

## Information Request Form Crystal Springs Lagoon Project

**Information Request  
Number:**

Information Request No. 4

**Submitted by:**

The Rural Municipality of Gimli

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**Subject Matter:**

Wildlife Management and Protection

**Reference document:**

East Interlake Conservation District: Watershed 05OJ  
Riparian Assessment Survey (P.G. Graveline, 2008)  
**(Appendix A)**

**Request:** The lagoon will discharge into the Road 15E drain and travel north to Willow Creek. The effluent will follow Willow Creek east approximately 15 km where it will enter Lake Winnipeg. Over half of the length of Willow Creek, or nearly 10 kilometers, is classified as Class A and B fish habitat according to a Riparian and Aquatic Habitat Assessment completed by the East Interlake Conservation District in 2007 (Graveline, 2008). Adjacent to the proposed project site, Willow Creek is considered a Class A drain, where indicator species of fish are present, and the channel is considered complex.

1. *The Willow Creek Integrated Watershed Management Plan recommends conducting environmental risk assessments for all wastewater lagoons or sewage treatment plants to establish site-specific effluent discharge objectives. Given the sensitivity of the ecosystem and fish habitat that the wastewater lagoon is discharging directly into, can*

*the proponent advise whether an environment risk assessment was performed and if so, produce the relevant report. If not, can the proponent confirm that such an assessment will be conducted?*

*2. Can the proponent provide commentary on how effluent discharge would or would not impact fish and/or fish habitat in Willow Creek, including potential changes to spawning potential?*

*3. Section 3.7.3 of the EAP describes habitat for two species of threatened bird (the barn swallow, *Hirundo rustica*; the bobolink, *Dolichonyx oryzivorus*) that is in the immediate vicinity of the current proposed project location (specifically, the 'cultivated fields'). Has a species at risk study been conducted at the site to confirm that there are no nests, burrows, or dens in the project site? If so, please produce a copy of the species at risk study.*