

The Hearing Process Lake Winnipeg Regulation Review

The Clean Environment Commission has commenced its review of Manitoba Hydro's application for a Final Licence for Lake Winnipeg Regulation.

Those interested in participating in this review are invited to familiarize themselves with Commission procedures, including responsibilities of those participating in the process. Information is readily available in the **GET INVOLVED** and **UNDERSTANDING THE PROCESS** sections of the Commission website or by contacting the Commission. This information will help you determine how best to participate, considering your own circumstances.

The Panel has been struck and has commenced its preparations.

The Panel has requested that Manitoba Hydro compile a plain language document outlining the history, issues and commentary regarding the past, present and future actions relative to the regulation of water levels on Lake Winnipeg. This document will also provide references to the supporting technical documents and data.

At the same time, the Panel will be commissioning reports from experts in fields which are relevant to its review of the lake regulation. Additional reports may be requested as issues present themselves.

Once these reports are available, they will be posted on our website and will be otherwise available to the public. The public will be given an appropriate amount of time to review the materials. The Commission will receive written public comments during this period.

A call for Participants and notice of Participant Assistance funding will be made in the near future. These opportunities will be advertised on our website, in newspapers and other media outlets. Detailed information regarding participation and funding will be provided.

A deadline will be specified for potential Participants to make an application to become a Participant and/or apply for funding. Applications will be processed as quickly as possible and funding allocations made shortly thereafter.

Following pre-hearing meetings and after allowing sufficient time for all parties to develop their submissions, the hearing sessions will be called.

The public hearing sessions will occur in several locations on Lake Winnipeg, as well as in Winnipeg and in other communities affected by lake regulation. These sessions will be advertised at least **30 days** before each will occur in newspapers and other media outlets.

Presenters will be asked to register at that time and once registered will be provided a time to appear.

After the hearing sessions have been concluded, the Panel will have 90 days to compile a report of their findings for the Minister of Conservation.

Where to get more information.

You can get more information from the Clean Environment Commission by:

- Visiting our website at www.cecmanitoba.ca
- E-mailing us at **cec@gov.mb.ca**
- Writing to the Clean Environment Commission at:

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