds allocated for Participant Assistance Program for OlyWest (\$100,000) (We are assuming 30 days (re: Section 27(1) of *Environment Act*) from Ministerial announcement through August 29th press release, which would make deadline of September 29th)

December 2006

- Two of the partners in the OlyWest undertaking decide to withdraw due to financial and industry re organization pressures. (See Manitoba Wildlands news http://www.manitobawildlands.org/news_item.asp?number=698) As of December 15, 2006 it is unclear whether the project will continue. Review of both provincial and federal subsidies and loans for the plant underway.

November 2006

- Manitoba government announces a ‘pause’ in decisions for new hog barns and asks the Clean Environment Commission to investigate, based on a reference from Conservation Minister. (See Manitoba Wildlands news http://manitobawildlands.org/news_item.asp?number=685)
- At the same time Manitoba government directs the Clean Environment Commission to review Manitoba’s water protection plan. As of December 15, 2006 the references for these two CEC processes are not posted. (Link: http://www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/regoperations/livestock/pdf/cec_terms_of_refere_nce.pdf)
- CEC Chair T. Sargent determines to go ahead with CEC hearings for OlyWest.
- Manitoba’s association of professional engineers decides, based on a request from Oly Opp (business owners opposed to location of OlyWest plant), to investigate Earth Tech for possible conflict of interest in its client work regarding OlyWest plant. (See

Manitoba Wildlands news item

http://www.manitobawildlands.org/news_item.asp?number=686)

October 2006

- October 31st – Deadline for registration as a Participant for the CEC hearings for OlyWest and deadline for application for Participant Assistance (see CEC website <http://www.cecmanitoba.ca/index.cfm?pageID=78>)
- October 25th – Winnipeg Civic election. 10 candidates for City Council and one mayoral candidate have joined OlyOpp Alliance and are publicly opposed to the proposed OlyWest project
- October 10th – Deadline for appeals of OlyWest's Environment Act Proposal and Supporting Documentation (this is the Environmental Impact Statement) (as per September 2nd notice in the Winnipeg Free Press)
- October 6th – Launch of OlyOpp Alliance and NoWinniPig.net website <http://www.nowinnipig.net/>

September 2006

- September 2nd – Public advertisement of OlyWest's Environment Act Proposal and Supporting Documentation (Winnipeg Free Press) and indication of deadline of October 10th for comments on the 'Supporting Documentation' (the EIS)

August 2006

- August 29th – Conservation Minister Stan Struthers announces <http://www.gov.mb.ca/chc/press/top/2006/08/2006-08-29-01.html> that
 - Manitoba Conservation has received a proposal under the *Environment Act* from OlyWest (subject to 30-day appeal period)
 - Terms of Reference for the Clean Environment Commission (CEC) public hearing for OlyWest's proposed project have been provided to the CEC (subject to 30-day appeal period)
 - \$100,000 in participant assistance will be made available for presentations as part of the CEC hearings (subject to 30-day appeal period)
 - the **FINAL Advice Document for OlyWest** for the Preparation of an Environment Act Proposal for a New Hog Processing Plant in Winnipeg (dated June 13, 2006) has been posted on the Manitoba Environmental Assessment and Licensing Branch web page for the OlyWest project (see above for URL) – includes process information, Environmental Assessment guidelines
- OlyWest's August 29th Environment Act Proposal and Environmental Impact Statement for its Hog Slaughtering/Processing Plant are posted on the Manitoba Environmental Assessment and Licensing Branch web page <http://www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/envapprovals/registries/olywest/eaproposal/toc.html>

- August 16th – OlyWest holds public open house to present the findings of the Environmental Assessment for its proposed Hog Slaughtering / Processing Plant

May 2006

- May 30th – OlyWest holds open house in Winnipeg on proposed project
- May 31st – Deadline for public comments on the **Draft Advice Document for OlyWest**

April 2006

- Notice of **Draft Advice Document for OlyWest** appears in Saturday, April 8, 2006 edition of the Winnipeg Free Press
- April 20th – The Winnipeg Humane Society, the Manitoba Eco-Network and the National Farmers Union hold a public forum – *Hog production in Manitoba: What does it mean to you?* 225 people attended the event. (Source: Winnipeg Free Press, April 21, 2006)

March 2006

- March 1st – Conservation Minister Stan Struthers announces that participant funding will be made available as part of the Clean Environment Commission hearing for the proposed OlyWest Hog Slaughtering / Processing Plant
<http://www.gov.mb.ca/chc/press/top/2006/03/2006-03-01-02.html>
- March 1st – Draft **Advice Document for OlyWest** for the Preparation of an Environment Act Proposal For a new Hog Processing Plant in Winnipeg is (dated February 28th) is filed in the Public Registry File for OlyWest (PR File #5155.00)
***Note: Although previously available on the Manitoba Environmental Assessment and Licensing Branch web page – OlyWest Hog Slaughtering/Processing Plant (<http://www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/envapprovals/registries/olywest/index.html>), the Draft Advice Document is no longer posted on the internet.*
- March 1st – Executive Summary filed in the public registry (not available online)

November 2005

- City of Winnipeg approves \$3.4 million economic incentive plan for OlyWest – this includes 60 acres of land with an option to purchase an additional 40 acres in the St. Boniface Industrial Park and \$2.4 million over nine years towards site infrastructure development, plus a local improvement loan. (Source: Winnipeg Free Press, April 22, 2006 & April 26, 2006)
- Manitoba Government commits its support for the proposed OlyWest project; \$3 million for training and recruitment, \$4.5 million towards site infrastructure development and a repayable, interest-bearing loan of \$20 million under the Manitoba Industrial Opportunities Program. (Source: Winnipeg Free Press, April 22, 2006)

- November 14th – Formal announcement of the proposed Olywest project is made to industry officials and hog producers (*Source: Winnipeg Free Press, November 15, 2005*)

October 2005

- Details about the proposed OlyWest are made public (*Source: Winnipeg Free Press, April 18, 2006*)