

Government of Newfoundland and Labrador

Department of Environment and Conservation

Office of the Minister

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Mr. Scott Winsor, P.Eng. Manager, Construction Engineering City of St. John's PO Box 908 St. John's NL A1C 5M2

Dear Mr. Winsor:

## Re: Long Pond Weir Project

Your proposal has been reviewed and an opportunity to comment has been provided to the public and government agencies, as required by *Part X Environmental Assessment* of the *Environmental Protection Act, SNL 2002, cE-14.2.* Upon consideration of the comments received, please be advised that an Environmental Preview Report (EPR) is required for your proposed undertaking.

Additional information on the project will have to include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Description of the mitigation that will be implemented upstream of the proposed project to minimize the potential effects of the project on commercial and residential property including Memorial University, Health Sciences Complex, the Pippy Park trail system, and an adjacent marsh/wetland;
- Rationale for the phased implementation of additional mitigation measures in the Rennies River watershed;
- Description of the design criteria that was used to classify the proposed structure as a weir, and not a dam;
- Dam breach analysis;
- Detailed comparison of pre and post weir flooding upstream of the proposed weir location, from the perspective of both flood extents and flood depths;
- Alternatives such as a fixed weir versus an operable weir and alternative weir designs.

Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs advises that the proposed weir is located within the C.A. Pippy Park zone, where zoning and permitted uses are determined by the Pippy Park Commission. Consultation and approval from the Pippy Park Commission is required.

An environmental assessment committee will be appointed to meet with you and elaborate on the information requirements. Until that time, no authorizations or permits can be issued pursuant to any other Act or Regulation. As per legislation, the Minister will issue guidelines for the completion of the EPR document. The proponent, the City of St. John's, will be required to hold a public meeting during the EPR process to ensure that the public is aware of the full details of the proposed undertaking.

If you have any questions concerning these matters, please contact Bas Cleary, Director, Environmental Assessment Division, at (709) 729-0673.

Sincerely,

**DAN CRUMMELL, MHA**District of St. John's West

Minister

cc Mr. Greg Sheppard Project Manager, CBCL Ltd.